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Raleigh, North Carolina

uition increase still debated

ASG asks for a proposal from all 16 UNC universities detailing how each campus will spend the money generated from tuition increases.

Tyler Dukes

Progress towards closure on the issue of the campus initiated tuition increase was impeded last week as the UNC Board of Governors made the decision to delay the debate until their March 19

The current campus initiated increase (CITI) proposal, passed by the N.C. State Board of Trustees in November, calls for a three-year, \$300 increase plan to be initiated in the fall of 2004.

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Of the projected \$7 million to be generated by the increase, 46 percent will go towards financial aid, 12 percent to the Graduate Student Support Plan and 42 percent to a category called academic excellence. This category includes plans for funding areas such as library resources, academic advice and classroom accessibility.

"Some of the campuses were asked to

provide additional information for the Board of Governors so we can make an informed decision," board member Han-nah Gage said. "Our committee wants to make sure that any increase will impact the educational learning experience of the students.'

Much of the information requested by the Board of Governors from the UNC campuses centers around the indistinct plans for the destination of tuition in-

crease funding.

According to board member and president of the UNC Association of Student Governments, Jonathan Ducote, the lack of accountability for CITI funding has decreased the effectiveness of past tu ition increases

"The way the process has bec working for the last few years is that ess 'ntially, black checks are being written," Ducote said, "We have seen dramatic i reases with essentially the exact sam evel of quality and production on he cam-

In an effort to increase accountability for this and future tuition increases, Ducote has drafted a resolution asking for specific details from the 16 cam-puses regarding how tuition revenue

Nubian Message back on track



The SMA Board met last night to discuss the goals and consistency of the Nubian Message.

Jessica Horne

After a heated meeting at the beginning of February, some Student Media Authority members expected Monday's

meeting to be just as tense.

However, the SMA meeting proceeded in a relatively calm manner as Jerry Blackmon, a graduate student and editor in chief for the Nubian Message, addressed the board's concerns with the consistency and frequency of the publication, as well as goals and plans for recruitment.

His update comes two weeks after board members voted to remove a mo-

tion, passed in December, that outlined several stipulations for the Nubian Message to meet or the board would vote

on the editor's position.

At the board's January meeting,
Blackmon and the weekly newspaper's adviser, Cat Warren, disputed claims about intellectual property violations. The presentation prompted members to vote for a new motion that asked only for a recruitment update and weekly meetings between Blackmon and the

At Monday's meeting, the Nubian Message presented recruitment plans. Miranda Houston, a senior in psy-

chology and managing editor for the Nubian Message, presented the goals of the paper and categorized them into

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Sleeping out for a good cause

Phi Beta Sigma to sleep out on campus to raise money for Raleigh Rescue Mission.

Diane Cordova and Anna Martin

As students walk by the Free Expression Tunnel Friday they may wonder why students of the Greek community are sleeping out in the cold.

For almost 12 hours, members of Phi Beta Sigma Inc., a historically black fraternity, will brave chilly temperatures to help the homeless of

Sleep Out for the Homeless begins 9 p.m. Friday and ends 8 a.m. the next morning.

"We wanted to give back to the community. We're giving help to people who can't accomplish things on their own," the fraternity's social chair McKinlay Jeannis, a sophomore in political science, said.

According to Jeannis, the fraternity members plan to sleep in cardboard boxes if they are able to get in touch

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with the night crew at a local Wal-Mart.
If that plan falls through, they're

planning to use sleeping bags or

While the fraternity's members are stationed outside they will be collect-ing food and clothes to be sent to the Raleigh Rescue Mission, a homeless

shelter.
"I think it's a great idea. I hope they get enough support. This will hopefully give the student body some awareness about what's going on in the community," David Lee, a sopho-more in First Year College, said. The fraternity spent this past week writing letters and visiting local busi-nesses to garner support as well as

nesses to garner support, as well as posting flyers and sending e-mails to other Greek organizations.

The fraternity has been challenging other organizations including Phi Beta Sigma chapters from other colleges, such as East Carolina University, to participate in the event for at least two hours

The last sleep out took place during

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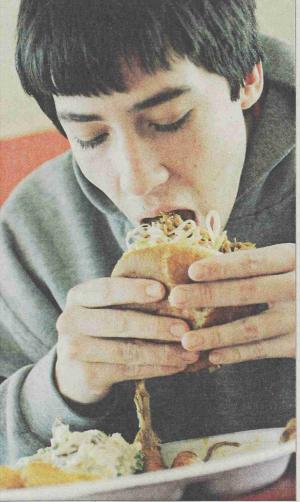
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PIGGIN'OUT



Andrew Roberson, a sophomore in industrial design, has a late lunch at the Q-Shack on Monday. Roberson tried the barbecue sandwich at the new Hillsborough Street restaurant. "It's my first time [here,]" he said. "I'm trying it out today.

sluggish start Books opened yesterday for the Spring 2004 elections.

Elections

off to a

Kenneth Ball

The 2004 Spring Elections kicked off Monday as books opened for students to file for various Student Government

Elective offices available this year include the positions of student body president, treasurer and chief justice, student senate president, senior class president and Union Activities Board president. Additionally, many seats are available in the Student Senate, the Student Media Authority, and the Union Board of Directors. Union Board of Directors.

The first and only candidate to de-

clare his intent to run as of yesterday is Andrew Tanker, who is running for the Senior CHASS Senator position.
"I went by the office today to talk to

the people about ticket distribution, because I hate the way tickets are disbecause I hate the way tickets are distributed," Tanker said of his decision to run for office. "I wanted to try and change it and I was told that this was the best way to go about that."

According to Lucy Tatum, a senior in psychology and chair of the elections commission this way's election may

commission, this year's election may be understaffed.
"The elections commission, which

is the people that oversee elections, as it stands has three people on it, and we are supposed to have seven. Tony [Caravano] just recently appointed the other four, but they still have to be approved by the Senate," Tatum said.

According to Tatum, there is some question as to whether all these appointees will receive Senate approval.

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Virus patients increase

The virus could be stopped if the campus community will heed Student Health warnings.

News Staff Report

While some students spent Monday morning recovering from celebrations after the men's basketball win against Duke, 40 students spent their morning in the Student Health Center, complaining of vomiting and diarrhea, according to Dr. Mary Bengtson, medical director for Student Health Services.

According to Bengtson, the Student Health Center has seen 200 students complaining of gastrointestinal symptoms since Feb. 9. Symptoms include nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, along with additional symptoms of fever, fatigue and headache.

"Norovirus has been determined to

average of 1-2 days," Bengtson said. "Treatment includes medications to control nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and fever; a special diet of clear liquids during maximum symptoms; and IV fluids for those who are severely

"No consistent link to any food, restaurant, residence or place of gather-

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HAITIAN REBELS STORM CITY, KILL

POLICE CHIEF
Haiti's rebellion spread to the central city of Hinche on Monday as rebels aided by former soldiers attacked a police station and killed at least three officers, including the police chief.
The rebels descended on the police station in Hinche, about 70 miles northwest of Port-au-Prince, according to a Haitian security official who spoke on condition of anonymity. They killed district police chief Maxime Jonas, pushed police out of the city and threatened government supporters, the threatened government supporters, the

At least 56 people have died since the rebellion aimed at ousting President Jean-Bertrand Aristide exploded Feb. 5 in the city of Gonaives. -Wire Report

KUWAITIS APPROVE HALLIBURTON FUEL CHARGE PROBE

Parliament decided Monday to investigate charges that a Kuwaiti supplier to a subsidiary of Halliburton charged too much for fuel deliveries to Iraq after the U.S.-led war toppled Saddam Hussein. The unanimous vote came shortly after Kuwait's energy minister, Sheik Ahmed Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah, told parliament he would support such a probe.

"I approve of the investigative panel

approve of the investigative panel for the Kuwaiti people and the Kuwaiti parliament," Sheik Ahmed told parlianent. He earlier also had ordered the nation's top prosecutor to investigate

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GAY MARRIAGES STILL KEEPING TY HALL BUSY IN SAN FRAN-

CISCO

Hundreds of gay men and lesbians lined up outside City Hall in heavy rain Monday, hoping to join more than 1,700 other same-sex couples who had exchanged vows with the city's blessing before a court decides whether to halt the unprecedented wedding march.

Many couples camped out overnight so they could get marriage licenses in advance of a pair of court hearings scheduled for Tuesday, when two groups planned to ask a judge to block San Francisco from sanctioning any

San Francisco from sanctioning any more same-sex unions.

more same-sex unions.
"This is an opportunity we couldn't
pass up," said David Miller of San Fran-cisco as he and his partner, Guadalupe
Jimenez, waited in a line that snaked
from the county clerk's office and
wound three blocks around the ornate building. -Wire Reports

EXPLOSIVES FOUND IN CAR EN-

EXPLOSIVES FOUND IN CAR EN-TERING CANADA; BORDER CLOSED

The biggest northern border crossing west of Detroit was closed for about an hour Monday after Canadian guards found "a small amount" of explosives in a car entering the country from the United States, Canadian customs officials said. officials said.

They did not specify what type of

They did not specify what type of explosives was found.
"We found a small amount of explosives in a car coming in from the United States and immediately closed and evacuated the port," Canadian customs spokeswoman Paula Shore said.
A Royal Canadian Mounted Police bomb squad was called in to remove the explosives, Shore said.
The crossing was closed in both directions.

-Wire Reports

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POLICE CALL IN EXTRA MANPOW-ER FOR CHEATING INVESTIGATION
Charlotte-Mecklenburg police of-ficials have called in 12 extra sergeants to assist with a widening investigation into whether recruits cheated on police academy exams.
A recruit accused of plagiarism told supervisors last week about the existence of a computer disk that contained questions and answers to 20 of 32 tests given during the 26-week police academy.

Police say information on the disk Police say information on the disk has been shared among recruit classes since the fall of 2000. In that time, 279 re-cruits have gone through the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Training Academy, though police have said not all recruit classes were involved. -Wire Reports

MUSLIMS ANGERED BY PRAISE OF ROBERTSON, WHO CRITICIZES ISLAM

Israel's top tourism official honored evangelist Pat Robertson, who has helped steer evangelical Christians to the country, and both men criticized the morality of Muslims in the Middle

for his support of Israel at a Sunday breakfast held in connection with the National Religious Broadcasters' conver

Robertson accepted the honor and

Robertson accepted the honor and reiterated evangelical Christian support for Israel. Proof of the existence of God, he said, is found in the survival of the Jewish people.

He also praised Israel's survival in the face of what he called a "fanatical religion" of its Muslim neighbors. He said Palestinian President Yasser Arafat was raised to finish the work of Hitler.

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Coach encourages improvement

Aquatics Director Larry Brown uses technology to help his students and others learn from their performance mistakes.

Rachael Rogers

"Coach Brown has not only implemented a unique way for students to improve their skills, he has provided a system where students can draw tremendous amounts of motivation as they witness in almost real time their skills improving." James Wagner, a senior in political science and student, said about coach Larry Brown, aquatics director. "His dedication to his students and to teaching is second to none." For these reasons and many

others, Brown is this year's win-ner of the Gertrude Cox Award, a university-wide award for in novative excellence in teaching and learning with technology.

As the university's recipient of this award, Coach Brown will represent N.C. State at the 15th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, Fla. from March 29 to April 2.

"I was shocked to win this

award. I did not do any of this for an award," Brown said. "I did it for the students to make it easier and less frustrating to

learn the skills they needed."

Brown said he believes that for students to learn a new skill, they need to see the skill demonstrated, understand that skill and then receive quick feedback on their performance of that skill.

For as long as Brown has been teaching, he has been filming his students. He used to make slides and use 8-millimeter film.

The problem with that was it took weeks to process, was time consuming and it would be two to three weeks before students could see themselves," Brown said. "It also took time away from class. Now what I use is more thorough and hardly takes any time away from class."

To meet these challenges Brown began using instructional technology. Since the fall of 2002, Brown has published Web sites for 176 sections within 32 different physical education courses for the physical educa-

tion faculty.
Naturally, he began with aquatics because he has been in aquatics and scuba diving

for 41 years.

Many of these Web sites provide students with demonstra-

tion videos for their particular course. They can view video of the correct way to perform a skill, and then students can view a video of themselves performing that same skill so they can draw a comparison and see what needs work.

it is often hard to describe to a student exactly what they are doing incorrectly, but the rideos allow students to see for themselves.

These sites also include WebAssign materials where stucan critique their own skill based on the videos they

'This technology will increase the speed in which they learn and also the depth," Brown said. "It's really obvious that the kids pick up the skills much quicker."

According to Brown, these methods do not only benefit beginners.

Even skilled athletes don't realize what they're doing. The small mistakes can be the difference between failure and uccess. These tools are good for teaching and refining skill, he said.

Currently, Brown is not aware of any other place using this type of technology to improve their athletes' skills, but the physical education department uses his technology throughout their courses. "My goal is to get every class we teach up and run ning by the end of the semester,'

Brown said. Brown's students have seen impressive results and are happy with the use of this technology

in the classroom.
"I feel that the videos and We bAssigns are invaluable when it comes to teaching scuba diving or any other physical activity for that matter. When one can see themselves performing a skill and is taught what that skill should look like, it is easy to critique oneself," said Daniel Cauthen, a junior in business management and student in Brown's scuba leadership

Other students agreed. "At the beginning of the scuba classes. I felt that my skill was improv-ing steadily. Then coach Brown to improve by over 100 percent once I saw what I was actually doing on the video," Wagner said. "This improvement would likely have happened over time with lots of practice, but with with lots of practice, but with the video and the application of WebAssign and Wolfware, I was able to focus my practice sessions and realize those improvements in a very short time.

TUITION rejected. In his letter, Easley states continued from page 1

will be spent. The resolution also requires campus administration to report back to the board semi-annually to state the

progress of the plan.
"I think it will give the board a better idea of how the money is being used and whether the goals are being met," Ducote said. "We have never measured how these campus initiated tu-ition increases have been used and you can't manage what you can't measure.'

The board will also use the extra time to gauge information on the financial state of North Carolina, as indicated by tax revenues. The political climate will also be sized up.
Also a factor in the board's decision is a letter sent out on

Feb. 6 from Governor Mike Easley recommending that the tuition increase proposals be

that he will make every effort to include full funding for enrollment increases, support for financial aid, and pay increases for state employees in his budget for 2004-05.

Although Easley formulates the budget, it is the North Carolina legislature that actually votes on its approval, leaving many board members to wonder if the current financial state will allow for such a commitment.

"One of the big questions the board is concerned with, especially in regards to the governor's letter, is whether or not the governor can truly fulfill his promise," Ducote said. "The governor has promised to fill in that funding, but the people who vote are members of the General Assembly."

The decision to postpone the tuition debate is good news to many students, such as speaker

pro-tempore of the ASG, Hannah Gatlin, who is currently fighting the increase.

'It's clear that there is a lot of pressure on the Board of Governors, especially after the governor's letter," Gatlin said. "Pressure was definitely the instigator to the delay."
According to Ducote, who is

also a senior in natural resourc-es at NCSU, the extra month opens many opportunities to opponents of the increase that ren't previously possible due to the time frame

The focus of Ducote and his colleagues at present is to gather support for the governor's commitment to higher education. They plan to do this not only within the realm of the 16 UNC campuses, but also within local communities and the legislature.
"We want to form a nucleus of

members of the legislature and citizens across the state who are willing to support the governor

and really cowboy up when the time comes to pass a budget to support the university," Ducote.

Lack of funding has plagued public universities across the nation, creating a dire need by many campuses for increased funding. The recent economic reces-

sion has worsened the situation as well, making it difficult for some students and their families to make ends meet.

This fact is especially true for North Carolina, one of the states hardest hit by the slump.

Members of the Board of Governors recognize the complexity of the tuition increase debate and insure that careful consideration will be taken before a decision becomes definite.

"Our decision to delay was ours alone," Gage said. "It would be irresponsible to take any action until the issue has been thoroughly studied."

NUBIAN

three types: short-term, medium-term and long-term.

Each goal type dealt with increasing students' awareness of the Nubian Message with ideas ranging from increasing the number of distribution sites and placing them more strategically to speaking to journalism classes to make interested students aware of the opportunities to join their

Houston also pointed out that the freshman population was important and said the Nubian Message would be using the African-American Symposium and the Information Fair during New Student Orientation as a way to attract interested writers.

Board members said the Nubian Message was on track

with their plans for the future, but felt the goals would take a lot of effort to implement. Blackmon said he understood and thought that having a staff that is willing to put in the ef-fort to accomplish those goals is essential

He added that his current staff has been working hard and has been making their deadlines, which is one of the reasons the paper has been able publish on time for the past couple of

According to past SMA minutes, Blackmon said the Nubian Message did not publish during the first week of training after a vote of their editorial board decided they wanted to implement training from a daylong workshop.

Inclement weather also caused staff members to be stranded at home for three days in early

"As long as everything keeps going the way it has, then we shouldn't have any problems getting the paper out on time, barring natural emergency," Blackmon said.

ELECTION

"In the past when student body presidents could run again they have special measures to make sure that the elections commissioners were not biased. We don't know if Tony has taken any measures like that," Tatum said.

Many of this year's student government officers, including Student Body President Tony Caravano and Student Senate President Erich Fabricius will be eligible to run for office

again next year.
"I think this year's election it's going to be interesting to see which of the candidates run again,' Tatum said. "Jim Hunt was Student Body President here at State, and he ran again and won. That was a very rare thing."

Last year's elections were particularly controversial, and very few students involved in the election process want a repeat of events in 2003.

"Last year there was a lot of controversy in elections violations and in biased commission members," Tatum said. "Things should have been looked into a lot more than they were. It's not necessarily that I know anybody did anything wrong, but the election's commission didn't look into it when they should have.'

"If we get any violations I'm going to take it seriously and I hope the rest of the commission will. I hope that nobody will be biased for or against any candidate," Tatum added.

Ryan Crawford, a sophomore in First Year College, commented on lessons learned from last year's controversial elections.

"I think you should vote for the person you think is best, and not be swayed by the usual mudslinging that goes on," he said.

Interested in running?

Students that want to run for an office should submit an intent to run form either online at http://students.ncsu.edu/vote or at the Student Government Office in Witherspoon 307A. Forms should be submitted no later than Monday, March 1.

SLEEPING

the winter of 1999-2000.

"It's not as great a challenge if it's warm [outside]. Not everyone can sleep out in the cold like that," Jeannis said. N.C. State's chapter, Xi Zeta, has held the sleep out numerous times in the past, ac-

cording to Jeannis. Jeannis said the event is not exclusive to NCSU. Other chapters from North Carolina colleges and universities have participated

"I think it's good that they're finding a creative way to help the homeless," Jordan Massey, a sophomore in biomedical engineering, said. "I think this event is similar to Shack-a-Thon."

Rob Moore, a junior in mechanical engineering, described the importance of the

event for the community.
"Students should try to pay more attention to efforts like this. Sometimes we are too caught up in tests, classes or work and forget that we can actively participate to better our community," Moore said

POLICE BLOTTER

12:22 a.m. | Medical assistOfficers/FP/EMS repsonded to a medical assist. The Student was extremely intoxicated. Student transported to Rex by EMS. Residence Staff notified and the University.

1:06 a.m. | Alcohol violation A Student was referred to the University for walking down Dunn Ave with alcohol.

1:48 a.m. | Drug violation

pills. Officers met with the resident and who had not been drinking and said nothing about they were going to take pills. On call counselor was notified, they determined no problems

2:39 a.m. | Drug violation

Officers received a call in reference to possible drug odor from Becton Hall. Officers checked the Hall and no

2:46 a.m. | Assist other agency Raleigh Police requested a check Dan Allen Dr. near Western Blvd a traffic stop. Officer stood by wh Raleigh Police completed the stop. problems noted.

3:18 a.m. | Tamper with blue light Dispatch over heard another subject telling them to be quiet. Officers could not locate anyone in the area needing

7:47 a.m. | Medical assist
A Student called stating they had passed out in the shower. Police and Fire responded. The Student was checked by EMS and transported to Rex Hospital.

7:57 a.m. | Fire alarm

Alarm went off at Broughton Hall. Police and Fire responded and de-termined the cause of activation was

11:49 a.m. | Suspicious incident
Two subjects tried to sell five boo
at the bookstore. People at the boo
stored believed them to have be
stolen. Subjects left the area prior

1:48 p.m. | Medical assist Officers checked with EMS that re-sponded to Doak Field in reference to

10:11 p.m. | Traffic expired tag

A Non-student was issued a citation on Dan Allen Drive.

Officers conducted a checkpoint at Varsity Drive and the McKimmon Court. 6 citations were issued and 6 verbal warnings.

11:54 p.m. | Drug violation Student Patrol Officers saw three subjects possibly smoking marijuana near the tennis courts. Officers located the 3 subjects. One subject a student was issued a citation for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia and referred to the University. The subject began to feel faint and EMS was called. The subject was not transported. The other 2 subjects were students and referred to the University. referred to the University.

VIRUS

ing has been determined in those students who are ill, and trans-

mission is likely occurring from person to person," Bengtson said.

"Knowledge is your best weapon if you are ill and want to protect

those around you or if you are well and want to stay well."

According to Bengtson, the incubation period for the norovirus

can be anywhere from 12 to 48 hours. The virus can be spread in

stool and vomit and those that are

ill are contagious for a few days

after the symptoms are gone.
"Those who are ill can lessen the spread of the virus to those around them by frequent hand washing, laundering clothing and linens in soap and hot water, decontaminating surfaces or objects with a bleach-containing household cleaner and by staying out of class or work during active symptoms," Bengtson said.
"Those who are well can lessen

exposure to virus by frequent hand washing, especially before eating, before preparing food, after use of the restroom, after being out in public and if living in a household of someone who Administrators and students

sent out information regarding the norovirus over e-mail distribution lists, but some students did not feel the need to take the extra precautions needed to prevent themselves from becom-I didn't really pay attention to

the warnings about the [norovirus] and didn't wash my hands anymore than usual," Lyndsey Anderson, a freshman in English, said. "If I could go back and change things, then I would have taken the extra precautions. I was miserable for 24 hours, but thankfully it was over quickly."

Norovirus Information:

To read more about norovirus, go to http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/revb/gastro/norovirus-qa.htm. To make an appointment at Student Health call 515-7107. For hours or to access telephone medical advice after hours, call 515-2563.

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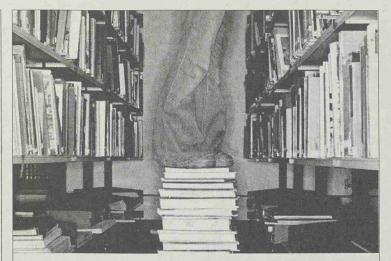
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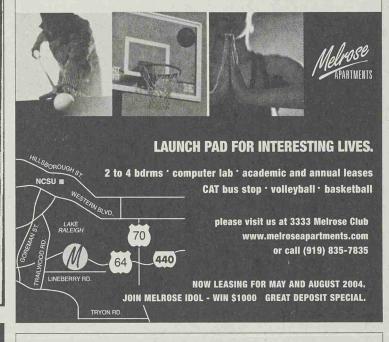
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APPLICATIONS FOR EDITOR

DEADLINE: Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004 at noon (321 Witherspoon)
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SELECTION: Immediately after interview

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STEP TWO: The interview

The members of the Student Media board will pick up your papers. You may contact them by e-mail or phone or talk with them in person to answer questions prior to the board meeting which will be at 7 p.m. March 1. During the meeting, each candidate will be given 10 minutes or so to answer questions, ask questions and/or give a statement.

After you make your presentation and answer questions, you'll leave the room. You may not be in the room, nor can any other candidates, during the deliberations. The group will vote for their choice of editor and will be announce their choice immediately.

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact any of the current staff or the student media adviser.

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for the position?

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Nubian Message • Jerry Blackmon Windhover • Shawna Jones

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Talkie Walkie

Astralwerks



If I was a Martian rover, and I was diggin' on some other Martian rover chick, I would play this album while I tried to make some moves with my mass spectrometer.

Coming from an ex-mathematician and an ex-architect, it's not surprising that the al-bum is polished to perfection and technically sound in every

The album opens up with "Venus," which sets the mood for the Martian make-out session with pounding piano chords and reverbed claps, with the lines "You could be from Ve-

nus, I could be from Mars." t Borrowing elements remi-niscent of electronic rock, symphonic pop and prog-rock, Air's sound is like the love child of Vangelis, Tangerine Dream, Pink Floyd and Burt Bacharach

(use your imagination).
Thankfully, the album is not an overstuffed, mutilated hod an overstuned, mutuated hodgepodge, as that marriage might suggest, but rather an airy pop "space dream." At times, the songs can seam a bit shallow, but the lack of complexity is more to the point.

An unexpected follow up to the band's brave and largely misunderstood second album, "10,000 Hz Legend," "Talkie Walkie" takes a step back toward Air's "Moon Safari" sound, albeit in a different direction, with its blazing complexity and turbulent experimental weird-



ness.
"Talkie Walkie" is definitely
not rock 'n' roll, but the album
defies classification as anything else. Songs on "Talkie Walkie have instruments like the vibraphone, moog synthesizer, theremin, harpsichord and even some banjo and whistling, all which make the album different

Not meant to be le cute,
"Talkie Walkie" is just how they
say it in Le French, the band's

native language. You may have heard Air on Sofia Coppola's "The Virgin Suicides" soundtrack or the more recent "Lost in Translation" soundtrack, which features the track "Alone in Kyoto" that can also be found on 'Talkie Walkie?'

Expect to hear more songs from this album on soundtracks and maybe even a few commercials in the future. Some of the tracks on "Talkie Walkie" have a marketable quality to them, which is not always good. Songs that are used to conjure up images of floating in space could be substituted for some slimy foot cream commercial or something, similar to what happened with the media's destruc-tion of "Moon Safari" in Revlon commercials.

If you liked any of the previous Air releases, or any of the Air format bands, like Zero 7 or Bent, you should like their newest as well.

- Chris Reynolds

Start Something Lostprophets Columbia Records

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The Lostprophets emerged on the backside of a "nu-metal" trend that penetrated the rock radio waves and even (eventually) MTV. It crept in maliciously with intent to destroy all

that was sacred about both hard rock and heavy metal. rock and heavy metal.

There are a few factors that set aside Lostprophets, and particularly their new album, "Start Something." One, Ian Watkins can really sing. He isn't just screaming to fill in the painful array of power chords. Second, the band plays power chords - as any band would from time to time - but the power chords don't define their music. Lee don't define their music. Lee Gaze and Mike Lewis complement each other very well on guitars, mixing elements of

guitars, mixing elements of punk, thrash, metal and standard rock. Gaze even plays a few guitar solos...and they're good!

The opening track, "We Still Kill the Old Way," sets the tone for the record. Watkins croons through the track in a range. through the track in a rangy manner that Faith No More's Mike Patton would have to applaud. "To Hell We Ride" follows the opener in nearly the same fashion - a very "guitary" verse with your customary heavy chorus accompanied by painful screams. The track ends strong though, with a couple of

good bridges and vocal rants. The two singles from the album, "Last Train Home" and "I Don't Know," are actually quite masterful considering the genre,

and great choices for singles. "Last Train Home" explores more musically than the open-ing two tracks, taking a mel-lower avenue with a sing-along chorus. "I Don't Know" sounds strikingly like an Incubus song circa 1999, primarily because of the vocal similarities of Wat-kins and Brandon Boyd, the

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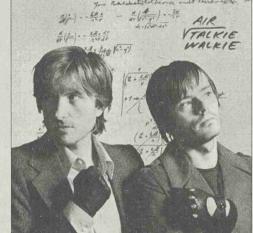
bass-heavy verse and DJ Jamie Oliver's scratching. Watkins' vocals really reek of Mike Patton in tracks like "Hello Again," "Burn, Burn" and "Goodbye Tonight," which are all gems on the album. "Good-bye Tonight" has a more poppy Jimmy Eat World feel to it, with a fist-pumping, upbeat tone.

Of course, every album has to have weak spots. But the guys in Lostprophets did a good

job filling in possible scrutiny holes by only having about two songs that don't measure up to the rest of the album. "Make a Move" and "A Million Miles" don't exactly meet the same standards as the rest of the al-bum, though drummer Mike Chiplin is showcased a bit in "A Million Miles." The band closes the album with ambiance and serenity in "Sway," which imple-ments piano in the musical

scheme. This album is solid through and through for the most part, though it doesn't have the punch of an album with at least three or so powerhouses. But the weaknesses are too few to not call this a good album.

Joel DeBerry



When the Sun Goes Down

Kenny Chesney BNA Records



Tight jeans, bright blue eyes and a cowboy hat comple-mented the profitable act Kenny Chesney brought to sold-out stadiums last summer after stadiums last summer after his 2002 very successful re-lease of "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems." Hits like "The Good Stuff," "Young" and "I Re-member" reflect on past loves, growing up and a carefree life themes hardly novel to country music. Yet, despite being stacked with country cliches, he and his songwriters inevitably

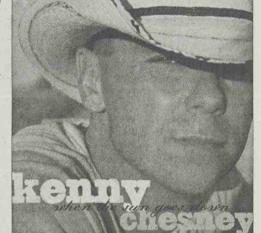
and his songwriters inevitably produce catchy hits that leave fans wanting more.

His recent release, "When the Sun Goes Down," will surely be a crowd pleaser if listeners are not expecting incredibly new and matured sounds. The album is merely a "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems" part II filled with nostalgic tear-jerking songs about lost young love, beach vacations and, of course, drinking.

drinking. However, for many, that's perfectly fine. Chesney is just as fun and carefree as ever, making 'When the Sun Goes Down equally upbeat and enjoyable, even if not too novel.

Clinging to his Jimmy Buffet-like dreams of beaches, boats, blue water and margaritas, Chesney sings of his ideal lifestyle in "Outta Here" and the title track duet with Uncle Kracker, "When the Sun Goes Down." While great for beach bum sing-alongs, they are not among Chesney's best. The almost laughable tracks,

"Being Drunk's a Lot Like Lov-ing You" and "Keg in the Closet" are strictly for entertainment value. "Keg" is likely to be this year's fraternity house anthem. While no Chesney album would



be complete without a shoutout to East Tennessee State University, "Keg" flashbacks to his old fraternity house where he woke-up to old pizza on the ne woke-up to old pizza on the floor after party-filled nights. He declares, "We went to class just to pass the time / We had all we ever wanted with that keg in the closet." Cheesy and tacky, yes, but the lyrics are likely to be coveted and hailed in fraternity houses across the country.

Among some of the less ridiculous songs on the album is "I Go Back," where Chesney embraces the images and experiences of his youth and college years with bittersweet nostalgia. He sings, "Every time I hear that song, I go back to the smell of that old gym floor / Taste of salt on a Carolina shore / After graduation drinkin' good-bye to friends." He also provokes memories of the past in "Any-thing But Mine," when Chesney reflects on a perfect, but temporary hot summer love.

'When the Sun Goes Down" contains three live recordings

and "Please Come to Boston" is by far one of the best on the album. Desperately pleading with his love to follow him city to city, her response is, "Boston ain't your kind of town / There ain't no gold and there ain't no one like me / I'm the number one fan of the man from Ten-

Despite monotonous and silly themes that critics are sure to laugh at, Chesney has used this formula before and there is no doubt, it works.

While he is currently one of the biggest country music stars, maybe there is no need for the Tennessee darling to change his sound. The fans will surely come running and the radio will embrace "When the Sun Goes Down," but recycled songs about spring break beach trips, high school sweethearts and, of course, kegs have question-able longevity. Objectively, "When the Sun Goes Down" ain't that great, but it's Kenny Chesney...which makes it OK.
- Ashley Hink

The Battle for Everything Five for Fighting Sony Records



In the midst of fear in the post-Sept. 11, 2001 months, Five for Fighting's "Superman" was embraced by Americans and became as anthem of hope. However, the group must not be mistaken for merely optimistic pop piano songs. The only permanent member of the Cali-fornia based group, lead vocalist and songwriter John Ondrasik proves that Five for Fighting is far more dynamic and intrigu ing than their mainstream radio

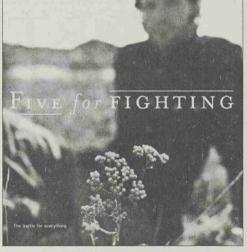
tunes reveal. "The Battle for Everything" is a fantastical mix of desperate ballads and surprisingly unique rock songs carried by Ondrasik's passionate voice

His lyrics reveal misunder-stood and broken love and a confused fascination with God, heaven, angels and, interestingly and humorously, women. "The Battle for Everything" maturely explores the depths of human nature from frustrations, love, spirituality and disappoint-

The first single, "100 Years," traces the stages of life and, if not for the up-tempo piano backing and light-hearted vocals, would seem thoroughly depressing. Ondrasik sings, "I'm 33 for a moment / Still the man but you see I'm a they / A kid on the way / A family on my mind." Serving as a reality check for younger generations, "100 Years" is cleverly written, although not nearly as powerful as other songs on the album.

The opening track, "NYC Weather Report," is a passionate declaration of frustrations and

the desire to escape them. Lyrics such as "Got to get away from all these thinkers...drinking up my



thoughts again / Got to get away from here ... / Got to get away from all these choosers, losers...all of my best friends" mimic the thoughts of people tired and overwhelmed with commitments.

The playful and upbeat "An-

gels and Girlfriends" embodies the mixed desires and often blurry understanding men have of relationships. "Angels never come for free / If you know what I know you know what I mean / You can love em now - you can love em later / Girlfriends never fall for fun / They can tie you up make you come undone" echoes the indecisiveness about commitment and the fear of being on "lockdown," as so many guys dread. Five for Fighting cares not to sugarcoat the horrible reality of the sacrifice of freedom one makes in the name of love, or maybe, just girlfriends.

The most passionate, complex and well-written track on the album, "Nobody," paradoxi-cally dishes out advice to make

oneself vulnerable and able to love. The lyrics, "Nothing can be better than baring yourself for another... / Open for scru-Therein lies the balls, and the mind, and the heart... / As fear truly is the Mindkiller" reveal a fearless philosophy that one is better to love and lose rather than not love at all. "One More for Love" and "Maybe I" are among the more delicate but slightly sappy love songs on "The Battle." While lyrically sweet, Ondrasik's wailing voice

pushes the songs beyond desperate sounding.

Despite a few dreary piano ballads, "The Battle for Everything" is lively, fun and some what mysterious in content. Ondrasik seems conflicted between women, life's priorities, growing up and God. Yet, his struggles provide dynamic material for "The Battle" that consequently produces a careful and sophisticated mix of piano pop and rock. - Ashley Hink

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CAMPUS GROUPS TO PROTEST AFFIRMA-TIVE ACTION ARE RUFFLING FEATHERS BUT ISN'T THAT THE POINT?

The Supreme Court may have ruled on race in college admissions in June, but the battle is still raging on college campuses.

Since the court upheld the University of Michigan's race conscious undergraduate admissions and struck down their 150-point system - which awarded 20 points to applicants based on race college administrators have been struggling to evaluate their own policies.

Now students are entering the debate, and some of their tactics are causing more controversy than the issue at hand.

The latest, a scholarship being offered only to white students, is a ploy by the College Republicans at Roger Williams University to parody minority scholarships, arguing they should be distrib-The unsigned editorial that appears above are the opinion of the members of the Technician's editorial board except for news edit

color. In an interview with CNN, the group's president, Jason Mattera, said,

Many people think that coming from a white background you're automatically privileged, you're automatically rich and your parents pay full tuition. That's just

The scholarship offers a \$250 reward and was advertised in the student news-

In a similar measure, students in the Sons of Liberty at the College of William & Mary received permission in January to hold an "Affirmative Action Bake Sale" that staggered prices according to gender and race.

The question is not whether these groups should be allowed to employ such measures. Top administrators at both schools may be rifled, but they are leaving the decision to the students, citing free expression.

But other schools, like Northwestern University and the University of Washother schools have prompted heated confrontations between students, calling into question whether such protests are appropriate.

But isn't that the point?

The tactics are not the best, perhaps, because they ignore the large number of scholarships given to white students, though unwritten, because of the privileges they have in society. But they are prompting dialogue in a creative manner that is not violent. By parodying minority scholarships through white scholarships and bake sales, student groups are bringing attention to the matter by creating what they believe to be a similar situation.

Disagree or not, it grabs attention. In that respect, these tactics, while controversial, are entirely appropriate on a college campus to bring passionate advocates for both sides of the issue to

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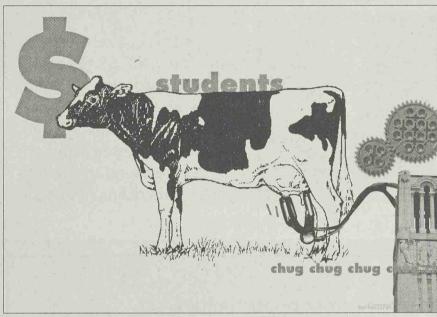
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The Marine Corps deserves our gratitude

Baruch Mechanic is disgusted that news agencies would disrespect the Marines because of one individual.

I am disgusted that our news broadcasting agencies would have published an article titled "Ex-Marine Pleads Guilty to Girl's Abduction." How dare they disgrace the name of the United States

of a 12-year-old girl from Britain that he met in an

Internet chat room. The police caught and arrested Studabaker in Germany

on July 16, 2003 and said that he did not have sex with the girl and thought

she was 18 years of age. That is most likely a lie, especially if he thought she

was 18. I hope he gets the maximum penalty for his sick and disturbing

with how the news labeled the story.

The fact is he is dirt, but why disgrace the name of the awesome U.S.

Marine Corps. The Marines is one of, if not the best-trained military

service branch that exists within this entire world. No other nation's troops

come close to our Marine Corps and it fills me with such relief that there

are those with this high level of training out there that provide us with

our blanket of security. Protecting us to allow us to have movies, grocery

stores, bars, shopping malls, coffee shops and just our whole way and

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Baruch Mechanic

military is for OUR protection. Toby Studabaker as a Marine served with other military personnel in Afghani-stan aiding in bringing those who perpetrated Sept. 11, 2001 to justice. When he committed this horrible

crime, he was not an active duty Marine nor was he in the selected Reserves. He was a civilian. So I ask again, why advertise "Ex-Marine?" Does the news enjoy making those good and decent, moral men and women who serve our country's best interests look like pedophiles? Some people may ask, "Who cares?"

Well I say to you ma'am and sir, what have you done to preserve the American way of life that you so much enjoy day after day. You live here, you enjoy your democracy, you enjoy your cable
TV and high speed Internet. And all
this could not be what it is today if it
weren't for the men and women who came before to protect these free-doms. It's not because of politicians, professors, mailmen or athletes, it's because of our service men and wom even though Studabaker one of the most elite fighting forces, he was a nasty individual and is responsible for his cruel acts.

Toby Studabaker joined the Marines in May 2000 and he was awarded the Sea Service medal and national De fense Ribbon before he was voluntarily discharged due to a bad shoulder.

When I read this story from Fox's and BBC's News Web sites they showed Studabaker in dress blues, the Marine Corps' ceremonial uniform. Did they have to do that? I am sure the news agencies could have found a picture of him in civilian attire. Could it be that the "Ex-Marine" part of the title made it more exciting and newsworthy? I mean who cares about a pedophile, right? But wait! He is a for-

mer active duty Marine, oh my goodness! Now the country must know, they have a right to know that there is a Marine out there abducting British girls. How could a Marine do this? After all, during the American Revo-lution when the British burned down Washington they left the Marine barracks intact for they had great respect for them...I am joking of course. Or rather could it be that the news was feeding off the malicious stereotype that U.S. Marines are nothing but heartless machines bent on terroriza-

Men and women that join the U.S. Marine Corps do not do it out of benefits, sign-up bonuses, and special contracts like the other branches promise. The Marine Corps promises you nothing other than you get the chance to go through hell and from that you earn the title of a Marine.

During graduation from boot camp this moment, of earning the title, is so emotional for the new Marines that they and their families have tears wn their cheeks. It is on individual can go through. From that moment, they earn this entire nation's admiration and gratitude as well from those foreign nations that we protect with our lives; although, Studabaker from either. This article has done nothing but to strip some of that respect from our beloved Marine Corps all for the sole purpose of dramatiza-

tion. What a disgrace!
Godspeed to those men and women who put their lives on the line day in and day out so we can enjoy peace and comfort at home.

Agree with Baruch? Contact him at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.

And here's to you, Mr. Wilson

An open letter to J. Bradley Wilson, chair of the UNC Board of Governors, on the delay of their vote on tuition increases.

Delaying the tuition vote until March for further research is a wise decision. It will give you a chance to read all those personal stories in that \$20

book printed at the expense of student

Before the UNC nors is a monumental choice - to raise tuition of the 16 University of North Carolina

Viewpoint Editor

North Carolina schools by 9-19 percent, depending on the campus, and potentially force thousands of gifted and otherwise deserving students to drop out because of the prohibitive cost of higher education

Or, keep the tuition the same for this year and face the building ire of the faculties and staffs who have not received a substantial pay raise in three

years, despite increasing living costs. For the past semester, students have been campaigning at N.C. State, and across the system, to prevent another tuition increase. They have brought tutton increase. They have brought statistics and charts to meetings and have fought passionately on behalf of their respective student bodies. Chancellors and provosts have had an earful about "cycles of debt" when it comes to student financial aid. The campaign culminated with the release of the "Personal Stories Project" book, which highlights the struggle of most college students to get by and remain in school. Even Gov. Mike Easley has sent you a letter urging the board not to raise tuition.

Do you see the pattern developing

Think about this: our parents (i.e. your generation) went to school and graduated relatively debt-free. I know my parents did, and they went to Appa-lachian State University. Many people could go to Duke and Wake Forest and

Now our parents are taking out loans, selling off property, working second and even third jobs, along with their children, just to pay tuition and living expenses every semester.

But you can bet that society has

drilled into our heads, from the first day of kindergarten, that to succeed in life and be happy, one must have a college degree.

And now there is talk of upping the

price of happiness.

Can you see how that is just a bit

Can you see how that is just a bit disconcerting to those on the receiving end of the tuition bill? I hope so.

Now the other sticky issue is faculty and staff salaries. Professors and groundskeepers haven't received a proper pay raise in three years. Many factors go into this: downturn in the economy, cost of higher living, excessive governmental spending. sive governmental spending.

Let's put this in perspective though; professors make on average \$80,000 a year to teach and research.

Groundskeepers make \$19,000 a year

to cut the grass. And the students, who graduate in debt, pay for it all, while being in overcrowded classrooms and rearranging graduation dates due to dropped class

With respect to your position as an education leader in this state, these are things to keep in the back of your mind. I know you have a lot to think about and decide.

Just like I have to think about where my next meal will come from and if I have enough money to get groceries next week and buy the \$80 textbook for my psychology class.
Anyway, just think about it. Thanks and good luck!

Highest regards,

Ben McNeely Poor college student

E-mail Ben at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.

CAMPUS FORUM

Toliet papering the trees are a hassle to groundskeepers

I am writing with hopes that something can be done about the toilet paper that is being thrown in the trees surrounding the various dorms on campus after a major win by the men's basketball team

Last night's win over Duke and being unbeaten at home were great reasons to celebrate; however, I don't think the Maintenance or Housekeeping staff should suffer as a result. In addition to the loose paper, there were over a dozen large rolls picked up from the

over a dozen large rolls picked up from the grounds.

To the students that thought it was a great to celebrate by throwing tollet paper in the trees, please STOP!

You are making the jobs of the Housekeeping and Maintenance staff more difficult than they have to be.

For those of you that say this is a "tradition,"!

say to you that this is a "tradition" that needs to be brought to an end! It is a waste of time and energy, not to mention a waste of mone

I wonder if some of that toilet paper was bought and paid for by North Carolina

How ironic that a institution of highe

How ironic that a institution of higher learning that encourages diversity and respect of others, falls short of extending that same courtesy to its very own staff.

I encourage and challenge you to do something about this situation. The regular basketball season is coming to a close, soon it's going to be tournament time, and let's not forget March Madness!

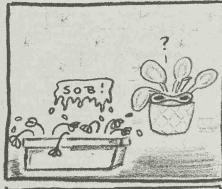
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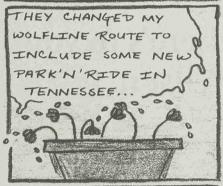
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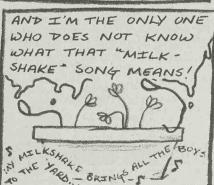


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TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN Scooter Sherrill concentrates on his grip of the basketball as he's sandwiched by Duke's Luol Deng (left) and J.J. Redick during the Pack's Sunday night win over top-ranked Duke.

Associated Press Top 25 Stanford (64) 21-0 Saint Joseph's (8) 22-0

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6. Gonzaga 21-2 7. Oklahoma State 19-2

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20. Southern Illinois 20-2
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(with first place votes and record)

Of course he's asleep. Scribe,

ACC Standings

	Cometance	CARKS
Duke	10-1	21-2
N.C. State	9-2	16-5
Georgia Tech	5-5	18-6
Wake Forest	5-5	15-6
North Carolina	5-6	15-7
Florida State	5-6	17-8
Maryland	4-6	13-8
Virginia	3-8	13-9
Clemson	2-9	9-13

Today's games Virginia at Florida State, 7 p.m.

Wednesday's games

Thursday's game Georgia Tech at Maryland, 7 p.m.

N.C. State – The Wolfpack Is enjoying its best conference streak in 30 years and suddenly State is a basketball school again. Fans rushed the court in pandemonium after the Pack's last win, a thiller over top-ranked Duke. Trampled in the celebration were the remaining critics of coach Herb Sendek.

Chris Paul -- All the Wake Forest point guard did this past week was score 46 points, including a career-high 30 at Cincinnati in two Demon Deacon victories. He also averaged five assists and 4.5 boards over that stretch as he was named ACC Freshman of the Week for the fifth time this season, Luol who?

No dails

Shelden Williams - When his team needed him the most against N.C. State, Willlams retreated into some kind of hidden place, similar to the witness protection program.

ACC Sunday Night Hoops – Why is this wretched concept still being broadcast? First off, it's basketball, not "hoops," and second, ACC basketball is meant to be played on Saturday afternoons, broadcast by Jefferson-Pilot with the sponsor-ship of Food Lion. Sunday night basketball on a third-rate cable network needs

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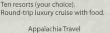
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Queer eye for PC guy

Political correctness sucks. Or, should I say, political correctness has the characteristics of a



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Political correctness is Or, should I say, political correctness has the characteris-

tics of a heterosexual. Political correctness is gay. Or, should I say, political correctness has

the characteristics of a homosexual. You don't have to have a queer eye for the politically correct guy to come to the realization that two words have hamstrung an entire nation obsessed with not offending anything or anyone. There's no excuse for mailmen becoming mail persons, salesmen becoming sales persons and chairmen becoming chair persons. Pretty soon, the words "boy" and "girl" will be deemed sexist, and some goon who made up the term "sales person" will come up with a new word to describe the sexes.

It's enough to make a person ordinarily gay turn violent with anger.

Also not-so-gay is the abuse Scooter Sherrill took late last week for describing the follow-through of Duke's J.J. Redick, saying the Blue Devil sophomore held up his hand after he made a shot "like he's gay or

something."

It's this kind of hilarious comment — and believe me, everyone in the conference room at Case Athletic Center howled with laughter - that makes the modern athletic press conference bearable. Sure, the local newspaper had a right to print Shernewspaper had a right to print sher-rill's comments, even after media re-lations director Annabelle Vaughan joked with and chided the reporters to keep it private. But all the people who were enraged by Sherrill's re-marks should not have been. It's called a sense of humor, folks. Herb Sendek bought one a while ago, and it's done wonders for him. When Sherrill spoke the

When Sherrill spoke the words—laughing the entire time and speaking with the seriousness of the funny pages—he never could have imagined the vat loads of crap he'd get in return. And you wonder why athletes have the flavor of skim milk? It's because they're afraid of

Apparently, many thought Sher-rill's comments to be so offensive that they overwhelmed athletics director Lee Fowler with enraged emails and angry phone calls. The outcry prompted Fowler to issue a standard, molded-plastic apology that had all the sincerity of the word of a used car "sales person" I'm sure of a used car "sales person." I'm sure Fowler didn't even want to issue a statement, but that's what society

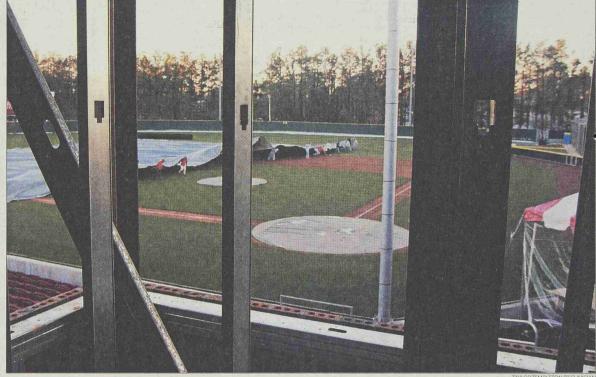
Ever wonder why so many highprofile athletes on high-profile teams give so many of the exact same answers during interviews? Ever wonder why reading quotes on the sports page is often slightly less fun than reading your old geometry

It's like they all go to the same PC shop (the one where they've also purchased around 798 shares of tock) and clean off the shelves. Take this recent exchange between Scribe, an inquisitive young journalist, and

Cheese Brains, an athlete with the electricity of a brown paper bag: Scribe: Cheese, what do you think of that guy, blockhead. He seems to get under your skin at times, am I right?

Cheese brains: Oh, no sir. Blockhead is just playing his game. So am I. We're gonna throw it up and see what happens this weekend. May the best team win. It's all fun in love and

No place like Doak



As seen through the new press box, construction of Doak Field progresses while the baseball team continues to use the field.

N.C. STATE ATHLETIC OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT DOAK WILL BE AMONG THE FINEST BASEBALL FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY WHEN COMPLETED.

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Since Doak Field opened as the home of N.C. State baseball in 1966, the program has enjoyed several triumphant seasons, including five ACC championships and 17 trips to the NCAA tournament. Consistency on the field has mirrored the consistency in the field, as throughout its history, Doak had seen only one improvement to its facilities with the addition of lights in 1995.

As of one year ago, before the start of the 2003 season, that was still true.

season, that was still true.

And what a historic season it was, as the Wolfpack run to the NCAA Super Regionals and finished with its highest national ranking since 1968, when it advanced to the College World Series.

The Pack accomplished that much in 2003 while only playing 10 home games, as Doak Field underwent major surgery.

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The rest of the "home" games moved away from campus to venues such as Kinston, Clayton and Wilson. The idea was not to increase stress on the team, but Doak field had since been torn apart, the beginning effects of a \$6.7 million renovation

instituted in July 2002.

Among the new upgrades is an operations and clubhouse building that will house locker rooms, coaches' offices, an equipment room, training room and even an umpires' locker room. Yet, the first and foremost task was to level the playing

first and foremost task was to level the playing field, which was uneven at the old Doak.

"From home plate to right field there was an 8-foot drop in elevation," said Senior Associate Athletic Director David Horning. "You couldn't tell based on where you were standing from right field whether the play was at first base or second base. Some called it a home field advantage."

Moving the artise fold out ready movement.

Moving the entire field out created more space between home plate and the parking lot and gave the opportunity for adding more seats. The left field fence, known as the "Red Monster," was made higher to adjust for moving the field outward, and with the extra space, there is room for nearly 2,500 seats. In addition, the grandstands will all have chair-back seating compared to concrete benches in the past.

Besides the new clubhouse building, a 1,200-square-foot press box will seat 40 media members above the grandstands, and the players will have



A plastic red fence separates outsiders from construction equipment used to renovate Doak

indoor and outdoor practice facilities to use. There are even plans to have wireless Internet available to students watching the game with a

laptop in hand.
"What isn't going to be improved?" Bruce
Winkworth, NCSU assistant director for media
relations, said. "They could pull the old ballpark
down and start from scratch."

Impatience can hinder the goal, despite the astonishing magnitude of such a renovation and the excitement of what the future holds. Although nearly 19 months have passed since the overhaul first began, one has to remember that Doak has never seen such meaningful improvements in its entire history. And even though the weather caused the timetable for completion to move back, directors of the new stadium are very optimistic about an expected date of March 20

The basic goal was to bring [Doak] up to NCAA regional standards so that we can host a regional in the future," Horning said. "We want to try and improve the ballpark for the fan experience, where you want to bring someone to the

game, have nice chair-backs, sit there and watch

a baseball game."

Moreover, the benefits of the renovation extend not only to improving the fan's experience but also to recruiting future players.

"Doak Field has always been a neat place to play just because it's in a nice setting," Horning said.
"Obviously all of the schools across the country, whether it be the Auburns, or the South Carolinas, or the Clemsons, they've all put money into their baseball facilities. So it has been a recruiting issue for us because when recruits come to campus, they want to see a real nice baseball facility. And we feel like we have one now."

And as far as the timetable goes, this year's team hasn't thought twice about what day the renovation will be complete

"We're just happy to be in our locker room right now," Mike Rogers, sophomore pitcher, said. "Last year, we heard it might be done, but we really didn't think about it. We're looking forward to the games and teams we have to play instead of worrying about the renovations.

DOAK FIELD BY THE NUMBERS

