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DEVILS HOLD ON

BY DEREK HOWLES
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Ask most people whether they'd rather spend two hours with thousands of friends who will chant their name or with thousands of strangers who will mock them mercilessly, and the answer would be obvious.

Not for J.J. Redick.

In the week leading up to Tuesday's game against North Carolina, the Duke all-everything guard revealed that his favorite place to play is the Smith Center — not Cameron Indoor Stadium.

No wonder.

The senior scored 35 points, including a pair of clutch 3-pointers in the final two minutes, as No. 2 Duke escaped Chapel Hill with an 87-83 win against No. 23 North Carolina.

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Wes Miller said of Redick, who entered the game averaging 28.1 points per game.

"I don't know how that's possible. We tried to do the things

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DTH/LARRY BAUM

Micah Cole grimaces after watching Duke's 87-83 win Tuesday. Though disappointed, Cole said he was not devastated by the Tar Heels' loss.

TOWN DEFLATES AFTER NAIL-BITER

BY TED STRONG
SENIOR WRITER

After Tuesday's loss to Duke, the attitude on Franklin Street was subdued, but not dismayed.

After all, it's hard for Tar Heel fans to feel positively awful when their boys still have those pretty rings and poor J.J. is bereft of championship bling.

"Who's got the ring?" asked freshman Patrick Finegan, wagging his finger about.

He and Micah Cole, a former UNC student, were discussing the relative value of Duke at Hector's

after the game.

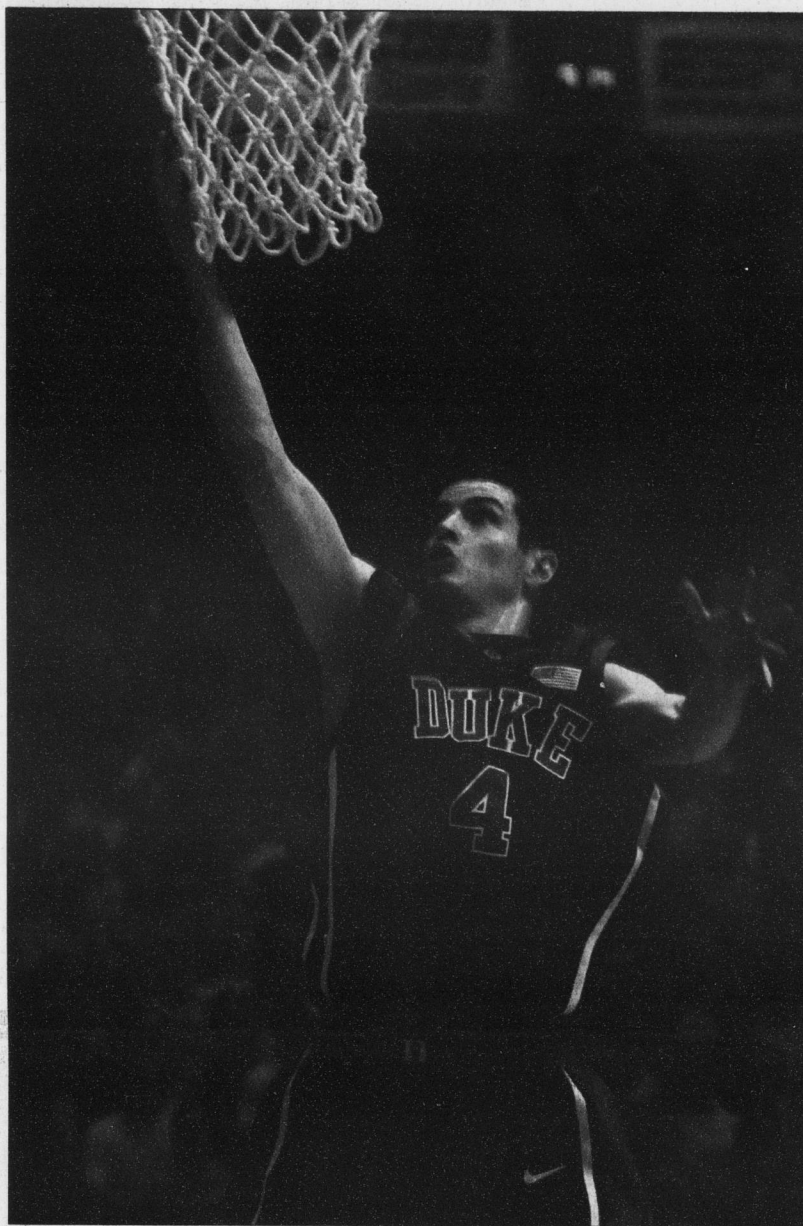
Cole, who was at Hector's with his sister, Racheal, after watching the game in Goldie's Bar and Grill, said that he was disappointed at the loss, but not heartbroken.

"I hate that they won, but, you know, it happens," he said.

He said that he and his sister would be back uptown for the next game, though they won't be at Hector's, which is slated to relocate after closing Saturday.

Contrary to the Chapel Hill

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DTH/WHITNEY SHEPTE

J.J. Redick goes up for an easy two in the second half of No. 2 Duke's 87-83 win Tuesday at the Smith Center. Redick hit two big 3s late, piling on 35 points and avenging a poor performance in Chapel Hill last year.

A few student success stories

Hard work and commitment can, at times, go unnoticed.

If you've ever pulled out a decisive victory in a big game of backyard football, only to notice that no one was there to witness the spectacle, you know what I mean.

Student government recently has come out victorious in a series of initiatives that would equate to the Super Bowl of two-hand touch. We're talking about blocked punts, returned kick-offs and even a successful Hail Mary. And the best part about each of these wins is that we're playing for you.

No, this column will not be one



GUEST COLUMNIST

Seth Dearmin is the president of the student body

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Students jam at chancellor's 'house'

BY KELLY GIEDRAITIS
STAFF WRITER

More than 50 students, faculty and staff dropped by Chancellor James Moeser's open house Tuesday, proving that even hours before a Duke game, University students are concerned about more than just basketball.

The forum, moderated by Student Body Vice President Adrian Johnston, gave students the opportunity to address the chancellor directly with questions and concerns in the Graham Memorial Lounge.

"It was extremely successful in that a variety of things were discussed," Student Body President Seth Dearmin said. "There was good dialogue about everything from admissions to the military to tuition to athletics."

Early on in the meeting, a proposed \$50 athletic fee hike came under fire from students.

The hike will be used initially to help fund the renovation of Carmichael Auditorium.

Ultimately, the revenue from the increase will be used to improve the quality of all sports and to encourage attendance, Moeser said.

He expressed a level of disappointment in students for their lackluster support of the only undefeated team on campus — women's basketball. "This is a time for you to rally," he said.

Moeser said the athletic fee is not only important for renovations to Carmichael Auditorium, but also for the salaries of athletic coaches and staff.

"They deserve better," he said, noting that UNC-Chapel Hill's student athletic fee is less than half of that of UNC-Pembroke.

Moeser said that he does not think the athletic fee places athletics before academics, and maintained that academics always come first.

"We keep the athletic program self-sufficient, with your help, without tapping into academic programs," he said.

Students also stopped by to thank Moeser for his involvement in reversing a controversial housing policy that would have given recontracting priority to underclassmen.

"We actually do admit mistakes from time to time," Moeser said. "I'm glad we could get that critique in on time."

Moeser also fielded criticism about UNC's distant relationship with veterans during the Gulf War era and said the University wants to be more "military-friendly."

"We ought to look at how we could be more approachable," he said.

With both Gerrard Hall and Playmakers Theater scheduled to undergo renovations, student groups expressed concerns about

the limited meeting space for organizations.

Campus safety was another point of discussion, as some students addressed jaywalking, poor lighting and the hassle of dodging construction.

Moeser also addressed concerns from members of Student Action with Workers and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered-Straight Alliance at the event, which was hosted by the student advisory committee to the chancellor.

"These are not topics you're

going to hear about walking across campus or just standing in the Pit," Dearmin said.

Though the renowned organist couldn't get his hands on a set of pipes, Moeser was asked to end the open house by taking to the piano and playing the alma mater.

Students enthusiastically sang along and put especially strong emphasis on the closing line: "Go to hell, Duke!"

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DTH/KATHRYN BOLLES

Chancellor James Moeser speaks to students about athletic fees and increased tuition rates Tuesday at his open house in Graham Memorial.

El Rodeo to spice up former pizza locality

BY MEREDITH MILLER
SENIOR WRITER

Come April, locals are going to have to look a little bit further down East Franklin Street if they want to eat Mexican food.

El Rodeo is set to move from its bright orange home into 1502 E. Franklin St. by April 1, El Rodeo owner Rigoberto Ibarra said.

The local Mexican restaurant will spice up the former locale of Mellow Mushroom — only about a block from its current site, at 1404 E. Franklin St.

El Rodeo has been at its location for almost 17 years, Ibarra said, citing the need for a newer and larger building.

"It's an old building, and we need to do some improvements,"

Ibarra said he had been thinking about relocating for a while but did not find a good location until the Mellow Mushroom site became open during the summer.

"It's a larger space and much newer," he said.

The El Rodeo space is about 3,000 square feet, while the former Mellow Mushroom space is 5,400 square feet, he said.

"I think (the move) is going to help us very much," he said, adding that the new location has more

parking and will provide more general seating.

Ibarra said the move also will allow the restaurant to redecorate with traditional pieces and furniture from Mexican artists.

"Everything is going to be different," he said.

Everything except the eatery's casual atmosphere, he noted.

Relocation plans include an area in the front of the restaurant in which customers can watch employees make fresh tortillas.

"We want it to look more like a Mexican hacienda," Ibarra said.

Charles Lanier, senior leasing agent for Plaza Associates, said plans for El Rodeo's move to the space were finalized in late December.

He added that he had several offers from restaurants to come to the location.

"It's a pretty great intersection," he said. "It's in a dynamic section of Chapel Hill."

Lanier said El Rodeo was the best candidate to occupy the building because of its favorable reputation in the area.

"It's well-known ... has great service and a great reputation," he said. "(El Rodeo) will certainly

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DUKE: STILL THE BEST We're sorry for printing this. Never drink before betting.

CRIPPLING TO SOCIETY Chapel Hill police perk up at recent gang activity

A FEW COMPLAINTS University of Michigan students report rampant racism

WHEN I'M IN OFFICE ...

Two pages of abbreviated platforms as submitted by the candidates for this year's major campus elections. Election Day is Feb. 14.



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HELP US, HELP THEM

UNC students and staff hold an art fundraiser to help with planning for a Spring Break trip to areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

today in history

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Interim Chancellor Bill McCoy announces that classes will be held on three weekends to make up for weather that closed UNC for three days.

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