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DIVERSITY

Picart presents survey results

The Diversity Climate Report shows that students believe N.C. State is a diverse campus.

Tyler Dukes
Deputy News Editor

Addressing a crowd surprised by a number of the results, Vice Provost for Diversity and African American Affairs Jose Picart presented data from the 2004 Diversity Study Tuesday in Stewart Theater.

Entitled "Student Voices" the program took the form of an open forum where audience members could introduce questions and topics of discussion regarding the findings.

Beginning the forum, Picart pledged to facilitate questions without "editorial comment," so those present could form their own opinions about the information from the study. "All of us need to give meaning to the data in our own way," Picart said. "There's an intent to what the data is trying to tell us, and it's up to us to give meaning to that."

After what he referred to as a "productive" conversation among 150 participants during the Spring 2004 Dialogue on Diversity, Picart stated that many actions had been taken by the Office of Diversity and African American Affairs to progress the university's goal of diversity.

These actions included, among others, a diversity summit, held on Apr. 19 included speakers and diversity education programs.

Picart also mentioned a new "Diversity at N.C. State" Web site is set to launch in early November.

"I hope it will be a great resource to the university," Picart said.

"Other people will come to this site and see how much is going on at N.C. State with regard to diversity."

The survey, which was sent by e-mail to the student population, was completed by a total of 3,330 undergraduate students and 1,315 graduate students. It consisted of 36 questions

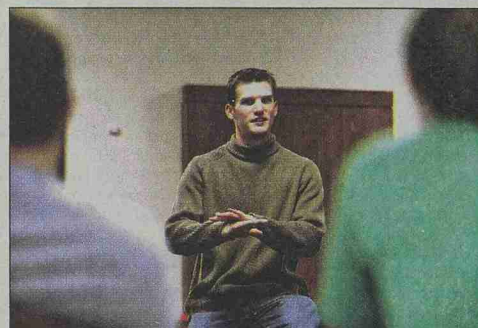
addressing eight different topics of diversity.

According to the study, 72.2 percent of undergraduate respondents and 60.5 percent of graduate respondents agreed that the campus is diverse.

Some audience members expressed concern over the accuracy of the findings, especially as it pertained to respondents' personal definition of diversity, but according to Picart this "diversity ceiling" must be considered when reflecting the results of the campus community.

One of the more comment-invoking statistics involved the question of whether or not students believed that diversity

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DAN TERNES/TECHNICIAN
BGLA President Robb Ellis shares his coming out story with students in Bragaw Activity Room Monday.

BGLA-led week expands offerings

The BGLA hosts Everyone Welcome Here Week in conjunction with National Coming Out Day.

Erin Welch
Deputy News Editor

In its first iteration as a stand-alone event, Everyone Welcome Here Week is underway around campus with a goal to promote awareness of the university's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender population, organizers say.

The first Everyone Welcome Here Week occurred in February and was partially coordinated around Human Rights week. However, organizers felt that the weeks should be separated in order to allow each sufficient recognition.

This fall's Everyone Welcome Here Week was planned in conjunction with National Coming

Out Day on Monday.

Kicking off with a Brickyard table handing out 300 free T-shirts advertising the week, BGLA and organizers have expanded Everyone Welcome Here Week to have a variety of events offered every day.

"One of the greatest things about this week is the wide variety of activities for students," Keith Kozak, residence director of Sullivan Hall, said.

With daily events and training sessions created to enhance the campus community's awareness of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender population, Everyone Welcome Here Week serves a two-fold purpose, according to Justine Hollingshead, assistant director for conference and guest services.

"The purpose of Everyone Welcome Here Week is aware-

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'I'M ALL IN!'



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN
Brandon Earl, Roshan Chugani and Phil Godbolt watch as Chuck Allen takes a hand in the final table during a poker tournament Tuesday night. The tournament was put on by the University Entrepreneurs Network as a fundraiser in Talley Student Center.

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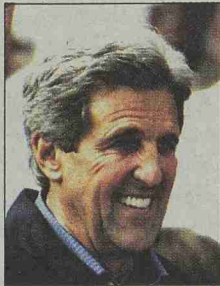
Final debate to be final showdown

Manisha Dass
Staff Writer

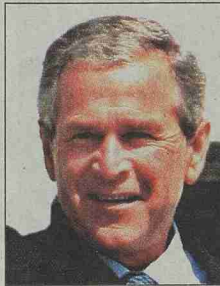
Voters will have one last chance to see both presidential candidates go head-to-head against each other, in the last of three presidential debates this election cycle tonight.

While some voters have made up their mind and have their decision set in stone, a sizable portion of student voters across the country are holding out for the final presidential debate to decide whether it'll be Bush or Kerry. The debate will air at 9 p.m. and will be carried live on most major networks from Arizona State University.

Hannah Gatlin, a former N.C. State student, is extremely passionate about politics and even more so during a year where voting is imperative to the future of this country. When asked if she had been keeping up with the presidential debates, her response was naturally yes



Sen. John Kerry and President George W. Bush will debate for the last time tonight at 9 p.m. at Arizona State University.



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and that everyone should. Gatlin does not like to refer to herself as an "undecided" voter, but instead offered a different explanation for waiting to make a decision.

"Not once in my life have I been an undecided voter. My hope is that by 'undecided' they are referring to people who are so thorough that they want to

take in each magic moment of the campaign, not people who really can't make a decision by this point," she said.

Careful examination of the debates can be particularly helpful, she said.

"If anyone sits through and really listens to the debates, the suggested policies of each candidate, they should know

who they're voting for. For people who are disillusioned by the rhetoric and the tactics, I encourage them to listen strictly to what's black and white, the differences between what would come of our nation and select what they prefer. The debates, if received in the right context, help voters do that," Gatlin said.

Neil Vora, a first-year medical school student at the University of California in San Francisco, expresses that he hasn't really been keeping up with the debates, because he already knows who is getting his vote on Nov. 2. "Watching the debates makes the whole [current] political situation more infuriating for me. No matter what is said during the debates, Kerry is getting my vote," he said.

Leena Kapila, a senior majoring in finance at George Mason University, has also been keep-

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Policy changes international students' future

Kelly Wilburn
Staff Reporter

A recent Department of Homeland Security policy that will lessen the level of privacy granted to international students giving the Federal Bureau of Investigation direct access to databases for tracking foreign visitors, including international students.

"After Sept. 11 [2001], international students' rights were changed anyway," Michael Bistie, director of the Office of International Scholar and Student Services, said.

Previously, the FBI had to ask the Department of Homeland Security for access to information from the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System.

"This new policy just makes it easier for the FBI to get access to international student records if

need-be," Bistie said.

The policy now makes information collected by SEVIS, such as name, date of birth and U.S. destination directly available to the FBI. A digital photo and fingerprint of international visitors may also be accessed.

N.C. State protects student records through the Federal Educational Rights of Privacy Act, said Ingrid Schmidt, director of the NCSU Study Abroad Office.

"If the FBI wants records, we can't very well refuse, but I would check with the Office of Legal Affairs before I did anything," Schmidt said. "We only share directory information, such as name, address, date of birth and year in school - but that is only if the student signs a release."

Damien Didier, a senior in

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ness for the general community and to provide support for members of the GLBT community," Hollingshead said. "[we hope to] provide a forum for students who are questioning or who are a member of the GLBT community to feel comfortable."

Among other events, the week has several training sessions for Project Safe.

Training took place Monday night and will take place tonight as well.

Part of the Leadership Development Series through CSLEPS, Project Safe has existed since 1996 and is open to all students.

"Project Safe is an educational training program to help people understand the needs and concerns that face the GLBT community and how to be better allies," Hollingshead said.

One additional training session for Project Safe is planned

this semester in November.

"The overall goal is to provide a safe, nonjudgmental campus environment for everyone," Hollingshead said.

The Everyone Welcome Here Week also marks the first Coffee Talk offered.

The BGLA plans to continue weekly Coffee Talks throughout the year to allow students to voice their feelings or concerns freely among a supportive group.

Additional events planned for the rest of the week include a student panel on being out on campus, a lunch forum regarding homosexuality and religion and a comedy show Friday.

Hollingshead said ideally, N.C. State's campus would be supportive of the GLBT community.

"Students that are aware that the BGLA exists and of the programs and services available on campus would say there is support there," she said.

However, Hollingshead pointed out that that was not always the case and that certain situations, namely residence

halls, can be "risky things" for the GLBT community.

"It is not always safe on campus, in classrooms and in [residence] halls, but there are places and services to go to for support," Hollingshead added.

BGLA members and planners hope only to expand Everyone Welcome Here Week in the future.

Hopes to have a fully funded graduate position in the future also exist.

"We've got a long way to go," said Hollingshead. "We hope to involve more faculty and get more involvement in the classroom setting."

Hollingshead said the BGLA hopes to make a push for classroom panels next year in a variety of subjects and majors.

"I see Everyone Welcome Here Week going beyond the week to be a continuation of events throughout the year," Kozak said.

"It's been a huge difference," said Hollingshead. "We've grown leaps and bounds from last year."

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was important to the college experience.

For undergraduates, 12.9 percent believed diversity was not important to the college experience. The same answer accounted for 13.7 percent of graduate students.

"One of the reasons why these numbers are like they are is that cultural diversity is different than cultural unity," audience member Charles Forrest said. "Some people place more value in that bond."

In his second year of the master's student program in computer science, Forrest said he sees a lot of diversity issues within the graduate programs.

"We've got a lot of diversity but [groups] have their own cultures," Forrest said. "There is a difference between diversity and minorities and there needs to be a distinction."

Another section of the forum dealt with student interaction with faculty. The results of these questions surprised some audience members.

One of the questions in this section was whether or not students had ever been stereotyped in class.

20.2 percent of undergraduates and 15.2 percent of graduates that responded said they had been.

Another question asked if they had heard inappropriate jokes or comments during class.

"There's no excuse for inappropriate jokes and those types of things," Curtis Hill, a senior in political science, said.

"I would hope the university would mandate some kind of sensitivity training for the faculty to learn how to speak with students from different cultures."

Audience member Faith Leach, a senior in communication, also posed the question of how the data from the study would be used to "make strides toward diversity."

Picart stated that although there is no definite solution to

A SAMPLE OF THE DIVERSITY SURVEY RESULTS

36 questions-152 items
8 sections

Respondents
3,300 undergraduate
1,315 graduate

IS THE N.C. STATE CAMPUS DIVERSE?		
	Agree	Disagree
Undergraduate	72.2%	9.4%
Graduate	60.5	16.2
I FEEL ACCEPTED AT N.C. STATE		
	Agree	Disagree
Undergraduate	86.8	2.0
Graduate	85.3	3.5
I AM COMFORTABLE WITH TALKING TO FACULTY OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM		
	Agree	Disagree
Undergraduate	88.2	2.9
Graduate	89.9	3.4
I FEEL I AM IGNORED IN CLASS		
	Agree	Disagree
Undergraduate	4.2	78.7
Graduate	3.5	87.0
I HAVE BEEN STEREOTYPED IN CLASS		
	Agree	Disagree
Undergraduate	20.2	63.8
Graduate	15.2	69.4
Demographic Data		
	Agree	Disagree
White	18.4	66.7
Black	29.6	51.2
Hispanic	19.1	66.0
Asian	28.0	50.8
Native American	41.6	43.1

NOTE: Survey results for "Somewhat Agree" and "Somewhat Disagree" are not included in the table above.

SOURCE: 2004 DIVERSITY SURVEY

the issue of diversity, he said his office would continue to understand and refine better techniques to improve diversity as both the campus and groups on campus grow.

"The answers evolve over time," Picart said. "They come from the groups themselves." Editor's note: Faith Leach and Curtis Hill both serve on the Student Media Board.

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computer science and an international student, commented that security measures in the United States differed greatly from measures in France. When Didier entered the United States, he feared being rejected due to the numerous security measures taken.

"It is too much to ask of the students who are here to study. I know that a lot of people now do not want to go to the U.S. because it is a long wait and a long process," Didier said. "It is a loss of time and money for the U.S. to do this."

Despite drastic changes, Bistle does not anticipate any problems with the new policy at NCSU. "I don't detect anything that will cause a lot of concern.

Unless there is a court order to give up information, we don't just volunteer information on international students."

Although no problems may arise as a result of the new policy, Silla Bakalus, an international student from Denmark, does not fully agree with the changes. "I understand why they [the U.S.] do it, but I do not think that it is fair," Bakalus said.

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ing up with the presidential debates but not in its entirety, she confesses.

"I do believe that the debates help voter's get a feel for the presence of the candidates," Kapila said.

William Boettcher, an NCSU political science professor expects jobs, the economy, health

care and education to be the focus of this debate, and believes Kerry performed better in both of the debates and expect he [Kerry] will do the same in the final one.

When questioned whether undecided voters will make their final choices following the debate on Wednesday night, Boettcher said "There may be a few undecideds left, but I don't think that they will be moved by the final debate

alone. They may be waiting to form a general judgment of each candidate's performance across the debates."

Boettcher said that he agrees that debates have an impact on some voters, especially the voters that haven't followed the election closely until now.

He did say however, that he student interest from what he has seen is "somewhat less" for the final debate.



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where? Witherspoon Cinema

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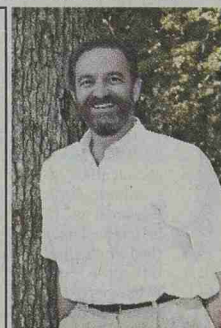
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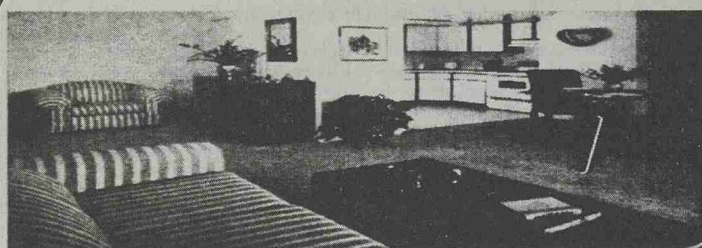
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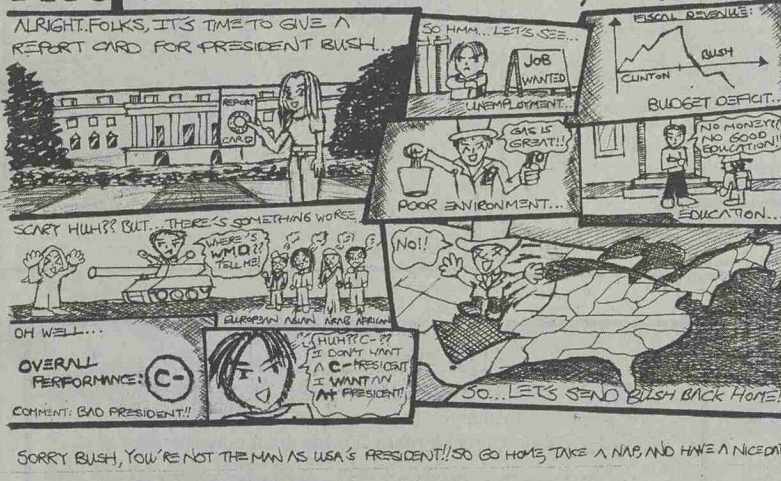
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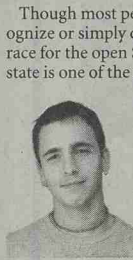
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Burr, Bowles stump over China

With the elections drawing nearer, it may be questionable whether either North Carolina candidate for U.S. Senate is the best pick to represent our state.



Andrew Dugan
Senior Staff Columnist

Though most people hardly recognize or simply don't care, the race for the open Senate seat in this state is one of the most important contests in this election year.

The seat, vacated by now vice presidential nominee John Edwards, must be retained by the Democrats if they are to have any chance claiming the majority in the polarized Senate.

To that end, the Democratic nominee for the position is wealthy Charlotte banker Erskine Bowles, the man who was only able to garner 45 percent of the vote in the 2002 Senate race (North Carolina has had two open Senate seats in two years, a situation usually unheard of), paving the way for Elizabeth Dole's predictable victory.

But as the National Review notes about Bowles, "The Democrat is a much-improved candidate from two years ago." Polls once showed that Bowles held a gigantic lead over the Republican candidate, Richard Burr, but things seem to be getting closer.

Moreover, this seat has changed party affiliation in the last five elections (though the other seat, last held by Jesse Helms, has been very stable), indicating that no candidate can feel sure about his lead in any poll. Much depends, then, on Richard Burr and the man's capability to run a successful campaign. Burr cannot simply wait for President Bush to save him from an electoral loss; he cannot rely on the president, by virtue of identical party affiliation, to raise him from the ashes.

But it seemed much of his early

campaign was waiting for this effortless rise to glory, while Bowles campaigned steadily and successfully. Both men have campaigned at North Carolina State University, but neither enjoy a strong student base (show me a politician that does these days).

But the winds of change have blown at the Burr camp, a man who has served in the U.S. Congress for five years, ostensibly representing North Carolina's rights in regards to free trade. The man has released two new television advertisements, both featuring two prominent politicians, and one of them is, of course, Erskine Bowles. And the other? Former President Bill Clinton.

That Bowles used to work for Clinton is no secret, and Bowles helped play some part in the forming of NAFTA and allowing China to gain Most Favored Nation status, a designation that allows normal trade between the United States and whatever nation wins the title. Burr is using this actually admirable record to his dubious advantage: both NAFTA and China are unpopular in North Carolina now, due to job loss and the like, and some North Carolinians did not like the former president, for whatever reasons they may have.

Before addressing the trade concerns, and the effort to convince North Carolinians that Bowles is the man to blame for all their misfortunes, Burr should be reminded of the last effort by a North Carolina politician to evoke Bill Clinton's name in order to bring another one down. Lauch Faircloth, the Republican who held this same seat before Edwards took over, ran a much focused campaign for re-election. The focus was that Edwards was a no-good liberal who aided Bill Clinton in whatever

manner was available and thus hurt North Carolinians.

It was an odd campaign, considering times were relatively good back then, and it allowed Edwards to win with a more optimistic campaign, as is his trademark. There is a difference between Burr and Faircloth's strategies, however. At least Faircloth employed this strategy when Bill Clinton was an active politician, and a polarizing figure in this state (though more popular on a national level).

Burr may hope to channel some re-awakening of the animosity some held towards the two-term president, but he won't succeed on picking up any centrist or moderate votes.

Meanwhile, both of these candidates are eager to bash China for North Carolina's weak economy (though it has picked up some), much as many were eager to bash Japan a decade earlier. China does fix its currency to the dollar in an effort to depress its value and make its exports cheaper. And its labor is less expensive, due to less humane work regulations. Burr says he "didn't think we could trust" China, but he will be unsuccessful as a senator in his effort to impose tariffs on the country, or to cease trade with them.

Nor will he be doing North Carolina any good. Sen. Dole, like these two gentlemen, thinks it is in North Carolina's best interest to publicly denounce trade with China. It would do national good to turn our back on one of the world's largest nations, and therefore, markets.

North Carolina must revive its ability to be competitive, not to complain. But perhaps neither of these candidates can see that.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

FINANCIAL AID
MESSAGE NOT
GETTING OUT

OUR OPINION: A RECENT STUDY SHOWS STUDENTS DO NOT APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID, PARTICULARLY STUDENTS THAT NEED IT AND WOULD GET THE MOST AMOUNTS OF MONEY. N.C. STATE CAN HELP BY PROVIDING STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL AID.

Tuition has steadily increased at North Carolina universities for years.

This makes financial aid an opportunity that could ease the financial tension that many students feel when the time comes to pay the bills.

This opportunity is often ignored and disregarded.

The American Council on Education released a study on Monday showing nearly 50 percent of the eight million nationwide undergraduates did not even complete their FAFSA forms. To be more specific, 42 percent of students at public four-year institutions never applied.

55 percent of students that do turn in FAFSA forms do so after the deadline. This shows that students are uninformed when seeking aid and not taking initiative to get details about it either.

What makes this so absurd is that the federal government has already set aside the money to give to students if they chose to apply for it.

Case in point: the Pell Grant is a grant offered to students in families with a gross income of less than \$40,000. A surprising amount – approximately 850,000 – of students eligible for the grant never applied for the money that would never need to be paid back.

N.C. State should inform students, whether they are already in school or looking to be, about financial aid. Current students and prospective students could learn what amount of money they are eligible for, the specific types of loans and grants, the pros and cons of each of those options, the options ranging from federal, state and school possibilities and how their financial future could be structured so that there is little stress and, ideally, little to pay back once graduated.

The Financial Aid office and the College of Education could initiate this with a series of workshops and presentations. Representatives could go to local high schools and visit juniors and seniors about the process of applying for aid – stressing dates and vital information as needed.

The presentations would be applicable for NCSU students as well and workshops available to students in Talley Student Center would be valuable for students to attend.

Financial Aid and the College of Education need to stress and push the topic so that students will learn.

Students want to learn about financial aid – they just need the information to be available.

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Presidential debates parallel preschool politics

Isaac Tripp discusses how the Republicans and Democrats debate the issues on the war on terror in the wake of upcoming elections.

The 2004 election and the recent presidential debates have consistently centered around one key theme: terrorism. Unfortunately, most of the conversation and debate surrounding the subject



Isaac Tripp
Staff Columnist

has been nothing short of empty-headed rhetoric and logic that belongs in preschool. It is virtually impossible to hold an intelligent discussion on the subject. Dick Cheney has made the claim that terrorists want "to destroy our way of life. They don't agree with our view of the world." Does Cheney honestly believe that the attacks of Sept. 11 occurred

because of a difference of world view? President Bush has claimed that they "hate our freedoms." Furthermore, the Bush administration claims that their War on Terror, including the invasion of Iraq, is somehow going to eliminate terrorism forever.

The fact is that terrorism is an incredibly complex subject that has no clear solution and cannot be simplified into media sound bites. If you honestly believe that we were attacked on Sept. 11 because "they hate our freedoms," then you have a pre-school understanding of inter-

national politics, and you should most certainly not be president of the United States of America and the leader of the free world.

Terrorism is, by nature, politically motivated. The U.S. Code defines an act of terrorism as a crime or act of violence committed with the intent to "influence the policy of a government." Terrorism fueled by anti-American sentiment has not arisen from a hatred of freedom, but from a reaction to American policy.

Unfortunately, it is impossible to discuss U.S. policy and terrorism without being labeled a member of the "blame America first" crowd.

The main reasons for this incredible animosity in the Middle East are primarily based around the sentiment that the U.S. is an aggressor in the region. Osama bin Laden claimed that it is "because you attacked us and you continue to attack us" and because "you steal our wealth and oil at paltry prices because of your international influence and military threats." Our bases in Saudi Arabia and our support of the Saudi government are issues that have contributed to widespread animosity.

U.S. policy in Iraq has been a problem for a long time. The economic sanctions against Iraq are believed to have caused hundreds of thousands of deaths while strengthening Saddam's stranglehold over the populace. This has been a

key factor in inflaming Arab anger against the U.S.

By and large, the biggest cause of anti-American sentiment in the Arab world is our unquestioning support for Israel. While there is no clear solution to the Israeli issue, blindly supporting Ariel Sharon while he shirks international law by refusing U.N. investigations into alleged massacres does little to win popularity in the region.

It would be preposterous to say that a single one of these situations caused the attacks by itself, but decades of these foreign policy decisions have helped create the situation out of which the attacks came.

To prove this is not just "liberal rambling," even Pat Buchanan has said that "U.S. dominance of the Middle East is not the corrective to terror. It is a cause of terror. We're not over there, the 9/11 terrorists would not have been over here."

The ignorance surrounding the causes of terrorism also extends to the solutions for terrorism. Again, the Bush administration and most of the populace prefer to take the simpleton's approach rather than really seek to understand the problem. They seem to believe that attacking and killing any possible terrorists will prevent future attacks. However, terrorism is not a tan-

gible thing. It is a concept created by hatred that cannot be defeated by killing as many Arabs as possible while enacting policies that create more hatred and animosity.

The war in Iraq is a classic example of this. By attacking Iraq without any demonstrable threat, the U.S. is simply creating more terrorism by igniting animosity across the Arab world. Since the invasion, Iraq has seen an incredible influx of terrorism. We are, through the war in Iraq, our unending support for Israel, and other policies in the Middle East, helping to fuel a generation of hatred and terror.

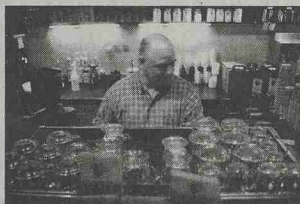
To find proof that a simple hard-line stance against terrorism simply does not work, in the ten years before Sharon took office, 1990-2000, there were 120 Israelis killed in terrorist attacks. Since September 2000, in just four years, there have been 989 Israelis killed. Clearly, a policy of exterminating terrorists simply does not work.

I do not claim to have all the answers, and I do not know the solution to this incredible problem, but I do know that terrorism and the means of stopping it is much simpler than "they hate our freedom" and "we'll kill them before they can kill us."

Tell Isaac the answers at
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Employee Michael Dillon grabs a cookie from the bakery case at the popular Five Points area Third Place coffee shop on a busy Sunday afternoon.



The rustic decor, comfortable benches and friendly staff make Global Village the place to come for comfortable conversation. However, you may have to wait a few minutes for a cup of coffee; the lines get long at times. It has a great chocolate-covered espresso bean machine that takes quarters and all of the coffee is organic.



Encounters Cafe's down-home feel and cozy setting make this the perfect place to relax with a cup of tea and one of its many magazines. One of its regular patrons has made a habit of chit chatting with the new comers, and the patrons are as likely to be professors as they are students.



The Third Place coffee shop boasts comfortable seating.

Coffee and conversation meet at the perfect place

LOCATED IN RALEIGH'S FIVE POINTS AREA, THIRD PLACE OFFERS AN ECLECTIC YET WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT TO A COLORFUL CROWD OF RALEIGH REGULARS THAT FIND THIS PLACE ONE OF THE BEST COFFEE HOUSES AROUND

STORY AND PHOTOS BY TASHA PETTY

Whoever named Third Place was feeling extremely humble, because this little coffee shop in Raleigh's Five Points area is first place for coffee lovers seeking conversation, relaxation, a study getaway and a good, cheap cup of coffee.

Third Place gets the gold medal for its warm-n-cozy feel. Caramel cream and cranberry muffin colored walls boast the latest abstract monotypes by local artist Gerry Lynch. Silver, bronze and slate highlight the counter area. A high, antique-looking ceiling partitioned into black squares holds multi-colored glass lanterns and hanging table lamps.

While many coffee hot spots can get cramped with regulars and eager students seeking a study escape from the library, Third Place offers plentiful seating. A modern-styled burgundy and mauve couch looks as if it was taken straight from the movie *Alice in Wonderland* (or the store Ikea).

There is ample outdoor seating covered by large canvas umbrellas and contained by walls of shrubbery. The doors, propped open during the mild-temperature days, give the place takes on a Parisian feel while remaining undeniably unique.

Third Place is a perfect place for people watching; patrons are as eclectic as the furniture and as colorful as the walls. Hours pass just watching them study, sip coffee, chat, or flutter back and forth between their seat and the counter, bathroom, and outside area.

All of the regulars seem to know each other, and after enough observance the Third Place seems as if it could second as the Wake County Social Club. The welcoming atmosphere and friendly staff are what draws them here.

All of the employees are equally outgoing and cor-

dial. The owner, a skinny man with a genuine smile and Santa Claus-white hair pulled back into a ponytail, knows most of his regular customers by name. The employees take breaks to chat with the customers about life, politics and everything else coffee shop conversation invites. They bring in their own music to play and it is not uncommon to see one of them dancing and singing along to a tune while wiping down tables.

Ownership changed about six months ago, and with that came the addition of new menu items and frozen drinks. The full menu is available until 11 p.m. and includes made-to-order dishes such as a hummus plate, veggie wrap, three-cheese sandwich, spinach and sprout salad, weekly specials and more. They also have a plethora of pastries and baked goods that they get from 9th Street Bakery, New York Bagels, Edible Art and Guglhupf. The more interesting baked goods are pumpkin cookies, carrot muffins and white cheddar scones.

Aside from these minor changes, Third Place tradition—cherishing customer rapport and perfect latte foam peaks—continues.

Another Third Place tradition, making all the coffee with Larry's Beans, has survived the ownership shift. Larry's Beans, a local Raleigh business championing free and fair trade, distributes coffee beans from seven Fair Trade Co-ops in three continents. All of the beans are organic, shade grown and make for some dang good coffee. As Larry boasts on the packaging, "happy farmers make good coffee."

Nice try Larry, but you're off by just a little. Happy farmers make good beans. Third Place employees make good coffee.

GET OUT OF TOWN

Wilmington offers coastal getaway

Fall might be setting in, but Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach offer nightlife and coastal attractions that are sure to provide a great beach getaway throughout the year

Kate Peters Bowra
Staff Writer

As cold weather and the winter season descend on North Carolina in the next few weeks, it doesn't leave much time to take advantage of many coastal offerings.

Hardcore beach-goers are sure to stick out the weather until it becomes unbearable. However, for those seeking warm sunshine and rain-free days on the coast, Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach are the places to catch some rays and enjoy

the best of North Carolina's water-front attractions. Approximately two hours down I-40 (although many speed demons swear it to be a one-and-a-half hour trip), historic Wilmington and spectacular Wrightsville Beach are great day-trip destinations to escape piedmont city-life.

Melanie Wong, a senior in electrical engineering, took a trip just a short time ago to Wrightsville Beach and had a great time. As a whole, Wong's experience in the city was extremely positive.

"I loved the houses—they were in such bright and perky colors," Wong said. In addition to the beach, Wong said she enjoyed the entire atmosphere Wilmington had to offer.

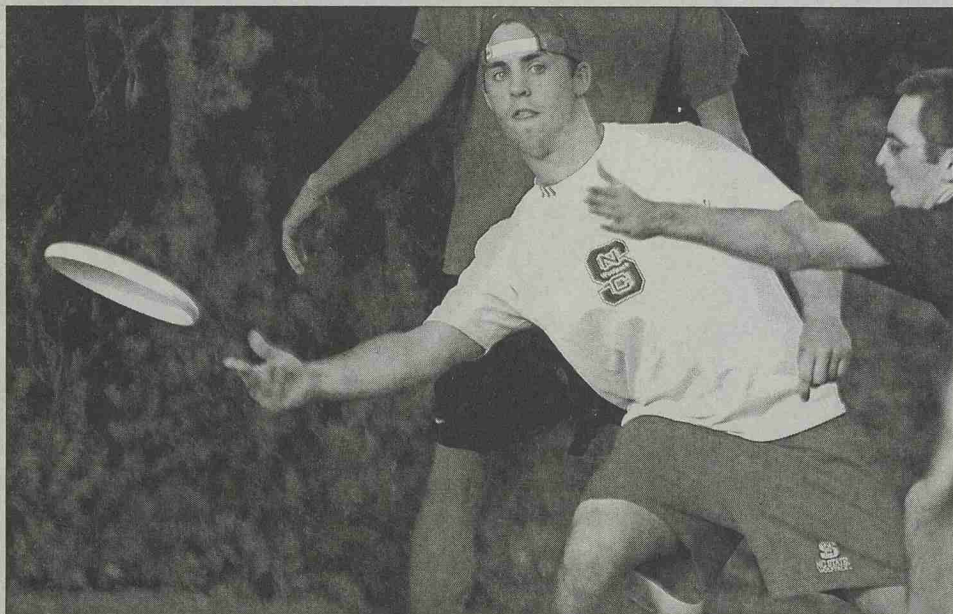
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Downtown Wilmington's historic riverside attracts daytime shoppers, tourists and nighttime bar hoppers alike.

ASHLEY HINK/TECHNICIAN

Club Sports Corner



DUSTIN PATTERSON/TECHNICIAN

James Laborde throws a front-hand toss to his teammate during a recruiting event for the ultimate frisbee team at the intramural field last month. Laborde is a junior in mechanical engineering and is known as "Lefty" to his frisbee friends. The ultimate frisbee team was ranked fifth in the nation last year and will host a huge tournament this weekend at the Miller Fields.

CLUB SPORTS EVENT RESULTS

Equestrian Club

Oct. 2: Dressage Show - Virginia Intermont College
First Level: Susan Langford - seventh place
Upper Training Level: Kate Flanagan - fourth place
Lower Training Level: Laura Heaton - seventh place

Fencing Club

Oct. 2: Fencing Tournament at North Carolina
N.C. State placed fourth in team Epee: Kmiec, Magee and Glapion

Field Hockey Club

Oct. 2: N.C. State 4, Davidson 2

Badminton Club

Sept. 24-25: CSSFA 2004 Badminton Championships — Raleigh
Men's Singles champion: Li Zhong
Men's Double champions: Cai Gangshu and Su Pei
Women's Single champion: Huang Yusheng

Tennis Club

Oct. 9: Men: N.C. State 10, UNC 5
Women: N.C. State 5, UNC 4

Cycling/Mt. Bike Club

Oct. 2-3: Mt. Bike Race at Virginia Tech
Men's A Division: Hatcher Rosebrook — first place
Men's B Division: Michael Sweat — second place

Roller Hockey Club

Oct. 2-3: Tournament at UNC Charlotte — Charlotte, NC
N.C. State record 4-0-0

Women's Volleyball Club

Oct. 2: Tournament at Elon
N.C. State finished third

Sailing Club

Oct. 9-10: SAISA Sloop Champs at College of Charleston
N.C. State finished sixth

Men's Soccer Club

Oct. 8-9: Socctoberfest Tournament — Clemson, SC
N.C. State defeated Mississippi 2-1, N.C. State tied Clemson A team 1-1, and N.C. State tied Georgia 0-0

CLUB SPORTS HOME EVENTS

Men's and Women's Ultimate Tournament

N.C. State Wolfpack Invitational Ultimate Frisbee Tournament
Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Lower Miller Fields
Sunday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Lower Miller Fields

Dance Team

N.C. State Dance Clinic
Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on courts 9, 10, 11 in Carmichael Gym

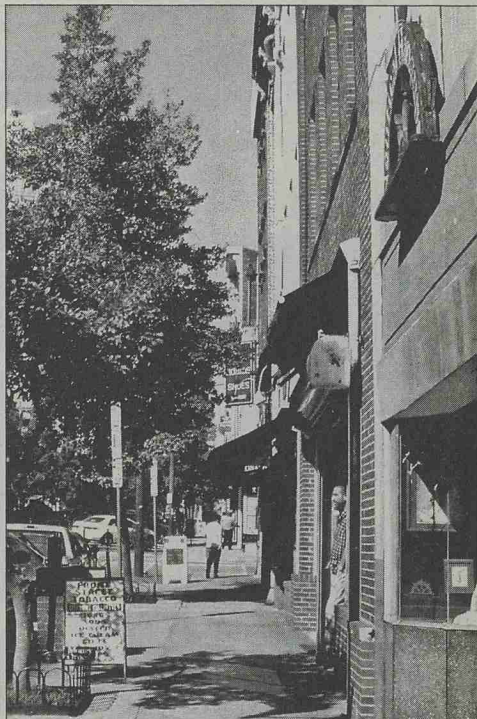
Tennis Club

N.C. State vs. UNCW
Saturday, at noon on tennis courts 7-12

Women's Lacrosse

N.C. State vs. Elon
Sunday at 1 p.m. on Upper Miller Fields

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ASHLEY HINK/TECHNICIAN

The quaint streets of Wilmington boast numerous specialty shops, restaurants and bars.

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"The city was really nice and laid back," Wong said recalling how comfortable she felt in the seaside city.

For those not interested in getting a tan or catching waves on Wrightsville, there are still other options floating on the coast. Battleship North Carolina, located just across from downtown Wilmington, is a noteworthy and educational alternative. Guests of the ship can choose from guided or self-guided tours. Admission for the self-guided tour runs an individual \$9 and can easily run two hours in length and possibly as long as four hours for an enthusiast. According to the ship's website, <http://www.battleshipnc.com>, visitors can expect a wide array of activities throughout their visit.

"Onboard, portions of nine decks are open where you can enter gun turrets, inspect the bridge, view officers' and crews' quarters, sick bay, engine room and much more. Discover how the ship was like a floating city with hotel facilities, diners, movie theater, church, post office, laundry, ice cream shop, soda fountain, newspaper, barber shops and repair shops for most everything."

Open every day of the year — holidays too — this memorial is not just for tours. The battleship can be rented for parties or other special occasions. Graduation celebrations are included on their list of rental options. From a story through old photos to actually walking on various decks of the ship, the Battleship North Carolina memorial has something for individuals of any age.

After taking a break from a busy day of activities, a meal at Port City Chop House in downtown Wilmington is sure to please any guest. The restaurant's menu includes pasta, meat of all types and a wide selection of the freshest seafood to include their much acclaimed Oysters Rockefeller.

Specialty items catered to vegetarian diets and take out is also available.

Carlee Dawson, a freshman in communications, could not give greater praise to the Port City Chop House.

"I think that [Port City Chop House] is a really nice seafood restaurant. It's one of the best places to eat in Wilmington," Dawson said describing her latest dining experience. Being a college town, there is no shortage of bars located throughout this oceanside city. If looking for a nice drink or some more time out on the town following dinner. When that's the case, Front Street Brewery has it all. The brewery is famous for its traditional ales, porters and lagers. Seasonal brews, such as spiced ales, are common in the fall and winter months.

The Raspberry Wheat brew is a common favorite among female visitors, while many men prefer the dry Oatmeal Stout. Many options and unusual varieties are on hand to try on any given evening. Locals are eager to boast about their frequent visits to the brewery and the quality of the establishment.

Front Street Brewery also offers an assortment of food items ranging from British pub selections such as fish and chips to American favorites like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Don't be surprised if you spot a celebrity or two strolling the downtown streets, dining restaurants or drinking at bars. Many large production companies use the city as a backdrop for feature films. "My Life in Idlewild," the Outkast film, and the Warner Brother's network series, "One Tree Hill," are just a couple of the productions currently filming in the Wilmington area. So whether one is looking to work on a tan, take in an afternoon of activities or experience some local night life while rubbing elbows with a few celebs, Wilmington has it all.

If you know of a great day-trip destination or would like to know more about a particular area, please send your comments to diversions@technicianonline.com

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Nicely has also been on surfing trips to Costa Rica, Greece, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

"Puerto Rico was the best because it was warm when I went there, the waves were perfect and the water was crystal-clear blue," Nicely said.

For her achievements in the sport, Nicely has received sponsorships from Gravis, Dragon, Lost clothing and Action Surf Shop, based in Atlantic Beach.

There is one aspect about surfing that sets Nicely apart from other competitive surfers in North Carolina — a self-proclaimed shark phobia.

"I have a fear of sharks more than anyone," Nicely said. "My friends pick on me by sending me postcards with sharks on them."

One of her scariest shark encounters came two years ago when she was surfing with friends Matt Hardesty and Rob Cordero in Florida.

"I was about five feet apart from my friends and a shark jumped out of the water in be-

tween us," Nicely said. "It was pretty scary."

But Nicely admits that dealing with the fear of sharks comes with the territory of surfing and continually strives to improve at the sport.

"I have seen a lot of improvement in myself, but I'm nowhere near where I want to be," Nicely said.

Nicely thinks that surfing could be a possibility in the future if she gets the right kind of sponsorship, but nothing is certain.

"It costs a lot of money, and it's hard to get sponsored," Nicely

said. "As a college student, I'm not in the position to do it right now."

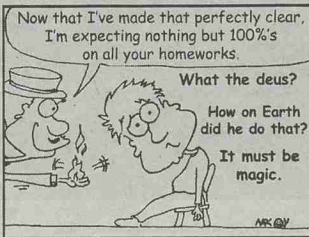
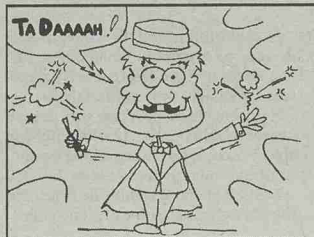
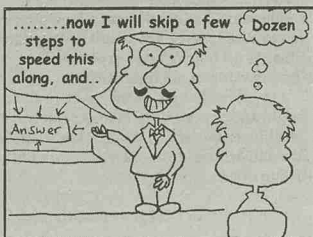
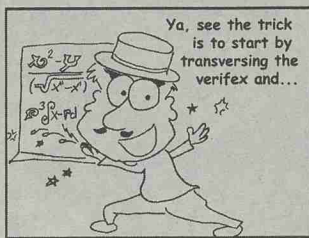
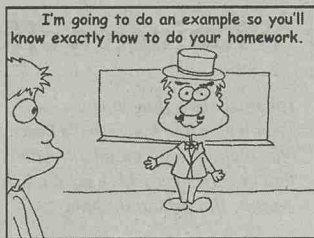
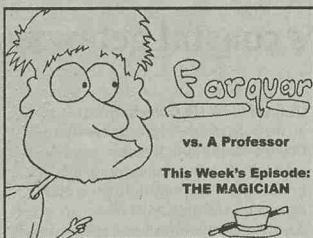
Even though pro surfing is dominated by females that are between 18-20 years old, Fitzpatrick thinks Nicely could see success at the next level.

"I absolutely think she could do it, but she's also got other goals in life, and she's a smart kid."

Other goals like researching medicine derived from plants, which coincides with her major. But only time will which path Nicely decides to follow.

Serious

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WILMINGTON AND WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH HOTSPOTS

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Port City Chop House
1981 Eastwood Rd.
(910) 256-4955

Front Street Brewery
9 N. Front St.
(910) 251-1935

Tomatoz American Grille
1201 S. College Rd.
(910) 313-0541

Bars/Clubs

Rhinoceros Club
125 Market St.
(910) 763-2582

Side Bar Incorporated

18 S. Front St.
(910) 763-1401

Rum Runners: Dueling Piano Bar
21 N. Front St.
(910) 815-3846

Jerry Allen's Sports Bar
38 N. Lumina Ave.
(910) 256-8286

Hell's Kitchen
118 Princess St.
(910) 763-4133

Attractions

Battleship North Carolina Memorial
Battleship Road
(910) 251-5797

Ghost Walk of Old Wilmington
Riverfront at Market and Water Streets
(910) 602-6055

Sports

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2004

Schedule

Football at Maryland, 10/16, 3:30
M. Soccer vs. SUNY-Stony Brook, 10/13, 2
W. Soccer vs. Florida State, 10/17, 2
Volleyball at Miami, 10/15, 7
Cross Country at NCAA Pre-Nationals, 10/16
Swimming at Virginia Tech, 10/16
Rifle at SEARCH 1 (Ga.), 10/16

Scores

Duke 3, Women's Soccer 0
Yankees 10, Red Sox 7



TECHNICIAN

COMMENTARY

Balancing the athletics budget

Let your money for nothing and your chicks for free.

It seems as if the idiosyncratic culture of the 1980s has influ-

enced more than a series of VH1 specials and resurgence of Aviator eye wear. Dire Straits has actually manipulated the budget of the Wolfpack



Mary Beth Usher
Staff Writer

Department of Athletics.

Of the \$12.4 million 2003-2004 athletics budget, just over 26 percent of total funds were allocated to all female teams collectively - \$3.3 million for all women athletes.

This allotment includes costs of coaches and support staff, officials, supplies, sports equipment, travel costs and recruiting costs. The football team itself devoured 41.4 percent, a hefty \$5.1 million. Men's basketball racked in 17.5 percent, while women's basketball was only given 9 percent.

Should this perspective on numbers be considered financial sexism or sound economic judgment?

If the athletic department assigns a numerical value to individual varsity teams, then a value is placed upon the players, denoting the worth of a single program to Wolfpack athletics as an entity.

Quite a trite argument.

Subsequently, the rifle team has officially been voted off the island.

The team receives less than 1 percent of the total budget.

However, financial analysis illustrates allocation of funds is directly proportional to revenue generated by the team.

"Historically, football and men's basketball games generate more than 99 percent of annual athletic ticket revenue," Athletics Director Lee Fowler said.

According to the 2003-2004 Department of Athletics Annu-

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ATHLETES IN THE PACK



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

Senior Kelly Nicely, an Atlantic Beach native, started competing in surfing competitions three years ago and has been named to the East Coast All-Star team.

A 'nice' fit among the waves

KELLY NICELY STARTED SURFING JUST FIVE YEARS AGO BUT HAS ALREADY WON SEVERAL SURFING COMPETITIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Ryan Reynolds
Deputy Sports Editor

Kelly Nicely's recent surge to being one of the top amateur surfers in North Carolina didn't require any lessons.

In fact, the 26-year-old senior didn't even start surfing seriously until five years ago, but it wasn't from lack of trying.

"I got my first surfboard when I was around 11," Nicely said. "I surfed with it three or four times, then one night I left it in my backyard and someone stole it. My dad never bought me another one."

When Nicely finally did get another surfboard at the age of 21, she became infatuated with the sport.

After graduating from high school, Nicely decided to stay at her family home in Atlantic Beach to work and attend community college for a couple of years, but surfing became like a sec-

ond job.

"I would go surfing every day after work, and I would go out there before the sun was coming up," Nicely said. "One time we went to surf and it was snowing outside."

One of her surfing mentors while Nicely lived in Atlantic Beach was Mindy Fitzpatrick, a popular surfer around the area who was a former All-American point guard at South Carolina.

"She's got that stoke where she's all about surfing," Fitzpatrick said. "Kelly is phenomenal. She works hard at her goals, and she got so much better so fast."

After just a couple of years on the board, Nicely has emerged as one of the best amateur surfers in North Carolina, and has been a force on the competition scene for the last three years.

Nicely has balanced all this while pursuing a double major in botany and

biochemistry at N.C. State.

She recently finished first place at the East Coast Wahine Championships in the advanced short board and pro long board competitions.

Nicely is the first person to win both categories in the same year. Not only that, but she has won both categories two years in a row.

"The short board is more of an aggressive surfing style, and the long board is laid back and just going with the flow," Nicely said. "On the long board you can have fun on small and big waves." Nicely also finished first in the East Coast Championships in Hatteras this past summer, and earned a second place finish at the Surfing America competition, held in Huntington Beach, Ca., earlier in 2004.

"She's literally the best amateur surfer we have in the nation," Fitzpatrick said. "She's pretty big-time now. We surfed together Sunday and this other girl in



COURTESY OF DAVID SMITH

Kelly Nicely rides a wave in competition at the Wahine Championships in Wrightsville Beach this past summer.

the water said, 'Do you know her?' She's in a lot of surfing magazines, but she's still humble."

The East Coast All-Star team took notice of Nicely's surfing abilities and named her to the team. She traveled to Australia and surfed with the all-star team for three weeks this past summer.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Duke burns State in second

The Blue Devils scored three goals in the second half and held the N.C. State offense to one shot on goal

Nicholas Jeffreys
Staff Writer

DURHAM - Fans crowded Duke University Tuesday night to see conference rivals battle it out on the soccer pitch.

While N.C. State faced off against nationally ranked Duke, the big matchup on campus was between the NBAs Washington Wizards and Philadelphia 76ers, who faced off next door at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

The roars could be heard from Cameron Indoor Stadium, but the match between the Blue Devils and Wolfpack still went on under the lights of Koskinen Stadium.

A defensive battle in the first half quickly turned into a Duke field day in the second, where the Blue Devils tallied three second half goals to win 3-0. State (7-5-2, 1-4 ACC) came up



ANDY DELISLE/TECHNICIAN

N.C. State forward Allie Wilkerson fights off a defender in a 3-0 loss to Duke on Tuesday night.

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FOOTBALL

Paulsen has surgery on ankle

Amato: The center could miss four-to-six weeks, but no timetable is set for his return

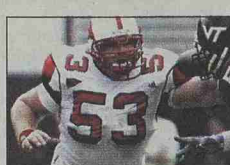
Brian Grossman
Staff Writer

The Wolfpack will be without its starting center for quite some time, Coach Chuck Amato said Tuesday afternoon.

Senior Jed Paulsen injured his ankle in the fourth quarter of Saturday's 30-24 loss to North Carolina.

Paulsen had surgery to help stabilize the injury Tuesday, and Amato expects him to miss significant time.

"Jed Paulsen had his ankle operated on this afternoon," Amato said. "They put a couple pins in; I don't know all the particulars, but they stabilized the ankle.



TECHNICIAN FILE PHOTO

Paulsen could be out four-to-six weeks, but there is no timetable set for his return to the field.

I think somebody said quite a few weeks - four-to-six weeks, somewhere in that area."

Paulsen was released from the hospital this afternoon and showed up to practice, but he was still dazed from the surgery.

"He came out as soon as he was released," Amato said. "He wanted to come to practice, and he was out here. He was pretty groggy."

Amato said he wasn't sure

exactly what the injury was, but that he thought there was some ligament damage.

He said the pins were necessary to keep the ankle stable while it heals. Though he said a return isn't likely, Amato acknowledged the possibility for Paulsen to be back in action this season.

"It's possible that he could return," he said. "If anybody can he will. Remember what he did two years ago with the ACL."

Amato referred to Paulsen's injury two years ago. He suffered an ACL sprain during the team's win over Navy in 2002 and missed only three games. He returned and played every snap the rest of the season.

Sophomore Leroy Harris will start at center in place of Paulsen.

Harris switched to center from left guard on Saturday after Paulsen left the game.

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