

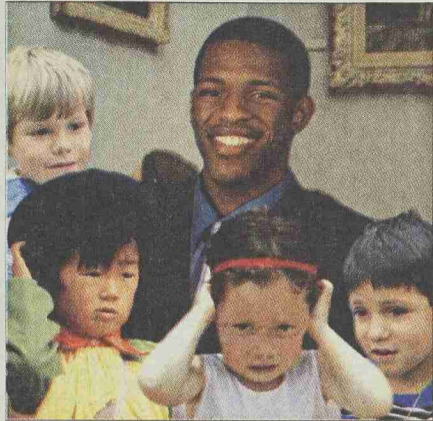
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Heels reading for success



Radish McCarrots surrounded by his intellectual superiors.

BY BRADFORD F. MULBERRY IV

STAFF STIFF

CARRBORO, N.C. — Inside Ms. Hannigan's third-grade classroom, Valentine's Day-inspired paintings cover the yellow walls, an example of her children's recent trip to the school's art teacher.

But the real sign of caring is directly in the middle of the room, where a handful of college students with long legs and athletic builds sign uncomfortably in Indian style on the circular blue carpet, their attention directed solely to one 8-year-old boy with big ears and floppy blonde hair.

The college students are the North Carolina basketball team, and the boy is Leon Rosenburg, and together the two parties are engaging in the Chapel Hell-Carrboro City School System's newest program — "Teach a Tar Heel to Read."

"We're beaming with excitement to be one of the first classes to participate in such a wonderful community outreach program," said Han-

nigan, who is in her fifth year teaching third grade at Carrboro Elementary School.

The program's genesis stems from events involving Tar Heel and current Washington Wizards center Brindan Hayword and his inability to be involved in the NBA's "Read to Children" program. Hayword, said UNC athletics director Dick Baddour, felt embarrassed when an 8-year-old girl stood up during his reading of Dr. Seuss' "Green Eggs and Ham" and informed him that he couldn't read.

"Sadly, I agreed with her — but give me some credit, that book has some big words in it," Hayword said via a telephone interview. "I thought it was time to get to the root of the problem, which was back in Chapel Hell."

Hayword said he contacted new UNC basketball coach Roy Williams, who jumped at the opportunity to teach his players the simple life skill.

"We didn't want our guys to follow in the

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Recruit busted forward

Tar Heels are pushed to excel — sometimes they don't excel quickly enough.

BY JEFFERY "COTTONTAIL" RABBIT

STAFF VEGETARIAN

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — The offices of the offices of the hallowed Tar Heel basketball program are in frenzy after learning that the team's top recruit for the 2004-5 freshman class, ClapOff Currypowder, was arrested for dealing drugs at his high school in Alamance County.

"We told everyone when he signed that he was ahead, developmentally speaking, of many of the players currently in our program," said a source close to the team, who requested anonymity as well as a cup of coffee. "But we had no idea that he was already this far along. We are ecstatic, to say the least. Usually, it takes our players at least a semester or so in the program before they are arrested."

The source admitted that, much to the chagrin of Roy Williams, men's basketball coach, and others in the athletic department, at least three current members of the UNC squad have yet to run into trouble with the law.

"But we're not going to give up on them yet," continued the source, who was drinking a steamy latte and fidgeting. "Roy is very committed to his players. When they come in, they know that he will do everything it takes to help them live up to the Tar Heel hardcourt legacy."

And what a legacy it is. The expectations that come with signing a Tar Heel letter-of-intent are enormous. For this reason the Heels are obsessively picky about the players they recruit. The source cited current Tar Heels, as well as some distinguished team alumni, after whom the Heels hope their young players will model themselves.

"When we think about the kind of player we want to have [here at UNC], we think about a Marble Shott type. An aggressive, minimal-intellect, maximal-impulsiveness type," said the source, blowing on his latte, which was very hot. Police arrested Shott, a sophomore guard, last May after assaulting a woman at the Player's nightclub. Police reports, the source proudly noted, also indicated that drugs and alcohol were involved.

Shott, of course, is still young and has yet to approach the level of the Tar Heel archetype De-sheep "William" Wallace, who, among other things, has been detained for choking the mother of a child of his and for both felony and misdemeanor drug possession.

Police also arrested Thomenjerry Porterhouse, a former Heel teammate of Wallace's, this summer in Atlantic Beach for grabbing a woman by the neck and throwing her to the ground.

"We've been seeing some encouraging results in this area, take Mezzoforte, for instance," the source continued, in reference to "Maestro" Joe Mezzoforte di Presto, former Tar Heel, aged only 22 years, who was arrested in Maryland last April for drug possession and illegal handgun possession after being pulled for going 30 mph over the speed limit.

On Mezzoforte, the source said, "Yeah, he's somewhat of a prodigy. He's gotten so far, so fast. Sometimes, it's intimidating for a kid to look at Mezzoforte and see all he's done, all he's accomplished. You know, it's like a beginner guitar player listening to Hendrix solos. You're just in awe."

Truth be told, there is a great deal of pressure on freshman Heels to perform off the court (and, occasionally, on the court) when they arrive on campus. Often, there is a lengthy "breaking in" process, wherein, as the source described, "they learn that the rules that apply to other, lesser, people, do not apply to basketball players at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hell."

For this reason, the basketball offices are thrilled with Currypowder's arrest. He's still in high school, but already impressively far along in the program. "Roy's a perfectionist, though," the source concluded, as he finished.

At the time this article went to the presses, ClapOff Currypowder had yet to push, grab, choke or else assault a female. But he's still got nearly six months.

DEMOCRACY FAILS

FAILED STUDENT ELECTIONS THROWS CAMPUS INTO CHAOS. COMRADE JAMES MOZER OVERTHROWN BY B.O.T. AND ESTABLISHES MOB RULE. PEACE-KEEPERS FROM N.C. STATE INVADE FRANKLIN STREET TO QUASH UPRISING.

BY IVAN THE CONSTIPATED

STAFF RUMORMONGER

The Board of Trustees overthrew our traitorous, wretched leader, Comrade James Mozer when student government elections failed to produce a clear leader. This proves once and for all that Comrade Mozer's democratic policies are worthless and democracy has failed.

The Board of Trustees is holding Comrade Mozer under house arrest at his residence and has established a mob rule over the campus. The coup leaders are shut in with Comrade Mozer to keep him from spreading his subversive republican propaganda.

The coup began when the Board of Elections failed to certify a winner in the student body presidential race, amid controversy of corruption and election violations by the candidates, Lily "Tomlin" West-of-here and Matt "The Squid" Calamari.

Within minutes of the board's decision, troops led by Trustee premier, Richard "Stickler" Williams, stormed the chancellor's residence and placed Mozer under house arrest.

Groups of student enforcers, mainly comprised of flower children, led by the current student body president, Comrade Matt Tipperdrink, ran through the streets quickly thrashing groups of students protesting in support of Mozer.

Later that evening, UNC Student Government, a puppet organization of the Board of Trustees, held a rally at The Pit in support of the coup.

"Today, democracy in the People's Republic of Chapel Hell is no more. This revolution will usher in a new utopia, where all live in harmony with each other," Tipperdrink said.

The students then marched to Franklin Street, where they all sat down in the middle of the street and chanted political slogans.



Students overrun the South Building minutes after the Board of Trustees overthrows Comrade James Mozer in a coup after student government elections fail.

"FIGHT THE CAPITALIST POWER!" "DOWN WITH MOZER!" and "NO MORE SUMMER READING!" were heard from the crowd.

Comrade Mozer was appointed to head the University of the People's Republic of Chapel Hell in August 2000, and is a known political moderate. He has clashed many times with the Board of Trustees over his glib policies, such as allowing for a democratically elected student body government. The last straw came when Mozer created a new bioengineering department with our sworn enemy, the evil imperialist empire, N.C. State.

"Stickler" Williams vowed to re-

move Mozer at any costs.

"He has seriously undermined the security of our fair state. This breach threatens the tightly controlled communistic utopia we have worked so hard to maintain for decades!"

Mozer issued a statement to the campus community earlier this week in response to Williams' comments.

"It is imperative that we embrace our neighbors to the East and enter

into a new era of cooperation."

In response to the coup staged by the Board of Trustees, UNC system president Molly Broadside has ordered the imperialist leader, General Marye Anne Foxenhound, to send her Wolfpack "peacekeepers" to Chapel Hell to quash the rebellion and restore Mozer to power.

"We will stop at nothing until order is restored in Chapel Hell," Broadside said in a statement.

"Democracy will reign once again in the People's Republic!"

Two divisions of the Wolfpack invaders were dispatched to Franklin Street, with the infamous "Red

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General Marye Anne Foxenhound

Dohurty discovers horse head in bed

BY BEANSPROUT I. WIPEMYOWN

DEPUTY ASSISTANT GOON EDITOR

In true mob fashion, the Carolina Family sent a chilling message to former assistant crime boss Gambino Mutt Dohurty Thursday morning by decapitating a horse and placing the equine head in the former coach's bed as he slept.

Dohurty, who smelled of \$2 wine and 50-cent hookers during a meeting with reporters Thursday afternoon, awoke at approximately 6:30 a.m. Thursday to make his usual collection rounds for boss Don Deen Coreleone Smith.

"I was planning on breaking thumbs for Nose," Dohurty said of

Smith, the longtime Godfather of the Carolina Family who is known for his freakish beak. "But when I rolled over I landed in a pile of horse [blood]."

Dohurty said he knew the blood couldn't have been from the cheap escort he murdered for fun the night before, because henchmen only referred to as "Booze Fourd" and "Shorty Felt-him" disposed of the body in a ditch along the highway.

"But when I was asleep, I was scared it might have been that [prostitute]," Dohurty said. "I was about to kill Booze and Shorty - those freaking fools — but lucky for them it was the head of my stallion, Black."

The head of Black, the brown

horse that Dohurty adored, still lay in Dohurty's bed late Thursday afternoon as its blood flow slowed to a delicate trickle. Dohurty sobbed at the memories he and his horse shared: the pony rides when Black was young, brushing his mane in later years and the long, late-night talks in the barn when Dohurty's problems with the Carolina Family first arose over two years ago.

"I would feed him oats and barley out my tired hands, and we'd just talk," Dohurty said as he cried like a baby with soiled diapers. "Black would always say, 'Hang in there, Mutt, it's going to be okay.' And then he'd sing me that song about

balloons and ice cream, and I'd feel all happy again."

Dohurty trailed off, his voice shaking from the sadness within.

Reached in his Chapel Hell mansion, Don Smith neither confirmed nor denied accusations that he arranged Black's murder.

"Do you spend time with your family?" Smith asked, ignoring the question of whether his henchmen killed Dohurty's horse and placed its head in his bed. "Because a man that doesn't spend time with his family can never be a real man."

Smith then reached into his mouth

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INSIDE

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

UNC doctors clone Stalin to run for President. Our endorsement on the editorial page.

COMING TOMORROW

Saturday — duh.

SPORTS

Men's underwater basketweaving's Charlie "The Loom" Buildastool surges ahead in win over Georgia Tech.

WEATHER

TODAY Look outside bro'

SOMETIME NEXT WEEK Hmm...

YESTERDAY Not like weathermen can predict anyways

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GO STAFF!

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and pulled out a handful of cotton with his left hand, while he stroked a purring cat in his lap with his right.

Dohurty, the New York City kid and former Wall Street pickpocket that rose to a life of big screen TVs, blunts, 40s and fame within the Carolina Family, must now cope with another loss. Last spring, he lost his high ranking within the Family after two years of numb-nutty, inferior performance. Under Dohurty's watch, the Carolina Family slipped to an abyss unseen since the early years of Don Deen Coreleone's rule. The Family lost its esteem in the old neighborhood, seeing rival gangs led by "Rat" and "The Professor" gain power.

Coreleone Smith has since appointed his "godson," Coreleone Vito Williams, to reaffirm the power of the Carolina Family.

"My father is no different than any powerful man, any man with power, like a president or senator," Williams said. "It's not personal, Mutty, it's strictly business."

Later in the day, after Dohurty had finished sobbing over the brutal killing of the only beast he ever loved, a caravan of gunslingers drove by his mansion, riddling Dohurty's body with bullets.

"I guess this means I'm out of the Carolina Family," he said, dying a slow and agonizing death.

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Raider" tank brigade leading the way.

Tipperdrink lead the student body in passive resistance by throwing bouquets of blue panis at the troops.

The glorious sit-in held the invaders at bay, while General Foxenhound made her plans.

"We will sweep in from all sides, forcing the student body into the Dean Dome, then move toward Mozer's house and retake the university," Foxenhound said.

"We will prevail."

Foxenhound also vowed to "liberate" Carrboro. Chapel Hill brought Carrboro into the Motherland three years ago.

As of the deadline, a staring contest between the student body and the Red Menace invaders is still going on.

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footsteps of Brindan for several reasons. First of all, he was an awkward guy with one post move and a reputation for being as unstable as the current foundation of our football program," Williams said. "Then there was his reading, which was on a level I don't want to tell you because you'll laugh at me. Oh golly.

"To ensure this won't happen in the future, we founded this program to better teach our student-athletes what it's like to be a part of the Carolina Reading Family."

Tuesday's book read to a group of five players was "The Puppy Who Lost His Way" by Chrissy Taylor, and its simple plot about a boy and his lost dog appeared to captivate UNC's leading scorer, Radish McCarrots.

"Oh man, that was a great story," he said. "Pretty soon, I hope to one day be able to read Coach [Dean] Smith's new book. Even though it's the 234th official book published about his life, it's full of new twists. I think."

Williams was especially pleased to see McCarrots become so involved.

"We hope that Radish can one day be competent enough to read our scouting reports; then, maybe he can learn to play defense," Williams said.

Portly Tar Heel center Shawn Might was another player glad to be participating in the event. Hannigan had to scold the sophomore after he began to raid the children's bag lunches, which were stowed away in cubbies under their desks.

"They bribed me with promises of snack time to come," Might said in between bites of stale cafeteria cookies. "I said to myself 'Where is snack time? I'm hungry!'"

"Next time I hope we can read 'Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.' I wanted to be Charlie, because once I got inside, man, I would be in heaven."

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Raleigh, North Carolina

University receives budget cut scenario

One to 3 percent cuts may be possible for next year's budget.

Tyler Dukes
Staff Reporter

As the new fall semester looms ahead, it appears that students won't be the only ones fretting over their finances.

Early this week, all state agencies, including the universities in the UNC System, received budget reduction scenarios from the N.C. Office of State Budget and Management.

These scenarios will require the campuses to submit responses to the state budget office evaluating financial adjustments in light of a possible 1, 2 or 3 percent cut in funding.

These requests aren't actual budget cuts and aren't always necessary indicators of next year's budget.

"It's a method of smart budgeting," Amanda Devore, assistant director of government relations for university governance and a senior in accounting, said. "If the proposals come back from some state agencies and it looks like their budget can be cut without affecting services, then they can do that and have more revenues for other priorities."

Although these planning scenarios are far less than those of previous years, which have sometimes amounted to as much as 11 percent, a 3 percent cut could still be a big problem for N.C. State and other UNC campuses.

"It is somewhat less than scenarios that we have had to develop in the past years, but it's pretty significant when you're talking about a 3 percent cut in addition to the cuts that we have sustained over the last few years," Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business George Worsley said.

According to Worsley, the last 10 years have generated a total \$129 million in permanent and temporary budget cuts, which have in turn heralded a slew of tuition increases.

"Had we not had that significant increase in tuition, the quality of our instructional program would have been significantly impacted in a negative way."

Worsley said. The budget scenarios serve to contribute to the many mixed messages that surround the current proposals for campus initiated tuition increases, which the UNC Board of Governors are soon to vote on.

The scenarios also come on the heels of a letter to the board from Gov. Mike

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Wishing for snow

AS THURSDAY'S SNOW FELL, MANY STUDENTS MADE PLANS TO PLAY RATHER THAN WORK.



Kevin Barkley swings a sledgehammer in a snowy brickyard Thursday for Wolfpack Student Initiative.

Ana Pardo
Staff Reporter

"Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow...and cancel school," read the away message of Jennifer Reeder, a freshman in First Year College, yesterday.

Snow fell across much of the state this week and reached Raleigh early Thursday afternoon, to the delight of many N.C. State students.

Administration held classes until 6 p.m., when they decided to put the adverse weather policy into effect for faculty and staff.

The report tentatively called for more snow, and possibly sleet and rain, well into this morning.

Some students had mixed feelings about the wintry weather.

"I'm going to camp out for tickets tomorrow night and the gym is out

of tents, so I would like the snow to go away," Liz Underwood, a junior in botany, said. "On the other hand, it'd be nice to sleep in tomorrow [Friday] morning."

Other students said they were already making arrangements that did not include attending class.

"I hope the snow sticks so we can go

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Senate focuses on GB 59

Brigid Ransome
Staff Reporter

Of all the bills and discussions in the Student Senate meeting on Wednesday, the one topic that was undoubtedly the center of much debate was Government Bill 59.

The Qualifications for Office Act, GB 59, is a piece of legislation intended to revise the qualifications for candidates seeking positions in student government. The bill, sponsored by Scott Stephenson, was drafted to disqualify students that are not in good standing with the university from running for student government.

Despite heated debate, the bill was not adopted by the senate.

According to Student Statutes, a student in good standing is defined to include all students who are clear of disciplinary probation, clear of any present suspension, clear of aca-



Jeremy Spencer addresses the Student Senate at Wednesday's meeting. Despite a full agenda, a large number of chairs were empty.

ademic integrity violation and clear of academic probation. Furthermore, a student shall be considered to be in good standing if he or she is clear of disciplinary probation if the citation

resulting in said probation was issued more than twelve months prior to the background check.

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BIG WILLY STYLE



Will Langley, a freshman student senator, kicked off his campaign for student body treasurer in style Thursday in the lobby outside the Student Government office. Supporters stood by with signs as Langley announced his candidacy and delivered a short speech.

Libraries' Web site receives award

Robert White
Staff Reporter

An N.C. State Libraries' Web site for researching Congress isn't just the first stop for political science majors with a term paper - it's an award winner.

The Reference and User Services Association will recognize the libraries in June, awarding the 2004 Gale Group Research Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services.

The university's libraries won the award for the creation of the U.S. Congressional Bibliographies Web site, which they created to aid individuals interested in research-

ing the U.S. Congress.

"I think that this is a great achievement not only for the library but also for N.C. State. As a political science major, I think that this will attract other students to the congressional bibliographies page," Locke Whiteside III, a sophomore in political science, said.

The award comes from the Reference and User Services Association, a division of the American Library Association.

Recipients receive a \$3,000 award and citation donated by the Gale Group for developing an imagina-

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Election books will close Monday

Michele DeCamp
News Editor

Potential Student Government candidates have a few more days to get their names on the spring election books, which will close at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 1. Several candidates are currently running uncontested for their position, and there are also a few senate seat groups, which do not have any students running for the open seats.

According to Lucy Tatum, chair of the elections commission, as of Thursday afternoon there were 44 candidates running for 65 positions. Tatum hopes that there will be at least two candidates for every position by Monday evening.

"If you have a bunch of uncontested elections then students can't choose who will represent them best," Tatum said. "They won't have a choice."

Students can submit an online intent-to-run form for senate seats or turn in their application into the Student Government office for senate seats or any other Student Government position. Only senate president, treasurer, chief justice and union activities board president candidates need to have prior experience, usually a specific number of semesters of involvement, in order to run for the position.

Until Wednesday night, it was unclear whether a few interested students would be able to run for the student chief justice position because of the prerequisite requirements. According to the student body statutes, any candidate needed to have spent two semesters working as the judicial assistant or serving two semesters on the academic integrity board to run for the chief justice position. The Student Body Constitution does not stipulate this, so Senator Will Quick sponsored GB 143 on Wednesday night that struck the judicial assistant prerequisite from the statutes. Any student who has sat on the judicial board for two semesters will be able to run for the position.

All students who have submitted their intent-to-run forms will need to attend the all candidates' meeting on March 3 at 7:15 p.m. This is a mandatory meeting for students who are running for office and they must send a substitute if they themselves cannot attend.

After the meeting, Tatum and the other commission officials will check to see if all the candidates qualify to run for their positions. For some offices, the commission will need to check a student's involvement with

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Democracy Fails

Failed student government elections plunge the campus down the road into chaos. Well... sort of. Don't forget to bring your Technician poster to Sunday's game.

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WORLD

MACEDONIAN PRESIDENT
PRESUMED DEAD

Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski, a moderate leader who helped unite his ethnically divided country, was missing and presumed dead Thursday after his plane crashed in thick fog, the Macedonian government said.

The president's party initially said he died in the crash, which happened in a remote, rocky area of mountainous southern Bosnia - treacherous in the bad weather and also heavily mined from Bosnia's 1992-95 war.

However, NATO peacekeepers said the wreckage had not been located, contrary to a report by Bosnian police, and Macedonia's government said the president was officially considered "missing" and presumed dead.

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NORTH KOREA SAYS U.S. HINDER-
ING NUCLEAR TALKS

North Korea put an offer of nuclear disarmament on the bargaining table Thursday, then struck a characteristically tough stance by accusing the United States of blocking progress in six-nation talks on its weapons program.

The North's terse statement, read outside its Beijing embassy in the dark before a hastily assembled press corps, came after a day of apparent advances in which South Korea, China and Russia agreed to provide the impoverished North with crucial energy aid if it would agree to disarm.

In Washington, Secretary of State Colin Powell said the first two days of multilateral talks were positive.

However, a U.S. official familiar with the talks said North Korea showed no interest in meeting the American insistence on a complete and verifiable dismantling of its nuclear weapons.

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NATION

GREENSPAN URGES CUTS TO
SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICARE
BENEFITS

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan weighed in Wednesday on the contentious debate over the future of Social Security and Medicare by suggesting that Congress scale back future benefits, saying America can't afford the programs.

The impending retirement of the baby boom generation, those born from 1946 to 1964, will swell the ranks of retirees. If unconstrained, the resulting growth in Social Security and Medicare costs could require tax hikes so large they would undermine the economy, he said.

Greenspan's warning raises a hot-button issue during an election year after a long period in which repeated attempts by lawmakers have failed to make significant headway in overhauling Social Security and Medicare. In fact, they added to Medicare's burden last year by creating a prescription-drug benefit that will cost an estimated \$534 billion over the next decade.

-KRT Campus

COLUMBINE KILLERS HAD RUN-INS
WITH LAW

Authorities had at least 15 contacts with the Columbine High School killers dating back two years before their murderous attack, the state attorney general said Thursday in a report that angered families of the victims.

Ken Salazar also said he is investigating whether authorities tried to cover up what they knew about the rampage. However, he did not blame the Jefferson County sheriff's office for missing warning signs about Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, and said he found no evidence of negligence.

But the attorney general said his investigation is not complete and has grown since he was asked to look into contacts between the killers and investigators beginning in 1997, two years before the attack.

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STATE

JUDGE THROWS OUT DEATH
SENTENCE

A Superior Court judge set aside the death sentence of a man convicted of killing a retired schoolteacher in Durham eight years ago, citing new evidence and the poor performance of trial lawyers.

Judge Ron Stephens, who presided over the original trial, concluded Wednesday that Donald John Scanlon should be resentenced for the apparent asphyxiation of Claudine Wilson Harris, 64, in her Durham home.

The only possible penalties for first-degree murder would put Scanlon back on death row or in prison for life without parole.

Scanlon's appeals lawyers, Kevin Bradley and Tom Loflin, said they would ask the state Supreme Court to go further and order a new trial.

-Wire reports

TEEN SMOKING PREVENTION
FUNDING INCREASED

North Carolina will raise spending on teenage smoking prevention by 75 percent starting next year, officials said Thursday, an increase that earned praise from health groups but is still well below federal recommendations.

The Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission intends to spend another \$4.2 million this year on the state's Youth Tobacco Prevention Initiative, increasing its total annual pledge to \$10.9 million.

The commission's decision to expand its current three-year, \$18.6 million effort, was made earlier this week.

-Wire reports

FACES IN THE PACK

Circle K president logs
hours in class, service

Kristen Healey

Staff Reporter

Over the past four years, Elizabeth Allgood has dedicated many early mornings and late nights to something besides her studies: community service.

"What makes me unique from a lot of other college students is the fact that I am willing to wake up at 8 a.m. on a Saturday morning and volunteer," Allgood said.

She, along with 50 other members, belongs to N.C. State's Circle K, a service club that focuses on helping the community. Allgood has been a member of the organization since the fall of 2001 and two years later she took over as president, a position she is still serving.

"Being president has taught me many things about leadership. I need to make sure everything runs smoothly for everyone. A great challenge is making sure everyone is an active member," Allgood said. "When I came into office, the club needed to be rebuilt, which took a lot of dedication and hard work, but our club is much stronger now."

Allgood just received recognition in January for volunteering over 100 hours since last April. She is also one of the most active members in the club with 250 hours during her first term in Circle K.

These service projects range from taking trips to the Carnivore Preservation Trust Foundation, the animal hos-



Elizabeth Allgood is the president of the N.C. State chapter of Circle K International, a college service club sponsored by the Kiwanians.

pital, the food bank and many other service activities around the area.

Besides her busy extracurricular schedule, she is a double major in biological sciences and business management, which she recently graduated with in December.

Now she is working on her degree in textile and apparel management from the College of Textiles where she will graduate summa cum laude in May. She also completed a minor in economics in her time at NCSU. During many of her college summers, Allgood has had internships so she could experience some different aspects

of her field.

Last summer, she worked in the Hudson Belk in Triangle Town Center where she assisted a manager with different tasks. A year earlier, she worked as a lab technician at Syngenta.

"Each of these have good merits as well as being good learning experiences," Allgood said.

One of her most recent accomplishments is her acceptance into the MBA program at NCSU.

She will be working toward a degree in marketing beginning in the fall. She also received an assistantship, which covers tuition, health insurance and a stipend.

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that particular organization, but the commission officers will also check to make sure all students have no instances of academic probation, past or present suspensions, academic integrity probation or disciplinary probation. For senate seats, the officers will also have to ensure that the student is enrolled in the college he or she will be

representing on the board and is the correct year. All non-seniors running for senate seats must apply to run for seats in the class above them.

Tatum encourages all students to give Student Government a chance.

"If you think it's something you want to do then put yourself out there and run," Tatum said. "You can represent the student body better than an empty seat can."

She also hopes that a few

new names will appear on the ballots.

"You always hope for a certain percentage of people who haven't been in Student Government before," Tatum said. "I hope all students will consider running."

The commission also hopes it will see a surge of forms before the Monday deadline. Tatum knows that some candidates wait to the last minute as part of their strategy.

"We've seen less people than

I was hoping, but I think we're going to get a lot of last minute fillings," Tatum said.

Tatum does not know what kind of campaigning will be going on in the coming weeks, but she said she hopes that all candidates in contested elections will try to get their name out there.

"I was especially encouraged by the campaigning in the fall by the senators," Tatum said.

"It's good to see the sandwich boards and fliers around cam-

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Easley, stating a commitment to make "every effort" to seek support from the legislature to fund higher education.

Despite all the different proposals and possibilities, Devore is secure about the results of the governor's commitments.

"I just don't think that the universities are going to be getting any of these 1 to 3 percent budget cuts because of the commitment that the governor has placed on higher education," Devore said. "I'm confident in his ability to work with the General Assembly to make sure that happens in the final budget."

The true state of NCSU's budget hinges on the economy,

which has not altered greatly in the past year.

"The economist [of the state legislature] has written a letter making some predictions about the economic situation for the state next year," Worsley said.

"What he has pointed out was that while the revenue picture is on target, there are a lot of unknowns the state will have to face next year."

With the many factors involved with the current UNC System budget, some said they agree that despite the possible upturn in the economy, decisions concerning the state's financial plans will not be simple.

"It's not going to be an easy budget year, but at the same time, it's not as bad as it has been in the past," Devore said.

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Senators were not in complete agreement about whether to pass the bill.

Senator Tracy Hutcherson, a senior in microbiology, agreed with the purpose of the bill, stating that "student leaders should also be academic leaders."

Senator Will Langley, a freshman in political science, however, did not share the same

sentiments.

"Second chances should be given, people do a lot of growing up between their freshman year and wherever they may be now. I think that we need to get more than the elite in student government," Langley said.

Proponents of the bill voiced that many campus-wide leadership positions, like resident advisors involve GPA requirements and that student government officials should also be held to the same prerequisites.

However, in rebuttal many against GB 59 said that university administrators are the ones checking the academic records of students and not fellow students.

Seth Lester, the student body treasurer and a lifelong education student, urged the senate not to make any hasty decisions about the bill as it could result in problems later down the road.

After much debate GB59, failed 17-10.

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sledding," John Thomas, a senior in arts applications, said. "I also wish the snow would become less like sleet, because sledding isn't really fun if the snow isn't all thick. It's just kinda thin and slushy now."

Joe Flowers, a junior in zoology, eagerly anticipated a trip to the hospital.

"I hope class gets cancelled tomorrow because I want to fracture my pelvis being dragged behind a jeep on a sled," Flowers said.

Other students said they would like more certainty from weather forecasts.

"I wish the weather forecasters could be a little more accurate about their predictions," Addi Wei, a senior in computer science, said. "We go to bed at night with the hopes that we will wake up to a wintry wonderland, but instead wake up hearing birds chirping and lawnmowers running."

LIBRARY

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time and unique library resource to meet the libraries' needs.

The Web site helps other libraries and scholars by documenting which meetings' transcripts the Government Printing Office printed.

Jack McGeachy in the library's Research and Information division along with Shirley Rodgers and Sandra Logeson in the library's systems department created the Web site.

McGeachy explained that the idea of cataloging text from the U.S. Congress began in 1988. During that time, the libraries began compiling Senate transcripts.

In 1990, the U.S. Senate Library sent the university's libraries the title pages of Senate hearings.

In February 1993, the libraries put Senate bibliographies on ftp (file transfer protocol) files, allowing libraries to put files on a server.

Added to the libraries' server in March 1997 were the Senate bibliographies.

In July 2000, the Web site was renamed "U.S. Congressional Bibliographies" and during the same year, House Hearings from the "Daily Digest" began to appear on the Web site.

Since December 2003, the Web site gives detailed lists of Senate committee publications and a searchable meetings index covering both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The Congressional Bibliographies database searches indexes from 1985 to the present and provides text for some of the meetings.

McGeachy said an interesting feature within the Web site was the Statistical Reports of Printed Hearings on the U.S. Senate Bibliographies because this feature allows the library to keep statistical data on Senate committee hearings.

The libraries use this page to find out what documents it has on file.

McGeachy said that other Web sites, such as LexisNexis and the Library of Congress, have limited search capabilities as far as listing indexes of committee meetings of the Senate and House of Representatives.

"[NCSU's] index accesses information in a precise fashion than anything else available," McGeachy said.

McGeachy said the Web site has not received much feedback, but the responses that it has received have come from a diverse group of individuals including librarians, professionals and high school students.

"I think [the Web site] will increase the reputation of NCSU Libraries," David Daly, a senior in communications, said.

The ALA conference will present the research award to Jack McGeachy at the RUSA Awards show on June 28 in Orlando, Fla.

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'Nuff said.

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The intolerance of tolerance

Are universities standing up as pillars of academic freedom and tolerance? Brian Onorio examines a situation that unfolded at UNC.

What exactly is tolerance? What I've known the word to mean in an academic setting is a mutual respect for all ideas and all people, even if you disagree with them. The First Amendment guarantees the freedom of speech and it is the responsibility of everyone to respect this right.

A recent incident down the street at the University of North Carolina seems to be another terrible demonstration of the intolerance of tolerance. In a "Literature and Cultural Diversity" course, a student found himself singled out by the instructor for hate speech, after the student said he opposed homosexuality. Elyse Crystall wrote in an e-mail to the class that the student was a perfect example of white privilege. She claimed that the student used "hate speech" and it created a hostile environment in the classroom.

But Crystall didn't stop there. She referred to the student as "a white, heterosexual, [C]hristian male" who "can feel entitled to make violent, heterosexual comments and not feel marked or threatened or vulnerable." For a "Literature and Cultural Diversity" course, it seems that only homosexuality constitutes "diversity." Crystall later e-mailed the class again and apologized for her statements saying "I regret that my e-mail to you last week crossed a line and inhibited free discussion, and I am sorry if anyone was offended by my e-mail; my intention was to promote respectful conversation among us, not to censor anyone. We should not make specific examples of anyone, and I should not have named anyone."

This is a perfect example of someone exercising intolerance while preaching tolerance; the infamous wolf in sheep's clothing. Doesn't tolerance mean that, especially in an academic atmosphere, we should respect ideas that may be different from our own? The student here voiced that he opposed homosexuality and he is entitled to that argument. For a lecturer to single the student out is completely unacceptable. Imagine if the scenario were opposite.

U.S. Representative Walter B. Jones has requested the state attorney general to look into the matter and see if Crystall broke any laws. In a written statement to UNC Chancellor James Moeser, Rep. Jones wrote "Had Ms. Crystall substituted the word 'black' for 'white,' 'homosexual' for 'heterosexual' or 'Muslim' for 'Christian,' she would have been sus-

pending or fired immediately. Instead, the student in question was forced to go to an online message board to defend himself to his classmates, his academic future left in the hands of the likes of Ms. Crystall."

This intolerance is robbing university students of their opinions. Crystall practiced a form of censorship where she exhibited extremely combative behavior in attacking ideas that are not her own.

Representative Jones was exactly correct. Had her statements been the opposite, there is no doubt in my mind what the fallout would have been. But this is something that conservatives are used to. If you're a conservative, white, heterosexual male, you are exactly what diversity is not. You're immediately a villain because you don't fit the mold of what people perceive diversity to be. Isn't there supposed to be a diversity of thought on a college campus setting? Shouldn't there be a plethora of ideas that are voiced to let students

make up their own minds? In the name of tolerance, Crystall destroyed her own cause; because of her intolerance, she created an authoritarian setting where no ideas would flourish if they didn't coincide with her own. This is exactly the opposite of what her course was supposed to teach. Good job, Ms. Crystall.

This problem is not isolated. We have this type of censorship, this type of brainwashing, in universities across the nation. There is a general animosity towards anything conservative on college campuses. The irony here is that the ideas and philosophy held by those like Crystall are coming into the classroom under the guise of diversity and tolerance. The problem here is that the world diversity is such a loaded term.

There is so much emotion that goes along with it. But the emotion behind diversity is what is ruining its true concept. Diversity is supposed to encompass a wide array of ideas and different ways of thinking. It's important to take note that, even though a majority exists, it does not mean wiping the majority clean from the slate to ensure diversity. The majority, as well as the minority, should be taught equally to portray the differences and learn from them.

Diversity can be a great learning tool; unfortunately, it is a tool that is currently used to promote agendas and this is unfortunate to students across America. It's literally robbing them of a well balanced education. Controversial topics, such as sexuality, should be taught with both sides open for debate. To censor at all is doing a serious injustice to students.

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The death of pro-life

Jason Eder takes a look at the implications involving the recent decision to re-open the Roe v. Wade case.

The courtroom is in a resounding silence. The stiff chair creaks with resistance as the judge takes his seat.

The tension is thick and every ear anxiously awaits the verdict that will later be the reason for marches, movements and malice. The defendant, the Dallas County District Attorney, rises in unison with the plaintiff, Mrs. Jane Roe.

You may now know her as Norma McCorvey. In that courtroom in 1973, she fought the state of Texas to give women the right to opt for abortion, and she won. She based her lawsuit on the belief that a woman's right to choose is her privacy, and the state is not constitutionally able to interfere with that, as long as the procedure is not life threatening to the mother. Thirty years later, she's yet again in the courtroom, now attempting to reverse it.

For the last 10 years, Ms. McCorvey, who has never had an abortion, has been actively lobbying at the forefront of the pro-life movement. She claims now that there is 30 years of evidence that abortions are psychologically damaging to women. After one rejection, she has appealed to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. On March 2, they will hear her case.

After joining the pro-life movement, Ms. McCorvey became actively involved in the church. In 1998, the Catholic Church accepted her, which made front-page second stories across the nation. It's hard to argue with God, right?

This sudden change toward spiritual fulfillment came 20 years after the abortion decision. When clinic bomb-

ings and abortion movements became the hot topic of the '90s, a figurehead for the pro-life movement professing to have found Jesus Christ was only timely. The pro-life movement had peace on its side and the pro-choice movement was accused of harboring Eric Rudolph. Yet again, religion is a tool.

And that brings us to the present. The political advances of the pro-life movement for the last 15 years have finally allowed them to play legal chess, and check the pro-choice. Supporters of the pro-life movement tend to be more outspoken, conservative, have more drive and make these battles their lives anyway. So the pro-choice movement is forced to create resistance with their back already at the wall and cry louder just to keep the freedom of option.

The truth is that people who have been involved in or associated with any abortion are more susceptible to seeing both sides of the story than someone who hasn't.

It's very easy to take a stance on an argument when that's all you know. People who believe so firmly and stubbornly in sensitive arguments have no hope of reconciliation or compromise.

So the only way to understand a pro-choice argument is to be intimately involved with the choice. Someone can rattle off statistics of young mothers, birth control and sick embryos, but there's no way to understand the emotional weight of the decision unless you're in on it. People who make that choice carefully weigh out a variety of things. Can the baby be raised healthily? Can the parents provide for it? Is the mother physically able to bear a child? Does the pregnancy threaten the mother's health? Would the parents' situation force the death of the baby over time? If the parents can decide on every other as-

pect of protecting their child's life, can they not decide on this one too?

Conversely, it's very easy to look at statistics and say that a certain age or ethnicity is having an overwhelming amount of abortions and this is tainting society, thus, it needs to change. It's easy to find biblical support for abortions, though I can't think of a passage in the Bible that directly involves abortion (maybe that's the beauty of it). It's easy to think of life as a blessing and a miracle, and death as not. But it's very hard to put on the shoes of the expecting woman that walks into an abortion clinic.

I cannot help but point out that the pro-choice stance is conscientious of both the child and the mother, and the pro-life stance only focuses on the child.

I must admit that I don't know what information Ms. McCorvey has showing the harmful psychological effects of abortions.

Nonetheless, I hope she presents the reasons for postpartum depression too though, because those two seem to go hand in hand. I've seen enough people close to me go through both to know they are related. But if someone doesn't have the mentality to go through either, then they shouldn't be putting themselves at the risk of experiencing them. And that is where the truth lies.

If you say you're pro-life, I want you to think of something. Could you look at your wife or daughter or sister in the eye and say, "I'm sorry, but I will not allow you to keep your own life so the child can be born?" If you can, you are truly pro-life. And if you ever question yourself or a particular argument, I want you to do one thing first. Name one child that asked to be born.

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The Passion of the Christ

STARRING: Jim Caviezel, Monica Bellucci
DIRECTED BY: Mel Gibson
PLAYING AT: Crossroads, Brier Creek, Grande, Carmike, Six Forks

★★★

The range of responses that people have to Mel Gibson's uber-controversial "The Passion of the Christ" will depend on the reaction they have to the violence.

Since the film attempts to capture an accurate rendition of the beating and crucifixion many will probably find this film too disturbing. Others, especially those who already have knowledge of the grisly demise Jesus met, may find the violence less disturbing, even tasteful.

If Gibson hadn't paced the violence with flashbacks, it probably would have been too much to handle. But the entire experience of this "Passion" isn't one would call "moving" or "touching."

Instead, it comes across as a top-notch version of a story that's too familiar. The film's technical merits aren't to be reckoned with; from the incredible make-up artists who turn Jim Caviezel's back into ground beef, Caleb Deshanel's eerie photography and the great performances the cast gives, this had to be one of the hardest and daring project that any of those involved have ever worked on. The charge of anti-Semitism

has been the center of controversy since the summer. While the Catholic Church absolved the Jewish race of deicide, or killing a god, it is not far from conscious thought when people watch this film. One could argue this film is anti-Semitic because of the clearly dominant role Caiaphas, the high priest, and the other members of the Sanhedrin, play when they arrest Jesus. But after that, the focus is moved to Jesus and the pain he goes through on his way to Golgotha.

Instead of blaming one group or another for the death of Jesus, Gibson focuses on the extreme pain and brutality Jesus endured.

Still, my recommendation of "The Passion of the Christ" does come with reservations and not because of the film's violence, so much, as the familiarity of everything. Aside from the graphic violence, this is a standard version of the story. It's better than other versions, possibly the best, but it's still just another telling of the story of Christ. It's arguable that this film might work better with those who haven't been debating the subject for a decade.

As always, I could be wrong. And whether or not it's as "moving" as some might hope, it stands as a brave film that never takes the easy way out.

- Joel Isaac Frady & Ben McNeely

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Some critics believe "Passion" presents Jewish officials as solely to blame for the atrocities associated with Christ's crucifixion.

Christ on the silver screen

Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" is tackling a familiar subject matter seen on screen.

Andrew Nicholas
Staff Writer

Since the dawn of the cinema, the historic epic has remained a successful genre in many international cinemas. Hollywood included. Actor and director Mel Gibson is no stranger to this genre, with a healthy amount of contemporary historical blockbusters to his name, but his daring new film has raised many questions.

The heated controversy surrounding "The Passion of the Christ" largely includes the appropriateness of Gibson's treatment of a Biblically derived narrative concerning the sensitivity of the topic in Hollywood. Is Biblical storytelling acceptable in a public cinematic medium? Historically, the answer has been yes, but with a caveat - the films were limited to relative conservatism.

In March 1957, Cecil D. DeMille's "The Ten Commandments" (1956) was up for seven Oscars, including best picture, only to win one (special effects). The film stars Charlton Heston as Moses, freeing slaves in Egypt. Based on the Old Testament (book of Exodus) and for remaining safe, as with the majority of studio productions in the 1950s, the film's release did not meet any controversy. Its grandiose scale paid off, as it remains one of the



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Despite its lighthearted nature, "Dogma" stirred controversy in the Christian community.

top grossing films of all time. 32 years after "The Ten Commandments," contemporary auteur Martin Scorsese released a risqué film based on the life of Jesus Christ, as presented in a Nikos Kazantzakis novel. "The Last Temptation of Christ" presents a confused Christ who is tempted to avoid crucifixion. The limited-budget film met tremendous condemnation and boycotts, including the refusal of Blockbuster video to carry the film. Sounding very similar to Mel Gibson's recent comments, Scorsese also claimed to have waited a decade until the time presented itself for the production.

In 1999, director Kevin Smith

ran into some problems trying to release his comedic-religious hybrid, "Dogma." The all-star cast film was in limbo in terms of distribution for a period of time because of its over-the-top absurdity with regard to Christianity. Centered around an odd assortment, a distant relative of Jesus Christ, the reincarnated "13th apostle," and two pothead prophets, the plot is a mission to prevent a catastrophic loophole allowing fallen angels re-entry into heaven. Although some protested "Dogma," the controversy was most likely limited because of its witty ludicrousness.

There are elements of the behind-the-scenes tension

with regard to Hollywood and contemporary reenactments of New Testament-based stories that remain largely unspoken. Significant amounts of powerful members of the Hollywood system have strong ties to Judaism. This situation potentially reduces financial backing, support and acclaim for a high-profile film like "Passion."

Some critics believe Gibson's film presents Jewish officials as solely to blame for the atrocities in association with the crucifixion. Some religious leaders feel the film's release may potentially trigger anti-Semitism.

On the flip side, the tremendous press generated from the controversy serves as an excellent marketing ploy. In a country where more citizens align themselves with some form of Christianity than other religions it is a relatively unexploited market to capitalize upon. In Plano, Texas, a church bought out a 20-screen theater to insure that its 6,000 deep group would witness the premiere. Also, several Baptist churches have purchased advertisements to run before all screenings of the film at certain theaters.

While many big-budget religious-based epics fair well financially, it can be a major risk on the part of the director and distribution companies.

My Architect

STARRING: Louis Kahn, Nathaniel Kahn
DIRECTED BY: Nathaniel Kahn
PLAYING AT: Madstone, Chelsea

★★★★

I expected the worst when immediately confronted with a somewhat weak-sounding, denotative voiceover. Contrasting the style of Errol Morris' acclaimed documentaries, "My Architect" director Nathaniel Kahn maintains a continual on-screen presence. This visible, hands-on documentary making is analogous to Michael Moore's determination in "Bowling for Columbine." Kahn's use of a more "subjective" approach, though all documentaries inherently contain subjectivity, is appropriate, given his direct emotional investment with the film's topic: the mystery surrounding his father's life and death.

With my somewhat limited knowledge of architecture, I was not as familiar with Louis Kahn, compared to the other names that the film mentions: Mies Van Der Rohe, Frank Lloyd Wright and Le Corbusier. The film covers all bases when it goes on to interview other big

names that are still alive: Frank Gehry, I.M. Pei and others.

Amazingly, Kahn is able to convey his father's architectural ideologies without bogging down the film's narrative with theoretical terminology. Instead, Kahn supplements his investigational method of storytelling with poetic pilgrimages flavored with tangential anecdotes. You don't have to like Louis Kahn's overtly monumental, institutional approach to the use of brick and concrete to appreciate the film's beautiful treatment of the buildings.

As with the pseudo-documentary, "Citizen Kane," "My Architect" is a film about discovering the secret personal life of a man only known by his public achievements, largely through the process of interviewing. Unlike the Hollywood gloss of "Kane," Kahn's initially tame cinematography slowly matures as the film progresses.

"My Architect" is a must-see for anyone interested in any aspect of design. From the Salk Institute in California to the Bangladesh Capital Complex, Kahn left his mark, for better or worse.

- Andrew Nicholas

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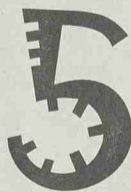
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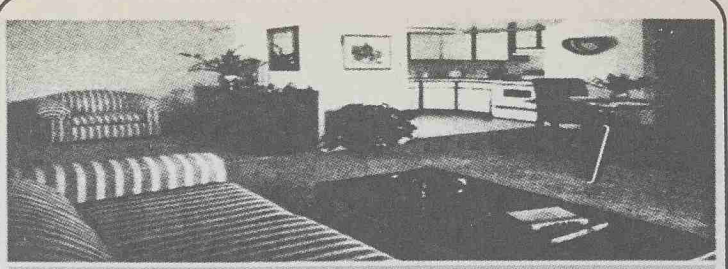
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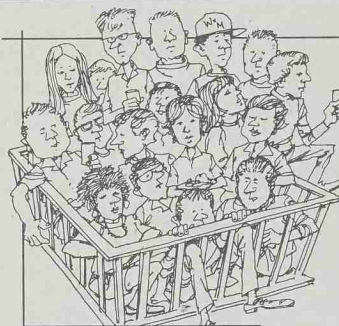
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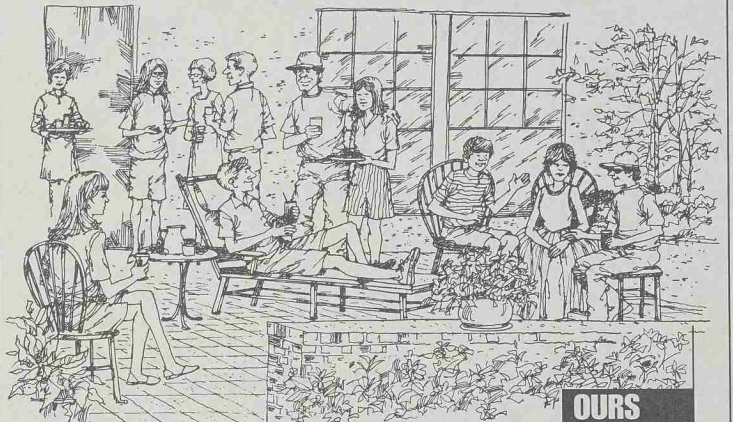


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 Men's tennis at Indiana, 2/28
 Women's tennis at Old Dominion, 2/27

Scores

Georgia Tech 76, W. basketball 61



TECHNICIAN

Charlie Hustle

FRESHMAN MIKE O'DONNELL CONTINUES TO INSPIRE THE TEAM WITH HIS HUSTLING PLAY NO MATTER HOW MUCH HIS MINUTES DWINDLE.



TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN
 Mark Stevenson has been the State gymnastics coach for 23 years.

Calming presence

Ryan Reynolds
 Staff writer

As senior Molly Pennington ran full speed towards the vault during a recent practice, one of the most frightening things that can happen to a gymnast occurred.

She tripped just before mounting the apparatus, slamming hard into the blue pad that protected her shoulder from hitting the metal base of the apparatus. As she slowly arose, teammates who witnessed the fall stood motionless.

But N.C. State coach Mark Stevenson was also in full speed on this ordinary Tuesday, quickly helping Pennington up after the scary scene - the same way he was in full speed 23 years ago when he built the Wolfpack gymnastics team from the ground up.

"Coaching longevity and continuity is important in recruiting and building a solid program," senior associate athletics director David Horning said. "He's got a really strong foundation when you look at his career and his accomplishments."

After graduating from Iowa in 1978 as the team captain of the men's gymnastics team and coaching club teams throughout his high school and college career, Stevenson had a brief stint as the assistant coach for the Massachusetts gymnastics team.

Then, he came to N.C. State in 1979 to finish graduate school and began as assistant coach for the men's team. Stevenson was then offered the head-coaching job of the women's team when the program began in 1981.

The Wolfpack has participated in the postseason 20 times in 23 years under Stevenson. He was the NCAA Regional Coach of the Year in 1993, 1994 and 2000, success that has come without always trying to recruit the best high school athletes.

"We want to recruit the best student-athlete that we can find," he said. "If we can find a kid that's a 3.9 GPA and she might be one notch below a gymnast that's a 1.9 GPA, then we're going to take the 3.9 GPA every day of the week. I'm not going to have to chase this kid around to go to school. She's going to attend her classes. She's going to show up on the honor roll. That's the kind of kid we want on our team."

Last season, 11 Wolfpack gymnasts made the EAGL all-academic team.

"You can recruit a good gymnast and make them better, but you can't recruit a non-intelligent individual and make them intelligent," Stevenson said.

Despite increasing success early in Stevenson's coaching tenure, the Wolfpack didn't even have a conference in which to participate.

All that changed in 1996 with the help of West Virginia coach Linda Burdette and Rutgers coach Chrystal Chollet-Norton.

"We were sitting there complaining about missing our old conference [the Atlantic 10], and Mark came in and said they didn't even belong to any conference," Burdette said. "We started talking and thought we should try to form our own league."

The three coaches let their ideas known to the gymnastics coaches

STEVENSON see page 7

Matt Middleton
 Sports Editor

It's midway through another N.C. State home win at the RBC Center. Play is halted and in sprints the shortest player on the team, brown hair flopping, a sharp contrast to his pale skin. Before long, this perpetual ball of energy is on the floor, diving, clawing and scrapping for any loose ball anywhere on the court. To hell with floor burns, bruised backsides and skinned knees, Mike O'Donnell might as well pitch a tent on the arena floor and live right there.

"We feed off of him. Anytime you see a guy like Mike that's not playing that much holding his head up and bringing it a lot of energy - we really feed off of that and carry it over," senior teammate Scooter Sherrill said.

It's 7:30 in the morning and the first snow of the year has covered the Piedmont region of North Carolina. On top of that, a thin sheet of ice has formed, causing transportation by any means to be quite an adventure.

Mike O'Donnell is experiencing the wintry weather phenomenon in person for the first time.

"I was so happy; I didn't check the weather, and I walked outside and it was completely white," he remembers.

He runs back inside his apartment and tells roommate Engin Atsur what he sees. Atsur acknowledges O'Donnell's discovery with little interest, rolls over and goes back to sleep. O'Donnell, though, is not going to stay inside on a day like this.

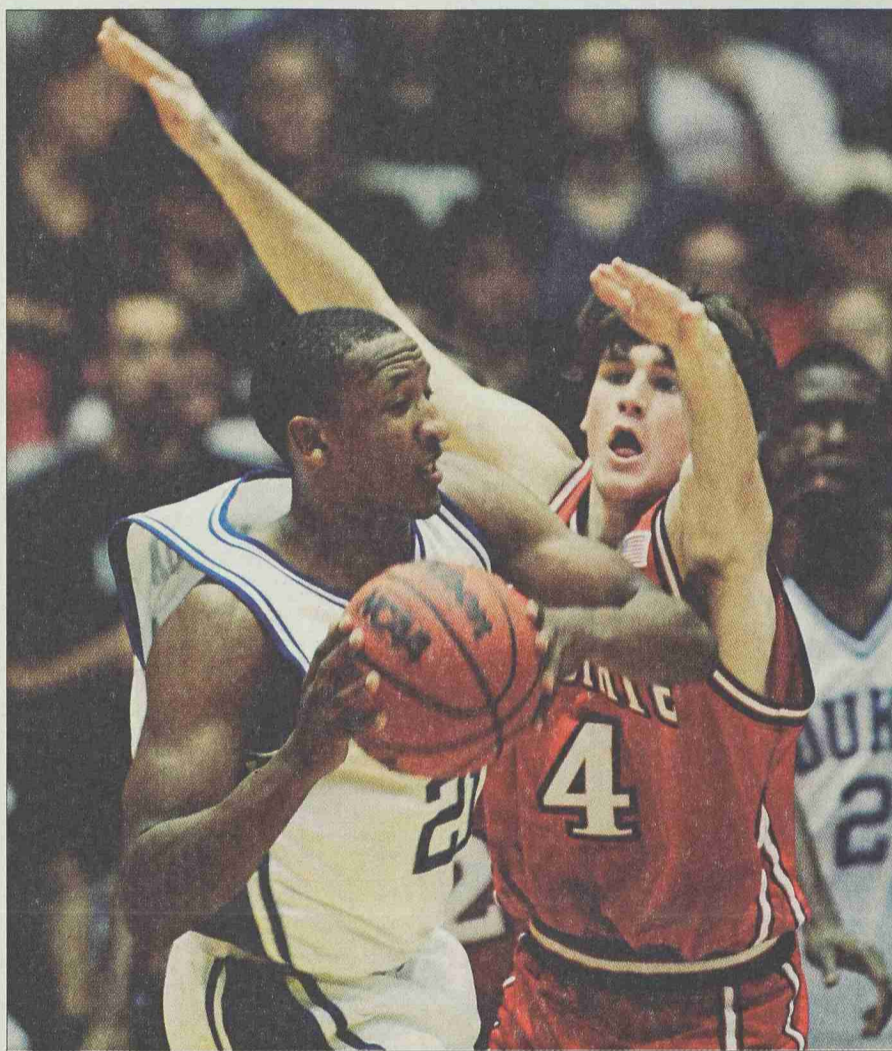
Sto what does he do?
 "I took one step and went down hard - I mean *hard*," he said. "I got up, made sure nobody saw me and slid the rest of the way to get to my car."

"I hope nobody saw it, because when I hit the ground [on the basketball court] it's usually on purpose."

It certainly seems O'Donnell is spending an ample amount of time on his derring-do on or off the basketball court. Instances like these astutely define what his role on N.C. State's basketball team is.

"Coach [Herb] Sendek talks to me all the time about bringing energy into the court," O'Donnell said, his Elijah Wood facial features tightening. "I just try to be solid on offense, keeping a low turnover-high assist profile and try to be as scrappy as I can on the defensive end."

It's a mentality that's become as uniform to the Florida freshman as his scruffy brown hair he's kept long for



Rambunctious freshman guard Mike O'Donnell (4) disrupts the vision of Chris Duhon during a January Duke win.

TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN

virtually his whole life - no matter how much his playing time fluctuates.

O'Donnell started seven of the first eight games of the year at the point guard position before his playing time took a dramatic dip once the new year

rolled around.

No matter, he would trade it all in the name of team success.

"A lot of people ask me 'How do you feel that you're not starting?' To be honest, if I don't play at all the rest of the

season and we get to the Final Four, I really don't care," O'Donnell said.

Instead, O'Donnell uses the five and a half minutes a game he's averaged in

O'DONNELL see page 7

Pack focused on big picture

Andrew B. Carter
 Deputy Sports Editor

Julius Hodge sat in the depths of the Smith Center a month ago, sullen and sulking over a loss too disappointing for words.

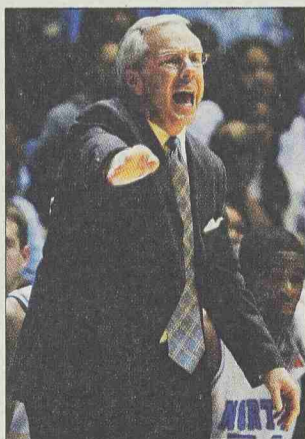
His team had just lost a tough one at North Carolina, a 68-66 defeat that had Hodge quiet. When he did speak, the preseason first-team All-ACC selection blamed himself for N.C. State's misfortune in Chapel Hill.

He mumbled about his turnovers, his lackadaisical play; said he couldn't figure out why he struggled that night.

Whatever it was, Hodge fixed it. The Harlem native hasn't really been that upset since, and with good reason. The 14th-ranked Pack (18-6, 10-3 ACC) has won seven of the eight games it has played since turning the ball over 20 times in the loss at UNC.

It's a streak that has the Wolfpack sitting pretty and talking big - as in title talk. With three conference games left to play, including Sunday's much-anticipated rematch with Carolina (16-8, 6-7) at the RBC Center, the Pack has a shot at its first regular-season ACC championship since 1989, when it went 10-4.

"We're not really thinking about that now, but in the long run, why not?" asked sophomore Ilian Evtimov after the Pack whipped Georgia Tech Wednesday night



TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN
 Roy Williams' team is 6-7 in the ACC.

in Atlanta.

If not for last week's stumble at Clemson, the Pack would be tied with Duke for first place in the league standings, as the Blue Devils lost in back-to-back games to State and Wake Forest. State, which hasn't enjoyed an ACC record as good as 10-3 since going unbeaten in its national-championship

MBBALL see page 7

The ball is in our court

UNC

N.C. STATE

OFFENSIVELY
 The Tar Heels led the ACC in scoring (85.5 points a game) entering this week before laying an egg Tuesday at lowly Virginia. Behind point guard Raymond Felton, UNC is still obviously going to try and dictate the pace, a move State tried to counter last month by giving up crashing the boards in favor of sending almost everyone back to thwart transition points.
Advantage: North Carolina

DEFENSIVELY
 Let's be succinct here. UNC has approximately one player, Jackie Manuel, that prides himself on playing defense. Felton does show flashes of being a defensive stopper, but one or two guys are not going to offset State's defense, which was overwhelming during key stretches of its win over Georgia Tech Wednesday.
Advantage: N.C. State

COACHING
 Roy Williams has won over 80 percent of his games, but one has to wonder what is going on this season with a roster full of NBA talent achieving below a .500 league record. Should the Heels drop Sunday's affair, they could be relegated back to postseason bubble status, watching Herb Sendek and State challenge for the league title all the while.
Advantage: Even

INTANGIBLES
 School administrators had to turn down 800 students from camping out for tickets to Sunday's game. The 1,000 that remain along with the rest of the students should fill the RBC Center to capacity for just the second time this year. Undeclared at home, State should use the game to reinvigorate everything that used to make this rivalry swell.
Advantage: N.C. State

PREDICTION:
 N.C. State 74, North Carolina 68

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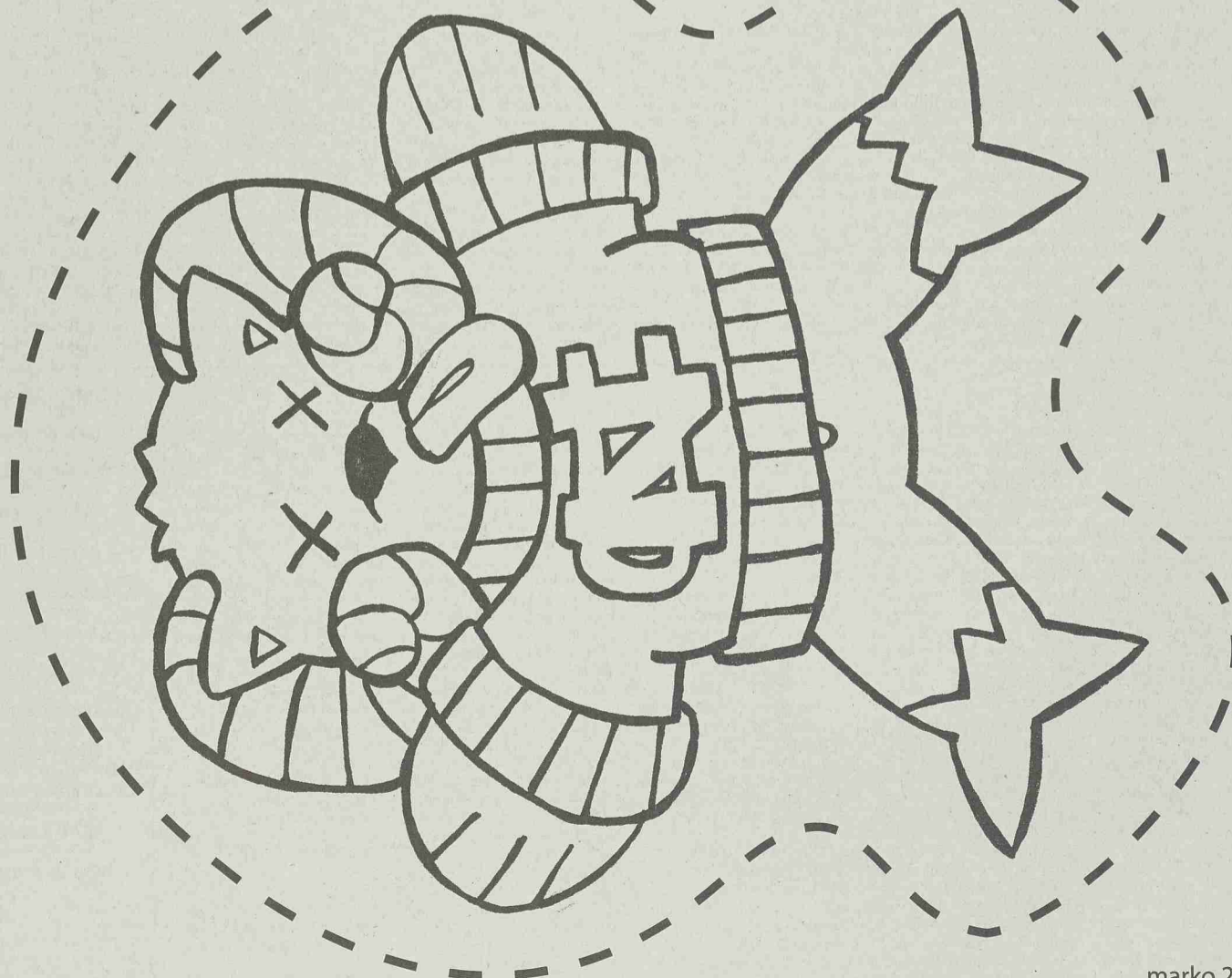
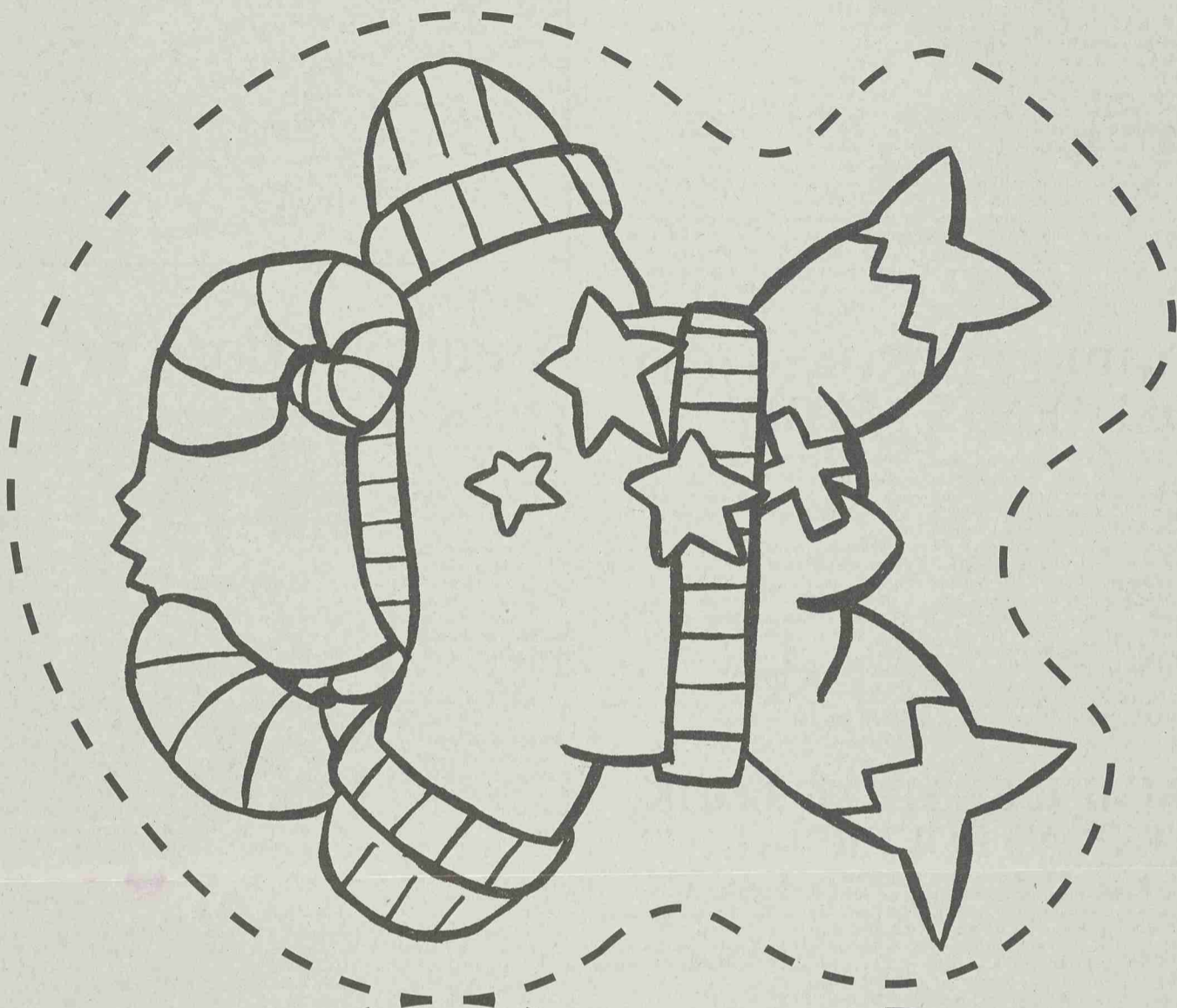


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MAKE YOUR OWN RAMSES VOODOO DOLL

- 1** Cutout voodoo doll and place face down
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- 3** Place wad of toilet paper in center and staple edges together.
- 4** Prod, poke and torture Ramses every time a Tar Hole shoots for the hoop.



BOARD EDITORIALS

THE OBVIOUS CHOICE

The presidential nomination race is down to two effective candidates now: John Kerry of Massachusetts and John Edwards of North Carolina. Both are hard-working and have strong platforms that have the best for the country in mind.

At this point though, it is coming down to a race between Mr. Likable Edwards and Mr. Electable Kerry.

We must ask if these two men are running so they can run the greatest country on earth or if they are running just to defeat President George W. Bush.

While Edwards and Kerry are good Democrats, the country needs a strong leader to go up against President Bush. It is not enough for them to just run in hopes of beating Bush. They must have a strong platform that addresses social ills, like poverty, unemployment, racism, sexism and homophobia. They must have a strong foreign policy that works to correct the damage done by Bush over the war in Iraq. They must possess a vision of an America where everyone works together for the greater good of man.

That man is Josef Stalin, presidential candidate for the New Socialist Party in America

Mr. Stalin is a man with an impressive background. He came to power after Vladimir Lenin died, and lead the glorious Russian communist empire to victory over the evil fascist Third Reich. He then escalated the Cold War against the imperialist United States and oversaw the development

of the communist atomic bomb.

But more than that, Stalin was a tough, but fair ruler.

One story really describes how Stalin interacted with his constituents. He was giving a speech to a mass crowd. Right in the middle of his speech, someone in the audience sneezed loudly, and interrupted Stalin in mid-sentence. He looked out into the crowd and asked, "Who sneezed?"

There was dead silence. So he ordered the front row of people outside and shot immediately.

He asked again, "Who sneezed?" Still no one came forward. So he ordered the second row outside to be shot.

He posed his question one more time, "Who sneezed?"

In the back, a man meekly stood up and said, in a quivering voice, "I did."

Stalin looked back, smiled and said, "Bless you comrade" and continued his speech.

This is the type of leader we need in America, tough, but fair.

Now, there are naysayers that say Stalin cannot run for president since he is not an American citizen, not to mention dead. We laugh at this notion, since our doctors at UNC Hospitals are cloning and growing a new Stalin in a test tube. He should be fully grown by November for the election.

As for the constitutional requirement that only allows natural-born citizens to run for president, two words: Gov. Schwarzenegger.

DOUBLEPLUSUNGOOD COMMENTS MADE

Recently a student made doubleplusungood comments in INGclass concerning members of UNCsoc known as homosex. The thoughtcriminal was participating in a classdiscuss about the threat of homosex to heterosex. The INGteach called attention to these comments in an email to the rest of the class, saying the thoughtcriminal was a "whiteheterosexChristmale who felt he could make doubleplusungood heterosex comments."

Immediately, the Thinkpol investigated the thoughtcrime and have yet to make any arrests. Since then, U.S. HouseRep Walter Jones, has asked NCAttGen Roy Cooper to look into the matter to see if any laws have been broken. UNC-Chan Mozer and ViceChan Allison Rosenberg will meet with HouseRep Jones in WashDC to discuss the matter.

This sort of oldthink is dangerous to UNCsoc and all of the People's Republic. This is a glorious society where goodthought is free, but freedom is ungood. All persons are equal, but equality is ungood.

Oldthinkers unbellyfeel UNCsoc. It is clear that this student is a crimethinker, incapable of goodthink. We commend said INGteach for bringing to attention such doubleplusungood thoughts and opinions to the Ministry of truth and hope UNC-Chan Mozer will not allow for such crimethoughts to continue.

Freedom is Slavery. Ignorance is Strength. This Thirty Second Hate is brought to you by The Daily Tar Hell, part of the Fiction Department of the Ministry of Truth.

Ol' Roy is watching you!

SUMMER READING BOOK NOT CONTROVERSIAL

Last year, students were in an uproar over the summer reading book, "Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America." The year before, it was "Understanding the Koran."

Both books sparked a controversy that gave the campus worldwide attention and brought the media in droves.

This year, we feel the book "Absolutely American: Four Years at West Point" is not controversial enough and will not bring the same media attention that the other books did.

It is a shame that the only reason we get any airtime is when we defeat an opponent in a basketball game or stage a protest to free some obscure and no-name country like Uzbekistan or Liechtenstein. No, it was nice when we were getting all the attention for making our freshmen read something harder than the required admissions read, "The Cat in the Hat Comes Back."

Now, the summer reading committee's selection pushes the university to the edge of media obscurity. This is unacceptable. Carolina must be front page news on the News and Observer and the Cary News every other day and on CNN at least once a week. Carolina deserves nothing less and expects nothing more.

That is why the summer reading committee should rethink their decision to require "Absolute Americans" and select a book that is easy to read, easy to understand and infinitely more

controversial.

- We recommend a few selections of our own:
- 1- The Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx
 - 2- Mein Kampf by Adolf "Smiles" Hitler
 - 3- The Bible by the Dead Apostles Society (New Edited Revised Politically Correct Sematic-friendly Version)
 - 4- The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. "Jelly Doughnut" Salinger
 - 5- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Samuel "Too Damn Deep" Clemens

All these books have been banned in libraries across the country and a few have even garnered the coveted "banned in Boston" title.

We want to have a new honor bestowed on great, controversial works of literature, "read in Chapel Hell." This will bring the prestige level of the university to new heights, possibly higher than raising the out-of-state cap up to 99 percent.

What is considered controversial is entirely subjective, of course, but why go and look for new books when the old classics aren't being read anymore?

We are sure that if the summer reading committee reconsiders their decision and chooses one of our recommended books above, we are sure the university will get the attention, and the press, it so richly deserves.

To make sure, we have Tom Brokaw on speed dial.

LETTERS

URINE-FREE AT UNC

When one thinks of the University of North Carolina the three most prominent images are of three things - preppie students, females and preppy female students. But we should never forget the one thing that defines our school. No, I'm not talking about vandalizing cars on Franklin Street after victories; I'm talking about the Old Well.

Many schools, including our beloved Blue Hellhole have new wells (what others like to call "water towers"), but there is something wonderfully nostalgic about the Old Well.

And if there's anything we love here it's nostalgia - remembering the olden days when our school was an ACC power and our national ranking was determined by our play and not our reputation.

Alas, our treasured Old Well has come under attack by our foes to the east. It seems that in recent years a favorite pastime of N.C. State students is

urinating in the Well. It is not the only place on campus to fall victim to such desecration - we all remember a few years ago when someone decided to drop the biggest load on mid-court of the Dean Dome since Serge Zwikker.

But the Old Well is the most frequently visited location by those wishing to "leave their mark" on our campus.

At long last, however, our salvation has come. No longer will our campus be one large port-a-potty for the Red Menace from Raleigh. After long, tedious hours of thought on how to end this anarchy, I grew tired and frustrated and gave up. But I talked to one of my friends and he had the perfect solution - a fence. That's right, my friends, a fence surrounding the Old Well.

It would, obviously, be a chain link fence so that we could still view our beloved landmark on our way to and from class and/or fraternity parties. The plan seems per-

fect to me. We put a fence around the Old Well so that no one can get to it, but make sure it's chain link so that we can still cherish our hallowed hole in the ground.

It's clear that it seems like a good idea to other UNC students.

So, fellow students, if the administration accepts my proposal we will no longer be plagued by yellow-tinted water in the Old Well that no one uses. Our school will never be made a mockery again by anyone except for our coaches and athletes.

Now, if we can just stop people from taking dumps on the Dean Dome floor...

- Isaac A. Lot

ACTIVIST HAS TO GET READY FOR SUMMER READING PROTEST

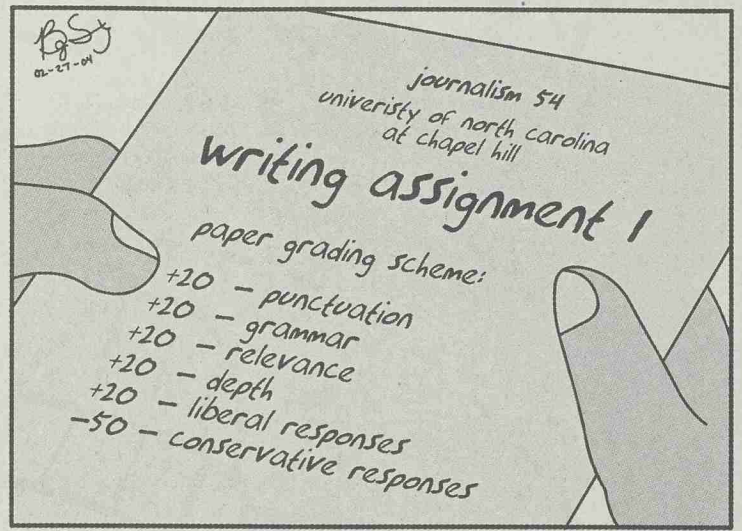
I am writing to express my ire at this year's summer reading selection committee. They are deadlocked on two books, "Enough: Staying Human in

ON THE DAY'S NEWS

"When we hungry — we eat"

JULIUS HODGE

EDITORIAL CARTOON



COMMENTARY

A natural born oddity

Howdy y'all! Joe Billy Bob here! The nice folks at The Daily Tar Hell gave me some space to write something to y'all, since I am now the only North Carolina native left at UNC-Chapel Hill.



JOE BILLY BOB
STAFF REDNECK

First, I want to give big YEE HAW to my buddies Jeb, Cooter Jim and Bubba for gradu-a-matin' in December after 10 years of hard studyin' and drinkin'. Good luck at openin' up that bait shop and strip bar!

Anyways, it is pretty nice being the only in-state student on campus. I git my own dorm suite in Granville Towers and they even gave me a place to build a pen for my pet pig, Bacon, and my best huntin' hound, Elvis.

I got my own parkin' space out front where I park my liked-up Dodge Ram, and they even let me park my John Deere in the parkin' garage out back.

I go to the dinin' hall where my grub is fixed up real nice and special by a good ole girl named Bertha. She's been cookin' for nearly 50 years now and damn if she don't make the best grits and sausage gravy fer breakfast. WOO WEE! I guar-on-tee!

Now you might ask why I am here at UNC-CH and not N.C. State. Well, you see, UNC wanted more out-of-state students so the N.C. Guv'mint said they could allow as many out of state students in as they wanted, but there had to be at least one in-state student.

So they picked me. The official letter said that I "was an excellent representative of the people of North Carolina," but I think it was because Jeb, Cooter Jim and Bubba threatened to run their tractor onto the field at a football game and

moon the alumni section.

So here I am!

There ain't much for a good ole boy like me to study here, so they set up a whole new department for me called Southern American Studies. A bunch of fellers come over from N.C. State and take classes with me.

We git to take classes on how to barbecue pork the proper way (that eastern-style mess sucks! Lexington all the way baby! WHOO!) I'm takin' a statistics class where we follow NASCAR and guess which driver will win the championship.

I'm pulling for Jr. That Jeff Gordon feller, he drives a rainbow-colored car, which just ain't right for a grown man to do! We even have our own building. We named it Intimidator Hall, after our hero, Dale Earnhardt. I know he's up in heaven givin' us the thumbs up.

Anyways, as part of my stay here I gotta earn my keep, so me and Elvis go squirrel huntin' around campus.

I git my .22 and me and Elvis git up in my deer stand in the trees near The Pit and shoot at squirrels.

Elvis'll go and git 'em for me and then we take 'em to the grub hall and Bertha cooks 'em up for me. Squirrel stew, mmmmmMMMM, nothing like it!

Now, as good as I have it here at Carolina, I must say I git a bit lonely at times. I drive around on my tractor, with my

shirt off and all the ladies stop and stare. Some of 'em come up to me and talk, but they's only interested in one thing, if you know what I mean.

Me, I'm lookin' for a good ole strong country girl that'll stick with me and cook my squirrels for me. I don't care if they work or what they do, as long as they love me for who I am and don't try and change me.

The girls around here, I must say, are some of the finest girls I have ever seen, but they's all skinny! I'm afraid when I try and kiss 'em, they'll break in my arms.

Like Rodney Carrington said, I like my women like I like my chicken; with a little bit of fat on the end!

The police are pretty good about me too, even when I git drunk and drove my John Deere up Franklin Street. They drove me home and only gave me a warnin'.

Saturday night on Franklin Street is sumthin' else. I git dressed in my best blue jeans and cowboy boots and me and Elvis go out with some of the boys from State. We got our own table at the Top of the Hill, right near the TV so we can watch the race.

After the race, we go over to Hector's and git into a drinkin' contest with them pansy frat boys. Me and my boys drink 'em under the table every time.

Anyways, I got it made here. Ain't nothing finer than to be in Caroliner, even if the name should be changed to University of New Jersey, Chapel Hell campus.

So if you see me 'round the grounds, throw up your hand and yell "HOW Y'ALL BUD-DY!" I'll oblige ya and yell back "HOW Y'ALL DOIN'!"

And please don't kick Elvis around, he's liable to bite.

The Daily Tar Hell

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We hope no one was harmed by this spoof edition of The Daily Tar Hell. Any resemblance to real names or places is entirely coincidental. Unlike our comrades down the road we like to have fun.

- Pax Willow Harmony
McGillicutty
Professional Protester

FOLLOW-UP LETTER

Thanks, committee for choosing "Absolute American!" Now my book-burning can go forward as planned!

- P.W.H. McGillicutty