

School festival has international flair

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Mary Scroggs Elementary School was full of yodels, Bollywood sound tracks and shouts of, "You look very German!" on Thursday.

On any other night this might have been cause for confusion, but at the school's fourth annual multicultural fair, it was nothing out of the ordinary.

"We invite families to come and share stories about their cultures," said Karen Jeremiah, the school's media coordinator and the organizer of the event. "It's a time for students to shine."

The school prides itself on its diversity. Principal Grace Repass estimates that 139 of the 680 students at Scroggs are from outside of the United States.

Throughout hallways organized by continent, tables were filled with food, flags and posters from 19 different countries by students' families from those countries.

Students received small paper passports when they entered the fair at a checkpoint that Jeremiah described as "a kind of simulated Ellis Island."

From there, they were free to wander.

There was a cricket bat and framed picture of Gandhi in India along with some sweet-smelling curry.

France had a few bottles of red wine, which remained corked, chocolate crepes and baguettes.

For elementary student Lydia Middlesworth, the night was definitely about food.

"I like Korea. No, wait, Switzerland," she explained as a kimono-clad classmate rushed by.

Why? "They're giving out chocolate there. I like India too. They've got good food."

Then she was off to Japan to fold some origami.

Dong Woo Lee, a South Korean



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Five-year-old Kazuhiro Kuwahara folds origami at the 4th annual Mary Scroggs Elementary School international festival Thursday.

journalist who has been in North Carolina for six months, played a hacky sack-like game with visitors to his table.

"America is a melting pot," he said. "So the children have to know the whole world."

Other Korean families members distributed gimbar, a sushi-like dish, and kimchi, a type of fermented vegetable.

Over in Europe by the entrance, Ayse Belger dished out rice and Turkish delight from behind her table as her son raved about Hungary.

For her, the event was an opportunity to make foreign families more comfortable. "Everybody's homesick," she said.

She also noted the importance of exposing students to other cultures.

"We're always exposed to American culture," Belger said. "Some of these kids are never going to see these countries. This is their only way."

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COACH

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now, where this program is. At the beginning of the year, they picked us 11th in the league. Just between us in this locker room, this is what we should try to do — prove the naysayers wrong."

The Demon Deacon starters for much of the season have been two freshmen and three sophomores — a three-guard lineup that has allowed WFU to utilize its speed to flummox opponents, the most recent example being Duke.

The backcourt tandem of freshman Jeff Teague and sophomore Ishmael Smith has been the catalyst so far this season. Gaudio said

the two aren't as talented as NBA phenom and former Wake Forest star Chris Paul, but the new coach sounded confident in thinking the two could beat the NBA All-Star endline to endline in a race.

"When Skip was here he would always say, 'The older I get, the faster I want to play,'" Gaudio said. "He would love coaching these two guys. He brought Ish along his freshman year, and he recruited Jeff. They're very, very fast with the ball."

WFU brings its speed to the Smith Center on Sunday to face No. 3 North Carolina. UNC coach Roy Williams said at a news conference Tuesday that he has immense respect for Gaudio, who also has been a head coach at Army and Loyola (Md.).

"Dino has been fantastic," he said. "I think not even ... having anything to do with games won or games lost. I mean, how can you be put in a tougher situation?"

"And one that's personally more difficult for him than anybody because that was his best friend in the whole world. So I really admire him for the way he's handled the team, yes, but even more so the whole scenario."

With both UNC and the Demon Deacons coming off big wins and WFU battling for postseason positioning, it could be a tight battle. And Gaudio is no stranger to the competitiveness of conference play.

"In terms of the ACC, you don't have to tell anybody in this league

that anybody could beat anybody on a given night," he said.

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National and World News

FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

McCain defends questioned honor

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — John McCain sought to minimize damage to his man-of-character image and his presidential hopes Thursday, vigorously denying and denouncing a newspaper report suggesting an improper relationship with a female lobbyist.

"It's not true," the likely Republican nominee said of the report that implied a romantic link with telecommunications lobbyist Vicki Iseman and suggested McCain pushed legislation that would have benefited her clients.

Citizens abroad vote for Obama

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — Barack Obama won the Democrats Abroad global primary in results announced Thursday, giving him 11 straight victories in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Obama won the primary in which Democrats living abroad voted by Internet, mail and in person, according to the Democrats Abroad, an organization under the national party.

Clinton has not won a nominating contest since Super Tuesday, more than two weeks ago.

Serbs attack U.S. Embassy in protest of Kosovo independence declaration

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — Serb rioters broke into the U.S. Embassy and set fire to an office Thursday, and police clashed with protesters outside after a large demonstration against Kosovo's declaration of independence.

The embassy said a charred body was found in the embassy after the attack. "It was found at the part of the building set on fire by the protesters," embassy spokeswoman Rian Harris said. She said all embassy staffers were accounted for; Belgrade's Pink TV said the body appeared

to be that of a rioter.

Masked attackers broke into the U.S. compound, which was closed at the time, just after 7 p.m. and tried to throw furniture from an office. They set fire to the office and flames shot up the side of the building.

Serbia's President Boris Tadic, on an official visit to Romania, appealed for calm and urged the protesters to stop the attacks and move away from the streets. Tadic said that violence was "damaging" Serbia's efforts to defend Kosovo, which declared its independence from Belgrade on Sunday.

Al-sadr cease-fire might continue

BAGHDAD (AP) — Radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr has decided whether to extend his Mahdi Army's cease-fire, and sent the message in sealed envelopes to be opened at the beginning of Friday's sermons, one of his officials said.

Although the content of the message, delivered Thursday to 200 loyal clerics around Iraq, was not known, there were strong indications from officials in his organization that the anti-U.S. firebrand would extend the six-month cessation of what had been an undeclared war against the U.S. military since 2004.



Pakistan forges civilian coalition

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan's two main opposition parties announced Thursday they would form a new government together, but skirted the issue of pushing for the ouster of President Pervez Musharraf.



The agreement between the secular groups, which tussled over power for a decade before Musharraf seized control in a 1999 coup, marks an important step toward a civilian government after years of military rule.

Musharraf, a key ally of the U.S. in its war on terror, said he has no intention of resigning and will serve out his five-year term.

THE LOWDOWN ON SUNDAY'S GAME

	Wake Forest vs. No. 3 North Carolina	
	Smith Center, 6:30 p.m.	
	Broadcast: FSN	
(16-8, 6-5 ACC)	Radio: 1360 WCHL	(25-2, 10-2 ACC)

MEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD-TO-HEAD

Backcourt	WFU's Jeff Teague averages 12.8 points a game but has scored at least 17 in five of the last six. He also has been ACC Rookie of the Week three times, so he's certainly running on all cylinders. Edge: Wake	
Frontcourt	Besides Tyler Hansbrough's 32 points, UNC turned away NCSU despite limited production from the other big men. Wake's Chas McFarland has a height advantage, but he'll have his work cut out for him. Edge: UNC	
Bench	Forward Jamie Skeen had 10 points off the bench in WFU's upset against Duke. But with so many injuries plaguing the Tar Heels as of late, the UNC bench needs to rise to a new level — consistently. Edge: Even	
Intangibles	The Deacs are coming off a big W at home but haven't seen any competition since. UNC will be gearing up for a tough matchup as the team looks to maintain its spot atop the conference standings. Edge: UNC	

The Bottom Line — North Carolina 95, Wake Forest 77

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FERRELL

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arts editor for OSU's student newspaper, The Lantern, Ferrell surprised audiences at his school by taking the stage as Ron Burgundy, his popular character from 2004's "Anchorman" and by performing with OSU President E. Gordon Gee.

At each of the tour's previous stops, members of the audience were selected to participate in "Ask Will Anything," a segment where actress Andrea Savage moderates questions from the audience for Ferrell.

Stevens says she has high expectations for today's performance

because of the caliber of Ferrell's acts on television and in feature films.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," she said. "There's a lot of weird stuff going on in Will Ferrell's head, but it's great weird stuff."

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DROUGHT

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"The typical single family residential household averaged about 6,000 gallons of water per month before 2002, and since the drought in 2002, the average has been about 5,500 per month," he said.

Marcoplos said the current drought has similar characteristics.

"It is just another year when we didn't recharge the reservoir during the winter," Marcoplos said.

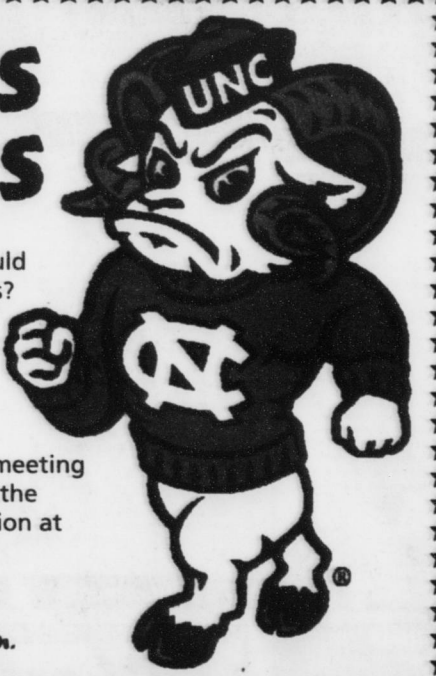
He said the only difference this time around is that OWASA is better prepared while other jurisdictions look like they are finally getting it.

Rain helped to end the 2002 drought, but it's unclear when this one might end. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is predicting an ongoing drought with some improvement.

"We don't know how it's going to end," Marcoplos said. "It's uncharted territory."

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Have you ever wished you could be a part of Carolina Athletics? Do you want to support the Tar Heels and bring joy to fans of all ages? If so, you might be a perfect fit as Rameses, the beloved Carolina Mascot. An interest meeting will be held February 22nd in the multipurpose room of the Union at 4:00pm.

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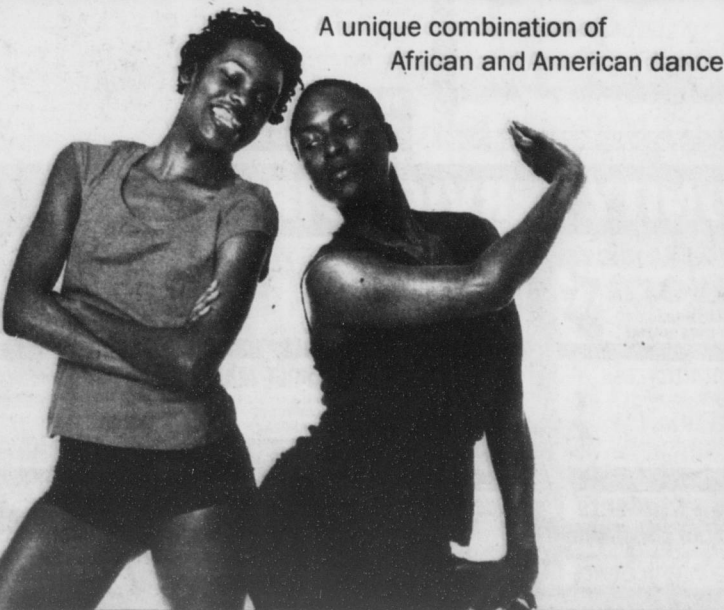
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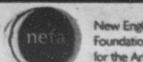


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