

In the NEWS

Reminders from the University Cashier's Office

Financial Aid Recipients If you receive a non-university scholarship, it is necessary that you come by the Cashier's Office as soon as possible after the semester begins to sign for your financial aid scholarship.

It is vital to follow these instructions each semester since failure to do so may result in financial aid funds being returned to the lender or sponsoring agency.

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Presbyterian Ministry Sponsors Forum

The Presbyterian Campus Ministry at N.C. State is holding a Peace Lunch Forum on Thursday, Feb. 3 from 12:40 to 1:40 p.m. in the Walnut Room, fourth floor of the NCSU Student Center.

The focus will be "The Impact of Structural Adjustment Policies on the Poor in Mexico and Nicaragua."

Carol Phares, director of CITCA, will be the speaker.

Sodas and coffee will be provided. Bring a box lunch.

For more information, call 834-5184.

First Sisterhood Dinner planned

The N.C. State Council on the Status of Women, The Women's Center and the Provost's Office will sponsor the first ever Sisterhood Dinner (previously entitled Susan B. Anthony).

The dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the Talley Center Ballroom. "The True Nature of a Sister" with feature speaker Marcia Ann Gillespie, editor-in-chief of Ms. magazine.

Tickets are \$20 for faculty and staff and \$15 for students. Faculty and staff are asked to consider a tax deductible contribution that will make it possible for a student to attend at no cost.

If interested, make your check payable to N.C. State and mail to Leslie Dare, Campus Box 7530; please write "Support for Sisterhood Dinner" on the memo line of your check.

For more information, contact Frances Graham (515-2012) or Carol Roth (515-3584) or visit www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/provost/info/governance/other_committees/Co_Until_Status_Women/.

REI Holds Classes

Outdoor gear store REI is holding weekly classes in its store. The theme of the classes is "What to do, How to do it and Where to do it."

The classes will run through Jan. and Feb. on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. at REI, 255 Crossroads Blvd. in Crossroads Plaza, Cary.

The classes are free and open to the public.

The next class will be Jan. 26, and the last class will be Feb. 23. Topics range from backpacking, canoeing and bicycle maintenance to backpacking tips.

For more information, call 233-8444.

NCSU curbs emissions

◆ North Carolina ranked third behind only California and Texas in the number of times its ozone level breached the 8-hour health standard as set out in the current federal air quality legislation.

JIM BARTOLOUS
Staff Writer

Imagine yourself sitting at a busy intersection on Raleigh's Capital Blvd waiting for the light to turn green. It's late July, you have your windows down, and you're patiently breathing the fumes from the car in front of you. The light turns green. But just when you thought you were free, here comes the next stoplight for you to sit at, a quarter of a mile past the first one, so you can take in the fresh fumes again.

Now, two N.C. State engineers are leading the way to better understanding how driver behavior, traffic signals and traffic flow can affect automobile emissions. Christopher Frey, associate professor of civil engineering, and Nagui M. Rouphail, professor of civil engineering, are co-leaders of a team of researchers who are analyzing emissions from a variety of gas-powered vehicles during actual driving conditions.

Through funding by the N.C. Department of Transportation and through the use of a new technology called the OEM-2100, Frey and Rouphail have the ability to measure emissions at a specific point in time under a variety of driving conditions.

The researchers hope to demonstrate how signal timing and coordination can be beneficial in reducing emissions and improving air quality.

Developed by a private company called Clean Air Technologies

International, Inc., the OEM-2100 is a convenient tool that can fit in most cars, takes only about 15 minutes to install and can be powered by the cigarette lighter in a car. The device simultaneously records engine data and measures the concentration of several components of gas emissions including carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, nitric acid, carbon dioxide and oxygen.

Whether driving on a flat highway at a constant speed, or at a stoplight in a city, the OEM-2100 enables researchers to measure emissions at specific points in time. Previously, scientists who were interested in gathering and analyzing emission data could only attempt to capture real-world driving conditions through laboratory simulations and experiments. Understanding how different driving scenarios affect

Frey.

The research conducted by Frey and Rouphail comes at a time when the State of North Carolina is currently facing huge growth challenges and the need for superior highway design is a top priority. According to a study published by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG), North Carolina ranked third behind only California and Texas in the number of times its ozone level breached the 8-hour health standard as set out in the current federal air quality legislation.

What Frey and Rouphail intend their research to show is not that policy should limit the amount of drivers on the road, but how different driving conditions can impact the amount of emissions being sprayed into the air. This knowledge will hopefully help state officials



Photo by N.C. Frey
North Carolina State University
Graduate students Nassir Uddin and Alpher Unal examine and operate the portable on-board emissions measurement device installed in a Toyota Camry with a manual 5-speed transmission.

emissions could help transportation officials design and plan traffic flows so as to improve the air quality of a region.

"The measurement device fills a critical void in determining policy alternatives. It improves the basis for policy decisions," explained

design better and more effective traffic patterns to help reduce emissions in the air.

According to Rouphail, "designers and operators of highways will have better tools to more effectively

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Bowing to defeat

The N.C. State Women's Basketball team lost to Texas 81-77. The women look to get back on track January 31 at Wake Forest.

Bills to ban opposite-sex dorm visits

◆ An Arizona state senator is proposing a series of bills that would regulate a number of aspects of university life: Internet use, opposite-sex dorm visits and dorm room inspections among other things.

KRISTEN ROBERTS
Arizona Daily Wildcat

(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. — Under a bill proposed this week by Rep. Jean McGrath, R-Glendale, students living in University of Arizona residence halls would not be allowed to have guests of the opposite sex in their rooms, except for immediate family.

McGrath said Thursday she has decided to remove another provi-

sion in the bill that would have required residence hall administrators to conduct random monthly inspections of all residents' rooms for prohibited items.

She said when she was a student at Arizona State University in the late 1950s, students had "lots of places to meet" outside of their dorm rooms, which she described as "bedrooms." She also said dorm rooms underwent a "white glove" inspection each week, but now, no one cares how students maintain the state's property.

This is the fourth bill McGrath has submitted for this term of the Arizona State Legislature to regulate universities.

The other proposals would require Arizona universities to install or subscribe to Internet filters on all campus computers,

allow students to use campus Internet connections only for a "specific educational purpose," and require "accurate and complete" course descriptions in university syllabi and catalogs.

McGrath said the bill regarding course descriptions is going to be replaced with a bill by another representative. She would not describe the content of the new bill or who the sponsor will be. However, she said when one bill is replaced by another, the two bills must be related.

McGrath said the new bill will be discussed at the Tuesday meeting of the Public Institutions and Universities Committee, which she chairs.

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Faculty in Perspective



Faculty Diversity

Over the course of the next month, the Technician News and Features departments will run a series of articles providing in-depth examinations of different aspects of the faculty at N.C. State. The series will highlight issues such as diversity, gender issues, hiring practices and tenure.

NATALIE DUGGINS AND JESSICA HAVES
Contributing Writers

Legislation and court decisions have changed the face of efforts to promote diversity on college campuses across the nation. Under the direction of N.C. State's new chancellor, Marjorie Anne Fox, and the university's new provost, Kermit Hall, the state's largest university is looking towards making strides towards improving the diversity of the faculty within legal limits.

The Past

"Diversity, what is it?" former university Provost Philip Stiles asked back in 1993. The university's chief academic officer began outlining the need to utilize the resources of the university to diversity, an issue Stiles said was "of critical importance to higher education and to NCSU."

"We believe: North Carolina State University is a working and learning community of people whose lives are enriched through diversity of people, ideas and opportunities," Stiles wrote in an edition of "Provost's Corner."

Stiles took diversity and moved it to the forefront of the university's agenda, pooling ideas from students, faculty, staff and other members of the administration. In 1994, the provost reiterated his commitment to diversity in another edition of the "Provost's Corner." He initiated preliminary efforts on commissioning a Diversity Initiative at NCSU.

"The goals of the initiative are: to define diversity, to help us under-

stand what we should do about representation of diverse people, ideas and opportunities in the NCSU community and to help us understand what we should do to improve the climate at NCSU for diverse people, ideas and opportunities," Stiles wrote.

He condemned the university for not following through with similar initiatives set forth in "A University-Wide Evaluation of Minority Support Programs" sponsored by the Office of the Provost in 1989.

"In the spirit of attempting to operate NCSU in the mode of continuous improvement, I am asking that a study be done with a report to be submitted to me by the end of June 1994," Stiles wrote. "The study group will be asked to address what NCSU has done regarding minority programs, what we have achieved, and what we have still to do to reach our vision."

The process toward Stiles' goals was a slow progression. It wasn't until 1997 that the final draft of the university's diversity initiative was released. The plan outlined four separate goals for the future of NCSU, including increasing the presence of diverse groups within the university community, creating an environment that is conducive to diversity and incorporating diversity in teaching, learning and research.

The following year, Stiles would resign his position as the university's chief academic officer and return to teaching in the NCSU's physics department. That same year, the university would welcome a new chancellor, Marjorie

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The Gender Gap

	Men	Women
Administration	46.6	53.4
CALS	59.7	40.3
Design	60.8	39.2
Ed. & Psych.	44.9	55.1
Engineering	68.4	31.6
Forest Resources	62.3	37.7
CHASS	47.2	52.8
PAMS	68.9	31.1
Textiles	62.1	37.9
Ver. Medicine	37.0	63.0
Management	65.1	34.9
BYC	29.4	70.6
University Totals	53.7	46.3

Source: University Planning and Design, available by 1997



We want...who?

Ryals seeks a new Technician contributor. Guess who it is...



The unfaithful

The unfaithful heifress finally falls in love... A&E reviews "Magnolia."



Pack stings Jackets

N.C. State held Georgia Tech to 34.5 percent from the floor in a 66-58.

Opinion

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

"One Florida" Initiative

Following the pattern of California's 4 Percent Plan, passed last year, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush is pushing his One Florida Initiative. The proposal would replace the state's existing

admission opportunities because the statewide top 20 percent of students should have no trouble getting into a state university on their own. It is likely that those elite students would get into the public university of their choice anyway.

N.C. State students should also be aware that the One Florida Initiative represents

The One Florida Initiative is a well-intentioned effort to eliminate discrimination from university admissions. But will it be effective?

a developing national trend in university admission: that of affirmative action renovation.

In 1996, California ended state-supported affirmative action with the passage of Proposition 209.

Subsequently, the state attempted maintenance of cultural diversity in the university system with its approval of the 4 Percent Plan in 1998.

Florida is now turning California's lead into a national trend. This trend seems to be moving university admissions processes away from the race-inspired affirmative action policies of the 1970's and 80's and toward admissions policies that focus more on grade-point average and overall academic merit.

Such a policy shift is a move toward a clearer fulfillment of the colorful society best envisioned in the famous speech by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The future of university admissions should be credited for developing a world in which students "will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Further, guaranteeing university admission to the state's top 20 percent will not expand university

admission to the state's top 20 percent of students. The state's financial aid budget.

Florida's Board of Regents, which oversees the state university system, was to have voted on the initiative this past weekend. However, sit-in protests from hundreds of students, teachers and lawmakers who decried the policy as racist and ineffective postponed a policy vote until Feb. 17.

Bush is to be commended for his attempt to renovate aging affirmative action policies. However, while One Florida is a commendable effort, the policy is severely flawed.

By pooling the state's senior class as a whole rather than taking percentages on a school-by-school basis, as California's plan does, the top-20-percent admissions policy will favor private schools and wealthy public high schools.

Furthermore, guaranteeing university admission to the state's top 20 percent will not expand university

CAMPUS FORUM

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A new idea for tuition

I answered the phone and heard another voice telling me that "as a college student," I was eligible for a great deal on a credit card. Was that four or five today? I'm not so bothered by the fact that I get telemarketing calls as I am by the fact that everyone seems to know that I'm a college student. How could everyone know that if I didn't tell them?

Well, I think the answer is pretty obvious. N.C. State is selling information about me. I was not very happy at coming to this conclusion until I realized that this could be a great way to offset the cost of our tuition increase.

Quite frankly, I don't believe that it's right that the university is selling my information. They never asked me if that was OK. I was under the impression that I was giving this information strictly for NCSU's record-keeping.

I'm willing to overlook this "failure to communicate," however, if the university decides to keep tuition the

same and raise the cost of the information it's selling instead. In fact, they could offer two separate tuitions—one for people who want to keep their information private, the other who are willing to take the 50 percent discount on tuition and fees in order offset their college costs.

My calculus book just cost me \$130. Perhaps the bookstore can take down my name, address and phone number, too....

Steve Fassnacht
Senior
Computer Science

Wolfline safety issues

I told myself that I would write this column if he were still working at his post when we returned from break. The person to whom I am referring is the driver of the Centennial Express bus. Prior to the day about which I will speak, it was unfortunately quite



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Modern-day Christians have it all wrong



RYAN AVENT

I was going over my columns from last semester and noting which ones got the most reader response. I found that those dealing with religion got the most e-mail, and I'm not sure if that's because that topic is more interesting than my usual subject matter or if I just piss more people off.

In any case, my inbox is chronically empty these days and I'm quite hurt, so I decided to write about creationism vs. evolution.

Whoa-boy! I'll bet the e-mail is already flying. Actually, the question really goes deeper than that; the debate (if you want to call it that) about evolution is just an especially notable example of the point I'm trying to prove. That point: many modern Christians have it all wrong.

First, let me give a brief spiritual history (for those who care) of myself. I grew up in a Baptist church, was a regular attendant and knew the Bible left and right.

However, I never shook questions and doubts about how I could reconcile such obvious historical impossibilities with a faith I took seriously. I was a person who looked first to reason for answers, so, even though I wanted to believe in miracles—the great flood, an afterlife and the Resurrection—I

just couldn't bring myself to accept them.

A sure diagnosis followed from my religious friends: "It's all about faith, man. You just have to accept it."

Thinking I was short on faith, I kind of gave up on religion and didn't feel too bad about it. In the meantime, I did plenty of reading on all kinds of academic matters.

I have, however, recently had an epiphany, and I feel quite good about where I stand now.

I was reading some material about evolution and human rejection of such a widely accepted theory, and I came to some pretty satisfying conclusions (to me, of course; you probably think they suck).

First, I realized that, not only was evolution via natural selection almost universally held to be true by the scientific community but also that there was a preponderance of evidence to support such a theory. Creationists who maintain that there is not are wrong (and I bet they can't cite examples of evidence for creationism).

Second, I realized that, by maintaining that creationism actually occurred as it is written in the Bible, just as claiming that the great flood occurred, miracles occur and a host of other supernatural items, does not show great faith, but a weakness of faith and, furthermore, such claims undermine the real mes-

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Almighty dollar drives drugs away from television

MARY OWEN
The State News (Michigan State U.)

Last week, some good investigative journalism by an online magazine reporter unearthed what we all had feared: the government is trying to control us with subliminal messages.

Well, it's at least trying to convince us that drugs are bad by molding our favorite prime-time television characters into goody-goody types who don't use drugs. Salon magazine broke the story, revealing that for two years, six major broadcast television networks have quietly handed over at least two dozen scripts from shows including "ER," "The Drew Carey Show" and "Beverly Hills 90210" to the White House's Office of National Drug Control Policy for "suggestions."

In exchange for their "advice" on how to make the programs more anti-drug, the networks were freed from having to provide \$2 million in public service advertising to the government at half price. The networks are estimated to have brought in \$25 million by selling the advertising time to corporate giants like Nike, Coca-Cola or other compa-

nies that can put those this-is-your-brain-on-drugs commercials to shame.

In an age when television has to compete with the booming Internet, I suppose the million-dollar networks did what they must to keep themselves in business. I know what that's like. If I were approached with a similar deal, say, posting anti-drug messages on my car for a hefty million dollars or so, I can't say I would think twice.

At any rate, First Amendment advocates—which should be everyone with a pulse—are up in arms about the government controlling TV programs.

Isn't this activity only supposed to happen in communist dictatorships? Of course not. First Amendment junkies must learn this freedom is always for sale. This is America—everything is for sale.

A Jan. 15 Washington Post editorial warns, "Where does it end? Could the government pay the networks to slip ide comments into 'ER' about the virtues of a particular health care policy?"

The television networks wave the First Amendment flag when they want to illustrate violence or sex in

prime time, but once U.S. drug czar Gen. Brian McCaffrey opened his checkbook, it was over: the networks surrendered. McCaffrey boasted drug use by America's youth declined 13 percent last year. He believes if they continue this "emphasis" in drug prevention, juvenile drug-use rates will drop further.

President Bill Clinton, who I love just because he somewhat admitted to using drugs, reportedly spent more on his anti-drug campaign in his first four years in office than both his predecessors combined. His administration says there are 52,000 drug-related deaths per year, and drugs cost the nation more than \$100 billion.

McCaffrey wrote in a Washington Post letter to the editor that they are proud to have experts in the fields of drug use, prevention and public health available to the entertainment industry.

He writes, "At no time has this office vetoed, cleared or otherwise dictated the content of network television or other programs. We will continue to offer scientific and technical advice to anyone who wishes to take advantage of it."

We can judge for ourselves the role McCaffrey's office has taken. Personally, I think Clinton was trying to do a good thing, but in a very bad way. The government should have been less discreet in its dealings.

If I'm watching a commercial, not just a TV program, I want to know. But let's talk about television, that vast vacuum of entertainment. It's sad that kids get so much of their education from television. We should teach our children that television programs are horrible creations that perpetuate stereotypes, and do not show us what's cool, funny or important. The world is oversimplified in television's formulaic shows.

When we are grasping for answers—which come so readily before the end credits in TV shows—we should be examining ourselves.

Peer pressure to use or abuse drugs can't be solved in one show, one day or one year. We encounter it haphazardly throughout our lives—sometimes it gets resolved, sometimes it doesn't.

Get involved



JIMMY RYALLS

Would you be more interested in reading a newspaper if you knew your picture would be in it? How about if you knew a friend's picture would be in it? Hell yes, you would. Who doesn't want to see their picture in the paper, and not just so mom

can put another photo on fridge?

If a picture is that interesting, imagine how fascinating a paper that carried your ideas would be. But where would such a section of a newspaper be found?

As a student at a major university, you've got an easy answer to that question.

The Opinion page is the place where the student has the best shot at being heard. The News department offers stories on relevant topics at N.C. State; the Features section covers events in NCSU arts and culture, in addition to offering news of national interest in those areas; and Sports offers comprehensive coverage of Wolfpack athletics.

What does that leave for Opinion? When the arts, the events and the sports at NCSU have been taken care of, what is there for Opinion to cover?

The students at NCSU, that's what.

At least for the balance of this academic year, the Opinion page has been largely one-sided. I can offer plenty of excuses or reasons for that if you've got the time to listen to them. The bottom line, however, is that, in the hectic day-to-day runnings of the paper, what the reader wants sometimes gets lost on the priority list. Getting all the stories in and getting the layout done in time for deadline frequently preempt the readers' interests.

I can't really speak with any authority on what the Op page was like before this year, since I'm only a sophomore and I started working for Opinion toward the end of last year.

With that in mind, I offer this column as the start of an effort to get more input from you on what you want from us.

Last semester, we made some minor efforts at inviting more user interaction, in the form of ads requesting "Campus Forum" letters and advice letters—and we are still seeking both of those things.

However, these efforts have met with only minor success. Of course, "Campus Forum" letters are always flowing in, and courting them is an on-going operation.

We invite any opinions you may have and pledge to represent them as best we can, provided that you identify yourself (full name, academic year and major) and remain as faithful as possible to the 250-word limit.

The advice column is an idea that has been undertaken on the Opinion page before and that the Opinion staff expressed an interest in resurrecting.

What's the point of an advice column? Obviously, it's an opportunity for you to get a little help from someone who may have been through some of the same problems you're going through.

But it's also a chance to get you talking, to develop a discussion between *Technician* and its readers.

"Campus Forum" is your most obvious forum. But the Opinion page needs to offer more to and from you, the readers. With that in mind, I pose this question: What do you want?

Technician is a student newspaper. That title carries with it two meanings: one, that it is student-run, from the writing to the editing to the ad sales. More importantly, a student newspaper is student-driven. That is, it is geared toward the students, its readers.

It's no secret that criticizing *Technician* is a favorite pastime among a lot of our readers.

Here's an opportunity for that criticism to become constructive, direct criticism. An opportunity for a dialogue between the paper and its readers. Is there something that you'd like to see addressed by a *Technician* columnist? Tell us about it. Think that an advice column is a bad idea? Offer a better one.

Think that *Technician* just plain sucks? Improve it. Here's your chance.

Call the office and ask for Jimmy (515-2411) or e-mail him (jryalls@unity.ncsu.edu) and say what you want from *Technician*. Hell, come to the office (323 Witherspoon) and tell him what you want to see...he'll probably be slacking off anyway; plenty of time to talk. Get involved with your student newspaper.

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strike the course descriptions bill after reaching an agreement with the universities that syllabi will be distributed within the first week of class and all required course materials will be available in campus bookstores.

Greg Fahey, University of Arizona state lobbyist, spoke to oppose the first three McGrath bills in committee meetings and in private meetings with McGrath, he said.

Fahey also opposes the latest proposal, saying, "we just don't need this bill" because the Board of Regents and the university administrations resolve problems as they occur.

The three state universities are united in their opposition, Fahey said. He also said the Board of Regents, which met yesterday and is meeting today, may take a position on the bills now or it may wait until February.

Fahey said he will be meeting with McGrath again next week. McGrath remains unswayed by student protests, including those

published as letters to the editor in the Arizona Daily Wildcat.

"I'm responding to students' concerns," McGrath said. "I'm not trying to be mean to students."

She describes the atmosphere at Arizona universities as "not conducive to learning." The primary indication of this, McGrath said, is the high number of students dropping out after their freshman year.

She said both of the Internet bills are designed to "get at the porn problem." She responded to First Amendment objections by saying that the proposals have been reviewed by lawyers, who found them constitutional.

McGrath explained that because students have never had the right to use taxpayer-funded resources to access sexually explicit or personal material, taking such access away is legal.

Her position is not changed by the universities' arguments that the cost of filtering and monitoring the Internet is too high and the project is too large to be practical, she said.

"They should have thought of it," she said. The universities are "greatly at fault for spending taxpayers' money for that (sexually explicit material)."

McGrath said her evidence that university computers are being

used to access such material is the work experience of Mesa Republican Rep. Dean Cooley's granddaughter, who was an Internet use monitor at ASU.

Another key issue for McGrath is the use of government resources, paid for by taxpayers, for personal matters, she said.

McGrath responded to this scenario: a student uses a campus Internet connection to decide which political candidates to support. That person is misusing university equipment, she said, just as if she used her legislative office phone to make long-distance personal phone calls.

On the other hand, the same student, viewing the same pages for a class assignment, is using the equipment properly, she said.

If her bill limiting campus Internet use to a "specific educational purpose" passes, she said she believes university staff will be "smart" enough to interpret whether students are using the Internet for personal reasons or for classwork.

McGrath was reluctant to predict whether her bills are likely to pass the Legislature and be signed by the governor. However, she said the residence hall bill has "a lot of support."

FACULTY

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Anne Fox, from the University of Texas, who brought along with her a strong commitment to continuing the university's diversity initiative.

Within weeks, Fox commissioned a committee to address diversity at NCSU and re-evaluate the priorities set forth in the university's previous diversity initiative. The chancellor appointed Hank Fiumara, former director of the University Improvement Program, to head the steering committee. Previously, Fiumara had worked with Stiles on compiling the early edition of the diversity initiative.

"Diversity is one of my major topics," Fox said during Fiumara's presentation of the initiative at a Chancellor's Liaison committee last April.

"Diversity is an inclusive collection of individuals and groups who bring varied human characteristics, backgrounds, interests and points of view to enrich the university community," the revised initiative said.

The new plan provided for a more comprehensive set of goals and objectives for the university in the

coming years.

"N.C. State will increase the representation of diverse persons among the general faculty, especially in tenured track and tenure-track positions," the initiative said.

In addition, the initiative outlined goals addressing the representation of diverse groups among the administration and staff. Also, the report said that the university would examine inequities in presence and retention and salaries.

"N.C. State will create a working and learning environment where differences are welcomed and valued so that N.C. State will have a climate that offers opportunity for and supports the success of all students, faculty and staff," the report also outlines.

The report offered solutions to creating an environment conducive to a diverse university community, including opportunities for faculty and staff development, training for supervisors and processes for dispute resolution.

Present Situation

Despite valiant attempts to address them, disparities still exist at NCSU in regard to the diversity of the university's faculty.

"If we were today a member of the 60-plus Association of American Universities and we added to that list the approximately 15 institutions that have a meaningful claim to future membership - and that includes North Carolina State - then we would discover that we rank about in the middle in terms of academic quality but in the bottom quartile in terms of the numbers of women and persons of color who are faculty members," Provost Hall said during the fall meeting of the General Faculty.

Across the university, there are discouraging trends of inequity in the presence of underrepresented groups. The greatest differences exist in the College of Agriculture and Life Science and the College of Management, where only 12.3 percent of the faculty are part of a minority group, according to Fall 1998 statistics from University Planning and Analysis.

Comparatively, the statistics revealed that the university's administration and the First Year College have a more diverse staff, with 34.3 percent and 43.1 percent of underrepresented minority representation.

"Last year we did not hire a single African-American faculty member to a tenure-track position in this university. Even given issues of supply, I simply refuse to believe that we cannot do better," Hall said.

Overall, the representation of minorities at NCSU makes up only 22.8 percent, roughly 1,418 people, of the university's faculty. Despite the sizable difference, the 22.8 percent is an increase from the 12 percent of underrepresented minorities that made up the faculty just six years ago, according to UPA.

Gender equity among the faculty at NCSU is becoming more conceivable. University Planning and Analysis reported that in 1998, 53.7 percent of the faculty were male, while 46.3 percent were female.

The First Year College boasts the greatest disparity between the sexes with 70.6 percent of faculty being female, only 29.4 percent being male. The College of Humanities and Social Sciences and university administration support the greatest amount of diversity with respect to gender.

"Student bodies that are more diverse have faculty that are more diverse," Provost Hall said. In comparison, the UPA reports that 20.7 percent of student body is comprised of the underrepresented minorities, while 41.6 percent of the student body is female.

The Future

In following through with concerns, the university has made several steps toward addressing and improving the diversity issue.

The Diversity Initiative is treated as a work in progress and thus has been continually revised. The most current edition cites four major goals of the diversity plan.

* Goal 1: "N.C. State will increase the presence and contributions of diverse groups through the NC State community." To achieve this goal,

the initiative promises to increase the representation of diverse faculty and students.

* Goal 2: "N.C. State will create a working and learning environment where differences are valued." The focus of goal is to foster a climate that welcomes and promotes diversity.

* Goal 3: "N.C. State will incorporate diversity in a significant way into teaching, learning, and research."

* Goal 4: "N.C. State's commitment to diversity will be evident in all its operations." According to the plan, this will be achieved by promoting diversity through both written publications and oral presentations, including student handbooks, speeches, press releases, and student orientations.

In light of recognizing the gap of represented diverse faculty, Provost Hall admits concern and hopes to correct the disparity. "We have a proposal into the counsel to provide targeted assistance for retention and recruitment to promote diversity among faculty," he said. "But we cannot create a program to go out and hire people just to promote diversity."

The provost's solution is to press all of his colleagues to pool diverse instructors. Thus, the university can make an effort to hire qualified, diverse faculty. By creating a large group of justifiable candidates, the university can ensure that they are hiring the most qualified instructors, while focusing on diminishing the diversity gap.

There have been additional measures put in place to monitor and increase diversity awareness at NCSU. In 1998, the university's Staff Senate established the Diversity Committee. According to Committee Chairperson Rosalind Thomas, the main focus is "to be pro-active, re-active and a role-model for the staff."

The Diversity Committee will make recommendations to the Staff Senate about diversity programs, continue developing the Provost's Diversity Initiative, and develop methods to measure the university's progress. "Most important is that the university remains focused on maintaining diversity," said Thomas. "In terms of employment, we support affirmative action."

The effort to correct ethnic and gender imbalances at the university pleases faculty. Dr. Melissa Johnson, a professor in the department of communication, identifies tangible evidence of the university's efforts. "We have a good representation of tenure-track women," said Johnson. "Most of the new hires have been women."

As far as trends go, the diversity push seems to be catching on at places outside of N.C. State. The representation of faculty at UNC-CH follows a track similar to NC State's. While showing a steady improvement over the past five years, the statistics speak for themselves. According to UNC's Office of Institutional Research, males make up 1,703 of the faculty, while only 898 females are represented. And startlingly, only 84 African-Americans are among UNC's faculty, while whites show a strong presence with 2,313 faculty members. The university employs only 42 Hispanics as faculty members, and the most underrepresented race is the Native-American population with only five professors - all of them male.

As NCSU has done, UNC-CH has endeavored in its own efforts to balance the diversity of faculty. There have been a number of diversity initiatives on campus that includes the formation of a Committee on Community and Diversity, cultural studies course requirements, a Campus Diversity Training Project, and the Ford Foundation sponsorship of curriculum integration.

The efforts to diversify campuses will obviously not happen overnight. Administrators recognize this and plan diversity representation as long-term goals. But the very fact that concrete efforts are being made satisfies most. "I'm happy that the diversity office will be visible," said Johnson. "I think that by having an office that is responsible for producing a representation, that helps raise awareness."

ered by Frey and Roupail has led to surprising insights into how individual driver behavior can impact emissions. For example, Frey and Roupail have evidence that suggests that emissions are highest when a car accelerates. So if a driver tends to accelerate at a high rate (0-45 in six seconds) compared to a slow-moderate rate (0-45 mph in 15 seconds), that driver will tend to produce more emissions. In addition, even when traveling at high speeds on the highway, high fluctuations from cruising to accelerating to cruising again can cause higher levels of emissions.

choose which projects and policies to undertake." In addition, Roupail said, "transportation seems to be a symptom of the [growth] problem, not the cause of the [growth] problem."

Frey and Roupail have been collecting data since July 1999 and are expected to continue to do so until June 2001. Even though it has only been a few months, the data uncov-

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sages of religion.

Third, I realized that, simply by looking for any scientific corroboration of religious principles, followers were showing a misunderstanding of what religion is all about.

You see, as the excellent author Michael Shermer pointed out, religion has no place in scientific

explanations, just as science has no place in religious explanations. To try and explain natural phenomena with supernatural explanations undermines all of science and reason. Similarly, to try and validate religion with scientific and historical proof undermines true faith and belief.

To believe in God and an afterlife when no evidence exists anywhere for such a thing — now that takes true faith.

I am comfortable now with my beliefs. I have decided to let science and reason investigate the natural

world and draw their best conclusions. It's worked so far in dozens of scientific fields.

Similarly, I have decided to let hope and faith be the foundations of my spiritual world. I need no shards of old Ark, no Shroud of Turin, no weathered stone blocks with ancient commandments. Just good, old-fashioned positive thinking and hope in the future of mankind.

To hold in the face of great evidence certain unrealistic beliefs shows that one is not interested in loving others or helping those in need. It just shows an ungainly desire to be disagreeable.

Christians, be proud of your faith, but don't draw conclusions that don't stand up. Have faith in your God and don't seek external validation. It will make you stronger, I swear.

Let me know how wrong I am at rcuivent@unifry.ncsu.edu.

Recycle
TECHNICIANDumbing down of game shows is
response to American voice

JEREMY STILES

(Daily Evergreen (Washington State U))

A new quiz-show scandal exists in these United States.

Nobody has suggested criminal wrongdoing on the part of ABC, NBC, Fox or whoever else is foisting a dumbed-down version of "College Bowl" on America's TV viewers, but only because it's not a crime to insult people's intelligence.

An Associated Press story in the Jan. 10 issue of The Daily Evergreen stated, "The new '21' is similar to the original, but it makes one big concession for the times: Its questions are multiple-choice, not open-ended, and are far easier than those posed to contestants in the 1950s."

Nothing is inherently wrong with easy game shows. The fate of

the republic does not depend on Joe from New Jersey listing the "Rocky" movies in the correct sequence.

The idea that today's mass entertainment must be challenging only to the mentally dormant or it won't sell is the scandal. It insults the intelligence of the viewing public.

Network executives feed us swill, but they're not stupid. The continuing popularity and advertiser support of shows such as "Jerry Springer" all but confirm an audience willing to allow idiots to strut and fret upon the television stage and tell tales of relationships with cousins gone bad.

Yes, dumb TV sells, but it's hard to say why. This piece may be getting boring, so let's play a game I'll call "Who Wants This Column To End?"

The item about the revised version of an old 1990 game show suggests network television producers assume today's audience (a) doesn't want to think, (b) is moronic or (c) just wants to see people act like morons and sweat over what amounts to a multiple-guess exam on TV.

Take a 50/50 and eliminate choice b. The choice between a and c is up to the individual.

Viewers do have the power to add a choice "d" to the list. Ruin dumb TV's ratings by refusing to watch shows that consider insulting people's intelligence a "concession for the times."

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the norm to be thrown about the bus by his careless driving, especially when he accelerates before you even get up the steps upon entering. However, a day in early December took the cake — and keep in mind: this is the condensed version. I got on and was thrown into a seat as usual. A girl in the front asked politely about safety concerns after seeing how I was thrown about. He responded rudely. "Safety is my concern, not yours. I'm the driver." She noted to him that he has the luxury of a seat belt, whereas riders do not. He then bragged that he did not wear his, which he doesn't, and claimed his supervisor would back him and we didn't have to ride the bus if we didn't like his driving. There was also much profanity in his tirade.

She took issue with the profanity, citing verbal abuse, and he responded that he knows what the law about verbal abuse is, since he is a federal agent. He then flashed a [fake] badge. When I reported all this to his supervisor, I was met with nonchalance. He still has his job, entrusted with our safety.

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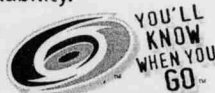
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THE REEL SPIEL

"Magnolia": It's All Too Much

ZACK SMITH
Staff Writer

With the one-two punch of 1997's "Hard Eight" and "Boogie Nights," Paul Thomas Anderson made one of the most assured debuts of any writer-director in recent years. Award nominations were heaped, countless articles were written, Anderson's name was frequently mentioned in the same breath as Scorsese and Altman. At the time, Anderson was only 27 years old.

Given this level of hype, it's not surprising that Anderson's new film, "Magnolia," has expectations built up around it that equal "Episode One" and "Eyes Wide Shut." Which begs the question: does it meet those expectations? The answer is: not quite. But what "Magnolia" does accomplish is the raising of the bar for American cinema in a way that few other films can ever hope to achieve.

Of course, at this point, all you want to know is... What's it about? Um, that's a little hard to say. Explaining "Magnolia" to someone who hasn't seen it (in the length of a single review) is like trying to summarize "War and Peace" on a cocktail napkin. But here it goes...

In the San Fernando Valley, the ridiculously difficult game show "What Do Kids Know?" is about to air, with star performer Stanley Spector (Jeremy Blackman) being heavily pressured by his father (Michael Bowen) to succeed. Meanwhile, the show's host, Jimmy Gator (Anderson-regular Philip Baker Hall), deals with the consequences of his mispent life. His problems arise from his coke-addicted daughter Claudia (Melora Walters), who develops a tentative relationship with straight-arrow police officer Jim Kurring (John C. Reilly). Kurring has a run-in with former "What Do Kids Know?" contestant "Quiz Kid" Donnie Smith (William H. Macy), who has resorted to desperate measures to pay for some dental surgery.



The Partridge family: one of Magnolia's nine lives.

various vignettes on coincidences narrated by Ricky Jay, the wall-to-wall Aimee Mann music (including one sequence where all the characters sing along to the same song), and the constant Biblical references... which turn out to be all too appropriate.

Confused yet?

Admittedly, "Magnolia" is a film that many viewers may find intimidating - aside from all the numerous plot lines, the running time is over three hours. But those who take on the challenge will find it to be an intensely rewarding and intelligent piece of cinema. The Altman comparisons are well deserved; the film most resembles such Altman ensemble pieces as "Nashville" and "Short Cuts," but Anderson possesses a sense of coherence and morality that Altman's films are frequently lacking in.

Certain sections of the film are better than others. Cruise's remarkably sexist and foul-mouthed Makey puts Brad Pitt's Tyler Durden from "Fight Club" to shame, while the game show sequences drag on - and on with little payoff, but the performances are all uniformly excellent, with Cruise, Moore, Walters and Reilly standing out in particular.

"Magnolia" is like the all-you-can-eat buffet of movies; there's more material here than you can possibly use, but anyone who goes will get what they want. Although Anderson needs to show a little more restraint in his future films, it's hard to argue with his methods when the results are so entertaining. By turns hilarious, heartbreaking, tragic and cathartic, "Magnolia" is easily one of the best and most audacious movies of the year.

Magnolia

★★★★★

Director:
Paul Thomas Anderson
Starring:
Tom Cruise
Julianne Moore
Philip Baker Hall

So, the show's producer, Earl Partridge (Jason Robards), is bedridden in the last stages of terminal cancer. During that time, his trophy wife, Linda (Julianne Moore), goes on a guilt-ridden drug spree, and his caretaker Phil Parma (Philip Seymour Hoffman) tries to track down Earl's estranged son Frank T.J. Mackey (Tom Cruise), a guru-type who hosts "pick-up-women" seminars entitled "Seduce and Destroy."

Oh, and then there's the various vignettes on coincidences narrated by Ricky Jay, the wall-to-wall Aimee Mann music (including one sequence where all the characters sing along to the same song), and the constant Biblical references... which turn out to be all too appropriate.

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Denzel gives "knockout" performance

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Staff Writer

When the director of "In the Heat of the Night" and the star of "Glory" get together, only one thing can be apparent. They are making a movie about the struggles of people to break free from oppression and racism. This isn't necessarily a bad thing. In the case of Denzel Washington, fresh off the dud "The Bone Collector" - a film whose only strong point is that it makes a good name for a porn film - it is a happy return to what he does best.

Wrongful imprisonment stories have been done time and time again - Frank Darabont has made a career of it with "The Shawshank Redemption" and "The Green Mile," but "The Hurricane" brings the story of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter's fight to prove his innocence something different: this story actually happened.

Played by Denzel Washington with vibrancy and life that has been absent from his work for a while, Rubin is a warrior with a mind, a man who wants only to be free and will stop anyone



Denzel Washington as Rubin "Hurricane" Carter.

The Hurricane

★★★★★

Director:
Frank Darabont
Starring:
Denzel Washington

and will stop anyone

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That's that famous author, isn't it?

◆ One day, Frank McCourt is being interviewed by "Fergie" in Amsterdam, the next he's standing in Stewart Theatre, speaking to Triangle residents and the NCSU community.

SARAH E. MIRANO
Features Editor

While some in the Triangle spent last Tuesday night curled up in front of a warm fire, others ventured out into the frosty air to traverse snow-covered roads. They couldn't be held back - and with good reason. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Frank McCourt made his debut in Raleigh at N.C. State's Stewart Theatre to discuss his rising success, and share thoughts on his most recent book, "Tis."

If you haven't read "Angela's Ashes," McCourt's memoir of his poverty-stricken childhood in Ireland, you're bound to read it sooner or later - and if not, there's always the film version, which was released on Friday.

McCourt described himself as a "Johnny Come Lately" to the book world; he wrote his first book, "Angela's Ashes," after retiring from teaching English for 30 years in various New York City high schools.

No wonder he claimed last week to be in a "constant state of surprise and joy."

The book has sold over 5 million copies, won the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Los Angeles Times Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize, and has now become a major film production.

"Success has come to me late in life and, my God, I'm going to enjoy it," said McCourt, who is 69 years old.

McCourt shared the early stages of his writing life with the audience as if he'd been casually talking to a friend in the coziness of his living room. "I was always writing, since I was a kid, since I was 9 or 10 years old,"

he said. McCourt told us about his nagging desire to become a writer. He especially yearned for the writer's life when he frequented a (former) famous writer's hangout in Greenwich Village, called "The Lion's Head." McCourt envied all the writers with whom he'd meet, and whose book covers had been framed and hung on the wall. The wall that McCourt said "haunted him."

Years later, after "Angela's Ashes" was published, the owner of the hangout put a framed book jacket of it on the wall. "It was better than the Pulitzer Prize," described McCourt.

Yet, McCourt related a feeling of satisfaction in being a teacher that he knows he wouldn't have had in any other profession. His speech often returned to his pleasurable and comical - classroom experiences, which are described in "Tis."

Also a memoir, "Tis" begins when McCourt arrived in New York at age nine, and got a job at the Biltmore Hotel, where he came to grips with the hierarchical structures of what he thought was a classless society. After being drafted to the army, McCourt returned to the United States. Then, although he dropped out of school in Ireland when he was thirteen, he was admitted into New York University, where he got a degree that allowed him later to get a job teaching.

"The writer writes in solitude, but you can't take a day off in teaching," McCourt said. "When you're a teacher, there they are! They're dangerous creatures. The American adolescent is an explosive package."

Teens are dealing with "raging hormones, raging music, problems at home and head lice," according to McCourt. "You have to have an energy equal to 35 of them, or 35 of them five times a day."

McCourt, who taught approximately 11,000 students and 33,000 lessons, said what he learned most in his teaching years was "something about the human heart."

Maybe that's why McCourt is so endear-

ing. In conclusion, McCourt responded to questions from the audience. One listener asked McCourt if he would trade his childhood in Limerick for a "better" childhood in Brooklyn. "I'll take the one I had," he said.

Author Kaye Gibbons, who wittily introduced McCourt, agreed by saying that a bad childhood is far more interesting than a

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Frank McCourt, author of Angela's Ashes.

'Tis.

The Life of Riley

NATALIE DUGGINS
Senior Staff Writer

The Life

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give," British Leader Winston Churchill once said. As an aspiring university educator, Marina Riley was content to give her life to academic pursuits, specifically in the environmental sciences. Her passion to educate and influence was never lost, but her life, unfortunately, was.



Marina Riley, NCSU Ph.D. student.

Riley arrived in the United States after completing her undergraduate studies in her hometown of Lima, Peru. She had attended the National Agrarian University La Molina, one of the best universities in South America.

"A typical day for a young person in Lima would be to go to school and do an internship in the different research institutes and labs in their respective university," Riley said. "Some people also like to take on part-time jobs to get some money."

Riley lived in Peru with her parents and four sisters prior to coming to North Carolina in 1992. She had been offered a scholarship to pursue a Master's degree in Environmental Management at Duke University. After completing her post-graduate degree, the market lacked profitable jobs in the environmental sciences, and Riley lacked ambition.

"I started to work in retail and waited. I started to take classes at the community college level to try to motivate myself," she said. "I eventually decided to visit NCSU to try to take some classes."

Riley soon discovered her niche among those in the college of forest resources and applied to N.C. State's Ph.D. program, a decision she said was "the best decision I have ever made in my life." At NCSU, Riley found a passion for teaching and was determined to become a member of the university faculty.

"My favorite thing about NCSU is the down-to-earth environment and the willingness of the faculty and employees to help," she said.

The Onset

Just as Riley was beginning to celebrate her newfound ambitions in the academic world, then came the diagnosis. On October 14, 1998, local doctors diagnosed her with an aggressive adenocarcinoma.

"Adenocarcinoma is a cancer that starts in the glandular tissue, such as in the ducts or lobules of the breast," said Olga Stephens, a researcher for the American Cancer Society (ACS).

Riley's situation is atypical of women who are in their early to mid-30s, according to the ACS. In fact, adenocarcinoma in the breast (typically associated with breast cancer) only occurs at a rate of 25 per 100,000 for women between the ages of 20 and 39. By the age of 50, the rate jumps up to more than 300 per 100,000 women, according to statistics from the ACS.

"The doctor thought that due to my age, I was going to be able to go through a very heavy chemotherapy treatment that would eradicate the cancer from my body," Riley, aged 33, said. For months, she endured the painstaking chore of chemotherapy treatments. Her passion for learning kept her motivated throughout the treatments, and by the summer of 1999, she had managed to complete the work that she had missed during the radiation.

ure it out someday." Perhaps someday came and perhaps someday didn't... the world will never know.

Marina Riley died this past Christmas. She had planned to travel back to Peru to see her family in January.

The Lesson

Riley's dream was to educate others by becoming a university professor. Throughout her illness, with such a profound sense of optimism, she never lost sight of her goal. While she was alive, she embraced the words of legendary NCSU basketball coach Jim Valvano: "This cancer that I have limited me physically, but this cancer can't touch my mind, my heart, my soul."

Even as the cancer had spread throughout her body, Riley remained focused on her goal to educate others. In the last days, the advice that she wanted to leave with the NCSU community was one of safety and precaution, "so less people have to go through this in the future."

"I would recommend to the females to get a physical every year. My oncologist truly believes that my cancer started when I was a junior or senior in college," Riley said. She encouraged all men to protect the health of the women in their family by encouraging them to have regular check-ups.

Friends of Riley at Duke University have established a scholarship in her name for the Nicholas School of the Environment for Peruvian students. According to the memorial program, the fund will support Peruvian students wishing to preserve Manu National Park Peru.

"Sometimes struggle might bring some positive results to your outlook of life. Things are not as bad as they look at the beginning. You have to fight for what you believe you want. It pays at the end," Riley said.

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happy one. "We appreciate more than normal people because we're not normal," she said.

Gibbons established common ground with McCourt, linking the South and Ireland through their "war-ruined" landscapes. "The Irish and southerners are long-term survivalists," she said. "We will make our own music and our own whisky."

Gibbons, who has received international acclaim for her novels "Ellen Foster," and "A Virtuous Woman," among others, also praised McCourt for his "use of language." She said, "Why in the hell can't I write like that?"

The sold-out event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Quail Ridge Books, was also attended by NCSU Chancellor Marye Ann Fox, Vice Chancellor Kermit Hall, and Board of Trustees President Smedes York.

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who tries to take his freedom away. Hounded his entire life by Det. Vincent Della Pesca (Dan Hedaya), Rubin turns his body into a fighting machine and takes to the ring to become a boxer. One night, as he is leaving a bar, two black men march into a bar across town and open fire, giving Della Pesca the perfect chance to frame Rubin and put him behind bars for good. Manipulating every angle of the case, Della Pesca is able to pin Rubin for the crime. Rubin is sentenced to life in prison, and cuts off all contact from the outside world, taking away the prison's power to control the things that he wants. Then, to try and prove his innocence to the people, he writes a book called "The Sixteenth Round" (the film is based on this book as well as the book "Lazarus and the Hurricane.")

One day, up in Canada, a boy named Lesra (Vicellous Reon Shannon) reads this book and begins a crusade with his live-in teachers to try to set Rubin free. Thus the stage for "The Hurricane" has been set, and what follows are a series of flashbacks

to various stages in Rubin's life, the current efforts of Lesra to visit him, and Rubin's life in prison. Never at any point in the movie does this become confusing, but it does prevent the film from having a center. Washington makes his presence known and becomes the center, but the direction of Jewison keeps us from firmly planting our emotions in any one thing, even setting Rubin free.

Despite this, Washington gives a knockout performance worthy of attention, not only from awards committees but from the general public as well. Washington is the only thing keeping "The Hurricane" from becoming a fine mess, and he does it well. Even though it is flawed and slow at times, "The Hurricane" delivers. It shows us that the law not only sets guilty men free, but also puts innocent men in prison, and that if you want something bad enough and fight hard enough for it, anything is attainable. "The Hurricane" is just another film about the triumph of the human spirit, but this kind of movie is still made today because there is something magical about seeing someone break from oppression and become free, and that is as good a reason as any to make a film.

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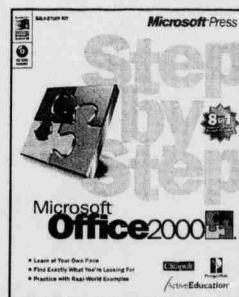
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DUKE

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Erb attributed the Pack comeback to the play of her freshman teammate Simpson.

"She was huge," Erb said. "We were down 10 points at one point or maybe 14, and any came in and took over. I think that was the turning point in the first half. And in the second half she came in and didn't stop."

Duke came out flat in the second half. Blue Devil shooters were allowed few, if any, good looks at the basket by N.C. State's stingy defense.

"We settled down and decided to play defense. We knew defense was going to win this game and when we realized it, we did it," said Tynesha Lewis, who scored six points and added four assists.

Pack defenders pressured Duke into perimeter shots that wouldn't fall. Georgia Schweitzer, the ACC's leading-scorer at 17.5 points per game, made Duke's only field goal in the first five minutes of the second half but didn't score again. Schweitzer was held to her second lowest offensive output of the season.

"Strategy-wise we really didn't do anything different [to guard Schweitzer]," Yow said. "We did try to create an awareness within the team of who Schweitzer was because, to us, she has really stepped the level of her game up."

As N.C. State built a nine-point lead with 11:18 to play, the Blue

Devils looked like they were about to wither. Then Duke's Lauren Rice triggered a 9-0 run during which Duke would tie the game 53-53 with 6:42 left.

Over the next six minutes, Simpson's back-to-back three-pointers and Erb's post presence fortified the Pack's lead at which Duke chipped away behind five field goals from Peppi Browne.

An Ivy Gardner turnover with N.C. State up 65-64 was the defensive stop the Devils needed.

Sheana Mosch recaptured the lead, 67-65, for Duke when she hit a three-pointer from the corner inside the final minute of regulation.

On the ensuing Pack possession, Lewis' field goal tied the game 67-67.

Duke would miss a go-ahead field goal, spend a timeout and try to get Schweitzer an open shot off a screen.

N.C. State broke up the play and sent the game into overtime.

Erb, the 1999 ACC player of the year, tied the game 73-73 on a field goal with 1:58 to go in the overtime period, drew Rice's fifth foul and completed the three-point play. The Blue Devils answered N.C. State's three-point play on a field goal from Olga Gvozdenovic.

But this was Simpson's game. She hit her fourth three-pointer of the game on the next possession to help State regain the lead for good.

Erb sealed the 80-75 win on two free throws, nodding her head as each swished.

The senior center agreed with Lewis who said, "I don't think this was a make-or-break game, but we love to win in the neighborhood anyway."

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This time it's taking them to their first Super Bowl in the franchise's history, dating back to their days as the Houston Oilers.

The Titans upset Jacksonville 33-14 on Sunday to win the AFC title, beating the Jaguars for the third time this season.

Steve McNair led the way, running for 93 yards on seven carries and scoring twice on 1-yard quarterback sneaks, despite limping all week with

a boot to protect an injured toe.

The Titans took control by scoring 16 points in a span of less than five minutes of the third quarter after trailing 14-10 at the half.

Tennessee won as it has all season — a little offense, a lot of defense, and a big contribution from special teams. The defense forced six turnovers.

Rams have just enough to stop Bucs

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Rams' Midwest Express offense, derailed all game, came alive just in time.

game with 10 points in 12 minutes before fouling out.

But the Jackets kept things interesting with the end. Fein hit a three with 2:08 left to cut the lead to five, but the game would get no closer.

"There are not many games that are being played right now in the ACC that are one-sided," said Sendek of the close nature of the game. "Most of the games you watch are extremely competitive."

Grundy was the Pack's leading scorer with 13 points. Meanwhile, freshman Marshall Williams followed up his miracle shot at the end of regulation against Duke with 12 points off the bench in 12 minutes.

The win moved State a half game up on Virginia and Florida State for second place in the ACC.

Next up for the Wolfpack will be a trip to Clemson on Wednesday at 9 p.m. The Tigers are winless in ACC play thus far.

Kurt Warner threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Ricky Proehl with 4:44 remaining Sunday, lifting the victory-prone Rams to an 11-6 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the NFC Championship Game.

The Rams rode their unheralded defense and Warner's late heroics all the way to the Super Bowl. They will play Tennessee, which won the AFC crown in Jacksonville 33-14.

Tampa's gallant defensive effort wasn't enough because backup cornerback Brian Kelly couldn't stay with Proehl down the left sideline on the long third-down pass.

Proehl, the Rams' No. 4 wide receiver, learned to haul in his first touchdown on the season.

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over Grant Newman.

From there, State took off. Freshman Justin Parlier held off a late charge by Rob Booth to win the 157-pound match 11-10. Senior Joel Drummis followed that up by knocking off Maryland's 165-pounder Josh Weidman 12-4.

Boross' win was followed by a 12-4 victory, the third consecutive major decision for the Pack, for junior Zach Breitenbach over Joe Mornille in the 184-pound division. Sophomore Jason Gore and freshman George Clinton added victories at 197 and 125, respectively, to give State the final margin of victory.

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N.C. State women split a pair of close weekend games

State falls to 'Horns in Austin

SPORTS STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN, Texas - All-American Summer Erb had 32 points and 8 rebounds to lead NC State, but it wasn't enough as Texas held off No. 6 Wolfpack, 81-77 in the ACC/Big 12 Challenge in Austin, Sunday.

Texas (12-6) led 75-67 with two minutes left after Brown hit two free throws before N.C.

TEXAS 81
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State used a 8-2 run, including four straight foul shots by Summer Erb, to pull within 77-75 on Amy Simpson's 3-pointer with 21.5 seconds remaining.

The Wolfpack (15-3) then fouled Texas guard Asha Hill, a 68 percent foul shooter, with 10.8 seconds on the clock. Hill made both attempts to push the lead back to 79-75. Erb led State with 32 points and Simpson had 14.

The Wolfpack led 42-41 at the start of the second half and 55-48 with 12:40 left after

Simpson stole the ball at midcourt and beat Brown to the basket for a layup.

State looked like it was ready to take control several times in the first half before Texas rallied.

Erb scored nine points as the Wolfpack broke out to a 13-2 lead. Texas, which had more turnovers (four) than shots (three) in the first five minutes, pulled within 28-24 before baskets by Erb, Kaayla Chones and a 3-pointer by Monica Barnes pushed the Wolfpack's lead back to 11.

But Texas stayed close from the foul line, hitting 17 of 20 free throws in the first half and 32 of 41 for the game.

Alisha Sare and Edwina Brown each scored 25 points for Texas.

Sare then hit three 3-pointers, including one from about 20 feet that banked off the backboard, in a four-minute span as the Longhorns used a 16-3 run to take the lead for good at 64-58.

Brown was 15 of 18 from the line while State was 14 of 27 as a team.



Tynesha Lewis takes a jumper in Thursday's ACC classic.

State women top Devils in OT

◆The Pack snapped Duke's 15-game winning streak with an 80-75 win.

ROB GODFREY
Staff Writer

In a game that mirrored the wild finish of the men's game the night before, Summer Erb and Amy Simpson propelled sixth-ranked N.C. State past No. 8 Duke 80-75 in overtime Thursday night in Reynolds Coliseum.

Erb finished with her second double-double (18 points, 10 rebounds) in as many games and Simpson bettered her 16-point performance against Virginia with a career-high 26 points.

"It feels really good to get back on the winning track, especially with the kind of effort we got tonight," State Head Coach Kay Yow said. "We really wanted to be competitive again."

For the Pack (15-2, 6-2), the significance of the win was threefold.

Although N.C. State held the lead in the all-time series 36-14, the Blue Devils (16-2, 5-1) had won five straight over the Pack. Moreover, while Duke rode a 15-game win streak into Reynolds, the Pack had lost its last two.

Most importantly, the Pack's win over Duke loosened the Devils' stranglehold on first place in the ACC.

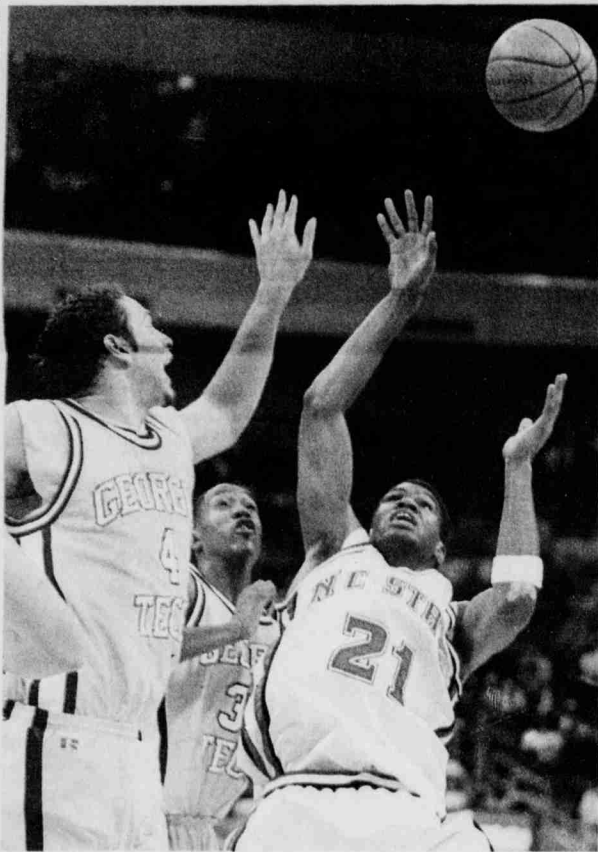
"The win puts us back in the race for first place in the ACC," said Yow, who hasn't coached a regular season ACC championship team since 1990. "It was a game we needed to win to have a chance to do that."

N.C. State played catch-up for most of the first half thanks to an 18-6 run by the Blue Devils to start the game and turnovers in the backcourt. But by halftime, the Pack had cut the lead to 37-34.

On Friday

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State rebounds against Yellow Jackets



Kenny Inge tries to shoot over Georgia Tech's Alvin Jones (4) in Saturday's 66-58 State victory.

◆N.C. State's vaunted defense delivered Saturday night to give the Wolfpack a 66-58 win over Georgia Tech.

JEREMY ASHTON
Assistant Sports Editor

The temperature in the Entertainment and Sports Arena was comfortable as usual Saturday night, but the ice-cold weather outside seemed to have a huge impact on the game going on inside.

N.C. State managed to shoot only 40 percent from the floor, yet its stifling defense more than made up for any shooting deficiencies to give the Wolfpack a 66-58 win over Atlantic Coast Conference foe Georgia Tech.

NCSU 66
GA. TECH 58

The Pack (13-3, 4-2 ACC) held the Yellow Jackets (9-8, 2-3) to just 34.5 percent from the field. State's defense did an especially good job on the perimeter, limiting Tech to 4 of 19 shooting from three-point range.

"I think for the most part we covered their shooters," said State Head Coach Herb Sendek. "I don't think they had very many wide-open looks."

A big concern for the Pack coming into the game was containing Tech's frontcourt duo of Jason Collier and Alvin Jones. Collier led all scorers with 21 points, but State was able to get Jones into foul trouble in the second half and limit him to 10.

"They're right there with Carolina, but these guys are a little bit more agile than the Tar Heels," said forward Damon Thornton of Collier and Jones.

Despite State's great play on the defensive end, the Jackets were still within striking distance late. But, Shaun Fein's three-pointer, which would have brought Tech within two, rimmed out with 1:16 left. The Pack then hit 6 of 6 free throws in the final 1:02 to seal the win.

"That was a great shot. I had that basket counted," said Tech Head Coach Bobby Cremins of Fein's three-point attempt. "It just went around and out. That would have really brought it down to the wire."

The victory came after an emotional 92-88 overtime loss at Duke on Wednesday. State showed no signs of a letdown, however, displaying the defensive pressure that has become the team's signature.

"Coach talked to us about it, and he told us that he didn't want us to just play hard for Duke. He wants us to play hard every time we come out," said guard Anthony Grundy. "He didn't want us to let down against Georgia Tech. We knew that they were a good team and that they'd be up for a fight."

The Jackets took an early 10-4 lead into the game's first official timeout, but State came storming back. The Pack went on a 21-5 tear midway through the half to go up 10.

Foul trouble got the better of the Pack, however, as Damon Thornton, Kenny Inge and Justin Gainey were all forced to the bench with two personal each. Tech capitalized with a 17-5 run of its own capped by an Alvin Jones layup to put the Jackets

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The Dunk-o-meter has returned with Damon Thornton dominating again.

Swimming splits with VT

SPORTS STAFF REPORT

The N.C. State men's swim team pushed its record to 12-1 on Saturday with a 154-89 victory over Virginia Tech at the War Memorial Pool. The Virginia Tech women's swimming and diving team defeated the Wolfpack Women, 154-89, to knock the State women to 10-4 on the season.

afternoon, both the State men and women's swim teams picked up two victories in a tri-meet versus Texas Christian and Old Dominion. The men defeated TCU, 91-46 and ODU, 95-44, while TCU beat ODU, 80-52.

On the women's side, the Wolfpack knocked off TCU, 80-58 and ODU, 99-48.

The 10 victories for the State women are their highest total since the 1992-93 team won 10-4.

In the meet, Jamie D'Agostino (ODU) and Brandi Stergion (State) each gave impressive performances on the women's side. D'Agostino, a freshman from Ardsley, N.Y., won the 1,000 freestyle (1:53:96), the 200 freestyle (5:07:97).

Stergion, a junior who hails from Danville, Va., won the 50 freestyle (24:72) and the 100 freestyle (53:80) for the Pack. State's Annamaria Guida also won two events on the day as she tied TCU's Marisa Schenke in the 100 backstroke (58:55) while taking the 200 backstroke (2:03:81).

On the men's side, State had a dominant day.

Matt Brado, a native of Springfield, Va., led the way for the men as he won the 200 freestyle (1:39:89) and the 100 freestyle (45:69). Diver Andy Johnson won on both the one and three-meter board while Braden Holloway had the top times in the 100 backstroke (50:23) and 200 IM (1:54:25).

State won the first nine events and had the top times in all but three of the 16 events participated in during the tri-meet.

ProNotes

Canes trade Primeau to Flyers for Brind'Amour

RALEIGH, N.C. - The Carolina Hurricanes ended a five-month contract dispute with former captain and All-Star Keith Primeau by trading him Sunday to the Philadelphia Flyers for Rod Brind'Amour.

"I am excited that there's finally a resolution and am looking forward to playing in city like Philadelphia," said Primeau, a restricted free agent who has missed Carolina's first 48 games.

Primeau, who had 30 goals last season, said he signed a five-year, \$22.75 million contract with the Flyers and should be in uniform Thursday night.

Carolina's first contract offer to Primeau in July was five years for \$20 million. He turned down various other offers for fewer years and less money over the past few months.

Brind'Amour, an 11-year NHL veteran, had played in 484 straight games before missing the first 34 games this season with a broken left

foot. Since returning to the lineup, the 6-foot-1, 200-pound center has eight points in 12 games. He is scheduled to be in the lineup tonight when the Canes take on the Montreal Canadiens at the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

"Not only have we resolved Keith's situation, but more importantly, we have improved our hockey team," Carolina general manager Jim Rutherford said. "Brind'Amour is one of the NHL's best all-around centers and will boost our specialty teams."

"He brings character, leadership and toughness to our locker room," the Canes also picked up 21-year-old goalie Jean-Marc Pelletier and a second-round pick in June's NHL Entry Draft.

Titans down Jaguars, head to first Super Bowl

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The Tennessee Titans found another improbable way to win.

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Wrestling head coach reaches ACC milestone

◆Bob Guzzo notched his 100th career ACC win Saturday as the Wolfpack wrestling team moved to 2-0 in the conference.

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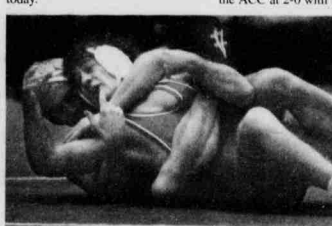
Bob Guzzo has enjoyed several memorable moments during his 25 years as N.C. State's wrestling coach.

He has brought Atlantic Coast Conference titles to N.C. State, produced four national champions and won over 300 matches.

Guzzo reached another milestone Saturday afternoon in Reynolds Coliseum when the Wolfpack defeated Maryland 25-9. The win was the 100th ACC victory of Guzzo's coaching career.

"I didn't even know about it," Guzzo joked.

"Obviously, it's nice," he continued. "But again, we're trying to gear up for the ACC championships. And I think these kids did a heck of a job today."



The wrestling team improved to 2-0 in the ACC.

The Pack dropped the first match of the meet but proceeded to run off six consecutive victories, four by major decision, to take a command-

ing lead that the Terrapins (2-2, 1-1 ACC) would not overcome. State moved to 5-2 on the year in dual meets and remained undefeated in the ACC at 2-0 with the win.

"We just came out here and wrestled like we know we can wrestle," said junior T o m m y Davis.

The match also marked the return of the return of junior Kevin Boross, the defending ACC champ at 174 p o u n d s, from a leg injury that kept him out of the Pack's last two matches. Boross dominated his match with Maryland's Mike Tommano for a 10-2 win to run his

record to 9-2 on the year.

"He's obviously one of our best kids, and it really hurts our lineup having him out of there," said Guzzo. "We struggled in some matches throughout the year when he wasn't in there. So, it's really good to have him back."

State has continued to prosper despite the rash of season-ending injuries that the team suffered in the early stages of the season.

"A lot of the guys that haven't been starters have been stepping it up, and they've been training and training," said Davis. "And, it's their time where they can get to shine and come in and fill in for the starters and just step it up, which they've been doing really well."

Maryland took an early 3-0 lead in the meet when Mark Mansueti beat freshman Oracleo Brown 5-2 in the 141-pound match. But Davis, ranked 14th nationally at 140 with a 4-2 record, got things rolling for the Pack with a 14-5 major decision

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