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Edwards, Cheney debate

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News Editor

In the only debate between the two vice presidential candidates, each gave arguments as to why the top of their ticket should be president while also painting an image that they are fit to hold the nation's second most powerful office.

Sitting at separate desks, Vice President and Washington veteran Dick Cheney and Sen. John Edwards, the Democratic vice

presidential candidate gunning for the office, went head-to-head at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio Tuesday night.

Moderated by Gwen Ifill, a correspondent with PBS' "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer," the free-ranging, 90-minute forum's first question centered on the main issue of the presidential debate last week; the war in Iraq.

From the get go, Cheney, answering the first question, said



Vice President Dick Cheney and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards.



that he had no regrets about the administration's policy on Iraq.

"What we did in Iraq was exactly the right thing to do. If I had it to recommend all over again, I would recommend exactly the same course of action. The world is far safer today because Saddam Hussein is in jail, his government is no longer in power," he said.

Edwards, a 1974 NCSU graduate, quickly criticized the vice president, saying he was "still not being straight with the American people."

Continuing to stay on the

offensive, Edwards mirrored a stump speech he gave in Raleigh two weeks ago, calling "Iraq a mess," while adding that prominent Republicans including John McCain and Chuck Hagel also questioned the progress in that country.

Citing yesterday's report by the U.S.'s former top-ranking official in Iraq, Paul Bremer, Edwards said that "they didn't have enough troops to secure the

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Beginning this week, university transportation will be installing a set of custom "Wolfpack Crossing" signs near pedestrian crossings.

Transit outlays plans

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News Editor

The Transportation Department presented a number of plans that will be implemented over the near term, as well as requested input from the university community for further long-term plans at a forum Tuesday.

With a major construction project slated for the Pullen Road bridge next summer, transportation officials say they will be making adjustments in traffic flow and bus service to accommodate the closing of the road.

Pullen Road will be closed from Stinson Drive to Cates Avenue to facilitate the construction of additional tracks for the Triangle Transit Authority railroad. The university will piggyback an additional project on Pullen at the same time to conduct infrastructure changes while the road is closed.

Set to begin the day after the classes end for the spring semester, Pat Mitchell, the university's transportation manager, said that Pullen Road will be closed for summer sessions, but that construction has a firm deadline to end before classes begin next fall.

The department also displayed plans that detailed new bus routes, including ones that follow a reverse loop, meaning that riding buses on campus will no longer be a one-way affair.

Using shorter 22-foot buses, rather than the current 32- and 40-foot ones, the new vehicles can travel some of the tighter roads in campus, as well as make difficult left turns, Claire Kane, the department's mobility manager said.

As part of the department's Campus Path's initiative, the forum is designed to help plan the roadway, parking and pedestrian traffic aspects of the university's master plan, Slade McCalip, transportation assistant director of planning and operations, said.

Such ideas on the docket include a possible tunnel under Western Boulevard to allow easy passage between Centennial and Main Campus. With feasibility study estimates at \$8 million, the tunnel would be wide enough for use by a people-mover vehicles to carry students between the campuses.

"Anyone can do a plan with unlimited funds. But for it be implemented, we need to be realistic. These plans are something we can do over a number of years and chip away at," McCalip said.

CSLEPS offers alternative fall break

Ben Motal

Staff Reporter

Forty dollars might not stretch far for the average individual, but for some it means three days of hiking, working and sight-seeing in Asheville.

The Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service will embark on a service trip to the North Carolina mountains over fall break.

"Alternative Fall Break is a service-oriented trip that gives students an opportunity to make better use of their time off than partying or going to the beach," CSLEPS Community Service Coordinator Rebecca Cole said.

She will be leading the group of 13 students and three advisers to Asheville on Thursday to "spend a beautiful weekend in the mountains helping those in need."

The trip to Asheville will mark the fourth year of Alternative Fall Break, according to CSLEPS Director Mike Giancola.

AFB began as a fall break version of the Alternative Spring Break program, a similar service-based project that had been established three years earlier, Cole said.

AFB participants plan to arrive in Asheville on Thursday afternoon and settle into their lodging at a local church, Cole said.

On Friday, most of the group will spend the day volunteering

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A wolf in sheep's clothing

Chapel Hill native Dovonte Edwards went against the grain when he signed on to play football for the Wolfpack. See page 8.

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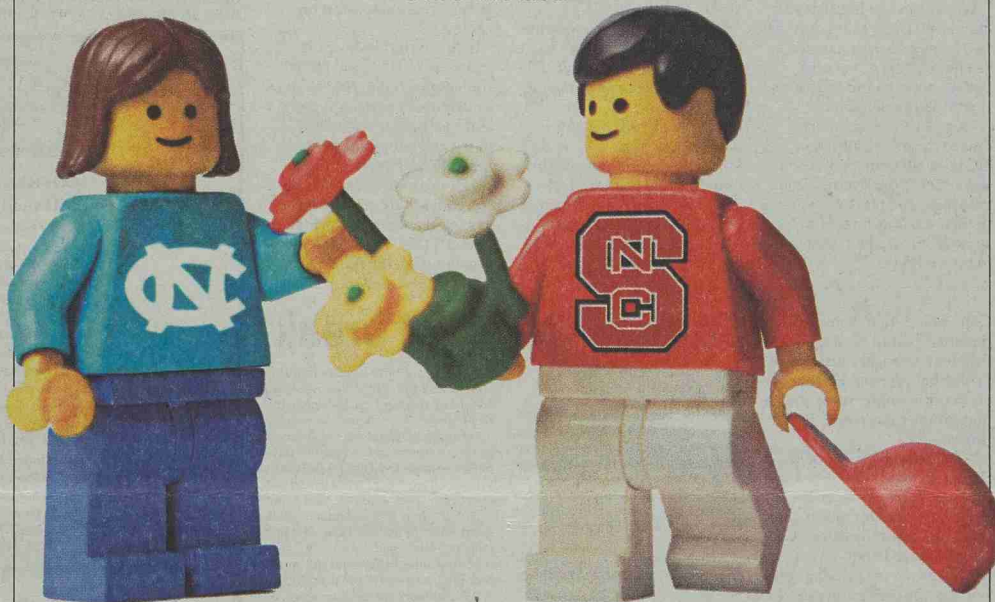


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STUDENT LIFE



TOUGH LOVE

COUPLES FROM N.C. STATE AND UNC-CHapel Hill might be able to find love color-blind to the unlikely match of bright red and baby blue, but come game day, loving words can be put aside for the sake of school pride

STORY BY ASHLEY HINK

It's game day: coolers are lined up, tailgates are open, sounds of a distant marching band are heard and a sea of red-and-white students fill the gravel lot in anticipation of the nearing game time. Then, a light blue shirt emerges from the red and the heckling begins.

Those lone Tar Heels that find themselves amidst groups of insulting Wolfpack fans aren't always there to cause chaos. They might be arm-in-arm with a fellow N.C. State fan that just so happens to be their boyfriend or girlfriend.

Nicole Chavis, a recent UNC graduate in exercise and sports science and girlfriend to Dave Hodge, a NCSU senior in electrical engineering, recalls such an experience at an NCSU vs. UNC basketball game.

"I was sitting with Dave in the student section and we [UNC] were losing. The students just kept pointing out and making fun of UNC fans. I had on a Carolina shirt—I felt so uncomfortable. I haven't been back since," Chavis said.

Only 30 minutes apart on I-40 and together boasting more than 50,000 eligible collegiates, it's no surprise to find inter-rival couples from UNC and NCSU. While love might pair the unlikely combination of bright red and baby blue, the schools' histories, reputations, stereotypes and, most of

all, athletic rivalries create an interesting dynamic for these Wolfpack and Tar Heel couples.

Michelle Sexton, a NCSU senior in biology, feels the wrath of the blue-blooded family of boyfriend Scott Cash, a UNC senior in business.

Cash's parents are both UNC graduates and are quick to remind Sexton of their school pride.

On a recent visit with Cash's family, his father jokingly said, "Shelly, I somehow came across this old N.C. State sweatshirt in my closet and if you don't take it I'll have to burn it."

Sexton also bears the blows of Cash's friends who tease her in accord to NCSU stereotypes.

"If I'm hanging around his [Cash's] friends and can't figure something out or don't know how to do something, they'll say something like, 'Well, it's OK, she does go to State,' implying that we're not as smart,"



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Sexton said.

Yet Sexton and Cash tend to lay off each other when it comes to NCSU and UNC jokes and rivalries.

"We aren't really hardcore into sports, so we don't really talk about it or pick on each other," Sexton said.

Couples like Hodge and Chavis, who both claim to be serious sports fans, aren't as easy on each other.

Growing up outside of Charlotte, Hodge was always a Duke fan.

"I never liked UNC; everyone else around me did though," Hodge reflects.

"[UNC] is such a bandwagon team; they were like the Dallas Cowboys of the NFL or Dale Earnhardt of NASCAR. I couldn't root for any of them—especially Carolina," Hodge said.

For Hodge, NCSU game day is a matter of school and personal pride. During the 2001 home football match-up between NCSU and UNC, Hodge and Chavis couldn't even sit together because Hodge was so pumped up about the game.

However, the Heels defeated the favored Pack and Chavis recalls that "Dave couldn't talk to me after the game," because he was so distraught about the loss.

Hodge squirms when reminded of the defeat.

"Yeah, I don't think we talked until a

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country. They also didn't have a plan to win the peace. They also didn't put the alliances together to make this successful. We need a fresh start."

Throughout the debates the candidates attempted to erode the other's credibility, with Cheney attacking Edward's lack of experience and painted him as one wavering in political winds, while the Senator said that the administration was the wrong kind of experience that the nation needed.

At one point, Cheney hounded his opponent on what he said were incorrect figures on the cost of Iraq, saying that "you

probably weren't there to vote for that."

He also drove after Edward's positions on the campaign trail during the primaries, saying that he changed his position from being for the war in Iraq to against it because of the then surging Howard Dean.

"He can't stand up to Howard Dean," the vice president said, "How can he stand up to al Qaeda?"

Cheney further said that people trusted him because, "I don't have any further political aspirations myself."

He repeatedly stressed that a vice president should be fit to take the presidency at a moment's notice and through innuendo questioned Edwards ability to do so.

Edwards harshly questioned the past four years saying that a "long record does not equal good judgment."

Repeatedly, Edwards, the former lawyer, brought up questions regarding Halliburton, Cheney's former company, now embroiled in a number of litigations over overcharging the government for services in Iraq.

After the debate, Bryce Ball, chairman for Students for Bush, said that though he thought both candidates did a good job, the vice president came out on top by responding "very confidently. He stood steadfast and did not waiver at all. He showed that the Kerry/Edwards position has been inconsistent."

Melissa Price of the College Democrats also agreed that both

candidates gave a strong showing but that "they both focused on bashing each other and I wanted to hear more plans. I definitely thought that Cheney was incredibly frustrated - he was spouting out numbers and that was great but that did not connect to the people. Edwards is a great communicator," she said.

Just six days removed from the presidential debates last week, the Democratic ticket, previously running a laggard race, moved up in the polls to a razor-thin gap between the two campaigns within days after what many said was a strong performance by Sen. John Kerry.

The CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll reports that the two campaigns have swung from a six-

point gap last week, down to a dead heat this week after the debate.

Though historically vice-presidential candidate debates never make or break a campaign, how the candidates fared in last night's debates in voters minds over the next few days could continue to fuel the upswing seen in the Kerry campaign, or stumble and hold its momentum.

One of the key battleground states, Ohio with its 20 electoral votes, is a hotly contested state for both campaigns.

No Republican candidate has ever taken the presidency without winning the state.

The debate is the only one between the two candidates. The presidential candidates will meet once again Friday, Oct. 8 for the second time.

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day later. I was just so pissed," Hodge said.

"I wouldn't have rubbed it in," Chavis said warmly.

Yet, Hodge is slightly less forgiving when it comes to NCSU wins.

"When the State women's soccer team upset UNC [two years ago], she was the first person I called. I don't even care about soccer, but I had to rub it in," Hodge said.

Not all rivalry couples are quite as intense as Hodge and Chavis.

Morgan Lassiter, a UNC senior in hospital administration, often dresses in red on game days and cheers for the Pack with her boyfriend, Jim Furgurson, a NCSU senior in

chemical engineering.

"We're both indifferent enough to where it doesn't matter," Furgurson said about the rivalry.

Although growing up a Carolina fan, one won't find Furgurson in Carolina blue these days. "I have no animosity towards them [UNC], but I'll always root for N.C. State," Furgurson said.

Yet, it's not just indifference about the rivalry that keeps the two from exchanging teases. "In football, Carolina is so bad it's not even fun to pick on them," Furgurson said.

From the die-hard sports fans to the most indifferent, NCSU/UNC couples find a way to settle the rivalries, bad-mouthing and playful teasing in their relationships. However, some NCSU students prefer not to even go there.

Crystal Wrenn, a NCSU senior in elementary education and communication, grew up in Raleigh cheering for the Wolfpack. Her father is a NCSU alum and she's in her second year of being part of the erstwhile Stately Ladies. Wrenn's ties to the Wolfpack go far beyond her education and doesn't know how she would handle dating a guy from UNC.

"I wouldn't not date someone because he went to UNC, but it would be really hard. It would be comparable to an annoying habit," Wrenn said.

"I couldn't even imagine dating a guy from UNC and having to watch a game with him. It would be horrible. I don't even like to watch games with or talk to Carolina fans when they're not my boyfriend. Ugh, the thought disgusts me,"

Wrenn said.

However reluctant Wrenn would be to date a guy from UNC and face the rivalry game days with him, her father might have the hardest time coping with it.

Wrenn claims he'd say things like, "That's sick, real men don't go to Carolina," and adhering to UNC stereotypes would ask, "So, are ya'll gonna go hug trees and protest on game day?"

Between the bitter words and jokes of UNC and NCSU students and couples alike, it's evident that the stereotypes and rivalries are embedded in red and baby-blue feud indefinitely. However, when the games have ended and the scoreboards are erased for the next weekend's games, Hodge reminds that "In the end, it's just about having fun."

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at the Habitat for Humanity home store and work site. The participants may also be engaged in flood cleanup efforts during their stay in Asheville.

The AFB group will serve at the Manna Food Bank on Saturday and leisure activities, such as hiking and exploring historic downtown Asheville, are planned for later on in the day, Cole said. The group plans to arrive back in Raleigh at noon on Saturday.

"Along with the service opportunities, there is also free time built into the schedule," Cole said. "We hope to have a lot of fun hanging out in a new place." The number of participants has grown in each successive year of the program and this year's group consists of 16 members.

Cole noted that some group members had to be assigned to different service activities on Friday because the Habitat for Humanity home store had a maximum capacity of 10 volunteers.

"The trip gives students a chance to bond with other students, help people in need, learn about another community and learn about social issues," Cole said. Through hands-on experience, students can gain appreciation for why community service is important and gain an understanding for why service agencies exist, Cole added.

She also stressed how helping the less fortunate allows students to put their own situations in perspective and can lead them to appreciate things they would otherwise take for granted.

"[The trip] is an opportunity to have a worthwhile break," Cole said.

Students pack for break

Sade M. Graves
Staff Reporter

With two free days on the agenda for the rest of this week, fall break has a lot of the West Raleigh campus packing up and heading back home to family and for relaxation.

"I'm just going home," Antanette Thomas, a sophomore in electrical engineering, said. "I might study for my exams."

Tascina Robinson, a freshman in math and science education has similar plans to Thomas.

"I'm working and going home, that's it," Robinson said.

Bryan McClean, a freshman in computer engineering plans to go home to visit family members. "I'll probably catch up on sleep," McClean added.

While many students prepare for two days off from school, the football team prepares for a rival game against North Carolina on Saturday.

Ronnie Swinson, a freshman in nuclear engineering and Trista Kennedy, a freshman in math and science

education, are both equally enthusiastic about the game this weekend and have made plans to watch the rivals meet.

For some students, fall break serves to return home and remember days before college. Eva Diehl, a freshman in math education, says she would just like to reminisce on high school days.

"I'm going to a high school football game, getting my hair done and just relaxing," Diehl said.

Some students have not put much thought into their fall break activities.

"I'll probably go to the beach or something," Chadwick Williams, a freshman in engineering, said.

Jeremy Schwartz, a senior in computer science and chemical engineering knows his destination, but is not quite sure what activities his fall break will entail.

"I'm going to London and visiting a friend of mine there. I haven't really planned anything, my friend plans everything. I'm looking forward to it, [London] will be a nice change of face," Schwartz said.

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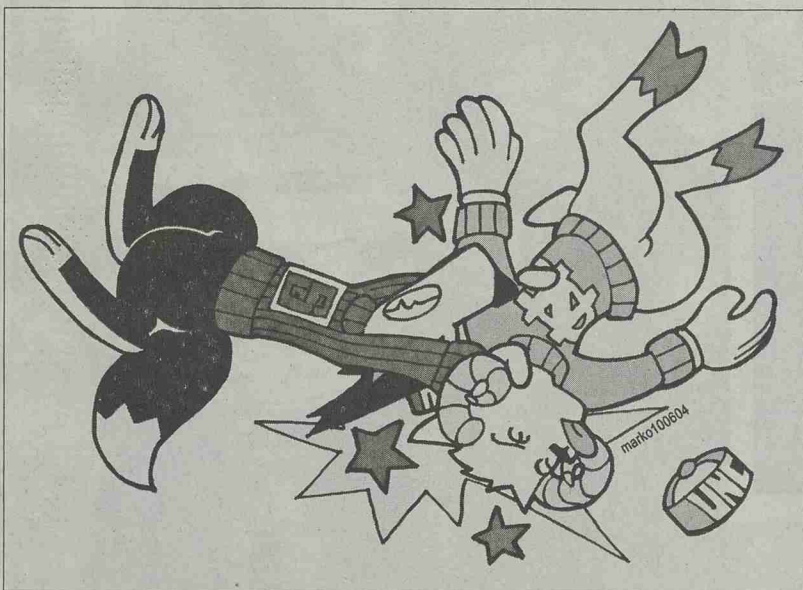


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Flag misunderstanding

How can one person tell another person what they can or cannot display as a freedom of the first amendment? Yes, the flag you may have seen painted in the Free Expression Tunnel may symbolize something you necessarily do not agree with, but the fact of the matter is that the Confederate flag symbolizes more than just slavery. The flag stands for the south in its best and worst simultaneously. The flag may have flown for the south, which was in support of slavery, but we cannot also forget the stories of heroism, chivalry, and fighting for ones country.

When you see the flag and write in complaining about the flag being painted in the Free Expression Tunnel you are displaying your own close-mindedness to those whose families had members fight in the war, and stand up for something that they believed in. Also, I see things in the Free Expression Tunnel that bother me, and that is perfectly normal. We do not live in a one hundred percent politically correct world. There are always going to be things that make someone irritated or upset. The flag also serves as a historical symbol of the south. If all things offensive were removed from society there would be no reminders of history and there would be no intellectual discourse on such matters.

We would all have boring lives. If you like the flag, or if you do not like the flag you have no right to tell others what they should or should not display regarding their First Amendment rights of freedom of expression.

Austin Davis
Freshman
Business Management

Just paint over it

I just wanted Jaron to know that if the Confederate flag being painted on the free expression tunnel bothered him, that all he has to do is paint over it. That's why it's called a 'Free Expression' tunnel. I personally do not agree with the posting of the Confederate flag because I see it as the past that should be left in the past (there is no more confederacy people), however, I must agree that any infringement on the first amendment (censorship) would be the same as just taking it away (no more freedom of speech). In all, because it's a free expression tunnel, if you don't like what

you see, you are free to paint over it.

Hansen Murphy
Senior
Mechanical Engineering

Let knowledge take over

In response to Jaron Hilton's comments on the painting of the Confederate flag in the Free Expression Tunnel, I would like to clear up some issues he took with both the First Amendment and the flag itself.

I am not one who owns a Confederate flag nor do I take sides on the issue of its flying. The line between free speech and offensive material is heavily contested, but unfortunately you cannot define it in such simple terms as a flag being displayed.

As a member of the armed forces, I personally take great offense to the burning of the U.S. flag, although the Supreme Court has ruled that this is a legal form of free speech.

The issue of the Confederate flag is one marred by misunderstanding. The issues in the Civil War were not nearly as simple as pro-slavery versus anti-slavery. President Lincoln personally was not opposed to its practice, maintaining the war was for the preservation of the Union, while the South's top general, Robert E. Lee, did not believe slavery needed to exist.

Frankly, there is a great deal of honor behind the Confederate flag. To realize this point, you need look no farther than our own homeland. We have no military bases named Fort Rommel or Cornwallis Air Force Base, yet Fort Lee, Fort A.P. Hill and Fort Jackson are all named for top Southern generals.

These men who fought for the Confederate flag did it for honor and for their homes, not for a racist, hate-filled cause. I hope that many can choose knowledgeable understanding over ignorant assumptions.

Thomas Harper
Sophomore
Political Science

Bring national content to paper

I thought that Emily Duncan's column in October 5's edition of Technician was an excellent change of pace for the paper. The paper frequently does not concern any issues that I am interested in, so it was nice to read this article on national events that affect the lives of everyone that is a citizen of the United States.

I hope that the paper continues to run such columns because it is important for the student body to be informed on national issues, as opposed to small events on campus.

Sara Dean
Freshman
Mathematics Education

Ludacris concert united

Last Friday I read the Technician's View entitled "Ludacris shifts focus of Homecoming." It stated that Ludacris wasn't a wise choice for Homecoming and the campus community will be in limited attendance with Ludacris performing.

The Ludacris concert was one of the best events to occur on this campus. Every seat in Reynold's Coliseum was empty, not because of limited attendance, but because everyone was on their feet singing Luda's songs and dancing to his music.

So what if the concert doesn't target alumni or faculty. It still does not prevent them from enjoying other Homecoming festivities. Last year, Lonestar was the headliner for the concert. Did they appeal to ALL of the alumni, faculty and students at N.C. State? I can assure you they did not.

And in reference to the controversy that some students have concerning Ludacris' lyrics, let's consider how students on this campus converse with one another. I hear obscenities flying around all day. Or even better, how about our lovely Ultimate Fan contest. One of the contestants set a wonderful example for students when he screamed "F*** Wake Forest" in front of the entire coliseum. The honor of first runner up was awarded to this student.

Ticora Elaine Jones
Sophomore
Business Management

Fox is right about NHL

I would like to thank you for your article defending the sport I endeavor very much. After reading a flawed article against the NHL in Technician the other day, I thought that Technician's sports department was like so many other papers, biased against hockey. Thank you for proving me wrong and keep up the work.

Matthew Casulli
Freshman
Physics

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

DON'T BUY INTO THE HYPE

OUR OPINION: STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BUY INTO THE HYPE THAT SURROUNDS VOTING. EACH STUDENT SHOULD VOTE BECAUSE THEY WANT TO, NOT BECAUSE SOMEONE PRESSURED THEM TO VOTE.

Voting registration will officially end on Friday – leaving registration and voting activists no more time to increase the turnout. With special focus being paid towards the 18-24-year-old age group, N.C. State has been a prime breeding ground for voter registration efforts.

A lot of the effort stems from the horrendous turnout of the same age population in the 2000 presidential elections – an overwhelmingly dismal 22 percent turnout.

Thus, movements such as "Choose or Lose" or "Rock the Vote" were started in order to appeal to this particular age group. These movements provide rock concerts, popular speakers, TV shows and commercials and even tour buses of advertising, all just to appeal and integrate politics and voting into the "MTV generation" way of life.

This does not mean students need to buy into the hype.

The same applies towards groups on campus with the intention of registering students. They repeatedly say students should vote, although with no clear purpose as to why they should vote. There is little time spent on issues and candidates and more time spent on the act of getting students to register.

Students don't need to register if they do not want to. A blindly uneducated vote is far worse than no vote.

However, the question becomes, why would students not want to?

Sending students to the polls without an informed decision is worse than a student not voting at all. The focus should not be getting the voter percentage higher, it should rather be finding issues that pertain directly to students and what they care about.

That is how a student will become informed.

If a student finds an issue he or she cares about, then that person will take the time to become informed with the elections and make just as informed a decision come Nov. 2.

The excitement can be distracting.

Movements do raise questions regarding issues and work to find alternative ways to get the student population involved.

However, this has become a refined practice and has lost all appeal.

So has voter registration efforts. They have simply become a mechanic that people do and expect to have students register on the spot.

Students do not need to fall for this. Students should vote because they want to vote.

The should vote because they care.

They should vote because they are informed.

Any other reason is worse than no vote at all.

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Capital punishment only justifiable in few instances

Jeff Gaither explains why the death penalty should only apply to spies, soldiers and those that drastically threaten public security.

The death penalty is probably the oldest form of punishment known to man. It is still practiced today in the United States by the more humane method of lethal injection.



Jeff Gaither
Staff Columnist

Some people believe that capital punishment in America should be abolished. They reason that it is unjustifiable, under any circumstances, to take a human life. There are, however, circumstances in which execution is justified.

When? Well, let us examine the reasons behind capital punishment and see if we may discern when they are and are not valid.

The first purpose of capital punishment, then, is to exact retribution from a criminal. Some people's crimes are so atrocious that they truly deserve to die. But the flaw in this reasoning is that there is no hard-and-fast rule for what punishment a given crime deserves.

How can we prove a criminal deserves the death penalty? On what basis do we say that?

One might argue that a murderer deserves to die because he has taken life; but does a torturer, then, deserve to be tortured? Eye-for-an-eye justice is about the only objective system of punishment there is, and it has long since been abandoned as barbarous.

done as barbarous.

So what punishment does a given crime deserve? The answer is, simply, nobody knows. And since we cannot say with certainty that any criminal deserves the death penalty, we have no business executing him on those grounds.

The second justification for the death penalty is that it discourages other criminals from committing crimes. It acts as a deterrent, in other words.

This justification makes good logical sense; if, by executing one murderer, we can scare a would-be killer into not killing someone, then we have saved an innocent life by sacrificing a guilty one.

However, the death penalty, as it operates in the United States today, does not (according to most studies) deter crime. Why not? Because most murderers are not condemned to death and those who are get to sit on death row for a decade or more before they die. Execution is not a deterrent if it is uncertain and can come only years after the crime.

So capital punishment is a deterrent only if it is carried out swiftly and on every offender. And we could not execute all murderers immediately after their convictions, since many men have been freed from death row on the basis of new evidence that proved their innocence. If we executed all convicted murderers immediately, we

would execute many innocent men.

So, the deterrent argument is an inadequate justification for capital punishment. There are, however, two cases in which the deterrent argument is valid.

First, spies. A proven foreign spy should be promptly executed: if he is not, then hundreds of more spies will flood our country, steal its secrets and possibly bring their homelands to a position of power from which they could wage war on our country. The life of a spy must be made as frightening and uncomfortable as possible.

Secondly, soldiers. A military deserter should be shot, since allowing him to live will promote a lackadaisical, low-discipline spirit in the army at large, and a country's army must be maintained in top form at all costs. So, the deterrent argument is a valid justification for capital punishment in the cases of soldiers and spies, but not for domestic civilians.

The final and most valid justification for capital punishment is that some people are just too dangerous to be allowed to live. Following the Bolshevik Revolution, the Czar of Russia might at any time have escaped or been rescued from his prison. Then, by the simple fact that he was the Czar, might have turned the populace against the new Communist regime. His very existence constituted a threat to the government, and therefore, he had to die.

Alexander the Great, too, was forced to kill his Gen. Parmenion, because he had recently executed Parmenion's son and could not afford an army-wide blood-feud.

Such decisions are rarely pleasant for the rulers who make them; however, if the choice is between executing one man and allowing him to live and start a war which kills thousands of men, then die he must.

So let us summarize our points. It is never justifiable to execute somebody purely for reasons of retribution. It is justifiable to execute a person for purposes of deterrence if and only if that person is a soldier or a spy. And it is justifiable to execute somebody if that person's existence poses a threat to public security.

I wish to stress that no civilian should ever take it upon himself to execute anyone, and hereby disavow all responsibility for anything anyone might do as a result of reading this column.

One final point: when we speak of executing a man, we ought to say "he should be executed" or "he should receive the death penalty" and not try to lessen the seriousness of the matter by use of such vague euphemisms as "he should pay the ultimate price." As certain men, with 151 executions to their credit, have done.

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Question No. 14: Last week, popular 1970s crooner Cat Stevens, now Muslim and calling himself "Yusuf Islam," was prevented from entering the United States for ostensible links to terrorism. Several aging hippy Americans were peeved that the government wouldn't disclose the exact nature of Stevens' terror connection. Though he did write "Peace Train," which is pretty terrible.

What does this event say about the clash between post-9/11 U.S. foreign policy and American ideals of individual liberty and reverence for popular music icons?

Bush: (Long blank silence) I'll answer that question. (Blinks.) But first, let me remind the American people that I captured Saddam Hussein. And Reagan never did that, and he got to be president twice. It's hard work, such very hard work. And the American people know that. The extreme difficulty of being me.

Kerry: (Smiles) Thank you, Gerald! Are my teeth looking any whiter on camera?

Theresa just bought out Crest, so now I've got all these Whitestrips!

Gerald is my stylist. He does my makeup. That doesn't mean I'm not presidential. I'm still manly. I know what it's like to go to war, in a hostile land, where it's maddeningly difficult to locate a decent manicurist.

I have the utmost respect for our popular musicians and what they do for the United States of America. I have been consistent

on that point.

Bush: (Leaps in air) The American people need to know that (reading from the palm of his hand) my opponent voted for the removal of Creed's popular music from the radio in 1998.

The American people do not want inconsistency in their leaders. They know that I've worked hard, very very hard to hunt the enemy. The world is a better place without Creed.

Question No. 15: If you could be any animal, what kind of animal would you be?

Bush: (Silence. Blinks.) A tiger.

Kerry: (Nodding) Thank you. Thank you.

Question No. 16: Japan's Takeru Kobayashi earned the respect of millions of Americans this year by eating 53.5 hot dogs in 12 minutes. How might Kobayashi's method for fostering trans-global understanding be applied towards our current terse relations with Middle-Eastern peoples?

Kerry: I've never ever said the world isn't a better place without Creed. I just said it was the wrong time, the wrong place, and the wrong way for the removal of Creed.

As I've consistently said, there was... Gerald! Does this horrid lighting make my skin appear clammy? It does! Oh! Do something, Ger, we're losing them... This sudden feeling... of utter insubstantiality... is just... overwhelming...

Bush: Are the Japanese al-Quiders? Or just plain kind of Muslims? The American people want a president who never changes his mind.

Jesus tells me what to do every morning. He stands down there at the foot of my bed and we have a cup of coffee like normal folks. And we talk about ways to hunt and kill the enemy. Jesus is a heterosexual, Caucasian male, just like you and me.

Kerry: Must... convey... a sense... of authority... of a presidential morality unswayed by telephone polls in critical undecided regions...

We need alliances. More

countries can eat far more hot dogs than one country. I've consistently opposed nuclear proliferation. And Creed. But in a better way. Thank you, thank you.

Question No. 17: Tell us what you see in this here ink blot.

Bush: (Silence. Twitches.) John Wayne — er, no, Jesus.

Kerry: John Kerry. Something very presidential. Like VaVoom hair spray.

Bush: Flip-flop! Flip-flop!

Question No. 18: The Institute for Policy Studies has determined that the \$151 billion the current administration has spent on war in Iraq would've been enough to cut world hunger in half and pay for the HIV/AIDS medicine, childhood immunization and clean water and sanitation needs of all developing countries for more than two years.

That \$151 billion is more than 30 times the amount spent in epidemic-riddled Africa in the past two years, and 15 times more than Kerry would spend in the next two.

Please elaborate.

Bush: (Blinks. Bends and pretends to tie shoelaces.)

Kerry: I have the answer. My eyes — are they not noble and burdened by a war-weary democrat's humane sense of decency? Do they not contrast perfectly with my blazer?

I have consistently opposed AIDS.

We need an alliance. Everyone on the same page. Bringing many groups of people together... to strengthen the chances that... I will somehow be elected.

Bush: I'm a compassionate conservative. Jesus and the American people want a president who will hunt and kill the enemy. Here in America, we're fighting the gays every day. I pledge to help Africa. Watch me. I'll ship them our gays to soak up their AIDS.

Did ya'll know that Jesus looks exactly like John Wayne?

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THE VAULT

Dylan still the voice of youth

Hisham Salama
Staff Writer

When the Vietnam War was in its earliest stages, Bob Dylan was looking for his corner in American history — his weapons, however, were an acoustic guitar and harmonica.

Dylan's sophomore release, "The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan," is an album Dylan used to get his personal political views out to the masses — and it worked.

An album this outspoken against a political situation had not yet been put together as perfectly as Dylan does.

Dylan wrote every song on the LP as a peaceful, relaxing tune, which makes it difficult to tell how strong of a stance he has on a hot topic such as war.

Dylan's coarse voice takes the album to the level it needed to achieve. The early '60s protest crowds had the ammunition and celebrity power they needed to have their voices heard.

As the war progressed and U.S. troops entered the quiet land of Vietnam, Bob Dylan's voice soared higher and louder than ever before. His lyrics became center points on college campuses, protest groups and in the homes of America's youth, furthering his anti-war message.

Dylan's following grew quickly and his popularity continued to rise throughout the world as more people started listening to his music.



The opening song on "The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan" is one of Dylan's most acclaimed: "Blowin' In The Wind" — if you have never heard this song, please go buy this album. This song alone is Dylan's personal cry for world peace. The lyric, "How many deaths will it take till he knows/ that too many people have died?" says it all.

Dylan is also clearly outspoken in the song "Masters of War," an anthem in which Dylan takes personal shots at those involved in planning and creating the weapons for the war.

Almost half a century after the album was released, its songs still carry the same power and meaning as they did in their prime.

Current generations do not have music they can turn to like preceding generations had. The Pop and Rap music that fill today's airwaves do nothing but promote the ideals that only sell themselves short of being generations that stand for nothing.

It is up to albums from artists like Bob Dylan to fill the gaps that are starting to crack.

Those who listen to this album can agree that Bob Dylan is a very talented musician that has influenced and shaped much of music's history. The music may be written simplistically, but his lyrics give every song on this album the finishing touches they need to be considered masterpieces.

Any album that still receives endless honor and attention is deserving of a good listen to put the listener in touch with music that has true meaning.

The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan
Bob Dylan
Sony
Released: May 27, 1963

Phoenix burns up the screen in 'Ladder 49'

Miles Snow
Senior Staff Writer

"Ladder 49" is a terrific example of a film that uses its special effects to enhance story and character. Not that this film doesn't have the rescues, heroes and action sequences you would expect, but the difference is that these elements are used as more of a backdrop.

The main story is told through the eyes of established fireman Jack Morrison (Joaquin Phoenix), who,

after having just rescued a man in a burning building, has fallen through the 12 floors to ground level and is unconscious. Once Jack gains consciousness, he is able to radio Chief Kennedy (Travolta), who then coordinates his rescue effort.

But the rescue must be fast before the building gives way and kills Jack.

The movie then takes a turn and flashes back to Jack's first day in the fire department, and it becomes very apparent as to what the structure will be:

his present situation will be interwoven with the story of his life as a fireman.

So far the movie is obvious and predictable; it's all been done before. But it's where the flashbacks begin that "Ladder 49" comes into its own.

All the facets of Jack's life are explored with a grounded humanity and realism one wouldn't expect.

At first Jack is the naive rookie that everyone picks on, eventually gaining respect in the department through a series of impressive rescues. When

he and a buddy pick up two girls in a supermarket, the one named Linda ends up becoming his wife. Then there are the children, pressures of the job, friends who get burned, etc.

Scenes like these aren't played like typical movie scenes, though. Linda is not another tiresome action movie wife that only irritates — she is Jack's true partner who supports what he does for a living as well as worry for him and his children if he ever gets hurt.

Jack's relationship with Kennedy is

Ladder 49
CAST: Joaquin Phoenix, John Travolta
DIRECTED BY: Jay Russell
★★★★☆

complex as well, because as much as Kennedy wants Jack by his side, he wonders if he should allow him to volunteer for the dangerous search and rescue.

In the end, this film is about a man who risks his life for a living because he is able to greatly value his own.



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ine Bowl limited his time, and he began concentrating entirely on football.

"It was a very tough transition," Edwards said. "I got back from the bowl game and they had already played seven or eight games."

But his basketball skills led him to another position on the field: cornerback. He made the move after a successful sophomore year that saw him catch 26 passes for 289 yards despite missing significant time with a knee injury.

The reason behind the move was two-fold. With the arrival of Tramain Hall and Richard Washington in 2003, State was loaded with talent at wide receiver. A wake of injuries in the defensive backfield forced Edwards to spend some practice time on the defensive side of the ball, and Amato was impressed enough to make the move permanent.

"He's kind of a natural corner, because he was such a good basketball player as well," Amato said. "When the ball is in the air he plays it like a receiver, he has a natural way of moving the football."

Edwards said things could be even more crazy if he had gone to Carolina instead of choosing the Wolfpack.

"You never know if I was at UNC I'd probably be playing basketball full time or something," Edwards said, "Or punting the ball."

Now in his second year as a cornerback and his final year with the program, Edwards has moved into the starting role on, statistically, the nation's best pass-defending team. He ranks fifth on the team with 15 tackles and second on the team behind Lamont Reid in pass breakups.

"He's the quickest person on the team," safety Marcus Hudson said. "If a receiver turns over, he can be over and turn himself."

For Edwards, Saturday marks his last chance against his home-town team. Last season against Carolina, Edwards failed to make it into the box score. This year, he'll try to have a little more to brag about on his trips home.

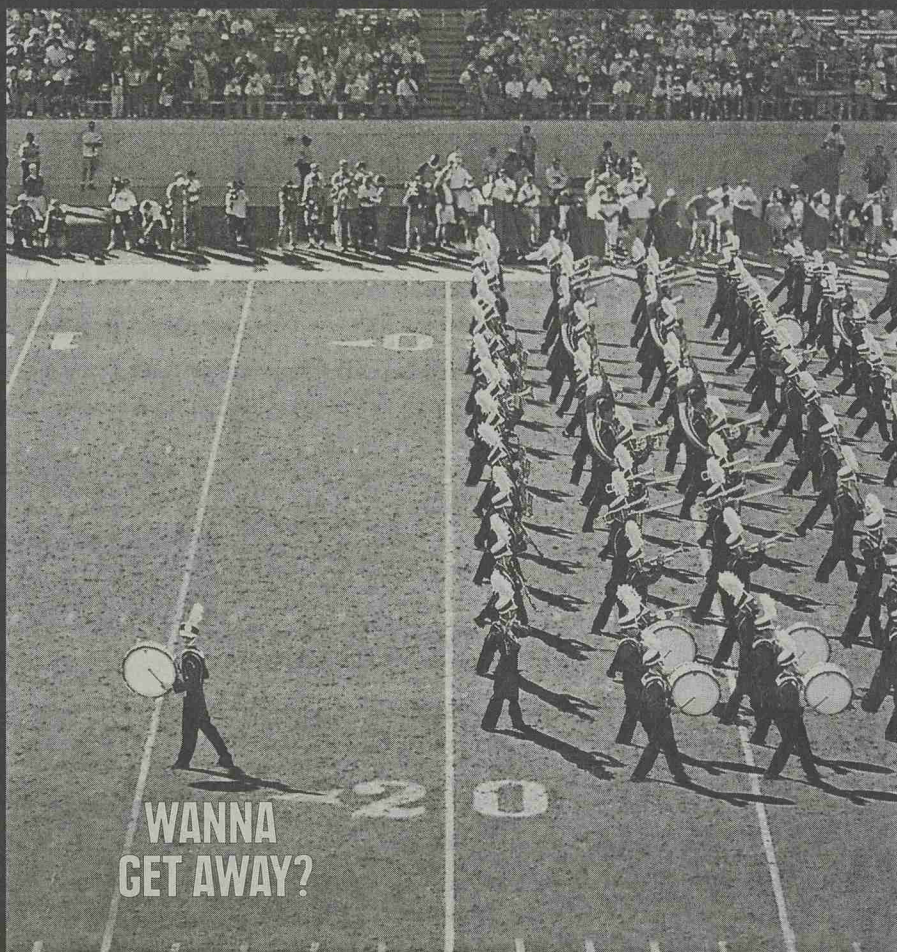
Wolfpack Weekend

DON'T MISS: Men's soccer vs. No. 24 Wake Forest

Sunday, 2 p.m. at Method Road State is still winless in the conference after another close defeat at Virginia last weekend. Before that match, there was another close road loss at Clemson in overtime. The Wolfpack (4-4-1, 0-2-1 ACC) finally returns home Sunday, where it will face No. 24 Wake Forest, ultra-competitive in the league all year, needs to pull out a victory to avoid dropping below .500 for the first time this season.

Women's soccer at Maryland

After a roaring start the season, the Wolfpack has faltered mightily in conference play so far, going 1-3 in the tough ACC. State showed little life in its most recent loss to Virginia Tech last weekend. The Pack needs a win on the road against the Terrapins in order to start righting its ship and improve NCAA Tournament credentials. The match is scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m.



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DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Sept. 4	Wil. & Mary	W, 49-38
Sept. 11	Virginia	L, 56-24
Sept. 18	Georgia Tech	W, 34-13
Sept. 25	Louisville	L, 34-0
Oct. 2	Florida State	L, 38-16
DATE	OPPONENT	
Sat.	N.C. State	
Oct. 16	at Utah	
Oct. 30	Miami	
Nov. 6	Virginia Tech	
Nov. 13	at Wake Forest	
Nov. 20	at Duke	

2004 stat leaders

PASSING				
QB 4. D. DURANT				
Cmp-Att	Yds	TD	Int	
63-111	838	5	6	
RUSHING				
RB 20 J. LEWIS				
Att	Yds	TD	Avg.	
57	406	3	7.1	
RECEIVING				
WR 5 J. POLLOCK				
Rec	Yds	TD	Avg.	
17	211	1	12.4	

Keys to the Game

STOP T.A.
Running back T.A. McLendon amassed 139 yards against Wake Forest, and Carolina has to figure out a way to slow him down to stay in this game.

FINISH IN THE RED ZONE
Carolina was able to move the ball effectively against Florida State on Saturday, but couldn't get the ball across the goal line. The team needs to be able to turn those field goals into touchdowns this week.

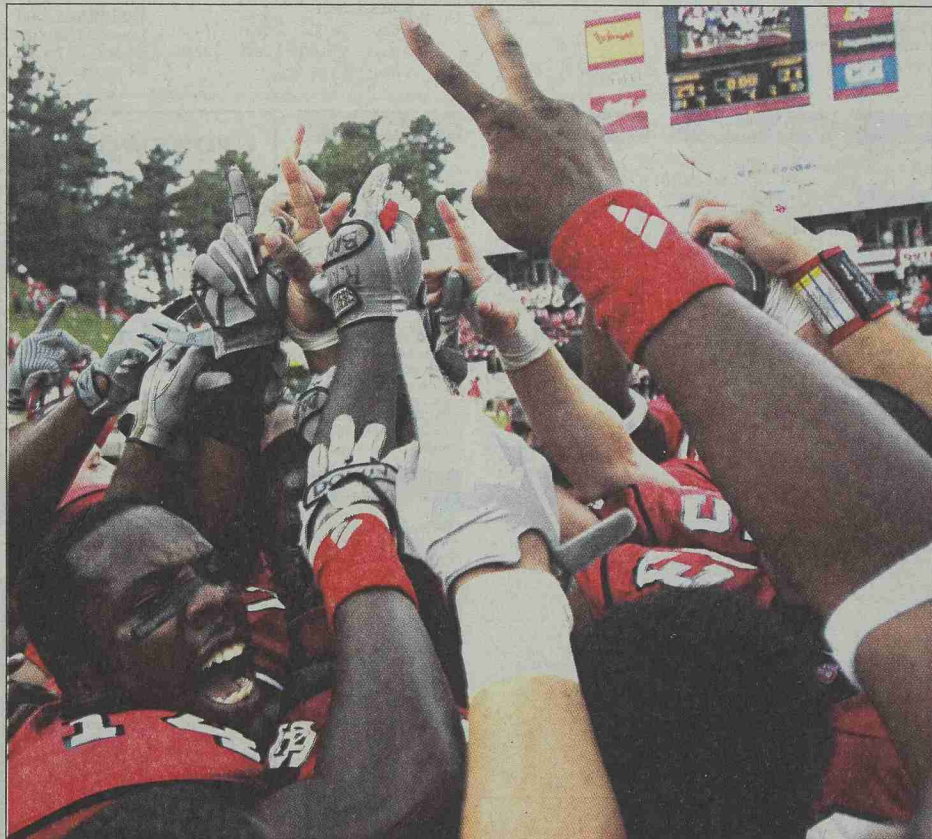
NO BIG MISTAKES
Carolina had a punt blocked last week and had two kickoffs returned for touchdowns against Virginia. They can't win by giving up those kind of plays to State.

Quotable



"It's certainly one of the great rivalries in the state. It's a game I always looked forward to playing, and I look forward to coaching."

John Bunting
North Carolina Coach



Senior cornerback Dovonte Edwards celebrates with the team after Saturday's overtime victory against Wake at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Wolf in sheep's clothes

DOVONTE EDWARDS WENT AGAINST THE GRAIN AT CHAPEL HILL HIGH WHEN HE SIGNED WITH THE WOLFPACK

Austin Johnson
Sports Editor

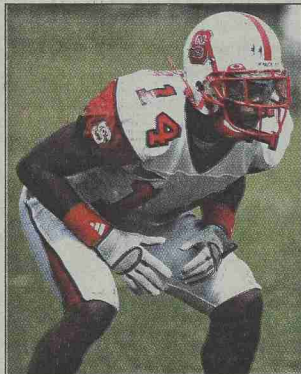
Wham!
Dovonte Edwards smacked into the goal post at Carter-Finley Stadium, moments after grabbing a touchdown pass against North Carolina in September of 2001.

In an instant, Edwards best football moment turned embarrassing. The embarrassment didn't just come from the television cameras certain to show the replay, but because it happened against the team from Chapel Hill. The Tar Heels are a team Edwards was intimately familiar with.

"I am from Chapel Hill," Edwards said. "I have a lot of friends there that root for UNC."

That meant even more people were certain to bring up the incident when he went home to visit family and friends. Even now, his friends back home won't let him forget his infamous touchdown "celebration."

"I've seen it a lot, I've heard it a lot," Edwards said. "I watch the game sometimes, it's a memory. It brings back a laugh."



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Dovonte Edwards has recorded 15 tackles and four pass breakups so far this season.

Chapel Hill High, where Edwards attended high school, wasn't exactly crawling with Wolfpack fans. His senior year, he was one of a handful of students that decided to go 20 miles down the road to Raleigh.

"It was down to N.C. State and UNC,"

Edwards said. "And I chose the rival school."

A standout basketball player in high school, Edwards had hopes of becoming a two-sport athlete in college. State Coach Chuck Amato gave him the go-ahead to play basketball as a freshman, while then-Carolina Coach Carl Torbush told Edwards to wait until his sophomore year.

Basketball wasn't the only reason, though. The prospect of hauling in passes from a quarterback by the name of Philip Rivers also swayed the decision of the high school wide receiver.

"What it was about was that State gave me an opportunity to play basketball my freshman year," Edwards said. "Not only that but I was a wide receiver and Philip Rivers was a hot-shot sophomore quarterback I wanted to catch some of his balls."

A lot has changed for Edwards since the goal-post incident three years ago. For one, his basketball playing days are all but over. He practiced with the team some during his freshman year, but a shoulder injury during the 2001 Tanger-

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Sat.	at UNC	
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Oct. 23	Miami	
Oct. 30	Clemson	
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Nov. 11	Florida State	
Nov. 27	ECU (at Charlotte)	

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Cmp-Att	Yds	TD	Int	
50-80	575	4	4	
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Att	Yds	TD	Avg.	
69	326	4	4.7	
RECEIVING				
WR 21 T. HALL				
Rec	Yds	TD	Avg.	
14	140	1	10.5	

Keys to the Game

STAY AGGRESSIVE
It worked well in the second half of the Wake Forest game. Go deep on occasion, and continue the habit of swarming to the football on defense.

STOP DURANT
State has done a good job against dual-threat quarterbacks this season, a trend that needs to continue against Carolina senior quarterback Darian Durant.

CUT DOWN PENALTIES
State is the second-most penalized team in the nation and had several big plays erased by penalties last week. It's a trend that needs to stop for the Wolfpack this weekend.

Quotable



"We've got to narrow down our penalties, narrow down our mistakes that kill ourselves."

-Marcus Hudson
NCSU junior free safety

VOLLEYBALL

Tar Heels keep Wolfpack winless in conference play

Mary Beth Usher
Staff Writer

North Carolina swept N.C. State in a defensively aggressive match Tuesday night in front of a large crowd at Reynolds Coliseum.

N.C. STATE 0 UNC 3
Senior outside hitter Melanie Rowe posted 20 kills, while junior middle blocker Adeola Kosoko had 14. Freshmen Andrea Bentley and Emily Bertrand both collected 18 defensive digs.

The Wolfpack fell in game one 30-22. Hope seemed distinctly within reach during game two, with the Pack (10-8, 0-5 ACC) controlling the

power coming from the slide of UNC (10-7, 5-1). "We had a problem with their slide," Bertrand said. "But once we picked up on that, they started tipping."

The tipping monumentally contributed to the State's 30-27 loss in game two. In the third game, State accumulated numerous technical errors, allowing UNC to sweep the match with a 30-15 victory.

Despite the impressive defensive showing, unforced errors and bad luck halted State from accruing its first ACC victory this season. Coach Mary Byrne said the effort on the part of the Pack was extremely evident.

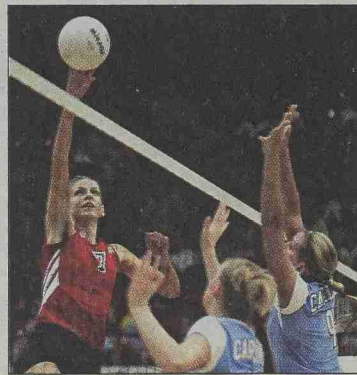
"It does go down as a loss, but I feel we fought very

hard," Byrne said. "If we had shown this kind of enthusiasm and excitement over the weekend, I feel we could have come away with a few wins."

Bertrand was particularly impressed with the team's blocking against the Heels. "Our block was huge tonight," Bertrand said. "That really shut them down."

The Wolfpack currently leads the ACC in blocks per game. Tuesday's appearance continued this trend. Ultimately, though, it still continued the string of conference losses.

"We fight real hard, but we still have a slump in the middle," Stefani Eddins said. "That slump is what we're working on. We have to fight hard the entire way through the match."



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