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Reaching for the top

Valvano blends veterans, talented newcomers in search for 'chemistry' in '84-85 edition

Devlin Steele
Executive Sports Editor

When a radio announcer referred to his team as having "awesome potential" after a preseason exhibition, Wolfpack coach Jim Valvano was quick to correct the reference.

"Oh, boy, let's not go that far," emphasized the man who has the unenviable assignment of blending a rather large quantity of talent.

No, the Italian English major, the man never short of words, cannot find a place for "awesome" in his vocabulary. Not yet, anyway.

You see, in 14 years of head coaching, Valvano has never assembled such a talented array of superstars. . . er, players. There the press goes again.

Despite returning the top eight scorers from a club that posted 19 wins and adding the top prep player of the year, a prep all-America and a junior college all-America to his roster, Valvano won't label his 1984-85 club's possibilities in such a manner.

Sure, Valvano realizes that he has a good team that can become great, but he cannot put what's on paper into reality. He can read between the lines. If anyone can see State's shortcomings, Valvano can.

Take last year, for instance. When the graduation-depleted Wolfpack stormed to a 5-0 record with wins over nationally ranked Houston and Arkansas, Valvano, the self-proclaimed "optimist yet realist," dwelled on the team's weaknesses rather than its early season achievements.

"We're too young, we don't have a three man and we're too small and inexperienced in the backcourt," Valvano pleaded to the media that had given his team a premature lofty ranking.

This year, Valvano is again dissecting out his team's deficiencies. Number one, he says his team lacks depth at the small forward slot, which will be filled by JUCO transfer Nate McMillan (6-5).

"Nate's going to help us a great deal on the defensive end, on the ball handling and

the quickness of the game," Valvano said after his team's 113-73 slam-jam win against Marathon Oil Nov. 8. "But he's prone to foul trouble 'cause he's always around the ball. When he was not in the game, we are a much different team, less effective, less versatile.

"What we really need is two Nate McMillans, so that if he gets into foul trouble, we can replace him with someone like him. But we don't have that, so when he comes out of the game, we're limited to the things we can do, offensively and defensively."

Valvano can live with that. Another inadequacy, he says, is his team's perimeter game, which it will need to complement its powerful inside game.

"We've got a lot of players around the basket," he says. "But what we're looking for is the perimeter game which is something we're going to need very, very much. We just don't shoot the ball well from the outside.

"We've got to wear some folks down. We've got to get second and third shots. You gotta get the job done on the glass 'cause there's nothing else you can do. There's no sorcery involved there. We've got Terry (Gannon) who's a pretty good shooter, and then after that I don't know which team is going to show up. Spud (Webb) shoots the ball well sometimes and sometimes he doesn't. Ernie (Myers) is the same type of player. Nate plays the game with quickness. He's an opportunist-type player. But his game isn't perimeter, either."

Now for the positives, the on-paper look at some of this "potential." Luckily for Valvano, they outweigh the negatives.

For starters, the Pack's frontline is as chunky and talented as any you'll see in the country. To be sure, coliseum workers will stay busy scraping meat off the glass after State games.

Senior all-America forward Lorenzo Charles, a 6-7, 255-pound Hercules, spearheads the corps of board patrolers.

Charles, despite being caged by every imaginable defense last season, still

managed an 18.0 scoring average, third in the ACC. He also placed in the top 10 in three other major statistical categories, shooting a .540 accuracy from the field, hitting .733 from the line and muscling his way to rebounds at an 8.3 rate.

Listed as Charles's backup, 6-8, 222-pound Russell Pierre probably will see time at both the no. 3 and 4 positions, though his natural position is no. 4. Pierre, who started much of last season at small forward, was the team's third leading rebounder (7.9) and fifth leading scorer (7.9).

Then, there's 6-11, 230-pound rebounding phenom Cozell McQueen, who enters his final campaign as a third-year starter at the pivot. McQueen, who has steadily improved each year, paced the ACC's top rebounding team with a 9.0 carom average, third in the conference. He was also the team's sixth leading points producer with a 7.4 average.

His backup, 6-11, 253-pound freshman Chris Washburn, was the nation's top recruit. Washburn, a three-time all-America, probably will see time at the small forward spot as well.

These players, along with freshman prep all-America John Thompson (6-7, 233), senior Mike Warren (6-8, 179) and sophomore Bennie Bolton (6-7, 217), give the Wolfpack a well-stacked meat department.

As mentioned, McMillan will get the starting nod at no. 3, one of three positions he is capable of playing.

Still, any number of combinations will be used up front, depending on respective situations.

The competition will be equally heated in the backcourt. Senior Webb, though only 5-7, again will start at the deep point guard position, while 6-5 junior Myers will get the nod at big guard.

Webb started much of last season, but opposing teams often exploited his lack of size. Well-known for his amazing dunking ability, he was the team's third leading scorer (9.8 ppg.), and he led the ACC in assists (6.0 apg.).

His backup is 6-0 fresh



Technician file photo

Pack board patrolers should dominate play in the paint this season.

Quentin Jackson, another DeMatha product who already has been called a clone of all-time great Lowe.

Junior George McClain, a good ball-handler who has shown good potential in spurts, will be available at the point when needed.

McMillan, who handled signal-calling duties at Chowan Junior College, should see time at no. 1.

Myers, who started 19 games last season and was the Wolfpack's fourth-leading scorer (9.5 ppg.), is a less-efficient shooter from the outside and may find trouble driving through the traffic lanes with State's big road blocks.

Gannon, the team's second-leading scorer from a year ago (11.8 ppg.), again should see plenty of playing time off the bench. Gannon is one of the nation's best long-range marksmen, and his defense is above par.

A pleasant surprise in State's preseason camps has been freshman guard Vinnie

Del Negro, who scored six points and dished out seven assists against Marathon Oil.

In that game, 17 different combinations were used, with Charles, McQueen, McMillan, Webb and Myers starting both halves.

Valvano realizes his team's offensive potential but is concerned about its defensive ability, especially in a man-to-man.

"Defensively, we still have trouble and will have trouble as I expected in man-to-man because of the size of our players," he said. "We're going to be half-court; we're going to be zone. We're going to be an awful big zone team, and when we play man, it's going to be very tight, packed-in, and (we've still got to) make people shoot the ball from a distance.

"We're not going to be the quickest team in the league, so we have to keep people in front of us. We need people

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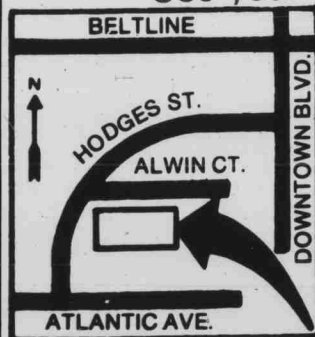
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Voice of the Pack lists most memorable games

I don't remember much about the 1961 Wolfpack basketball season. In fact, I don't remember much at all about that year since I waited until June to start it. My history book tells me John F. Kennedy was President. Dad sometimes mentions something about gas being about a quarter a gallon, or thereabouts.

TERRY KELLEY



Everette Case was basketball coach at State, leading the Pack to a 16-9 record that year. That was not a particularly exceptional record, but there was something special about the year 1961 and State basketball. That was the year that Wally Ausley started what has now become a 23-year stint as the voice of the Wolfpack.

During these years, Ausley has seen the Wolfpack win two national titles, finish third in the Eastern Regionals twice, take a second and third place finish in

the NIT, win five ACC championships and win 400-plus games. Beginning while Case was coach at State, Ausley has been with the Wolfpack during the years of Press Maravich, Norm Sloan and Jim Valvano as well. In a nutshell, Ausley has seen a lot in the history of Wolfpack basketball.

I talked to him recently about some of the highlights of his career with the Wolfpack. One of the things he reflected on was the best games he has seen while with State.

"I had two stints with State," Ausley said. "I came in the early '50s and worked for a station in Raleigh, that was then owned by The News and Observer, WNAO. We broadcasted State games. I was there in 1951 and '52. Certainly one of the most memorable games was one when a lot of Everette's seniors, eligible to play in the regular season, were ineligible to play in post-season by NCAA rules. Only one of the starters could start in the Eastern Regionals in Raleigh, which State had qualified for. They upset Villanova (67-62). That was a great State win. Not many people will think about that one."

While that one may be obscure in many people's minds, the next games Wally talked about are generally foremost in the minds of Wolfpack fans.

"Obviously the 1974 semifinals — you can't leave out the finals because you've got to win them all," he said. "So we should not eliminate the Marquette win for the championship. A lot of people think that the UCLA game was the championship game. (An 80-77 double overtime win.) We came from seven points behind midway through an overtime and won over UCLA. That's one of the more exciting games."

Ah, but another 1974 post-season game has significance as well.

"Just prior to that, we cannot forget the ACC finals when State beat Maryland (103-100) in overtime," Ausley said. "That was one of the all-time great games I've ever been involved in or ever seen."

More recently, Ausley can't

separate one group of games.

"There were about nine in a row," he said, referring to the 1983 championship run. "Starting with the ACC Tournament, we had three sensational victories. Out of those nine games from the ACC, the Western Regionals and the Championship, I'm going to say out of those nine down the stretch, seven were absolute miracles topped off by the victory over Houston."

When it comes to games in State's storied Reynolds Coliseum, Ausley picks out a State loss as being most memorable.

"Maybe one of the most memorable games in Reynolds Coliseum we lost," he said. "The Wolfpack's ahead of Carolina. We've got Clyde Austin with the ball and it's a sure State victory (coming back from a 19-point halftime deficit). Then Carolina's Dudley Bradley steals the ball and dunks it and they beat us. That's certainly a memorable game."

"By the same token, another memorable game was another loss, when we had Virginia beat (1981) and the worst call I've ever seen in basketball ever in the 35 years I've been doing it, when the Virginia guard, Jeff Jones, just smothered all over Derrick Whittenburg and did everything he could but tackle him, and they called a jump ball. We lost that game."

But what about a win in Reynolds, Wally?

"As far as a victory, the most memorable game was a game against Pittsburgh (100-72) in the Regionals of 1974 when David Thompson went up and came down on his head and we didn't know whether he was alive or dead. He went on to the hospital. The Wolfpack won that ballgame, but about midway through the second period, David Thompson made a dramatic appearance with his head all bandaged up and the crowd — I've never seen anything like it in my life — they just literally, you've heard the roof of the coliseum raised, but nothing like that night when he walked back into the coliseum and everybody saw he was at least okay."

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Quickness, depth headline Pack women's strengths

Todd McGee
Sports Writer

A solid nucleus of returning players, along with a freshman class featuring the state's high school player of the year, has given women's basketball coach Kay Yow reason to get excited about the prospects of the upcoming season.

"I believe if this team continues to work hard, they can be on the court with anybody in the country," she said. "I believe that what your mind can conceive, you can achieve, and I can conceive that we can be on the court with anybody."

Street and Smith all-America Linda Page headlines the returnees, which include last year's starting point guard Robyn Mayo, center Priscilla Adams, junior sharpshooters Teresa Rouse and Debbie Mulligan and sophomore bookend forwards Angela Daye and Trena Trice.

Yow said she felt confident about the depth and experience these seven players will provide for State this year.

"I think our depth is going to be good," she said. "We have 12 players on the team, and I feel we can go a solid nine, perhaps 10."

"Depth, I feel, is going to



Linda Page

be one of our strengths, and it needs to be, because if you want to go full court, you've got to have the people to play. We're able to do that, so I feel good about our depth."

Yow expects this year's team to be more versatile than State teams of the past.

"If we need more quickness at a position, we can go with that. If we need more strength at a position, we can go with more strength. We have flexibility. We have a lot of combinations we can go with," she said.

"I feel good about the different combinations we have, but we just can't go to extreme height. We don't have the dominating height. That's why we have to take care of that (weakness) in other ways."

Yow's teams in the past have relied mainly on a half-court offensive system, with an occasional fast break. This year, according to Yow, that may change because of the lack of a dominating center.

"I think we have more quickness and speed than we've had in a while," she said. "As a result, I think you'll see us extending our defense more, using more pressure defense and more trapping defenses to take advantage of our quickness and speed and try to take half-court teams out of their offense."

"I think we'd be in trouble with some of the teams on our schedule if we played just a half-court game."

Yow said the Wolfpack offense would be more up-tempo this year as well.

"Hopefully, we might be able to run with anybody," she said. "We want to push the ball down the court. I'm not a run-and-gun person, though, so we'll want to have a controlled break. We'll certainly want to try for the break everytime that we can with the quickness and speed we have."

With Page, who led the team in scoring last year with 22.6 points per game, Mulligan, the team leader in field-goal percentage (.542), and Mayo, Yow isn't concerned about the outside game.

"I think we are strong on the perimeter. We've had a solid perimeter game for a

while. We have people who can score from the outside, people who can handle the ball and people who can put good defensive pressure on it."

Yow, like most coaches, believes basketball is a game won from the inside out. As a result, she places special emphasis on the underneath attack.

"A big key for us is the inside, and it seems like every year it is," Yow said. "We're working hard every day to get better at scoring from the inside. We're definitely taking the ball inside more and better, but we've got to become a stronger posting team with the ability to make the move and put it in once we get it in there."

Yow pointed to four players — sophomores Daye and Trice, who combined to average 14.7 points and 10.4 boards a game last year, and juniors Adams and Rouse — as important cogs in the Wolfpack's inside game.

Yow expects to interchange these four players between the big forward (No. 4) and center (No. 5) positions.

"I see the four of them seeing a lot of playing time at those two positions. I see Priscilla and Trena playing number five, Angela Daye will play four mainly but five if we get in injury or foul trouble, and Teresa the four position."

Rouse alternated between the big guard (two) and small forward (three) positions last year, but Yow expects no problems with the transition.

"This year I made the decision to play her there, and she's looking very good in practice. She has a great shooting touch and good hands, so she can be a good passer from the high post position, plus she's a scorer from there, and she has a turnaround shot she can hit," Yow said.

Rebounding will also be a key to the Wolfpack women's success this year.

"We must become better rebounders. We have to have more rebounding," said Yow, who pointed out that no State player averaged over six rebounds per contest last year.

"For us to be a great team, that has to change. We have to have our four and five players get on the boards



Staff photo by Marty Allen

Carla Hillman, a sophomore guard, will help the Pack face a tougher '84-'85 schedule.

more, so we're working on it. We're working on going to the boards more and concentrating on rebounding.

"Also, our inside defense has to be better," Yow continued. "We have to do a better job of post defense. I see that as a big key to the team for the entire year."

"I think we have the potential to do a great job on the inside, but it's going to take a lot of work from those people. At this time, I'm really pleased with the effort that they're giving."

Besides needing to develop and refine an inside game, the Pack must also overcome a difficult schedule in its quest for post-season honors.

"I felt we needed to play perhaps a little tougher schedule," Yow said. "We need to play a strong team like Texas early so that we can see exactly where we are."

Besides meeting the perennially tough Longhorns in Texas, State will host a holiday tournament Dec. 28-29 that involves ACC foe North Carolina, SEC opponent Kentucky and Old Dominion, the team that knocked the Pack out of last year's NCAA Tournament. State will also have a road game against the Monarchs and will play at Tennessee, last year's NCAA runner-up.

"I want to know, and I want the team to know early (what we can do), so that mentally we can get prepared as well as physically," Yow said. "To me, it's going to help us with our confidence. We can only learn from this. It's not going to knock our team out, any way you look at it."

Listening to Yow speak, one gets the impression that it's going to take more than a mere loss to knock the Wolfpack out this year. A lot more.

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FORWARDS

Forwards put power in Pack attack

Deron Johnson
Sports Writer

Rumor has it that Phi Slamma Jamma has moved east from Houston to Raleigh in the guise of the 1984-85 Wolfpack.

Phi Packa Attacka...oops.

State seems to have undergone a transformation from the days of Sidney Lowe and Dereck Whittenburg when the Pack lived or died by the outside shot. This year, the Wolfpack appears to be taking a more "inward" approach — that is, it will get most of its firepower from stripping the ball from the glass and jamming the ball down opponents' throats.

Although State will get great contributions from the inside play of centers Cozell McQueen and Chris Washburn, much of the

Pack's new-found power game will be at the forward spots.

State's coaches have tried to downplay the team's transition to a power game, saying that the move was just a matter of circumstance.



Assistant coach Ray Martin explained how the team's new approach came about.

"One of the things you have to do as a coach is to coach the talent that you have," Martin said. "We weren't purposely moving to a power game. We just went

after the best athletes available."

Last year, scoring leader Lorenzo Charles, a power forward, was less effective in the second half of the season because teams double- and triple-teamed him.

With more experience and one of the best recruiting crops in the nation, State's opponents will not be able to concentrate only on Charles this season, Martin said.

"With a supporting cast of Chris Washburn and Nate McMillan up front, it will take a lot of the pressure off of Lorenzo," he said. "He can kick it down low to Washburn or outside to McMillan, and teams will have to respect them, and therefore they can't double-team Lorenzo."

Last year, despite all the defensive attention, Charles still managed an average of 18 points and 8.3 rebounds an outing en route to third-team All-America honors by the Associated Press and honorable mention by UPI.

The Brooklyn, N.Y., native led the Pack in scoring in 17 games, recording a season high of 31 points against UNC-Wilmington and an impressive 29-point, 14-rebound performance against powerful Louisville.

Although the senior with the 6-7, 258-pound superman-type physique seemed to do it all last year, Martin said that Charles, who has added another 16 pounds of muscle since last season, should be even more of a force this season.

"I think that last year Lorenzo started to realize his potential and also that he is very popular on the court amongst other teams' defenses," Martin said. "With defenses unable to concentrate on him as much this year, he'll be open for the 1-footer, which he can hit, or he can take the ball down low and power it in."

Martin said that Charles could improve his game by going to the boards harder and getting up and down the court quicker. He also said that Charles should still get his share of points, despite the addition of more scoring power.

"I think Charles has proven he's one of the better power forwards in the country, and if teams start to give him the shot, he has got to take it," Martin said. "If he works on the small weaknesses he has in his game, he can be really



Staff photo by Greg Hatem

Exceptional ball-handling skills and rebounding ability make McMillan one of the most highly-regarded newcomers good his senior year, and who knows how far he will go after that."

Starting at the other forward for most of last season was 6-8, 232-pound Russell Pierre. As a freshman, Pierre proved to be strong on the boards, averaging seven rebounds and scoring 7.9 points per outing mostly off the offensive boards.

Despite starting only nine games in coach Jim Valvano's search for the right combination during the 1983-84 season, the sophomore from North Babylon, N.Y., saw almost as much play as the regular starters.

Pierre's good play seemed to be a surprise to most observers, but Martin said that the coaches knew that he could do the job.

"We knew coming into the season last year that Russell could be a good player for us," Martin said. "He has long arms and has a nose for the ball as far as his rebounding goes. He did a good job for us last season, and we expect the same from him in the upcoming season."

Pierre was also strong on defense last season, blocking 16 shots and coming up with 12 steals, but his shooting was suspect both from the field and at the foul line. At times Pierre appeared reluctant to take the shot and managed only a 47 percent

"Russell has come in in better shape, lighter and quicker," Martin said. "He has shown accuracy from 12 to 13 feet, but he does like the inside game better."

If the first Red-White game and the exhibition game with Marathon Oil are any indication of Pierre's improvement, then opposing teams will have to give him more of respect than he was given last season.

Pierre totalled 31 points and 11 rebounds in the two contests, while seeing limited action because of the need to look at new players. More importantly than Pierre's point total was the manner in which he scored them.

Pierre showed a new aggressiveness going to the basket and getting several dunks, something Pack fans did not see last season.

"Russell's play last year, combined with his improvement this season, although we haven't decided on starters yet, will guarantee him a good amount of playing time," Martin said.

When Valvano was not running his three-guard offense last year, the man who was usually splitting time with Pierre was Benny Bolton.

As a freshman, the 6-7,

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Although he averaged nearly eight points per game last season, Pierre's forte is rebounding. The sophomore forward should be a major force for the Pack this season.

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C E N T E R S

Men's pivot stacks up

Tim Peeler
Sports Writer

Last season, depth presented a problem to Jim Valvano's team in certain situations — especially at the all-important center position.

Cozell McQueen, a 6-11 senior, was the Pack's only true pivotman. State's woes began every time he was whistled into foul trouble, which occurred more often than Valvano would have liked.

But that problem will be corrected this season as McQueen will be joined by three-time prep all-America Chris Washburn.

With that combination of a returning two-year starter and arguably the best prepster in the nation, last year's weakness may become this year's strength.

McQueen played a major part in last year's 19-14 record, averaging 9.0 rebounds and 7.4 points per game. Though he led the team in rebounding (297 for the year), his aggressiveness on the boards sometimes led him to State's bench.

When McQueen found himself in foul trouble, Valvano found himself in bigger trouble. In that situation, the Pack either substituted 6-7

freshman Russell Pierre as center or brought in Ernie Myers and employed a three-guard offense.

Though Pierre became well-acquainted with the boards during his inaugural campaign, his inexperience



may have hampered his scoring abilities.

Myers, after an auspicious freshman season, played inconsistently as a sophomore and turned out to be one of the year's biggest disappointments.

This weakness contributed to what Valvano calls "The Slide" — a period that saw State drop its last seven games after winning nine straight.

Lack of a big man to replace McQueen when he or all-America Lorenzo Charles were in foul trouble was a huge thorn in Valvano's side.

Now Valvano is surrounded by big men. With Pierre at small forward, Charles at

power forward, McQueen in the middle and Washburn ready to fill in, Valvano is ecstatic.

"I think people will be hard-pressed up front to match us," he said. "We have four players there (on the inside). That's a lot of bodies who are playing a fairly good level of basketball around the basket."

"We have more power than some small countries," he added.

Memories of games such as Duke, Wake Forest and Virginia that were lost due to lack of depth in the middle will no longer haunt Valvano.

When Valvano is faced with McQueen's foul trouble this season, he will surely call on his prize freshman to take over.

"Even though he is still just a freshman, he's giving us a 6-11 rather large body that has some pretty nice offensive skills," Valvano said.

But Valvano ceases to drool when talking about Washburn's ability on the opposite end of the court.

The 6-11, 250-pound Hickory native has proven himself a dominant force offensively, but his defensive skills have always been somewhat suspect.



Staff photo by Eric Woolard

And he's just a frosh? That's what most observers asked when 6-11, 250 pound Washburn checked in during the Pack's annual photo day.

Valvano admits Washburn's offensive game surpasses his defensive ability but quickly points out that all freshmen — Street and Smith's top recruit in the nation — must go through a period of adjustment.

"Every day is a learning day for Chris," Valvano said. "Defensively, he certainly needs more work than he does offensively."

"But then again he's a freshman. Like Al McGuire once said, 'The best thing about freshmen is that in a year they're sophomores.'"

Many outsiders expect Washburn to immediately replace McQueen. However, Valvano said he is not about to put an unproven blue-chipper in front of an experienced player.

But even with his inexperienced talent, Washburn adds much-needed depth to the center position that has been lacking in previous years.

With McQueen starting and Washburn learning the ropes, the Pack has enough strength on the front-line alone to make a serious challenge for the ACC title.

McMillan, freshmen expected to have immediate impact on men

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217-pounder started 10 games, averaging 3.1 points and 1.9 rebounds per game while undergoing a terrible shooting slump most of the season.

The graceful Washington, D.C., native was expected to contribute more, but he only mustered a 32 percent average from the field. Although he had his shooting problems, Bolton had no loss of confidence.

"Benny comes from a great high school program (DeMatha High) where their players have a great knowledge of the game and a lot of confidence," Martin said. "He believes in himself, and he's a hard worker. Benny is always on the court early and leaves late. Before his career is over, he may very well be heard from."

Adding senior experience to the front court is Raleigh Broughton graduate Mike Warren who, although he has not seen much action in his three previous campaigns, will make a bigger contribution, according to Martin.

"Mike is a player who is important on every ball club because he is a veteran, and

he's been through it three years," he said. "He pushes the other forwards. As far as playing a lot and where he fits in the team concept, he's right there with everybody. He's the type of player who could win a game somewhere down the line for you because of his experience."

"Mike's been here through the building process and the national championship. He's a local boy, and I think he would like to go out with a good senior year. Mike will be all right."

Coming in as a much-heralded prospect who should have an immediate impact on the team is junior college transfer Nate McMillan. The 6-5, 185-pound Raleigh native averaged 13.1 points, 11.8 assists and 10.0 rebounds his final year at Chowan Junior College in leading his team to the semifinals of the JUCO championships.

McMillan made first-team all-America, as well as Region 10 and Eastern Tar Heel Conference Player-of-the-Year and was picked as one of the top newcomers in the United States by *Playboy* magazine.

The Enloe High product, who can play point guard, wing guard or small forward, has fans and

coaches alike anticipating his impact on the ballclub.

"Nate is an excellent ball player who is very mature after coming out of junior college ball," Martin said. "He can play either guard or forward for us, but we will most likely use him at wing forward where he will give us a much needed perimeter shooter."

Martin compared McMillan to former Pack forward Art Jones as far as size, outside shooting and rebounding abilities go. But, Martin added, he has the excellent ball handling ability that Jones lacked.

"We expect to get a lot of playing time out of Nate and possibly some triple-doubles as far as scoring, rebounding and assists go," Martin said. "Fans in the ACC should really be entertained by Nate's ability, which could enable him to go on in basketball after his senior season."

The other newcomer at forward this season is consensus all-America John Thompson, who hails from Lawrenceville, Va. The 6-7, 230-pound freshman averaged 24.2 points, 16 rebounds and 2.6 blocked shots

per game his senior season in leading Brunswick High to the state playoffs and 23-4 record.

Thompson had a 57 percent field-goal accuracy during his senior season and has displayed an outside touch in preseason contests that is much needed in State's game plan. He also has displayed good rebounding ability.

"John is one of those players who has to work himself into our

program," Martin said. "It's taken him a little time to get used to our program, but I believe in time that he will be a very good player."

The only sure starter at forward spot is Charles. Pierre returns from last season's starting unit, but even with his improvement, McMillan's ball handling abilities, board play and outside shooting probably will give him the starting nod.

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GUARDS

Valvano seeking perimeter game

Todd McGee
Sports Writer

According to men's coach Jim Valvano, the biggest problem facing State this year will be finding a consistent outside game to open up its powerful inside lineup.

"What we're looking for is the perimeter game, which is something we're going to need very, very much," he said after the annual Red-White game. "We've got to be able to stick the jumper (from the outside).

"My first three years here all I wanted was a power player. We had nothing inside. Now my kingdom for a 6-6 shooter. We have more power than some small countries."

Last year, with the Wolfpack's inside game a force, opposing teams stacked their defenses to make the Wolf-



pack shoot from the outside. This year Valvano expects the same.

"We want our guards to shoot the jumpshot because it's going to be there. People are going to pack it back on Lorenzo (Charles)," he said. "We need the guards to get it

and shoot the jumpshot, plus, effectively and efficiently run our offense."

Junior college transfer Nate McMillan would seem to be the most likely candidate to fill the Wolfpack's void as a big, outside threat. But Valvano doesn't expect McMillan to be the savior with the golden touch.

"Nate plays the game mostly with quickness, going to the basket," Valvano said. "He is an opportunistic-type player. He's going to get you a lot of garbage by getting a steal (or) slashing to the basket and getting a foul. His game is not a perimeter game."

Most observers expect McMillan to play some at the point for the Wolfpack this year. But Valvano said he, along with junior Ernie Myers, would probably see more time at the big guard and small forward positions, due to his size and style of play.

"I see Ernie and Nate helping at the big guard spot, so we don't ever have to have the small guards in at the same time," Valvano said. "We have more size, so people can't exploit the size factor like Louisville did (against us last year)."

Valvano, however, would not rule-out the possibility of a Myers-McMillan backcourt.

"It depends on what type of defense the other teams play, but we could. Neither of them are a pure point (guard), but that would give us a pretty big lineup," Valvano said with a laugh.

At the point guard position two players, Terry Gannon and Anthony "Spud" Webb, are currently vying for the starting spot. Gannon's perimeter game lends itself to the Pack's needs well, but Valvano isn't quite sure what Gannon's role will be this year.

"Is he better off the bench or starting? I don't know," Valvano said. "What he does best for us is stick the jumper, but he's really not a point guard. He's really a 6-2



Technician file photo

The Bronx Bomber, Myers is expected to pop his share of nets from the big guard position.

guard. You know he's going to play for us because he's played very well for us (in the past)."

Webb, the 5-7 dynamo, displayed flashes of brilliance last year, but his season was marked by streaks of inconsistency.

"If Spud is shooting well, then there is no question that he's the point guard. He runs it up well, and he's quicker," Valvano said. "But if he's not shooting well, then maybe we need Terry out there. I'm not sure we'll ever have a set starting lineup."

Depth at the guard positions will not be a problem for the Wolfpack this year. Three new faces — McMillan and freshmen Vinnie Del Negro and Quentin Jackson — join four returning experienced players in Webb, Myers, Gannon and George McClain.

It is precisely this depth which may cause Valvano to shuffle his starting lineup from game to game in an effort to find the player with the hot hand. This plethora of talent, Valvano said, will also keep his freshmen from receiving much playing time.

"(ACC basketball) is a hard game to play, and it's really hard for freshmen," he said. "Experience is so vital for a player. It's one thing to be a

fair talent and play in a nice, high-level high school, but it's another thing to get your butt out there and play (in the ACC).

"I do look for our freshmen to help us a little, but you're looking for progress in small doses (from them)."



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Downtown Terry tries for two



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Leap for your lunch. That's what Webb emphatically told this unsuspecting opponent.

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PROFILE

V: 'Caretaker of a tradition'

Scott Keeper
Sports Editor

V-man, alias Jim Valvano, exhibiting a svelte physique and spewing forth those now-famous one-liners with rapid-fire frequency, leaned back into his red leather desk chair.

Coach 'V,' as he is compassionately known by his entourage of avid Wolfpack basketball followers, appears quite content. And considering the man's track record during his first four seasons as the self-proclaimed "caretaker of a very strong, cherished tradition", one can readily understand why his face exudes this satisfied look.

His comfortable-looking warm-up suit is indeed casual — almost as relaxed as his approach to a game which year-in and year-out causes high blood pressure and relentless bickering among respective fans on Tobacco Road.

Oh, Valvano is intense. Make no mistake about that. Just count the number of times he toes the very corners of that despicable coach's box this season, and you'll clearly see that Valvano's vigor has by no means diminished.

But, as many followers already know, there is much more to Rocco Valvano's son than merely roundballs, hoops and whistles.

He savors his frequent 60-minute Reynolds Coliseum playtimes during the winter months, yet realizes that win or lose, his team will simply grow from the experience.

"Sometimes we need something that puts things back in perspective for people who take situations as being life and death," Valvano said. "But I've kind of learned that the only two things like life and death are life and death. So anything else shouldn't be taken all that seriously."

Although V confronts most everything with this same relaxed attitude, he has mustered enough seriousness to compile 81 wins in his quick, four-year tenure, and has positioned his Wolfpack into a lofty niche among the nation's yearly best. His '84-85 collection of talent is ranked in all but a few preseason Top 20 polls.

Off the court, Valvano's pace is nearly comparable to that reserved for his sideline behavior during those nonpareil ACC battles. His involvement in both the university's academic and athletic spectrums is a refreshing deviation from the many athletic bigwigs who become completely mired in a sea of singular purpose.

Valvano is a sponsor in the adopt-a-scholar program, which provides \$3000 yearly for four years to a deserving State student. He recently became a lifetime member (\$25,000 donation) of the Wolfpack Club, State's athletic booster organization. In his weekly TV show, Valvano himself conducts a several-

minute spot featuring one of State's many academic programs and departmental heads.

A highly effective and amusing speaker, Valvano is in constant demand on the luncheon and dinner club circuit. A member of the prestigious *Sports Illustrated* and Washington speaker bureaus, Valvano has spoken to everyone from the employees at IBM to the Pamlico County Peat Miners Association.

"If there's a group I haven't spoken to in this state over the past four years, then it's a new group," Valvano said. "I like to think of our program as a 'people's program'. I think we're accessible. I've really gotten to know the people of North Carolina."

"I go home some nights, open the refrigerator door, and when the light comes on I'll do 20 minutes in front of the chicken."

Considering V's schedule and the inevitable pressure that accompanies such a demanding agenda, it's admirable that V is able to maintain his genuine sincerity and lighthearted perspective.

His family — wife Pamela and three young daughters — undoubtedly have had to make their share of sacrifices. Many times, as Valvano himself has so well-described, he feels like a visitor rather than a full-time husband and father.

On one occasion last year, he was able to spend a relaxing evening at home with the family, sharing time with his wife and kids and even joining his daughters for a bowl of Fruit Loops the next morning.

"It was really enjoyable," Valvano said of the much-welcomed reprieve. "Then, the next day, after we had finished the Fruit Loops, my daughter walks with me outside, looks up and says, 'This was a lot of fun, Daddy. Come and visit us again real soon.'"

So goes the life of Jim Valvano. And such are the bits and pieces of everyday humor which keep Valvano laughing through it all. It is, without question, these little "vignettes of



Photo by Roger Winstead

Quick with the quip and fast on the floor, the Pack's V-man may find life in the coach's box a bit restricting.

enjoyable experiences" as Valvano calls them, which enable him to maintain his almost impenetrable shield of good nature.

"I find humor in a great many things," Valvano said. "Even in those moments when things are most intense or not going the way you'd like, there is always something that happens that can be funny or humorous."

"My mother said that as a baby, I used to wake up happy. And I guess as the twig is bent, so goes the tree. I'm a happy person and I simply enjoy people."

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NEW LOOKS

Smaller ball, coaches' box head list of new rules

Marlene Hale
Sports Writer

As usual, new rules have been instituted that will affect the game of basketball. While the men's game will only slightly change in the technicality department this season, the women's game will get a face lift.

Last year in the men's game, the NCAA limited

timeouts in a televised game to three. Wolfpack coach Jim Valvano was most adamant in protest then, citing that the coach only had control of those timeouts and the networks decided the rest, which could possibly come at inopportune times.

This year, an additional coach-controlled timeout in TV games has been instituted.

The time element that was retained was the ACC's 45-second shot clock, employed for the first time last year.

Valvano's protests last year are small compared to his opposition to this year's only other rules change.

The NCAA now has established an official coaches' box, which is 28 feet long, two feet wide and extends

from the hash mark to the baseline.

The coaches, assistants and players must remain in the box unless they report to the scorers' table and only then if it is to correct an error.

This rule will undoubtedly affect the highly animated Valvano more than most other coaches, and he lists "being caged" as one his biggest qualms this season.

"The three things I'm most concerned about this season are finding a number three player, getting a perimeter shooter and keeping my butt in that box," he said.

In the women's game this year, one may need a second look at the basketball. Its circumference will be between 28.5 and 29 inches, and it will weigh between 18 and 20 ounces. This is in contrast to the 29.5-30.25 inch, 20-22 oz. ball that the men and women used last year.

"The biggest difference is the weight," said assistant athletics director Nora Lynn Finch. "It'll be cleaner basketball. (Women) can pass it crisper and shoot it more fundamentally sound."

"You look at the (bigger men's) ball in Lorenzo Charles' hand, and then look at it in (guard) Annemarie Treadway's. Everything is relative."

Coach Kay Yow said, "I've been a proponent of the smaller ball for some time. And it pleases me to know

that we've finally got it. I can't think of a way that it won't help our game."

The little-known rule that the crowd could not use noisemakers such as band instruments has been dropped.

"(The crowd) could ring cow bells if they wanted to," Finch said.

In a move that draws the women's game closer to the men's, the women will no longer have the line concept. The line is now projected up, creating a plane.

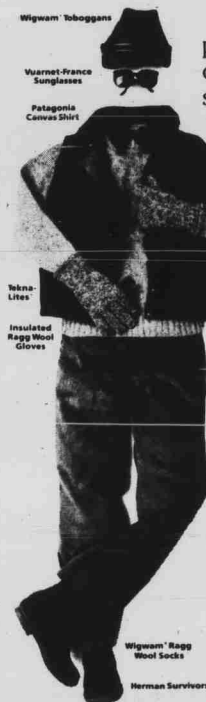
This will most likely affect the lane and the three-second rule. The women now must step completely out of the lane if they don't have possession of the ball, just as the men do.

The women will also be playing with a defined backcourt this season, into which they cannot return once having passed the hash mark. They don't have the 10 seconds to move the ball across the mark, however, partly because of the 30-second shot clock instituted in 1970.

"When you only have 30 seconds, you want to move the ball up the court as quickly as possible," Finch said. "But if you want to hold the ball in the backcourt for all 30 seconds, you can."

While more changes may be in the works, these new rules have been made in an effort to move the women's game upward and outward.

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"I'll take the one in the right hand." Coach Kay Yow's women will do just that for the upcoming season, as a long-awaited rule has allowed women's teams across the country to switch to a smaller ball.

INTERVIEW

Women's roundball on the rise, Yow says

Todd McGee
Sports Writer

Editor's note: The following question-and-answer interview was conducted with State women's basketball coach Kay Yow by sports writer Todd McGee on Nov. 2.

Technician: What are your feelings on the experimental smaller ball being used in women's basketball this year?

Yow: "I'm a person that's always favored the smaller ball for women. We've discussed it for three years, and a lot of people are still unhappy going into this season. However, the majority are in favor of it, or we could have never had it.

"I think people will be more and more sold on it as we use it. Already in practice, I don't even notice the difference myself, as far as looking at the ball. It looks the same to me. I looked at them on the rack just yesterday, and I was surprised. I wondered 'Is that the regular ball or the women's ball?' I can't even tell it unless I have the two side by side.

"But when you put it in your hand, you can tell it. That's the real difference, not by sight but by feel. That's the real advantage too, in that the perimeter people can shoot from greater distances with real good form. We could shoot from greater distances before, but our form deteriorated as we moved out. We lost a lot of wrist action, and the technique of the shot was different. Now, we can maintain good technique from greater distance. We can pass the ball with greater force, which makes our passing sharper, and we can catch it better.

"Ball-handling is greatly improved. The guards handle the ball so much, and they of course have the smallest hands of anybody on the court, so it's great for them. The players have more confidence because when they feel the ball and put it in their hands, they feel so much more in control.

"I think we could see more teams fast-breaking better and more often because you can make better outlet passes, move the ball out faster from underneath the boards. We have better control over dribbling, passing and shooting because of the size of that ball.

"It's not a great difference, but that little difference makes a big difference in our hands. You feel so much more in control of that ball because of the way it feels in your hands, and it gives you greater confidence.

"One of the greatest areas of making the transition to it is on the inside and not the outside. It's the shot on the inside. The shot is different, and it rebounds a little different, so we really have to work with the scorers, and shooters from the inside more than the ones from the outside in making the adjustment."

Technician: Would you be in favor of lowering the basket in women's basketball to introduce the dunk and possibly make the game more exciting?

Yow: "If that were a feasible thing to do, and I thought it could be done as easily as going to a women's basketball could be done, the answer would be yes. But I think it would be very complicated to do that, and very expensive since we play on the same court as the men do.

"If we've got to have a different size ball, it's no problem. We can have our own balls, and they can have theirs. It is a little bit of an



expense perhaps, but not that much for the big difference that it can make in our game.

"The goals—that's another thing. It seems so impractical, I don't know how we can do it. You'd have to have goals that raised and lowered themselves, and that would mean new goals across the country, and that would be very, very expensive.

"Also, I think that as much as women may need the goal lowered, the men may need it raised. Ten feet may not be high enough for them anymore, and I feel that our game can grow into the 10-foot goal on down the road. That may be a good height for us.

"We may have the best right now with the smaller ball and the goal where we just can't have a power game. We could be in an ideal situation. This may be perfect for us."

Technician: State and Maryland have been the two dominant schools in ACC women's basketball since the league began. What has taken the other schools so long to catch up?

Yow: "To have a strong team, you have to have an administration and a university where everybody is really backing the program, and I think North Carolina State had that from the beginning, and Maryland had that quickly.

"When other universities in the ACC started supporting their programs, maybe they didn't start with 15 full scholarships or they didn't start with a full coaching staff. They may have kept a head coach for a long time but didn't get a full-time assistant coach, and it's just now that all the other schools are arriving at a full number of scholarships and a full staff to complement the money that's being spent.

"I think we're finally moving in to where everybody is getting that, but State and Maryland are still ahead when you combine all areas together—staff, scholarship, support, promotions, everything. We still have a

slight edge, but they certainly are closing the gap. That's just a matter of time.

"There are a lot of great players out there. There are certainly enough to go around for every school to have a quality program and to be competitive if they would just put the full support into their programs. They are getting very close to doing that, and that's why the gap is closing. We will have to work harder than ever to have a chance to stay at the top."



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Technician: Do you think women's basketball has reached its peak, popularity-wise and talent-wise, or do you think it will continue to grow and get better?

Yow: "I hope not, and I don't think so, because I don't think women are playing like they can play. They have a lot of room for improvement. They are nowhere near their maximum potential as players of this game. Over the course of the next 20 years, we'll see women players just like

Cheryl Miller, who is the exception now, become the average. That's hard to believe that we are going to see a court full of Cheryl Millers and then somebody else that is excelling above that level. But I think it's really true.

"Cheryl is a talented player and puts forth a 100 percent effort. She has been exposed to the game for a long period of time. She had great

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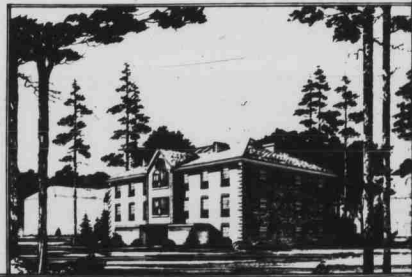


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PROFILE

Diminutive Dynamo

Webb: Little man with a big role set to point Pack to big things

Todd McGee
Sports Writer

At 5-7, Anthony "Spud" Webb is not your typical ACC basketball player. Judged too small to play in the rugged league by many, Webb proved his detractors wrong last year when, as the Wolfpack's starting point guard, averaged 9.8 points and six assists a contest.

This season, with a year under his belt and a bundle of players jockeying for time at guard for the Wolfpack, Webb is expecting to add to those figures.

"A player tries to improve every year," said the senior from Dallas, Tx. "I think I've improved a lot. I'm in better physical condition than I was when I came, so that's an improvement."

"Plus, (the competition) should help me and the rest of the players. We try to work together and help each other. There's no animosity between us."

Webb sees his role on this year's squad as "more of a leader. I want to try to spark

the team when we are down and keep us up when we are up."

With a team that, according to its coach Jim Valvano, has more power than many small countries, the outside game, in particular the perimeter shooting of the guards, will take on added importance.

"Coach emphasizes that a whole lot," Webb said. "There's going to be pre-

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ssure (on the guards) to hit the shot because our inside game is so good, and people will be packing it in. The guards will have to hit the outside jump shot."

Due to his prominent yet diminutive stature, Webb is often singled out for derision from opposing crowds. Webb, however, says the abuse inspires him to play harder.

"It gets you more up for the game when people are harassing you," he said.

Webb also enjoys shutting

up a crowd with one of his patented 42-inch flights, resulting in his one-handed version of the Lorenzo Charles gorilla jam.

"It's probably more exciting to see Lorenzo dunk because he's more powerful," Webb said. "I like dunking, but it's just part of the game. It does get out a lot of frustration when you're not playing well."

Though Webb probably will not get to slam in the NBA, he is not remorseful because of his height.

"People are always saying that if I was taller, I'd be a pro player," Webb said. "But I just try to use what God has given me and play to the best of my abilities. I'll worry about (pro ball) when that time comes."

Webb's height often gets him more attention than his actual playing does, but that doesn't bother him.

"I guess people like to see little people do things good,

and it just follows through to me. It's nice," he admitted. "I hope they haven't given up on small guards, though. I try to set an example that we can still play."

Webb is not preoccupied with individual achievements but instead concentrates more on team goals.

"I hope we win the ACC and all the championships there are to win," he said. "I really don't set individual goals. I just try to go out and win the games. People talk about doing a lot of scoring, but I try to give up some of my scoring for the big fellas."

Even if the Wolfpack doesn't bring home any championship banners this year, Webb said he would not regret his decision to come to Raleigh and play in the ACC.

"I'm happy here. I can't say 'I wish I had gone somewhere else,'" he said.

"I wanted to play with the best, and I think the best league is the ACC. (Playing close to home) doesn't really make any difference. I wanted to get away and experience the other side."

Yow: women's game on way up, but must earn respect

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instruction at a young age. She has great knowledge of the game. There's not many women players out there who fit into that category at this time that have all that going for them. But down the road there is going to be a lot of players who have that going for them.

"Women's basketball, I don't believe, is anywhere near where it can arrive in this country. I think we're just beginning. When we first started giving scholarships in the early '70s, we had some immediate

popularity, but that was more a 'jump-on-the-bandwagon' type thing. Then that faded, and we've been on a hold pattern for a while across the country, and it came down. It didn't go rock bottom, but it came down, and we've been on a plateau.

"I still think the game is going to make it, but we have to earn it, that respect. A lot of coaches and a lot of players across the country needed to see the Olympic team play this summer, to see what women could really do, even right now, and that was pretty darned good. We don't

have any idea what they can do in the future, but there is going to be a great evolution in the women's game. In 20 years, we won't recognize the women's game. As it is today, in the year 2,000 it will be a different game."

Technician: Do you think there is room for a women's professional basketball league in this country?

Yow: "No, not really. I don't think they are ready for it. Certainly, if you can't have the best players in the country playing on the professional teams — for instance, Janice Lawrence is in Italy, Lynette

Woodard is coaching, Anne Donovan is in Japan, Trudi Lacey is in England. If you're going to have the top players in the country abroad playing, that tells you what they think about the professional league here. If you don't have the top players in the country in the league, then how can a professional league go? You need those people."

"I just don't think we have enough of a quality base. You've got to have a large number of great players, and we just don't have that. We're not there, in my opinion. I'd like to see it go, but I think we've got to make it at the college level first, and we are still struggling there."

Technician: Almost all of your four-year players have graduated. What have you done to account for this high number, and why is the graduation-rate lower for male players at most schools?

Yow: "Right off the bat, you've got to know that so many male athletes are working to play pro ball. When you have that in mind, no matter what anybody tells you, about only one percent making it or anything else like that, then you don't hear them. You can't believe it. You think you are the one, and you know you're going to make it."

"It's like nobody else knows what they're talking about. You never think that you could get injured or anything could happen. No matter what anybody tells you, you know they are wrong. That's the way I think so many male athletes are.

They get this on their mind and nobody can change it."

"You're only thinking right now. You can't see 10 years down the road. You can't see anything, and you don't see the value of a degree. It's not important. You've got to put all of your time into basketball, because you've got to work on your game to become great enough to be a pro. You can't put all your time on your game and study. If you study, it takes away from thinking about the game and becoming the great player you can become."

"For the women, the pros aren't there. So from the beginning you hear a little better. Even if you come thinking that basketball is everything, and you don't want a degree, right away I start talking, and the men start talking too. But I'm able to get through a lot better because I don't have this big block with money and professional ball and the stars. It's not there. They might think, 'Well, I'm going to go abroad and play,' but I can get through easier than the men can. I just know it would be much more difficult if I had to go against (a pro league)."

"Also, the player's got to want his degree. You can't come to North Carolina State and want a degree and not get it. There are too many people that want to help in that way. There is too much the university has done, the athletic department has done, the coaches here have done. If you want it and are willing to do your part, then you can get it."



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Education ranks 1st for Warren

Deron Johnson
Sports Writer

The student-athlete: does such a creature really exist?

Because of documented cases of athletes receiving diplomas without attending classes or being enrolled in courses that do not exist, critics say that the 'student' and the 'athlete' are not necessarily of one. Fortunately, there are exceptions and a perfect example is State's Mike Warren.

The senior signed with the Wolfpack after finishing his high school career at Raleigh's Broughton High on a team that saw eight of its seniors receive scholarships from division I or II schools. Warren had opportunities to go to several other schools where he could have played much more, but the 6-8, 180-pound forward said he had more than just athletic considerations in choosing where he would attend college.

"Wake Forest, Duke and some smaller schools such as those from the Ivy League recruited me," Warren said. "I looked into everything in depth in more than just the athletic possibilities. I knew some people who were in the accounting program here and they said it was really good, and that's what I wanted to do so I decided to come here."

The Accounting major sports a C-plus grade point average despite the time that it takes to play a varsity sport such as basketball. And he is only a couple of classes behind schedule in his graduation plans.

"I might finish up this summer, but I think I'll probably go another year and get another degree in Political Science or Business Management," Warren said.

Ed McLean, who coached at Broughton for 18 years before joining Jim Valvano's staff three years ago, has coached Warren since he was in junior high. And he knows that academics comes first to the Wolfpack senior.

"When he came here we talked it over, and Mike realized he wouldn't get to play as much here," McLean said. "But he knew that State had a good Accounting program and that's what he wanted to do."

"There were other schools which offered me playing time right away but I decided to use my first couple of seasons here for an opportunity to grow physically," Warren said.

As far as Warren's performance on the court, McLean said that the forward has nothing but positive effects on the team.

"The example he sets in practice is great because he's always going full-speed whether he's on the first or second team," he said. "I don't remember him missing a practice in my three years here... he's just such a good example for all of us."

In his three years, Warren has

totaled 24 points and 23 rebounds in a limited reserve role. But this hasn't discouraged Warren.

"I've never considered leaving State," Warren said. "You know, you can always look back and say I should have done this or that. But ever since I've been here, I've felt that even though I don't get a chance to play much that it is a good place for me and I'm happy where I'm at. I don't have any regrets about my decision."

When Warren came to State, both he and McLean had no expectations of Warren playing right away, but Warren thought that he would have seen a little more action than in he has. Most players would have become discouraged, but McLean said that Warren shows no signs of becoming disheartened.

"He might say to himself that he's better than he's getting a chance to show, but I've never seen him down," McLean said.

McLean, having coached at Broughton, has seen Warren's development not only in his high school and college careers, but in his relationship with the Warren family.

McLean became acquainted with Warren's father through his involvement in Raleigh's sports community. Warren's father played both JV basketball and varsity baseball at Wake Forest and his athletic legacy helped Warren advance in sports.

McLean said that he and Warren had more than just a coach-player relationship.

"My son and Mike played on the team I coached in their senior year at Broughton, and I've known his family for a long time. We go back a long way and we're good friends," he said.

Warren has come a long way since his freshman year, in which he was 20 pounds lighter and an inch shorter when he was recruited. The highlight of his career was, of course, the Pack's '83 national championship season.

"That was great," Warren said. "Each year we get away from it it seems even greater. No one expected us to go all the way and win. Even though I would have liked to play more in it, that was the greatest moment of my life."

Warren believes that this year's team is more talented, but he would not make any predictions on how far he expected the team to go. However, he did say what he hoped he personally would achieve in his final season.

"Being from Raleigh and because I used to live beside Charlie Bryant, who was the director of the Wolfpack Club, and his son Gary, who was my roommate for three years here, I used to go down to all the State games with them when Tommy Burelson and Van Willford were here," he said. "So I was always a State fan."

Neither McLean nor Warren were sure how much the senior would get to play, but McLean said that Warren does have the talent to contribute to the Wolfpack, especially defensively.

"I saw Mike cover Adrian Branch when Broughton played DeMatha in 1980 and hold him to only 12 points and that was when Mike was playing center for us," McLean said. "Now, he has made the conversion to forward and has developed good ball-handling skills and has improved his outside shot. With his experience and knowledge of the ACC, he might be able to make a good contribution to the team this season."

Warren spends his spare time playing golf and baseball, which he lettered in at Broughton, and doing things with his roommate

and teammate senior wing-guard Terry Gannon.

When the Pack closes its regular season March 2 against Wake Forest, Warren will likely be making his only collegiate start. But he doesn't necessarily dream of playing a spectacular game in his final home appearance.

"If I did anything good out of the ordinary it would be fine, but it would be like any other game. I just want to go out there and do positive things and to just play good."

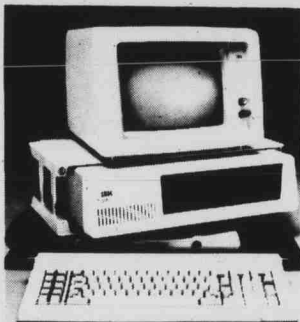
"This year, I'd just like to get a chance to play and do my best. I'm not that concerned with scoring; I have my own standards for what I feel is a good performance."

"If I do good I'll be happy," Warren said.



Mike Warren

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Lorenzo Charles — Boy from Brooklyn now Rage of Reynolds

Scott Keeper
Sports Editor

When the term "power forward" became popularized years ago, the ideal role model was undoubtedly a 6-8 giant who loved taking the ball to the net. Savoring bodily contact, the hardcourt Hercules would not be one to shy from bulldozing under, over or through the opponent's center for a sudden stuff or powerful lean-in bank shot.

And whoever appreciates these aggressive, rebounding, shot-blocking bodies of brawn would absolutely love Lorenzo Charles.

Charles, the Wolfpack's senior pre-season all-America, epitomizes the power forward like few players in college basketball today.

At 6-8, 258 pounds, "Lorilla" does not

look like the type of chap you'd like to offend — be he dunking shots on the court or dunking donuts in a coffee shop.

But while Lo isn't exactly a kitten in a tiger's body, neither is he the tough, grizzly-mannered monster

he very well could be. Instead, the muscular New York native is surprisingly soft-spoken and mild-mannered. That doesn't, however, prevent Charles from being the team's leader.

"Lorenzo doesn't lead vocally, he does it by his example on the court," says head coach Jim Valvano. "When he gets one of his monster dunks or does something else awe-inspiring on the court, it tends to give a tremendous lift."

"And when he's struggling out there, we tend to struggle. So he is our leader — he's the one we look to. And he's also the clubs feel they have to stop."

Charles came to the Wolfpack three seasons ago from the much faster-paced atmosphere of Brooklyn, N.Y., as a moderately-recruited prepster. Since that time, Charles has undergone an Incredible Hulk transformation, changing from the

"sleeper of the year in the East" as a high school senior to a "potential first-round NBA pick" as a collegiate upperclassman.

Charles' improvement on the court over the past three years has been deliberate, an even-paced progression which has molded him into the ACC's most dominating force. It was near the middle of his sophomore season, however, when Lo first began to realize his vast potential. En route to the national championship that year, Charles discovered the confidence that keyed his metamorphosis.

"It took a good part of that season for my maturity and confidence to come along," said the 20-year-old Business Management major. "But just being out there on the court and knowing coach V felt I could do the job really helped me. Toward the end of my sophomore year, I found my confidence and felt I could play — and play well."

And play well he did. In the Pack's nine post-season wins, Charles averaged 11 points and 9.2 rebounds per outing. The young forward also began acquiring a knack for producing in high-pressure situations.

Against Wake Forest in the ACC Tournament's first-round, Charles sank a free throw with three seconds remaining to give the Pack a 71-70 win and enabling State to continue its post-season play. In the NCAA West Regional championship, he hit two charity tosses with 23 seconds left, giving State a 63-62 decision over Virginia.

One week later, Charles gained instant fame for his fabulous last-second dunk which gravitized Houston's "invincible" high-flying fraternity known as Phi Sigma Jamma, 54-52. The shot will remain an indelible memory for Charles as well as all Pack fans.

"People still come up to me and ask me about it now," Charles said. "I don't get tired of talking about it. Something like that just doesn't happen too often. I'm just trying to enjoy it as much as I can before it goes away."

It is doubtful a moment such as that will ever "go away", but Charles feels he has pretty well put "The Dunk" in the back of his mind for now.

"Anytime, I don't really think about it too much,"

Charles said. "I'm just busy thinking about the season at hand. With the talent we have, I'm excited about what we're capable of doing."

And many of the moves and dunks that Charles executes routinely make opponent's question the limits to his capabilities. Lo's foes began picking up on his act toward the end of last season and finally smothered him with double- and triple-teaming.

Consequently, Charles' point production decreased. As one popular pre-season magazine said, Charles was lowered from "an all-World performer to merely an all-ACC pick."

This winter appears to be vastly different, however, as the Pack has added an impressive complement of freshman to help in relieving some of that two- and three-man pressure that confronted Charles at every turn. Now, if the opposition persists in collapsing on the Pack's tower of power, a talented cast of supporters will be more than ready to capitalize on the opponent's weakened defense. And Charles is looking forward to the Pack's more balanced attack.

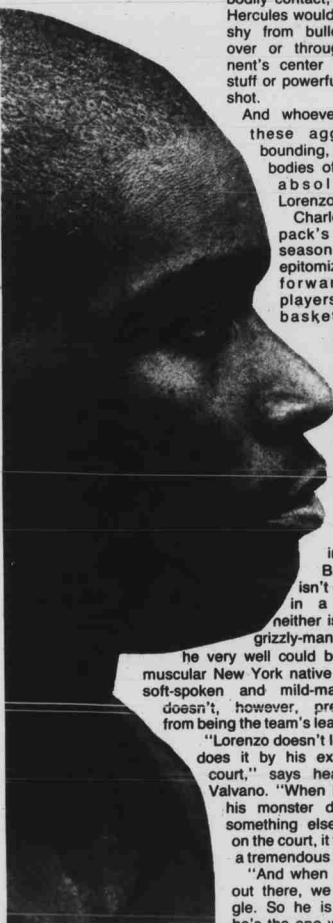
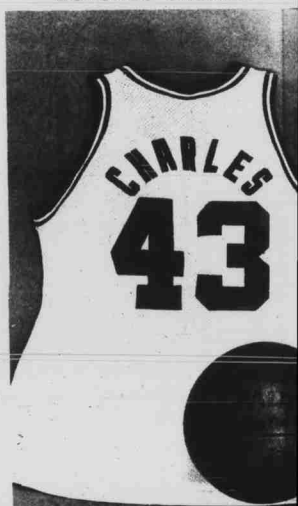
"I think it will definitely help," Charles said. "I don't think I'll be able to be teamed up on like last year, not only because of Chris (Washburn), Cozell (McQueen) and Russell (Pierre), but because of everyone on the team. We've got about seven or eight players who can put 20 points on the board. I think we'll play at least 10 or so guys in every game this year."

Charles, who also considered St. John's, DePaul and Maryland as a high school senior, is certainly one of those capable of keeping the scorekeeper busy. Last season, the brawny forward scored at an 18.0 points per game clip — the third-best average in the ACC. Charles also placed in the Top Ten in three other statistical categories, shooting with 540 accuracy from the field, connecting on .733 from the line and corralling 8.3 rebounds per outing.

Lorenzo's story is a great one because he didn't come with all the credentials," Valvano said recently. "He was not that highly recruited. He was not on everybody's all- (see 'Sleeper,' page 28)

"I don't think I'll be teamed up on like last year, not only because of Chris, Cozell and Russell, but because of everyone on the team."

— Lorenzo Charles



Lorenzo Charles... performed last second heroics in three of nine post-season games during the 1983 championship year including a dunk at the buzzer in the championship game.

point-producers wear No. 43

Linda Page — She shoots 'em down with 'Hawkeye' accuracy

Scott Keeper
Sports Editor

Several seasons have passed since State's Charles "Hawkeye" Whitney thrilled Reynolds Coliseum crowds with his explosive scoring outbursts and powerful moves to the basket. The former all-America graduated to the ranks of the professionals over four years ago, but Wolfpack fans have in no way been without a "Hawkeye" in recent seasons.

Assuming his nickname — as well as his familiar number 43 — for the past three winters has been Linda "Hawkeye" Page. And the Wolfpack's newest "Hawkeye" has created her own share of excitement since her indoctrination to Coach Kay Yow's nationally prominent program three years ago.

Page has already established a bundle of State scoring marks and is on the verge of updating virtually every scoring record in the Wolfpack women's record book. She has indeed established her own identity, despite her "borrowed" name.

When asked how she became the second "Hawkeye," Page fondly recalls a TV game which attracted her attention way back in grade school.

"When I was on a team in the eighth grade, we watched a game and N.C. State was playing," said the Philadelphia, Pa., native. "And I really liked Hawkeye Whitney a lot. From then on, everybody just started calling me Hawkeye."

"Then, when I got to high school, everybody kept calling me 'Hawkeye' — they didn't know why, but I was still Hawkeye. I also picked up no. 43 then and have worn it my whole career."

And that career, from her high school days at Philly's Dobbins Tech through her three seasons in the Wolfpack's red and white, has been one full of spectacular offensive performances.

Page initially gained widespread notoriety for scoring 100 points in a high school game her senior year, eclipsing the longtime standard of 90 set by Wilt Chamberlain in 1955. Her high game prior to that record-setting night? A mere 87 points.

"I still can't believe it,"

Page said of the former effort. "I don't understand how it happened. It just happened."

"I received a lot of media coverage afterwards, and I guess it kind of sent my head up in the sky. I thought I was really great. And that's probably why I had such a rough time coming into college and adjusting to a new situation."

The "new situation" was indeed difficult for Page. No longer was she to be single-faceted — Yow demanded performance on both ends of the floor. As might be expected, Page struggled a bit during that first season. The turning a prolific scorer into an all-around performer seldom occurs quickly.

But in the two seasons since, the 5-10, 153-pound Page has made tremendous strides in all aspects of her game. She is now rebounding, stealing and defending better than ever before.

Last year, near mid-season, it appeared Page turned the corner in her quest for offensive and defensive equality. Final statistics showed Page finishing with 159 rebounds and 43 steals, both the second-best totals on the team. But, as the 21-year-old senior readily admits, she still is — and always will be — a point-producer first.

"Most critics always get on scorers about their defense," Page said. "It's to be expected. Ever since I scored those 100 points, I just couldn't do anything but score in most people's eyes. I was a scorer, and that was my label."

"So I've practiced defense a lot. Coach Yow has really helped me. I think sometimes people look and expect my defense to be as outstanding as my offense. But it just can't be like that. Right now, I think my entire game is pretty sound, but still, what I do best is score."

And Page's critics certainly can't argue with that. Last season, she paced the strong ACC in scoring with a 22.6 points-per-game average. In addition, Page shot 51-percent from the field and connected on 81-percent of her free throws. The year before, the soft-spoken criminal justice major averaged 23 points-per-game and hit on an incredible 90.4-percent from the charity stripe. The latter figure ranked second in the nation in '83 and estab-

lished an almost untouchable Wolfpack record.

The century mark proved to be her lucky number once again in the ACC Tournament two years ago, as Page totalled that magic number in her three tourney contests. In the semi-final clash with Clemson, she set a new school record with 42 points. Ironically, Page bombed that same Clemson team for another 42 points in last season's thrilling 105-104 double-overtime win over the Tigers. By season's end, Page had gained ownership of 10 State records and five ACC marks.

This past summer, the preseason all-America tried out for the U.S. Olympic basketball team, of which Yow was an assistant coach. And although she didn't succeed in her endeavor, Page chalked her effort up to experience and in a few years will be eyeing a berth on the '88 squad.

"I didn't make it this time, but I really want to play in the Olympics," Page said. "I know I'm that caliber of player. Not having any international experience probably hurt me. So after this season, I intend to go overseas and play for a couple years and try out for the World University and Pan Am teams."

"As I get older, I'll continue to learn more and understand the game better. I'll be ready to go in '88."

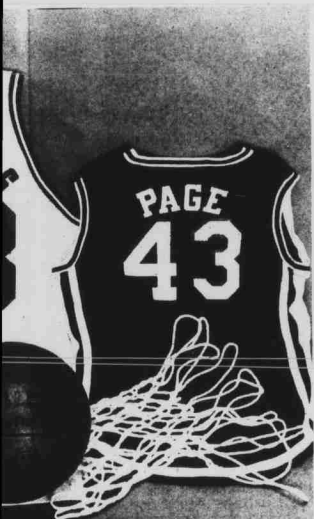
For now, however, Page is concentrating on being ready to go in '84-85.

"I'm really looking forward to my senior season," Page said. "I have been concentrating more on all parts of my game. I'm trying to think ahead, to see the whole court and get totally involved in the game. When I don't have the ball, I'm thinking defense."

"I have realized that my fundamentals were weak. And Coach Yow has been emphasizing that part with me since my freshman year. I think I'm ready now."



Linda Page... who led the ACC in scoring last year, has always been a scorer. She once scored 100 points in a high school game. Before that, her previous high was 87.



State photos by Greg Hatem and Fred Woolard

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— Linda Page

PROFILE

Can't hold the Mayo

Senior floor general to assist Pack in ACC bid

Tim Peeler
Sports Writer

For the Wolfpack women, Robyn Mayo is "Miss Assist."

More specifically, the senior point guard has a knack for getting the "indirect score," and she jumps on every opportunity to catch an opposing player off guard and to aid others in scoring.

With the likes of consensus all-America guard Linda Page and sophomore center Trena Trice to dish off to, Mayo takes part in much of the women's scoring. Last year she led the ACC in assists per game and was a second team all-conference pick.

Beginning her second year as the women's floor general, Mayo is timid off-court, but she likes for her on-court actions to speak for her.

"My actions speak louder than my words," said the 5-7 native of Lanham, Md.

Though she may be a quiet competitor, her ability stands on the roof and shouts in her behalf.

Coach Kay Yow concurs

that Mayo is a "doing" leader instead of a "talking" one.

"Robyn is more of a leader by actions than words," she said. "Quite frankly, I'd like for her to be more vocal."

"During a game, she has to be the court leader," said Yow. "Sure, I can talk to the team during time-outs, but we only have five of those a game."

"She is a coach on the floor. She knows our offensive and defensive systems."

Mayo admits that she has had trouble in the past in being a take-charge type of person. However, being a senior and a two-year starter, she understands that she has a responsibility to her teammates to be a leader.

Because she is a leader in assists, Mayo is not in the limelight as is a high-scoring player such as Page. But she doesn't seem to mind.

"I used to score a lot in high school," she said, "but I got out of that because I defined my role."

Now she gains a vicarious

pleasure in seeing others score.

"I feel that with every assist that I give, with the person who makes the shot, those are that person's and my points," she said.

Yow thinks the team is better with Mayo in a non-scoring role.

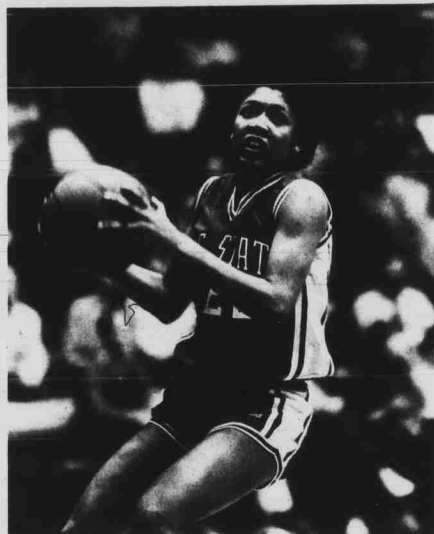
"She is a great team player because she is willing to give up scoring points," she said. "By that I mean that we have several great perimeter shooters — Linda Page and Debbie Mulligan, for example — that are better shooters."

"Robyn is good at getting the ball to those players. She has a lot of people to go to."

Defensively, Mayo is also outstanding. She has led the Pack in steals for the past two years. Last year she set a new State record for thefts with 110.

Mayo downplays her defensive ability, saying that she must work on her one-on-one skills.

"The best defensive players are the ones who can play on the 'ball,' she said. "I'm good off the ball."



Staff photo by Marty Allen

Mayo's assists and senior leadership will be key components of coach Kay Yow's squad this season.

"That's how I manage to get all those steals."

Despite what Mayo might say, Yow believes that Mayo has outstanding defensive ability and that she "enjoys that part of the game."

Yow also praises Mayo's surprising knack for rebounding — she had game-high honors on several occasions last year.

"Though most people would never expect it (from a point guard), Robyn is actually a good rebounder," she said. "She rebounds with authority."

"She is aggressive and dominant. And she always fights to keep the ball alive."

Though there may seem to

(see 'Mayo,' page 29)

Sotello Long: A champion 'on top of the world'

Jeaney Sapp
Features Editor

The men's basketball team isn't the only champion on the court at home games.

Another champion makes his presence known on the court before the Wolfpack ever heats up Reynolds Coliseum.

Sotello Long, a former State player, now sings the national anthem to call Wolfpack Mania to order.

But Sotello has gone through many ups and downs and, like a real champion, has managed to come back, in his words, "on top of the world."

Sotello entered State as a co-oping freshman in 1975. "I was a small-town boy from Kinston," the electrical engineering major says.

Influenced by the success of Norm Sloan in the "David Thompson Era," he wanted to play basketball. "That was my big dream," he says.

The story of Sotello's acceptance as a walk-on on the

team is an interesting and amusing one. He attended every practice even as other walk-ons stopped coming.

"I kept coming back. They never told me not to come back," Sotello says. "I was persistent and refused to quit, and I believed that I could play."

Picture day came for the team, and by then Sotello was the only walk-on who faithfully attended practice. Nothing had yet been said to him about being cut or making the team. On picture day, however, Sloan told Sotello to suit up in a red jersey. Sotello says he was the happiest person in that team picture, even if he was the "only one with black sneakers."

During the season, Sotello played in eight basketball games. He attended every practice and still had time to make Dean's list during the fall semester.

However, travel and practice took its toll the second semester. "My grades just plummeted second semester

due to travel," he says.

The time for a hard and painful decision came for Sotello. A choice had to be made between academics and athletics. At first, he switched majors to alleviate some pressure. But, ultimately, he made the decision to quit basketball after his first season in order to pursue his main objective — academics.

"I found I am more people-oriented," says Sotello.

He credits his experiences with the co-op program for helping him reach this conclusion. Of course, Sotello still loved basketball and remained active in intramurals.

Sotello's other great interest, singing, began to be important now. He noticed that Mrs. Sloan sang the national anthem at the men's basketball games. Sotello sought and obtained permission to sing at the women's basketball games.

"I like singing," Sotello says. "I really like singing

solo without accompaniment."

At State, he has been a member of the Men's Varsity Glee Club and the New Horizon's Choir. Some of the singers whom he has admired are Elvis Presley, Barry White and Isaac Hayes. "It's always been a part of me. I was singing when I was young," Sotello says.

When Sloan left State, Sotello was encouraged by his friends to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the men's basketball games. Sotello pursued the idea, and obtained permission from assistant athletic director Frank Weeden.

"I made the point to be there at the game," said Sotello.

He has been singing at men's games ever since.

Meanwhile, Sotello graduated with a degree in vocational and industrial education. He was hired by the university, and in March he was promoted to assistant director of undergraduate

admissions in Peele Hall.

It sounds as though Sotello has had an easy success, but that is not the case. During his junior year, Sotello tried out again for the team, but was refused.

"I know what it is to make the basketball team and not to make the basketball team."

A few years ago, Sotello suffered a serious illness that threatened his life, but he recovered. During this time, he became engaged to a girl he had been dating on and off for four years. The couple has now been married a little more than two months.

Sotello sings a lot at churches now. "I sing primarily for the Lord to glorify him," he says.

Sotello is truly a champion, but in his case, that "champion" emerges during times of adversity or unhappiness.

"I know what it's like not to succeed," says Sotello, "but no one can stop me from singing."

PROFILE

Gannon makes grade with pinpoint accuracy

Scott Keeper
Sports Editor

Oftentimes, when a Reynolds Coliseum throng of 13,000-plus explodes with near-deafening roars of approval, the instigator is a modest-sized guard whose expertise lies in popping of the bench and canning 25-foot jumpers with almost unerring accuracy.

The guilty party is senior Terry Gannon, a highly-competitive, mentally-tough long-range bomber who coach Jim Valvano calls "the best collegiate athletics has to offer."

Now that's a mighty bold statement, but the Pack's 6-1, 165-pound designated shooter has produced the statistics to back up his mentor's assessment, both on the court and in the classroom. In other words, Gannon's ppg. is about as impressive as his gpa.

"Terry is the epitome of what a student-athlete should be," Valvano said recently. "He is the only academic all-America in the ACC. He has represented N.C. State on the court, off the court and in his public and private life absolutely impeccably."

"For me, having Terry for the past four years has been a real joy. He has been a great addition to N.C. State University. Terry will be successful in whatever he does, whether he goes into business, teaching, coaching — whatever, he will be a success."

The 21-year-old education major has already encountered the first bits of that success. In the pressurized world of academe, Gannon maintains a lofty 3.5 grade point average. Last season, he was named first-team academic all-America, becoming the first State

player to ever earn that status. Gannon has achieved his classroom success by effectively combining his unwavering desire to excel with the advice received from his father, Jim Gannon.

The elder Gannon, who coached basketball at the high school Terry would later attend, stressed the importance of an education by pointing out the eventual failure of some of his own players by not hitting the books — and often as the backboards.

As a result, Gannon strives to reach his potential in both areas every day.

"If a day goes by that I didn't do the best I could whether on the court or in the classroom, it's a day lost in my life that I can't get back," Gannon said. "I will never be a senior in college again — no matter what, I can't get that back. So if I go to bed at night and lie there and am unable to say that I did the best I could at everything I did that day, I really regret having wasted it."

And Gannon is not one to waste many opportunities. He proved that during the Pack's national championship run in '83. When Gannon was called off the bench, he hit the court with a ready aim, seemingly sinking as many jumpers as the Pack needed at the moment.

One of State's most frequently-used weapons that season became Gannon's consistent outside shot. And with the three-point shot in effect, Gannon was forever ready to unload his arsenal. By year's end, he had compiled some eye-opening — as well as interesting — statistics.

The Pack's popular No. 24 connected on 52-percent of his shots from the field, and a blistering 59-percent (53 of



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Gannon's crowd-pleasing, long-range bombs have keyed many a State victory over the past four seasons, making his countless backyard shooting sessions as a youngster all the more worthwhile.

90) from beyond the three-point line. In addition, the spectacular sophomore hit 56 of 62 free throws — including 29 in a row at one point — for a success rate of 90.3-percent.

Last season, Gannon continued his torrent from outside despite the absence of the three-point rule, and finished as State's second-leading scorer with an 11.4 ppg. average.

For Gannon, the outside shot comes as automatically as would a thunderous dunk for teammate Lorenzo Charles. As long as he's on his side of the halfcourt line, Gannon is apt to unleash one of those patented line-drive bullets. That confidence, Gannon feels, has come with repetition.

"My specialty has always been shooting the ball," Gannon said. "It just came from repetition — from shooting endlessly during the

summer in my backyard and from being at my father's practices every day as a kid."

Now, when I step on the court, I really don't think I'm going to miss the whole game. Every time I put up a shot, I feel that it's going in. That's the kind of shooter's mentality you have to develop."

Another important thing Gannon has developed since his arrival from Joliet, Ill. some three years ago is his attitude towards the game he so loves. As a typical, sports-minded youngster, Gannon grew up reading about the successes of NBA greats and the incentive which enabled them to reach their goals.

"I used to read all the books on people like Pete Maravich and Walt Frazier," Gannon recalls. "And I would read about how they played so many hours a day in the

summer and how they would walk miles just to go to the YMCA and shoot. So I tried to emulate them. I'd go out in the back yard and play all day."

Now, Gannon follows the words of another great motivator — Valvano.

"One of the main things he has taught me is to have fun," Gannon said. "I had always looked at college athletics as being so important, and then I come here and see a coach — whose job depends on winning and losing games — and he's telling us to have fun."

"What sticks out more than anything over the past four years is how he has downplayed winning as the ultimate success in sports. And I think that has really taught me a lot. He realizes this is my final year, and he makes me want to enjoy the games I have left."



PROFILE

McQueen on 'mission' to prove validity

Devin Steele
Executive Sports Editor

"The Rumor" started four years ago, when Cozell McQueen first made his way "North" to begin his college life.

As it goes, the lanky South Carolinian came to State to "get out of the South." It found its way to Raleigh before the lanky, Bennettsville, S.C. native ever moved into his College Inn dorm room. And since then, McQueen, beginning his senior season on the men's basketball team, has been shadowed by the dumb-jock

image.

"No, I didn't say it," McQueen said the other day when the inevitable question was raised. "Are you kidding? I've heard the rumor, and it really amazed me. It really bugs me. I don't understand it."

But McQueen, who has spent more time the past four years making himself a better player than trying to shake the "stupid" label, does understand the stereotype. Yet, he doesn't believe their reasoning is justified.

"The only reason I can see is that there is this image about people from South

Carolina," said McQueen, a 6-11 center. "It seems to me that (people see) everybody that comes from South Carolina is slow, they're behind. If you're from South Carolina, people think you're a dummy, you don't know what you're doing. They expect you to be dumb."

Perhaps it's his elongated face, marked by a never-ending "du-h-h-h" expression, that gives off an impression of stupidity and makes him the subject of attention — humorous attention.

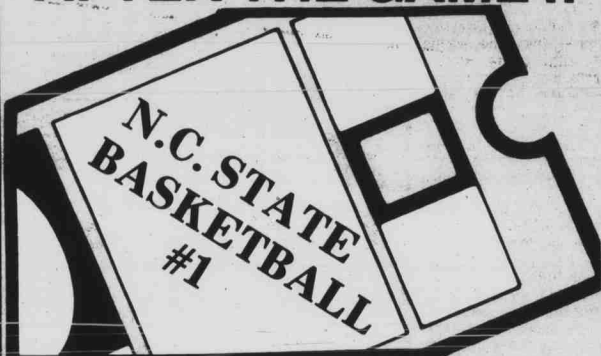
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GUARDS

Experience, depth return in backcourt

Marlene Hale
Sports Writer

In a year when most other ACC women's basketball programs are scrambling for guards, State coach Kay Yow is enthusiastic about her backcourt.

In contrast to last year's loss of both starting guards, the Wolfpack women return three experienced guards in senior Robyn Mayo, junior Debbie Mulligan and sophomore Carla Hillman.

In addition to these veterans, sophomore Annemarie Treadway, who saw limited play last year, returns to bolster the positions.

Two new arrivals that add depth to the spot are Della Burney and Mary Lindsay.

Mayo heads the list of point guards and figures to again receive the most playing time.

"I'm looking forward to her having her best year as a senior," Yow said.

Mayo, a 5-7 Lanham, Md., native, is back for her final campaign in the best physical condition of her career.

"Robyn's a great assist person," Yow said. "Her passing is good, and she has great anticipation. She's really worked hard to improve all areas of her game."

Mayo needed little work, though, on her play-making and play-breaking abilities. Last season she led the ACC with a 5.6 assist average, dishing out a total 178. In

addition, she set a new Wolfpack record with 110 steals and joined teammate Linda Page on the all-ACC team.

"This can be a great year for Robyn," Yow said. "I think she's excited."

Expected to relieve Mayo is Hillman, a 5-6 sophomore from Chesapeake, Va.

"Carla is our best defensive position player," Yow said of the fiery small guard. "She knows how to control the (opposing) offense with her defensive positioning."

Yow does not think that Hillman's size will be a disadvantage.

"Your height is not always the factor; it's how high you play the game," Yow said.

"Carla plays with such intensity that she overcomes her shortness."

"She has an excellent leaping ability, and that helps her, too. She's very strong; she's not going to get pushed around."

Hillman also possesses a quick first step, almost reminiscent of Armstrong's havoc-making moves.

"Carla has the ability to penetrate well. Her first step is so explosive," Yow said.

Using the quickness and speed that sets up the offense, Hillman often draws the charge by stepping in front of the fast break.

"Carla is not afraid to take the charge. In fact, she looks to set up the offensive player (for the foul)," Yow said.

Behind Mayo and Hillman is freshman Mary Lindsay, a 1983 Wade Trophy high school award winner. Lindsay averaged 17 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds per game for Wilson Memorial (Waynesboro, Va.) High to earn herself a place on *Street and Smith's* pre-season honorable mention all-America list.

"Mary is a good passer and a heady player," Yow said. "She has an excellent court awareness. She sees the court very well and can get the ball to the open player."

Defensively, she's weaker than (Mayo and Hillman). But she just has to learn the defensive system. She needs to be physically stronger for the college game, though that's not unusual for freshmen. She needs more endurance, too. To be able to go hard, from baseline to baseline a number of times a game, is a great advantage.

"Mary's very coachable, and she has a great attitude. She has the potential and the talent to be a very good point guard for us."



According to Yow. Lindsay has the best shot within her range compared to Mayo and Hillman, and with having those proven two ahead of her, Yow will be able to develop her skills slowly to further develop that natural talent.

"I don't think she realizes the advantage of not having to come in immediately and take over," she said.

Yow is just as fortunate to have three players available for the second guard position.

Mulligan returns from a successful sophomore season in which she led the team with a 54 percent shooting from the field. The 5-10 Cary native also grabbed 40 rebounds and handed out 52 assists.

"Debbie continues to work on her game," Yow said. "She's penetrating better, and she's going to the boards better. She's become a better all-around player."

These improved skills are added to an already deadly shooter from the 15- to 18-foot range.

"Debbie is an excellent outside shooter with good range," Yow said. "Her perimeter shooting helps against zones and sagging defenses." Mulligan's sharp outside touch should free up the inside for Wade Trophy candidate Linda Page.

Sure to see more time at the no. 2 position is Treadway, a 5-7 sophomore.

"Annemarie's worked a great deal," Yow said. "She's done a good job preparing herself for this season. Her shot has improved and so has her defense. Mentally, she's much more confident."

"You can have a lot of movement without purpose. Annemarie is active in our offense, but at the same time she is accomplishing something. Now she understands what we're attempting to do."

"She's in the best shape of anyone on the team. She's a strong rebounder with a knack for timing. She's also our best screener."

Also vying for playing time is Burney, another outstanding freshman. The 5-7 scoring sensation averaged 23.2 points for Beaufort's East Carteret High and accumulated 1,964 career points to become the school's all-time leading scorer.

"Della's naturally very strong," said Yow. "Her strength is phenomenal for a freshman, but she needs to acquire more endurance. She has a good shot and great penetration."

"Her main problem is in learning the system. Right now she has to think about everything and that takes away from something she'd do naturally."

"She's fun to watch. She's an exciting player."

While Burney is sure to produce splendor, in time she'll add another dimension to the already varied State lineup.

"(The six guards are) all the same as far as desire, enthusiasm, drive and coachability are concerned," yet.



Debbie Mulligan

Yow stressed. "But physically, they're different. Each one has a different style."

It's Yow's responsibility then to blend all these talents into a competitive and successful backcourt — something she has not failed at yet.



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C E N T E R S

Trice, Adams return experience at center

Jeff Butler
Sports Writer

With last year's co-second-leading scorers returning at the center position, women's coach Kay Yow is confident about her team's strength in the middle this season.

Yow believes that sophomore starter Trena Trice (7.8 ppg., 5.6 rpg.) and junior back-up Priscilla Adams (7.8 ppg., 5.3 rpg.) have "the ability to hold their own against any center in the conference."

Trice (6-3, 165) and Adams (6-1, 190) give the Pack pivot its "best physical strength it has ever had."

With this in mind, Yow expects big things from her center twosome.

"I expect them to hit the boards hard, score from the low-post position and play strong defense," she said.

Rebounding, Yow said, is Trice's strong suit. Trice, from Chesapeake, Va., was selected to last year's all-ACC Tournament team after

hauling down 31 rebounds in three games, including a 17-rebound performance against Maryland in the semifinals.

Trice also is a powerful shot blocker, but Yow said that "she only wants a shot



blocker if she knows what she's doing. Trena must learn when to block shots because right now it gets her into foul trouble."

A native of Ringgold, Ga., Adams excels in working for position and blocking out. Her rebounding was not as consistent as Yow had hoped, although she did manage double-digit rebounding on three occasions.

Yow again expects Adams, who also plays forward, to

provide strong backup to Trice, especially defensively.

"On many occasions, Priscilla may call our plays, because she is very good at recognizing defenses," she said.

Adams, the best shooter of the two from the inside, hit at a 54 percent clip last season.

Despite scoring 18 points in one game last season, Trice still needs improvement. "Trena has the ability to be a scorer, but she needs to refine her shooting technique."

Yow said that Angela Daye, a sophomore from Pendleman, could see time at the pivot. She would give the Pack excellent quickness and improvement on its fastbreak.

Trice and Adams worked hard during the off-season, but they must "keep up their intensity. They have the potential and talent to get the job done, but their dedication must remain."

Trice and Adams will see action against two preseason all-Americans in 6-2 Andrea Lloyd of Texas and 6-3



Staff photo Marty Allen

A strong defensive performer, Adams will provide experienced back-up help at the Pack's center spot.

Medina Dixon of Old Dominion, and this will better prepare the pair for ACC competition, Yow said.

State's pivot could well help the Pack be the center of attention this season in the ACC.

McQueen on a 'mission' in senior season

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"I'm the type person, I don't comment on (the jeering)," he said. "When people start doing that, I just look over the situation."

"I know I'm quite intelligent or I wouldn't be here. I consider myself smarter than some average students. I've seen some students who

can't do work. I'm an athlete, and I know if I can do it, they should be able to."

McQueen's only vengeance has been trying to prove that he is as good a collegiate basketball player as the next guy. His abilities on the court have always been in question, mainly because he has never been a big offensive producer.

Since he came to State as a lanky 200-pounder, McQueen said he has been on kind of a progressive mission to prove his doubters wrong.

He has come along well defensively, but he hasn't made great strides on the other end, except in the rebounding department.

As a freshman, McQueen split time at the pivot with Chuck Nevitt and averaged a mere 2.2 points and 2.4 rebounds. Since then, his offensive improvement has been gradual, turning in 3.5 points and 5.5 rebounds a game as a sophomore and 7.4 points and 9.0 rebounds a game last year.

"When I first came in, my role was to play defense and stay out of foul trouble," McQueen said. "The following year, it was to improve my defense, stay out of foul trouble and to improve my rebounding. Last year, it was basically the same thing, but I was relied on for more scoring."

In his junior season, when he really felt ready to break out of his shell, a shoulder injury he suffered while lifting weights set his progression

back, causing a great deal of frustration.

"People didn't know I was injured in the middle of the year," he said. "It didn't keep me out of any games, but it slowed me down tremendously because I wasn't scoring. All I could do was rebound."

"Lorenzo (Charles) needed help inside last year, but I wasn't able to give it to him. I know people thought, 'where's McQueen? What's McQueen doing?'"

This year, however, McQueen said he is ready to explode.

"I'm ready to score. Hey, I'm confident," he said. "I was confident last year, but I really couldn't do much because I played injured."

"I know I can play the game. I know it. I just haven't proved it to people yet. I feel I've improved every other aspect of the game — playing defense, rebounding and running up and down the court. I just haven't proved that I can score."

McQueen's improvement can be attributed largely to weight-training. In four years,

he has added 30 pounds of muscle and has gained tremendous strength.

"The stronger you are, the better player you are 'cause guys can't take advantage of you underneath," McQueen said. "I've always had confidence that I could play the game. I just wasn't strong enough, so I started lifting weights. It has helped me tremendously."

McQueen's aggressive board play often leads him into foul trouble. In the past two seasons, this has hurt the Pack without a backup center. But this season, McQueen has a substitute, the nation's top prep pivotman Chris Washburn, to take up the slack.

There are numerous possibilities for front-line combinations, even talk of a McQueen-Washburn-Charles lineup, which would be one of the most dominating in college basketball. McQueen thinks the alignment, whatever it might be, will work out just fine even though it may get crowded at times.

"It'll work," he said. "It depends on who we're playing. It'd be a dominating force."



McQueen blocks with the best.

FORWARDS

Forwards key to women's season

Steve Pope
Sports Writer

This season more than ever, the women's basketball team must rely on strong play from its forward position.

Head coach Kay Yow has made it clear that without a clear center in its lineup, more pressure will fall on the forwards in order to compensate.

"We'll probably use more of a three-forward offense most of the time," she said. "We have seven players who are forwards, but Trena Trice and Priscilla Adams will see playing time at center."

The Pack's forwards include senior Linda Page, junior Teresa Rouse, junior Adams, sophomore Angela Daye and freshman Lori Phillips.

Page returns as the team's top scorer and will again be looked on heavily for scoring and rebounding. An all-America, Page is 19th in the NCAA's Division I scoring list and no. 1 in the ACC.

Averaging 22.6 points and 5.0 rebounds per game, the 5-10 Philadelphia, Pa., native has set 10 school records and five conference records. She connected on .80 percent of her free throws and 51 percent of her field goals last season. Once again, she has been named to *Street and Smith's* all-America team.

"This is her senior year and will probably be her best year ever," Yow said. "She continues to improve her game and is playing better

defense and is going to the boards stronger."

A talented outside threat, Page has significantly improved her ability to penetrate.

"She has made some excellent assists for us during the preseason and has im-



proved her passing," Yow said. "All great scorers have great hands, and she certainly is a great scorer. I also think she is in her best physical condition. She's really worked hard."

Rouse, a 6-0 junior from Burke, Va., played guard last season but should see playing time at one forward position.

"Teresa has good hands and can score inside as well as rebound," Yow said.

In addition to playing some center, Adams, a junior from Ringgold, Ga., also should play at forward.

"Priscilla is working really hard this season and will play some at forward," Yow said. "She played with Athletes in Action abroad this summer and has really improved. She is playing good defense and is a good shooter facing the basket. The intense strength training has helped her, and

we hope she will be stronger in the low post."

A 6-1 sophomore from Pendleman, Daye saw a fair amount of playing time last season and saw a good amount of action during the final stretch and during the playoffs. She averaged 6.9 points per game and shot .537 percent from the floor.

She will play the big forward position and must hit the boards and play good defense, according to Yow.

"Angela brings lots of natural talent to the four (big forward) position but needs more execution," Yow said. "She is very hard-working and very coachable."

Phillips, a 6-0 freshman from Greensboro, missed several practices due to illness, but Yow is anticipating a speedy recovery.

"She's been out a few days because of sickness, and that's put her a little bit behind the rest of the team," she said. "Her shooting touch is her best strength. She and Teresa probably have the best natural touch on the team."

A graduate of Southeast Guilford, Phillips averaged 21.9 points and 9.3 rebounds per game during her senior season.

No matter what combinations will be used, the forward positions will be a key.

"The small forward position is the most versatile position, and we need our most solid players in there," Yow said. "If you look back at some of the great players we



Staff photo by Marshall Norton

Daye, a 6-1 sophomore, provides the Pack Women with another talented shooter at the forward position.

have had here, you'll see that many of them played that position."

Execution also is a critical factor in Yow's game plan.

"We have to execute well because we do not have superior talent such as certain other top 20 teams do," she said.



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PREVIEW

Freshman trio promises great future for Pack women

Loren Setzer
Sports Writer

The freshman women's basketball class of 1984-85 may be small in number (three), but they have the capabilities to produce some big numbers in the upcoming four years.

Della Burney, Mary Lindsay and Lori Phillips each scored well over 1,000 points during their high school careers, not to mention a host of rebounds, assists and steals.

Burney, a 5-7 shooting guard from East Carteret High School, is described by coach Kay Yow as "explosive." She scored a total of 1,964 career points in becoming the school's all-time leading scorer and made the all-conference and all-tournament teams each of her four years.

"Della is very strong physically," Yow said. "She has a good shooting touch. She can score with some range, so her offensive skills are very dynamic."

A 5-9 guard, Lindsay also established a career scoring record at her high school, Waynesboro (Va.) Wilson Memorial, averaging an impressive 17 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds per game.

"She's a fun player to watch," Yow said. "She's a very smart player, a very heady point guard and a very good passer. She has a good perimeter game in that she can score from outside, and she's also a penetrator. She has a good blend, and I think Mary's going to be a solid college player."

With established backcourt starters Robyn Mayo and Linda Page, the pair will not feel the pressure of having to come in and start immediately.

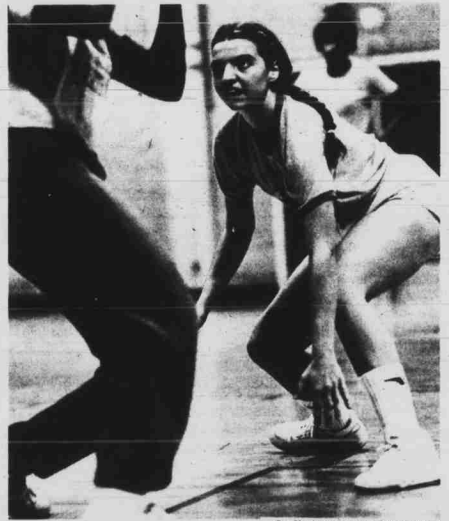
Phillips, the third member of the terrific freshman trio, was an all-state forward at Greensboro's Southeast Guilford High School. She also has the ability to light up scoreboards, accumulating 1,939 points during her prep career in addition to averaging 9.3 rebounds a game.

"She has a very good shooting touch, is very much of a pure shooter, has good range, could play the number four forward position or the number three forward position," Yow said. "She needs to develop more speed, more quickness, I think, for the number three forward position, and right now she fits in better at the number four. She has the potential to be very strong physically, to be a very smart player."

With proven players at the front court also, Phillips will have at least a year of adjustment before she will be called upon to start, but she should provide valuable backup help.

Though Yow is not concerned with the class's scoring abilities, she would like to see more on the defensive end.

"They just don't have the great (defensive) intensity, which is a problem for freshmen, period," she said. "Intensity. Intensity at college



Staff photo by Fred Woolard

Lindsay is one of three dynamic freshmen who should help the Pack remain a Top 20 fixture in '84-'85.

and high school is like day and night. High school games can drive you crazy. I mean, it's no push. It's like medium speed or something. The only time you get to see intensity is if the game's close and it's the last two minutes of the

game. Now, people are really pushing!"

"Now I'm asking for it 40 minutes. We've got to get the intensity and the defensive knowledge, and we need to

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PREVIEW

Bumper crop give Pack men deep bench

Bill Johnson
Sports Writer

Last season, the men's basketball team came within a game of adding another 20-game winner to the record books, but seven consecutive losses at the end of the year cut that goal short.

That's the bad news. Now for the good.

For the first time since fifth-year coach Jim Valvano took over the Wolfpack program, State is considered a legitimate challenger for both the Atlantic Coast Conference and NCAA championships.

State not only returns its top eight players from last season's 19-14 squad but features the top incoming class in the nation.

With the addition of two McDonald's all-Americans in 6-11 center Chris Washburn and power forward John Thompson and a first-team junior college all-America in 6-6 Nate McMillan, the Wolfpack may have its deepest and most talented team ever.

In addition to Washburn, Thompson and McMillan, Valvano brought in 6-4 swingman Vinnie Del Negro of Suffield, Conn., and a 6-1 point guard Quentin Jackson from basketball-rich DeMatha Catholic of Hyattsville, Md.

McMillan, who played at Raleigh's Enloe High School, is the veteran of the newcomers, entering State as a junior. He drew high marks from the Wolfpack coaches for his play in the Marathon Oil preseason exhibition.

"He's such a key to our ballclub. He just gives us something we haven't had. When he's in there, he's going after the loose ball, he's on the boards, he can start the break himself, and he's quick," Valvano said. "As soon as Nate came out, things changed. We're limited in things we can do defensively and offensively."

"Nate has legitimate three (small forward) speed, and we need that," added Valvano, who is searching for a consistent outside shooter at the position. "He's not a stroker, but he's going to help us a great deal on the defensive end, on the ball-handling and the quickness of the game at the three man."

He's also going to help us in the backcourt."

McMillan is familiar with the backcourt. At Chowan Junior College, he was considered by many scouts as the finest junior college guard in the country last season in leading the Braves to a 30-9 record and the JUCO semifinals. McMillan averaged 15 points, seven assists and led the team in rebounding with a 10.0 average per game.

Where McMillan was the nation's top junior college guard last year, Washburn was the top high school center.

Washburn had to make numerous social adjustments during his high school career. After earning *Parade* all-America honors as a sophomore at Hickory High, he transferred to Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia to improve his academics. His senior year, Washburn, who had already committed to State, transferred to Laurinburg Institute.

He is only the fourth player in history to be named to *Parade* magazine's all-America team three consecutive years and was *Parade*'s co-national player of the year last season, sharing the award with former Greensboro star Danny Manning.

Laurinburg went 18-2 last season under Washburn's leadership. He averaged 30 points and 17 rebounds per game, an increase from his junior season at Fork Union of 10 points and seven rebounds.

According to Valvano, Washburn will add great depth to the Pack's front line. He contributed 20 points and six rebounds against Marathon Oil.

"Washburn played pretty well in the second half," Valvano said. "When (starter Cozell) McQueen got two fouls, we brought in Washburn, whereas last year it was a little different."

But Washburn has been inconsistent thus far, according to assistant coach Tom Abatemarco, something that can be expected of a newcomer.

"Chris is just a great talent," Abatemarco said. "I love Chris, and I'm very

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The Fab Five: Pack newcomers smile for the camera.

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OPINION

Green heads up all-ET squad

Amidst all the preseason boasting and predicting from respective ACC fans, I annually enjoy the opportunity to examine the lot of newcomers to the nation's most reputable conference. Then, I make an earnest effort to include at least a few of the less fortunate on my "real" all-ACC squads.



**SCOTT
KEEPER**

Sports
Editor

Yeah, just forget all that talk about who's best, who's worst — let's take a quick reprieve from the forthcoming intensity of ACC action with a more lighthearted view of some of the league's most intriguing players and their distinctive characteristics.

First up on this year's roasting, podium is the all-Extra Terrestrial team. And if you don't believe some of these guys qualify, just check out their mugs in any pre-season program or prospectus. Yes, my friends, seeing is believing.

For the second consecutive season, a pair of "Demon" Deacons head up this uncanny crew. Led by Wake's Krnny "It's Alive" Green and Tyrone "Black Hole" Bogues, this martian-like assemblage would raise goose pimples on Mr. Spock.

Maryland's Keith "Dr.

Grotesque" Gatlin was a unanimous first-team selection, while Virginia freshman Darrick "Phone Home" Simms easily made the team in his initial year of eligibility.

Finally, State's "Jupiter John" Thompson rounds out this fine-looking bunch from the far reaches of our universe.

Meanwhile, closer to earth, the Pack's own diminutive doctor of dunk — "Spud" Webb — heads up the '84 all-Name team. The 5-6, 135-pound leaper may draw laughs, jeers and signs that read "Au Gratin" and "Mashed" in many ACC arenas, but that doesn't deter him from baking opponents with an occasional hot stuff.

Could there be any doubt as to which head coach deserves inclusion? No way. Once again, it's that phonetic phenomena from Durham — Duke's Mike Krzyzewski. (That's pronounced just like it's spelled: Shu-she-ski). Sorry, but not everyone can be just a simple ol' Dean Smith.

North Carolina's Buzz Peterson, another repeater from a year ago, joins teammate and crowd-favorite Timo Makkonen on the squad. Makkonen, however, the Heels' incredible Finnish bomber, may be outdone by another import — Wake Forest's Hartmut Ortmann.

Ortmann, whose scoring potential may someday exceed even that of Makkonen's, is a 6-7 product out of West Germany.

Rounding out the five-man unit is Virginia's Olden Polynice. Contrary to popular belief, Olden was not named after a newly discovered wear-resistant fabric.

Moving on to the All-American Boy team, we find that the first unit is still strong despite heavy graduation losses.

With the departure of everybody's favorite — UNC's Matt "Ken Doll" Doherty — as well as Clemson's Mike "Apple Pie" Eppley, one could easily imagine this year's team being anything but spiffy.

Such is not the case, however, as plenty of clean-shaven cutesies (no, Lorenzo doesn't count) still reside in ACC country — particularly in Durham and Chapel Hill.

The Blue Devils claimed two starting slots as Jay "Buttndown" Bilas and Mark "Izod" Alarie qualified with surprising ease. In Chapel Hill, we find Stevie "Hot Dog" Hale, while a few hours north his good chum Chuckie Driesell was recently seen celebrating his inclusion to the select group by defying Daddy's 11 p.m. curfew and slamming down a few pints of Sealtest lowfat.

Completing the team is the

Cavalier's Tom "Goody Two Shoes" Sheehy.

Continuing with our all-league squads, I felt it was only fair to honor those players who are magnificently adept at wrist-slapping, body-bumping and other assorted fouling methods. Thus, we have the all-Hack team.

The leader of this group is Duke's Danny "Didn't Do It" Meagher. Last season, the Blue Devils' center dominated the rough-and-tumble world of in-the-lane infractions, committing a league-high 118 fouls and exceeding his per-game limit on seven occasions.

A close runner-up was State's Cozell "Who, Me?" McQueen. Co was whistled 104 times last season but was actually guilty on only three of those calls.

Others making the team include Virginia's "Jostling Jim" Miller (93 fouls), Carolina's Brad "Body Slam" Daugherty (92) and Tech's John "Spider" Salley (89).

This season's all-Schnoz team includes a pair of repeaters, coach Dean Smith and guard Johnny Dawkins. Smith, whose olfactory organ was just sizeable enough to nose out Jim Valvano for the starting coaching position,

owns a proboscis that he just might not be able to keep in the coaches' box.

Dawkins, meanwhile, boasts a beak that would stir jealousy in even the most amiable of anteaters.

State's Vinnie "The Nose" Del Negro was a shoo-in, as was Duke's "Muzzle Man" — David Henderson.

While we're on physical attributes, let's introduce the all-Anorexic team.

Tech's Craig "Noodles" Neal is easily the most emaciated of these hardcourt lightweight. The 6-4 Neal, after a three-course meal and dripping wet, tips the scales at a whopping 157 pounds.

Keith Gatlin (6-5, 165) and Clemson's Vince "The Prince" Hamilton (6-4, 170) were certain first-teamers, as were the Wolfpack's Mike "Wasting-away" Warren and Willie "The Human Toothpick" Reese of Maryland.

How 'bout an all-Number team? Ever noticed how much ACC talent wears no. 24? Check out this lineup: at the guard spots, start with Terry Gannon, Johnny Dawkins and Adrian Branch; at forward, have Joe Wolf and Scott Petway with Virginia center Olden Polynice manning the paint.

'Sleeper' of '81 now wide awake

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this, all-that team — he came to N.C. State basically unheralded. Now, four years later, he's considered one of the best power forwards in America.

"I've seen Lorenzo grow and become a man. To watch him grow from the kid from Brooklyn into the force he is today was really rewarding. That is something to live for

— to see a kid develop. It is certainly one of the most delightful parts of my profession."

The massive Charles, whose clean-shaven head only serves to enhance his intimidating presence, has indeed traveled quite a road — all the way from the basketball playgrounds of Brooklyn to the tradition-steeped hardwood of Reynolds Coliseum and finally to his date with destiny that one April 4, 1983 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Now, with his final season rapidly approaching, Charles will soon be strolling back onto the court to exhibit his crowd-pleasing dunks and powerful baseline moves.

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PROFILE

Wiggs working hard to keep women's program in top shape

Barry Bowden
Managing Editor

If the old axiom that hard work pays off is true, then there's no doubt why the women's basketball team is loaded with talent.

The players are all hard workers both on and off the court. And so are the coaches, particularly assistant coach Rita Wiggs, who has been on Kay Yow's staff at State for seven years.

Wiggs started as a graduate assistant with Yow in 1978 while she was working on her masters degree in administration. She was no stranger to Yow's brand of basketball, having played for Yow on a regional all-state team in 1974.

Having played collegiate ball at UNC-Greensboro, she had faced Yow's teams and had a lot of respect for them.

"I didn't know her that well

but I had a lot of respect for her teams and usually they are a reflection of the coaches," said Wiggs. "Of course playing for her just solidified my feelings on that. Plus, she seemed to be a caring coach as far as towards her players as people."

That caring attitude and hard work also spill over into recruiting, which is how Wiggs spends most of her time. During the summer months, Wiggs may see as many as 300 potential Wolfpack players a week at any of the numerous camps she visits.

Selling the players on State isn't difficult for Wiggs; she lets the program speak for itself.

"I think the program will sell itself," said Wiggs. "Being a Top 20 program, the tradition here, coach Yow having been an assistant with

the Olympic team this summer (all) have been a big plus."

She feels that State's reputation helps the Pack before they even begin to recruit a player. Part of State's reputation is its excellent graduation rate — nearly 100 percent.

"We're real proud of it, and I think that is a tribute to our players," Wiggs said. "Our girls have worked and worked toward that end, and that says a lot for them."

But hard work off the court is not the only thing that characterizes State basketball. Hard work on the court is also demanded.

"The team has really been working hard this year," said Wiggs. "Several of the players have made the comment that Coach Yow — the Olympic flame was still burning — she is really working hard."

"This group has probably



Staff photo by Fred Woolard

Wiggs, the Wolfpack Women's hard-working recruiter and assistant coach, has been impressed with the teams' effort.

comaraderie inherent with that," said Wiggs. "I think its going to be an exciting team, but we're going up against our toughest schedule ever so we better be getting ready."

She feels that this hard work is going to have a positive effect on the team.

"Going through (the hard work) does have a tendency to sort of pull the team together and have sort of a

comaraderie inherent with that," said Wiggs. "I think its going to be an exciting team, but we're going up against our toughest schedule ever so we better be getting ready."

The Pack's hard work should have them ready for not only a tough schedule but for also another successful season.

Newcomers possess talent, promise

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excited, but Chris has been up and down. He's going to have his good days and his bad days. But I think the important thing now is (that) there's not a lot of pressure on him 'cause we've got a lot of good players."

McMillan and Washburn are not the only newcomers with impressive backgrounds. Thompson, Jackson and Del Negro also had stellar prep careers.

Thompson, a 6-7, 230-pound forward from Lawrenceville, Va., broke six school records, in-

cluding a single game of 26 rebounds and led the Brunswick Bulldogs to the state playoffs with a 23-4 record. He chose State over Virginia and Old Dominion and made Parade and McDonald all-America teams.

Jackson, from coach Morgan Wooten's mecca of prep basketball, is a 6-1 point guard from Annapolis, Md., who has a style similar to former State star Sidney Lowe.

Jackson enters the Wolfpack program through the "DeMatha pipeline," which has drawn Hawkeye Whitney, Kenny Carr, Derek Whittenburg, Lowe and present player Bennie Bolton to

Raleigh.

Del Negro, a 6-3 guard, averaged 27 points, 8.7 rebounds, eight assists and four steals per game for Suffield Academy.

A pleasant surprise in pre-season practices, Del Negro continued to impress against the Oilers, hitting three of three shots from the floor and dishing out seven assists.

"I was really pleased with Vinnie," Valvano said. "I think he showed the type of things that as a coach you can't teach, a certain flair for the game. And I think he is just going to get better."

Freshmen need time to adjust

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play offense with the same intensity. So, we need to cut hard, we need to set our man up. Yes, they can score, they can shoot, but can they set a screen?"

"Can they set their man up to use a screen and cut off the screen hard and make good decisions? No, they can't. But they will be able to."

Yow stressed the overall difficulties freshmen face in making the transition from high school to college.

"All the freshmen are having to make an adjustment — a basketball adjustment, a social adjustment, everything. I think the adjustment can be overwhelming, and I think we can find all three freshmen at that point in time, in a slight state of shock, making the adjustment."

Mayo cites main goal of helping team

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be much pressure in playing in the same backcourt as Page. Mayo insists that there is no competition between the two of them.

"We all know what Linda can do," she said. "But we're glad she can do it. But we (she and Page) don't compete against each other."

"We do everything to help the team. We think more team than individual."

Mayo said despite her position as a team statistical leader, she has set no goals for the season. Her goals lie only in team success.

"Within myself," she said, "I just want to do the best that I can to help the team — that is my main goal."

Though she is unselfish, Mayo is still fiercely competitive. Yow calls her a "scrapper and a hustler."

Mayo said she acquired her aggressiveness from playing against her father.

"We used to compete against each other in a lot of things. No matter what it was, we would compete. I started playing because I wanted to beat him."

"And my father has cat-eyes, so he can see real good at night. He used to take me out at night and challenge me. He wouldn't challenge me in the day because he was scared I would beat him."

"He used to beat me every time and I would cry. So this happened for about five years."

As Mayo matured, her game improved until she had developed the skills she needed to finally beat her dad.

That rivalry was more than just

father-daughter competition, according to Mayo. She learned a lot from the experience.

"By him playing me at night, it made my court awareness sharper as far as seeing things peripherally. I can close my eyes and get a feel (of the game) through my senses."

"That's helped me as far as steals. I think ahead and get a feel of what that player might want to do."

Mayo has an optimistic view of her grand finale here. Though the women have a tough schedule, she likes the challenge of playing against stiff competition.

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PROFILE

McLean couldn't pass up coaching chance

William Terry Kelley
Sports Writer

After staying at Broughton High School for 17 years, State men's assistant basketball coach Ed McLean could have been satisfied to retire there. After all, he had been quite successful in his years at the Raleigh high school, producing an NBA superstar as well as several collegiate players while compiling a 248-174 record with the Caps.

Certainly, he was not dissatisfied with his work, not after 17 years; and certainly he would have been welcome to stay right there at the corner of St. Mary's and Peace Streets as long as he wanted. But having seen many of his original goals at Broughton fulfilled, McLean saw an opportunity he just couldn't pass up.

Most coaches expecting to move to the college ranks might have already made their move before logging 20 years as a high school head coach; but this was a special opportunity — an opportunity to work with a local major collegiate program with a relatively new and invigorating head coach, Jim Valvano.

"I don't think I would have left unless it had been this particular situation, and I think a big key on that was Jim," said McLean. "The thing that really got me excited was he was doing so many things other than basketball. He really had the whole state excited. He was a different personality and the people really loved him."

"I think at one time basketball in this part of the country had become more of a blood and

guts thing, and there was a lot of hatred involved. His approach was different. His approach was you play the best you can and you play to win, but it is a basketball game and when it's over, it's over. He was doing so many other things, too. I felt like I could learn something from a man like that, that could help me in years later.

"So that was a big key for me. The job came open, and I was lucky enough to get it. It was a job that I felt like if I didn't do it, I'd spend a lot of time looking back and wondering why I didn't. I feel like I've had the best of both worlds. I had the best on a high school level, and I've got the best on a college level. Jim's a great guy to work for and the administration here from Dr. (Bruce) Poulton on down has been just great. Being a part of the 1983 national championship team was just a big thrill in my life. Just being associated with those guys — Sidney (Lowe), Thurl (Bailey) and Derek (Whittenburg) and being friends with them was important to me."

Although McLean, 48, made the move he left something he really enjoyed behind in doing so.

"I loved my job," McLean said of Broughton. "I loved teaching, and I loved coaching. I was real lucky. I had good administrators to work with. I can't think of one problem I had while I was there. In my own heart, I think every coach at a certain age, particularly living in the ACC country, in the back of your mind you want to get involved in that."

"I think when I first started coaching and teaching, I wanted

to coach on the college level. But, after a period of time, I just put that in the back of my mind. I loved teaching and I loved kids and to tell you the truth, I had 21 years in the state system and I thought I'd retire in public education."

McLean's desire to be a coach goes back several years, even before his high school days as a player.

"I started in the seventh or eighth grade wanting to be a coach and a teacher," said the Asheville native. "I was also fortunate to be able to fulfill those goals. I participated in all sports. I certainly wasn't a great player by any stretch of the imagination. I played football, basketball and baseball. The games gave me a lot more than I certainly ever gave them. I had a lot of outstanding coaches at the high school level and at the college level."

McLean started his high school coaching career straight out of Western Carolina University, where he played basketball, football, and baseball. Receiving his B.S. degree in Physical Education, he was named the Outstanding Physical Education graduate of his 1961 class. He began his high school career at Rohanen High School in Richmond County, where he coached football and track in addition to being head basketball coach. After three years, McLean moved to Broughton where he went to work for Clyde Walker, currently the athletic director at UNC-Charlotte.

In addition to being head basketball coach, McLean coached cross country, track, JV football and was the trainer.

Although he will only be starting his third year as a State coach this season, McLean's association with the Wolfpack goes back to his first year at Broughton.

"My first summer here in 1965, I came in and I didn't have a summer job," he said. "Back in those days you didn't make much money teaching. I was really concerned about just being able to pay my bills in the summertime. Coach (Everette) Case gave me a job at his basketball school out at the fairgrounds. This was in Coach Case's last couple of years there. He was kind of sick then, but I always appreciated that. He helped me out and I had chance to talk to him some. I always had a lot of respect for Coach Case."

McLean shoulders a lot of responsibility in his job at State. That, however, is one of the things he likes since it has given him the opportunity to "do a lot of things that maybe you wouldn't learn in other programs". McLean works with academics, on-the-floor-coaching, handles scouting responsibilities and runs the summer camp.

McLean doesn't spend all of



Staff photo by Bob Thomas

McLean left his coaching job at Raleigh's Broughton High School to join Valvano in his quest to put the Pack back on top.

his time trying to look for personal advancement.

"I saw so many high school coaches who spend all their time trying to get on the college level," he said. "Really, they're missing a lot of great times. I've always felt like it was a privilege just to coach. That has helped me because I'm not on any ego trip as far as being a head coach at any program. I just take them one day at a time and do the best job I can that day. A lot of college assistants spend all their time trying to get a head coaching job. That's important, because you've got to have ambition."

"It's not that I don't have ambition, but I've always felt that I have a responsibility. I want to give my boss an honest days work for a days pay. I think those things will take care of themselves. I never thought I'd leave high school in the first place. If I get a chance to be a college head coach, I'll certainly take advantage of it. But right now I just want to help Jim and help N.C. State be the best basketball program possible."

Certainly, there has to be some differences in high school and collegiate coaching. Instead of doing the best you can with what you have a college coach has a bevy of talented players to work toward excellence with, according to McLean.

"An amount of urgency is involved," he said. "Everything is provided for you so it's up to you and the players to be the best you can be. Everything is more difficult. You're playing against great talent. There are more demands on the academic

part and there is more demand on the kid's time. Every waking minute, you're trying to make the program the best. You've got to justify it to yourself too. That helps me too. Because if you know you're doing the best you can, that makes you feel a little bit better. Every waking hour is concerned with making it better."

After coaching players like Pete Maravich, Phil Spence, Joe Perry, Billy Williams and Mike Warren, all five all-Americans, without the extra responsibilities, certainly McLean has had second thoughts.

"I made up my mind when I did it. Once I took the commitment, I wasn't going to look back," he said. "I was going to hang in there and do the best I can with it. And also, if I get the opportunity, and that's in the back of my mind, I certainly think I'm capable of being a head coach. It's like studying for an exam. You keep studying for it and you get to a point where you want to take it to see what you can do. That's the way I feel about coaching. It's a super-big job. Without the cooperation of Jim and the leadership he provides our staff, it would be an impossible job. It's that big. Our staff is a staff that really works together. If the intensity bothers you, I think you would be in the wrong business."

Not all of McLean's players have achieved success on the court after they left his fold, but have attained success in other ways.

Certainly Ed McLean is State's gain and Broughton's loss.

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Don't yet unlock the crying towels, which got a year's worth of drying out during last season's ACC basketball wars.

Last year saw the league in its best state of parity, but the boys in baby blue still managed the impossible, sweeping their 14 league tussles. But that didn't leave the brethren whining for recognition.

DEVIN STEELE

Executive Sports Editor



Including Dean's heartthrobs, seven teams got 18 or more victories, five won at least 20 times and seven got invited to post-season play. Even Tiger football had to be satisfied with a bittersweet 14-14 record after an 11-20 mark the year before.

If any team was left sobbing after the season, it was the Heels, a unanimous favorite to win the NCAA's, but who got whiffed by the Hoosiers in the Sweet Sixteen bracket.

Though equality ranked on the ACC's "what's-in" list in '83-84, it may be more than a short-lived fad. In other words, no one team will dominate the league this year, and only few unexpected wins by weaker teams will be classified as "upsets."

Personnel changes around the conference have aided some teams and depleted others, but this has brought about only a change of order. If you divide the league strength segments, three teams (State, Duke and Georgia Tech) rank at Level I, three (North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland) at Level II and two (Wake Forest and Clemson) at Level III.

No one squad hovers above the others in its division, and either team is capable of beating another on a given battle day. With this in mind, the league again should balance out, creating another crazy, suspense-filled year of ACC basketball.

Now, on to the predictions. State: I know, every publication in the nation lists the Blue Devils as favorites to take the crown. But West Raleigh will clearly field the league's most talented squad.

Two prep all-Americans and a JUCO all-American join a team that won 19 games last season and returns its top eight scorers. The question is, can the Pack mesh its wealth of talent into an ACC championship plot? It's Jimmy V's job to blend a winning combination, but assuming he does, his troops should be hot number.

With three-year starters Lo Charles (18.0 ppg., 8.3 rpg.) and Co McQueen (7.4 ppg., 9.0 rpg.) returning as a potent glass-cleaning pair, the Pack will again be strong up front. Add center Chris Washburn, the nation's high school player-of-the-year last season, and Nate McMillan, a versatile junior college transfer who

will start at No. 3, and the front line should rank amongst the nation's finest. And don't forget improved soph 6-8, 233-pound Russell Pierre (7.0 ppg.), who will back up Charles.

The backcourt, often exploited last season, again will be a Pack weakness. Senior Spud Webb (9.8 ppg., 6.0 apg.), who led the league in assists, will start at the point. He showed signs of brilliance last year but was inconsistent when teams took advantage of his size, 5-7. He will be backed up by 6-0 freshman Quentin Jackson.

Webb will be joined by junior Ernie Myers (3.0 ppg.), a street-baller who can be a scoring threat at times. Perimeter shooting is invaluable to the Pack, and senior Terry Gannon (11.4 ppg.) will help in this department off the bench.

I say McMillan, more so than Wash, will be the missing link that will enable the Wolfpack to get over the hump this season.

Predicted finish: ACC champion.

Duke: After a six-year exclusion from the ACC's top bracket, the Dukes returned to the title picture a year ago, restoring the spirit in Cardiac Cameron. Ironically, the Devils will own two of their seven ACC home games, but that didn't stifle the antics of their crazies.

Overall, though, Duke finished with a 24-10 record, a 14th-place national ranking and appeared in the NCAA Tournament. In addition, they were the only conference team to stop the Tar Heels, which they did in the ACC Tournament.

With their six top players returning and two solid freshmen joining their ranks, the Blue Devils figure to compete for similar honors.

Heading the list of returnees is the leading scorer for the last two seasons, junior guard Johnny Dawkins (19.4 ppg.), a second-team all-ACC selection. Along with sophomore signal-caller Tommy Amaker (7.5 ppg., 4.8 rpg.), Duke possesses perhaps the league's strongest backcourt. Junior guard David Henderson (13.5 ppg.) should again add a spark off the pine.

A solid frontline, led by junior forward-center Mark Alarie (17.5 ppg., 7.2 rpg.), gives the Devils as much strength inside. Junior Jay Bias (8.1 ppg.), who plays No. 3 man, and senior small forward Dan Meagher (7.9 ppg.) are the other starters.

K's crew should keep the ACC's well-learned loyalists in a state of frenzy.

Predicted finish: second.

Georgia Tech: One thing's for sure — young Tech coach Bobby Cremins is the fastest-graying coach in the ACC. And his Rambling Wreck is the fastest-growing team in the league.

Tech's front-line is comparable to State's. Seven-footer Antoine Ford and 6-10 Willie Reese join a Wreck team that already starts 6-11, 245-pound senior center Yvon Givens (11.9 ppg., 7.2 rpg.) and 6-11 junior forward John "Spider" Sallee (11.8 ppg., 5.8 rpg.). The vets, along with 6-6 senior Scott Petway (4.1 ppg.), allow the Jackets to stack up with anybody in the conference.

GT's other two starters return from last year's 18-11 squad, too, giving fourth-year Cremins plenty reason to whistle Dixie as the season approaches. All-American junior Mark Price (15.6 ppg., 4.2 apg.) and sophomore point guard Bruce Delaney (13.8 ppg., 6.9 rpg.), a pair of former ACC rookies-of-the-year, make Tech's backcourt one to contend with.

A pair of Top 40 recruits, 6-7 forward Bud Adams and 6-6 forward Duane Ferrell, provide added depth, something the Jackets lacked last season.

Georgia Institute of Technology proved last season that it's no longer its brothers' kicking post. They'll be doing a lot of that this season.

Predicted finish: third.

North Carolina: An amazing 19-year streak should end this season for Smith's squad, as it should finish lower than second in the conference.

Now that the Michael and Sam Show has made the big time, the House That Dean Built, in its last year as home of the Heels, will lack some of the euphoria it has contained since '65. With 60 percent of its scoring lost to graduation and hardship, Carolina will be hard-pressed to gain a similar form of last season's 29-3 record.

The Heels will struggle early, but you can bet your britches they will be solid by the time league combat rolls around. The '84-85 season will be just a relaxing year for UNC, what with no less than eight high school all-Americans on its rosters.

Heading the list is soph point guard Kenny Smith (9.1 ppg., 5.0 apg.), who missed eight games as a freshman after suffering a broken wrist. In addition to Smith, only 6-11, 240-pound junior center Brad Daugherty (10.5 ppg., 5.6 rpg.) and 6-3 junior guard Steve Hale (5.2 ppg.) have seen considerable playing time, but their experience will be vital.

Two players who should make strong contributions after red-shirt seasons are 6-4 sophomore guard Curtis Hunter and 6-11, 240-pound center/forward Warren Martin. Other key returnees are guards Steve Hale (5.2 ppg.) and Buzz Peterson (3.7 ppg.) and frontcourt sophomores Joe Wolf (3.4 ppg.) and Dave Popson (1.9 ppg.).

Sensational rookie Ranzino Smith, a hometown product, should see a good amount of time. A new look, a good blend and a legendary coach should make the Heels a team to watch.

Predicted finish: fourth.

Maryland: The left-handed coach, who got his first ACC title in his 16 years in D.C. last season, also suffered heavy personnel losses in NBA drafts — Ben Coleman, Herman Veal and Mark Fothergill. These losses will give the Terps a new style of play, and they will survive or die with the runny game.

Returning starters include guard Jeff Adkins (9.5 ppg.) and forwards Adrian Branch (13.0 ppg.) and Len Bias (15.2 ppg.). Bias and the versatile Branch are both legitimate all-ACC and all-America candidates.

Teaming with this trio in the starting lineup will be last year's two top freshmen, 6-5 guard Keith Gatlin (6.2 ppg., 4.2 apg.) and 6-8 center/forward Terry Long (2.0 ppg.), who backed up Coleman last year.

What rarity is missing is proven depth, but a pair of high school all-Americans, Derrick Lewis and Wally Lancaster, should aid in this department.

Most of the pressure will fall on Long, who must come through for UM to rise above the ACC's lower division.

Predicted finish: fifth.

Virginia: The Cavs, who defied all odds last year by making the Final Four to begin the Post-Sampson Era, will be hard-pressed to contend for many honors this season. UVA should have a more difficult time replacing guards Othell Wilson, Rick



Carlisle and Ricky Stokes and forward Kenton Edelin than it had replacing Sampson.

Without a single proven guard, the 'Hoos will have trouble dictating tempo as well as they did a year ago. Trying to fill the backcourt void this season will be 6-5 converted forward Tim Mullen (4.0 ppg.), seldom-used senior Kenny Johnson, transfer Tom Calloway and freshmen Darrick Simms and John Johnson.

Only returning starters include senior Jim Miller (10.8 ppg.) and 6-11 center Eldon Polynice (7.7 ppg., 5.6 rpg.). Soph Tom Sheehy (7.3 ppg.) should start at the other forward. These players, along with 6-6 senior forward Dan Merrifield (3.0 ppg.), will give Virginia a good nucleus up front, but lack of a proven backcourt will hurt them tremendously.

The Cavs will be rebuilding and experimenting this year, but Holland at least has a place to start.

Wake Forest: Any team that loses a four-year starting point guard and a three-year starting center will suffer considerable damage, and Carl Tacy's Deacons are no exception. Tacy, the ACC's gentlemen's gentleman, can't expect his fifth straight 20-win season with the heart, Danny Young, and soul, Anthony Teachey, departed.

But last year's 23-9 Deacs, which only lost one game outside the ACC (to Houston in the NCAA quarterfinals), had to have some good things going for them besides Teachey and Young. And these "good things" will be counted on more than ever to produce.

Handling major production duties is the inside-outside combo of 6-6 Kenny Green (17.8 ppg., 6.8 rpg.), a versatile forward who gained second-team all-ACC accolades as a sophomore, and senior guard De-

laney Rudd (13.3 ppg.). The only other starter is sophomore 6-7 forward Mark Cline (7.2 ppg.).

Tacy's major task at hand is finding someone to replace Young, and freshmen Jeff McGill is may get that assignment. But there is no immediate replacement waiting in the wings to replace Teachey. The possibilities include 7-0 sophomore Craig Wessell, Kentucky transfer Tom May and freshman West German Harmand Orton.

Wake will again have to rely on a fast-break-oriented team to delusome of the oddsmakers. It could be a long year for the Deacs.

Predicted finish: seventh.

Clemson: The Tigers, under the new direction of Cliff Ellis, again should be the league's punching bag. Clemson already is plagued by the same problem that haunted it last season — injuries.

Forward Anthony Jenkins (10.1 rpg.), one of four starters returning, suffered a setback in preseason drills that will keep him out the entire season. Last season, seven different players collectively missed 39 games because of injuries.

Biggest hope the Tigs have for improving upon their 14-14 record lies on the shoulders of 6-4 senior guard Vincent Hamilton (14.2 ppg., 5.4 rpg.), 6-5 junior guard/forward Chris Michael (7.5 ppg.), 6-8 junior guard/forward Raymond Jones (7.0 ppg.) and sophomore center Horace Grant (5.7 ppg.).

Clemson's success will also depend on six newcomers, including three guards, a center and two forwards.

Ellis brings with him from South Alabama an up-tempo style, something the Tigers will need if they hope to gain some respect amongst their family.

Predicted finish: last.

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Pack's got it in '84-85

Pest. Latest rumor is that women's basketball is on the upswing.

But it's not a rumor. It's a fact. Women's basketball in general is gaining momentum like a falling boulder, and in the ACC, the boulder could crush the five-state area that the conference covers.

WILL GRIMES



The upcoming 1984-85 season for the ACC could be the best ever. Three teams — State, Clemson and Virginia — can be mentioned among the nation's best. But don't let that lead one to believe that it will be a three-team race. All eight league schools are strong and with the right role of the dice, any given one could capture the league crown. Parity, just like the men's league.

There are many differences between the eight schools, though, and when you look at each squad you can get an idea as to where each team will finish.

Like I mentioned above, I expect to see a three-team race, with State the leading candidate to come out on top. Clemson and Virginia are equally as strong, and either one could take-the crown.

North Carolina and Maryland have their strengths, but I don't foresee either one being in the battle at the end. That doesn't mean they won't, though. Both the Terps and the Heels are known and cannot be overlooked.

Wake Forest is my pick to finish sixth. I consider them the dark horse of the league, like a cat ready to pounce on a mouse.

Georgia Tech and Duke have gone through a lot of changes and will use the upcoming season as a rebuilding year, but by tournament time, could very well be strong enough to achieve the seemingly impossible.

Now let's look at each team in more detail:

State: If you are of the gambling type, then it's safe to put your money on the Wolf-pck Women to claim the ACC championship, either the regular-season, tournament or both.

The Wolfpack, nationally 18th ranked last season and Eastern regional semi-finalists, return four starters from last year's squad, with only power forward Claudia Kreiker lost due to graduation. Three other players graduated, including center Ronda Falkena, forward Mary Jane Wild and guard Jan Rogerson.

The top returning player for the Wolfpack Women is defending ACC scoring champion Linda Page. Page, a senior guard-forward, averaged 22.6 points last season and has high expectations for the upcoming season. Page finished 19th in the nation last year.

Also returning is the backcourt

tandem Robyn Mayo and Debbie Mulligan. Mayo, a point guard, led the team in steals with a record 110, while contributing 7.3 points per game. Mulligan, a junior wing player, averaged 5.1 points and played well defensively.

State also returns one of the strongest front lines in the ACC in Picilla Adams, Trena Trice and Angela Daye.

The biggest strength for the Wolfpack is its ability to fill the basket. State features strong scoring from all positions and fine shooting from the perimeter. State will also be strong getting second and third shots.

The only weakness The Wolfpack must overcome is the limited depth at center position. Looking at the lineup, you could say that it consists of two guards and three forwards. Also, the youth and inexperience might hamper the progress early, but as the season moves on, the team will be stronger and stronger. Only two seniors are on the squad — Page and Mayo.

Overall, State rates as the team to beat. Barring injury, they could be in the Final Four.

Predicted finish: ACC champs. **Clemson:** The Lady Tigers are the tallest team in the conference, with six players over 6-0.

The top returning starters are 6-4 center Peggy Caple (10.9 ppg.) and 5-11 forward Janet Knight (17.1 ppg.). Caple, who holds a rare distinction of being one of the few women who can dunk the basketball, is expected to be a dominant force inside. Also returning are 6-2 power forward Sandy Bishop and point guard Melinda Hall.

Clemson will have two newcomers for 1984-85. Cheryl Nix, a 5-7 guard, is expected to help strengthen the outside scoring as she brings an average from high school of 19.3 points. Tracy Korbitt, a 6-1 forward, will add depth to an already strong inside game. Korbitt averaged 21.4 points and 13.7 rebounds in high school.

Even though the Tigers are strong inside, a lot of height and depth, the youth and inexperience will hamper the team. Also, the lack of a backup point guard and inexperience at the wings could cost the Tigers in crucial situations. Caple and Bishop are the only seniors on the squad.

If Clemson can rebound on both ends of the court, apply tight pressure often, it stands a good chance of edging the Pack in the race.

Predicted finish: second. **Virginia:** Like Clemson and State, the defending regular-season Cavaliers also return four starters from last year's squad.

Only two players were lost due to graduation, including starting wing guard Lyn Anastasio and reserve guard Kathy Ryan.

The top returning starters are 5-10 forward Cathy Grimes and 5-11 guard-forward Nancy Mayer. Grimes, one of the three seniors on the squad, led the team in scoring last season, tallying 18.6 ppg. and grabbed 9.6 rebounds. Mayer, one of the surprising freshmen last season, averaged 11.1 points per game. The other returning starters include 6-2 center Debbie Young and point guard Kim Silaway.

The 'Hoos feature four new players on the squad — three freshmen and a returning redshirt. Kristen Anderson, a 6-1 forward, averaged 33.2 points and 16 rebounds per game in high school and will complement Grimes in scoring from the inside

key. The other two freshmen are 6-2 center Laurie Carter (15.1 ppg., 11.4 rpg.) and 5-5 guard Donna Holt (14.0 ppg.). Redshirt freshman Daphne Hawkins, a 5-6 guard, hopes to contribute after missing last season due to a knee injury.

The depth and size in the frontline is one of Virginia's strong points, but like State and Clemson, youth and inexperience could hamper their effort.

The key to Virginia's success depends on how its outside play can complement the inside play. The Cavs will need good perimeter shooting to open up the inside game. Also, the team must utilize its speed and use the fast break whenever possible.

If Virginia gets ahead, it could be tough for an opponent to catch up. Barring injury, the Cavaliers should battle State and Clemson right down to the final day of the regular-season.

Predicted finish: third.

North Carolina: The big question is how the Tar Heels will cope with the loss of ACC player-of-the-year Tresa Brown. The 6-2 center was a dominant factor in North Carolina's surprisingly easy road to its first-ever league tournament crown. Brown averaged 21.1 points per game to finish a close second in the ACC to State's Page.

In addition to Brown, the Tar Heels lost three other players, two by graduation in guard Eileen McCann and forward Ranti Killian. Also, Stephanie Israel, a reserve center, has transferred.

Three starters return, including the best backcourt in the conference in Pam Hammond and Pam Leake. Those two were big factors in Carolina's rise to the top. Hammond is the only senior on the squad. Leake is a rising junior. The other returner is ACC rookie-of-the-year Dawn Roster, a 6-4 forward.

The Heels welcome five freshmen to this year's squad. The most prominent is 6-0 forward-center Tia Poindexter. As a prepster, Poindexter averaged 25.5 points per game in 12 rebounds. She is expected to fill the void left by Brown. Two others are also 6-0 or more, including Celeste Whittaker (24.3 ppg., 12 rpg.), a 6-0 center, and 6-1 center Cathy Wilson (20 ppg., 12 rpg.). The remaining two freshmen are 5-11 forward Frances Turner and 5-8 guard Chrissy Watts.

The big strength for the Tar Heels is speed. Leake, Hammond and Clarisse Mapp can all lead the potent fast break Carolina possesses. Also an advantage is perimeter shooting, with Leake and Hammond the most dangerous.

Weaknesses include a weak inside game and youth and inexperience.

UNC has the potential to repeat as tournament champions, but it all depends upon how fast the newcomers develop. Also, expect Carolina to push the fast break as much as possible in an attempt to open up the inside and wear down the opponents. Carolina will score a lot of points, but it may face problems defensively.

Predicted finish: fourth. **Maryland:** The Terrapins are known. Period.

Looking back over the years, whenever it didn't look like Maryland would amount to much, it came in and played dominant basketball. Can they do it again?

Graduation swiped the Terps' two key outside and inside players. Guard Marcia Richardson, known for her long-range touch, averaged 17.4

points, while center Belinda Pearnman added 13.9.

Returning starters are Chequita Wood, a 5-11 forward, Sydney Beasley, a 6-1 forward and guard Clara Faison.

Incoming freshmen will help comprise the 1984-85 squad, highlighted by 6-5 center Carolin Dehn-Duhr. The Terps tallest player, Dehn-Duhr was a Parade all-America in high school. Dehn-Duhr, who like Caple can dunk, averaged 19 points and 11 rebounds last season. Other freshmen are Stephanie Perry, a 5-10 guard and 5-8 point guard Lisa Brown. Perry, who averaged 32 points in high school, is expected to contribute to the outside play.

Height is the biggest advantage for the Terps and, when combined with a potentially good outside game, it looks difficult to shut them down.

Youth and inexperience are a big liability, and the lack of speed could hurt in the closer games.

It's tough to pick against Maryland, but 1984-85 looks to be a threshold year for the team. If UM can dictate the pace of the game and keep inside pressure, both offensively and defensively, they have a good shot at claiming the title.

Predicted finish: fifth. **Wake Forest:** If there is ever a team almost ready to burst, then it is the Deacons.

Wake is the only league school that can boast at the return of all five starters. Leading the way is sophomore guard Amy Privette (14.0 ppg.). Other returning starters are point guard Lisa Stockton, forwards Sonya Henderson and Janice Collins and center Chaute Steirs.

Graduation cost Wake five reliable starters, but three incoming freshmen hope to fill the void.

Leading the list of newcomers is North Carolina prep player of the year Amy Carter. The 6-0 forward will add depth to the inside, where Wake is weak. Other freshmen include 6-1 center Irvin Allen and 5-11 forward Becky Steenmetz.

Depth, experience and outside play are the strengths for Wake. The fact that all of last season's starters return also is a big plus.

Weaknesses include height, inside play and board strength.

For Wake to be successful, it must keep the pace fast and get good outside shooting. Wake will get beat on the inside, but if it can operate a fastbreak, it could knock off a couple of the league powers.

Predicted finish: sixth. **Georgia Tech:** Only two starters return, and the Yellow Jackets are building for the future.

Returning to the squad is 5-4 guard Tony Ehline and 6-3 center Kirsten Weiner. Lost starters include guard Kate Brandt and forwards Mary Lou Jicka and Mary Rucker.

Tech features a league-high six freshmen on the roster. All six are expected to contribute immediately. Heading the list is the ACC's tallest player, 6-6-and-a-half center Dolores Bootz. Other freshmen include forwards Emily Davis, Marille Walker and Angela Jones and guards Kim Wells and Marlene Mainland.

Height and strength are keys for Tech, with six players are over 6-0. Also, Georgia Tech will have the advantage of having a weak schedule.

The only liability that looks to be a future advantage is youth and inexperience. The 1984-85 team has only two seniors and two juniors.

For the Wreck to be successful, it must get strong inside play and apply pressure to its opponents.

Predicted finish: seventh. **Duke:** The Blue Devils suffered a big graduation loss and the upcoming year looks to be a rebuilding year.

Lost from last season's squad are the school's top two career scorers in forwards Stacy Hurd and Jennifer Chestnutt. Also gone is forward Jo Harlow.

This year's team will present three new freshmen and a returning redshirt. Heading the list is high school All-America Chris Noreland.

A 6-1 forward, Noreland should help fill the void in the inside. The other two freshmen are 5-11 forward Paula Anderson and 6-2 center Rita Kalinowski. The returning redshirt is 6-3 center Sarah Sullivan, who is expected to start this season.

Four seniors are on the squad, including returning starters Maura Hertzog and Candy Mikels.

Duke is strong at the guard position and will get a lot of scoring from the outside. Weaknesses include height, speed from the inside and overall experience.

This season will answer many questions for the Devils. Will they be able to run a fast break, can the defense stop stronger opponents and will their domination in the coming years be from the outside or the inside.

Predicted finish: last.

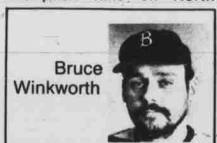


OPINION

Pack's blue-collar man works to earn respect

In covering baseball for a living, I don't usually find inspiration for a basketball column in my day-to-day work.

Last spring, I went to Chapel Hill to watch the Wolfpack take on North



Carolina in baseball. The game itself was an excellent pitching duel between State freshman Bud Loving and UNC sophomore Roger Williams, which the Pack eventually lost, 3-1.

Late in the game, the Wolfpack took itself out of a big rally with some rather slipshod baserunning, prompting some nerd in the crowd to shout out, "Where did you guys learn to run the bases, from Cozell McQueen?"

Only the restraint of a friend kept me from verbally ripping this guy to ribbons, and in retrospect, I'm glad. Mine was the lone red sweatshirt in a landscape of seasick blue, and I'm not the violent type, especially when the violence is done at my expense. All I wanted was to get in this guy's face and scream the old Brooklyn Dodger cry of "wait 'til next year, ya bum, ya."

Cozell McQueen is my favorite State basketball player, one of my favorites of all time, and no pretty boy from Chapel Hill is going to demean him and what he means to State in my presence and get away with it. This column is not to nominate Co for the Basketball Hall of Fame. I just want to tell State fans to appreciate what we have before it's gone.

Sports writers tend to fall all over themselves trying to describe the natural abilities of the Michael Jordans, Ralph Sampsons and David Thompsons of the world, and I admit that those types are fun to watch play. Any one can appreciate their talents.

But I'm not blessed with any natural talent of that kind, and it's difficult for me to identify with that kind of player. I have to work for what I get, and that's why I like Cozell.

When he came to State

three years ago, Cozell McQueen was 6-11 and weighed a whopping 204 pounds. Between McQueen and Chuck Nevitt, the human tongue depressor, State's center position looked like an anorexic clinic. But what Co lacked in strength and skill, he made up for with determination and hard work.

Although he made mistakes that first year, played defense with his feet three feet in the air, rebounded with one hand, fouled a lot and couldn't shoot very well, McQueen never quit, never stopped giving it everything he had. He wasn't pretty to watch, but as State fans are prone to do with guys who hustle, they took him to their hearts and cheered like hell every time he took the floor.

After that first season, McQueen found his way to the weight room and talked to Wolfpack coach Jim Valvano. Valvano had a four-year plan for Cozell that included a new step each year. First, he wanted Co to rebound, which he did the next two years. Last year, McQueen was the ACC's third best rebounder.

After that, defense and less fouling were V's top priorities for McQueen. While the results haven't been as pronounced, McQueen has still developed into a competent defensive center, and fouls will not be as big a problem this year with Chris Washburn coming off the bench.

The results of all this are good news for State fans. As he enters his senior season, Cozell McQueen is a tough, aggressive, 6-11, 235-pound veteran of ACC basketball action. He has worked hard ever since he got here, and the big payoff should be this season — his senior year.

The Wolfpack has five seniors returning this season, including McQueen and all-America forward Lorenzo Charles. Add to Lo and Co a strong recruiting class that includes Nate McMillan and Chris Washburn, and you have the potential for the best State team in years.

Everyone knows about Washburn's offensive capabilities, and McMillan is perhaps the most versatile player State has ever had and maybe the best player we have at three positions. The Wolfpack has quality depth at every position, with the possible exception of



Quintessential McQueen not about to throw in the towel.

Photo by Roger W. Winstead

small forward, and for those of us who love blue-collar players, State has Cozell McQueen. I've watched State basketball for over 20 years, and for my money Cozell is the quintessential Wolfpack player — tough, aggressive and indomitable.

He still isn't the great offensive threat. He is still a bit too quick to leave his feet on defense. But he is the ultimate workman's basketball player, and that is a great part of State's tradition — the work ethic.

At North Carolina, they have Brad Daugherty, who is slick looking but still something of an enigma to me. Around the rest of the conference, the center position is a down from years past. With McQueen and Washburn, State should have a dominant edge at the center position against every team in the

conference. It's been a long time coming.

There have been few players to rank with Cozell on my all-time list. David Thompson, Hawkeye Whitney and Thurl Bailey, all come to mind, and before his two years at State are finished, Nate McMillan will probably move onto the list. He can do it all. He's also from my hometown.

Meanwhile, Cozell takes a back seat to no one, and we have one last year to enjoy him. Next spring, when I see a Tar Heel outfielder drop a fly ball, I intend to yell for all to hear, "Where did you learn to play defense, watching Buzz Peterson try to guard Lorenzo Charles?" Or maybe watching Brad Daugherty try to rebound with Co? No contest.

Men to rely on size

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to take jumpshots and try to rebound and go from there. We don't need to do tricky things. We've just got to do the thing we can do and get better at it, then say, 'Here it is.' It's like fast-ball pitching, now try and hit it."

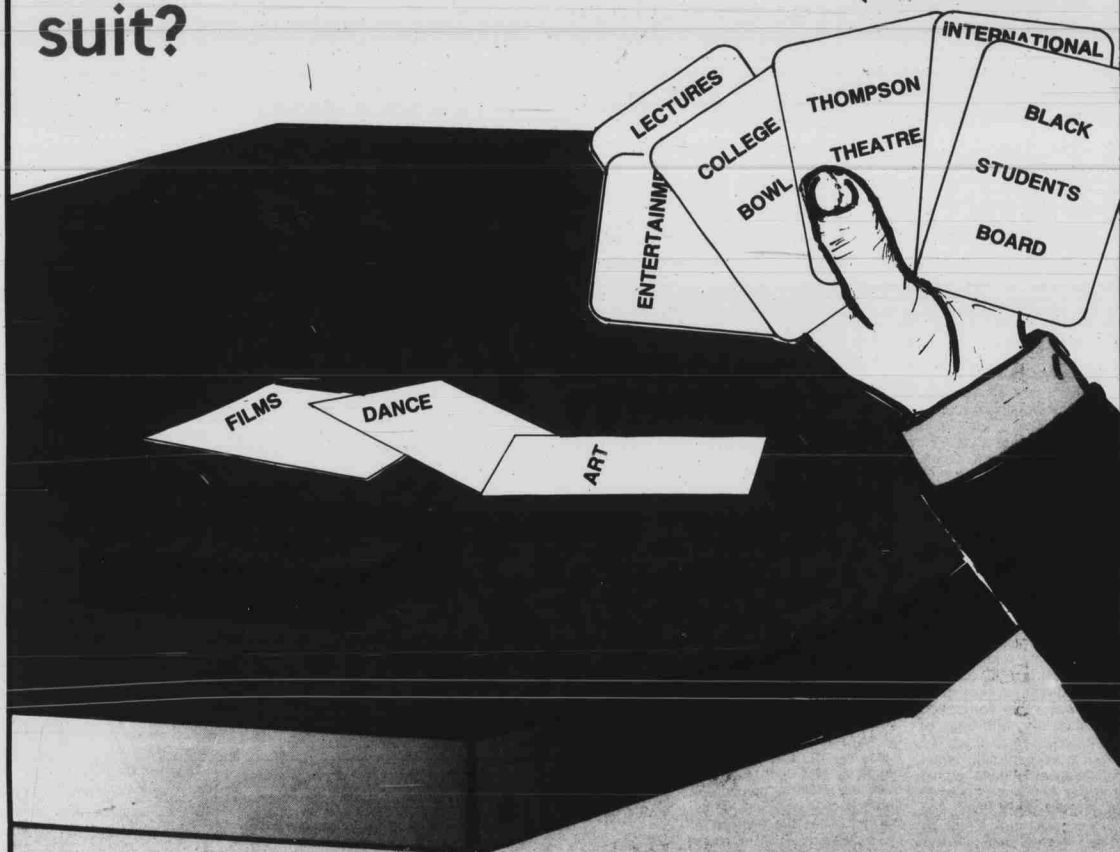
Valvano thinks he has a pretty good feel for his team, which began practicing on Sept. 30, now that it has

played five exhibition games, four in Greece in October.

"We have to take advantage of size and play the game from the foul-line in. We used to run a very structured, numbered break, but now we're trying to get (the ball) and just throw it (and) get it up high."

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1984-85 Wolfpack Women

(Kneeling, L-R) Linda Page, Mascot, Robyn Mayo.

(Second Row, L-R) Trainer Carla Stoddard, Della Burney, Annemarie Treadway, Mary Lindsay, Carla Hillman, Mgr. Beverly Griffin.

(Third Row, L-R) Head Coach Kay Yow, Debbie Mulligan, Teresa Rouse, Priscilla Adams, Trena Trice, Angela Daye, Lori Phillips, Mgr. Kim Barnes, Asst. Coach Rita Wiggs, Asst. Coach Connie Rogers-Newcome.

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1984-85 Wolfpack Men

(Front Row, L-R) Mgr. Dan White, Quentin Jackson, Ernie Myers, Vincent Del Negro, George McClain, Terry Gannon, Anthony "Spud" Webb, Mgr. David Langdon.

(Back Row, L-R) Trainer Jim Rehbock, Asst. Coach Ray Martin, Nate McMillan, Mike Warren, Russell Pierre, Cozell McQueen, Head Coach Jim Valvano, Chris Washburn, John Thompson, Lorenzo Charles, Bennie Bolton, Asst. Coach Dick Stewart, Asst. Coach Tom Abatemarco.

Not Pictured: Asst. Coach Ed McLean.