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## In the NEWS

### Camp Out Schedule for Carolina Tickets

Camp out for tickets for the N.C. State vs. UNC-CH basketball game will be called either Friday, Feb. 4 between 6 and 10 p.m. or Saturday, Feb. 5 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Students are urged to listen to 88.1 WKNC for the camp out announcement.

Student Government stresses that glass bottles are prohibited at camp out, and there will be no burning allowed except in barrels. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the group losing its place in line for tickets.

### PRTM JOB Fair planned

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management at NC State will host the annual PRTM Job Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Talley Student Center Ballroom.

The Job Fair provides students opportunities to speak with professionals and find contacts for possible job placement. Hundreds of part-time, full-time, seasonal and internship positions at recreation-related agencies will be available.

For more information, please contact Barbi Tart at 515-85997.

### Array of writers featured during lecture series

The 2000 Owen-Walters Creative Writing series features readings by Native American writers, a cartoonist, faculty members and a poet.

The series, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored each year by the N.C. State Department of English and its creative writing program. All the readings will be in the Caldwell Hall Lounge.

The series is named in honor of Tom Walters and Guy Owen, who taught fiction writing, poetry writing and literature classes for years at N.C. State, establishing the foundation for the current undergraduate and graduate creative writing programs.

For more information, contact the English department at 515-54109, or Professor John Kessel at 515-4179.

The schedule for the rest of the spring is as follows:

Native American Writing Festival, with LeAnn Howe, playwright, fiction writer and author of Indian Radio Days, and Susan Power, fiction writer and author of The Grass Dancer; 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 7.

Faculty readings, by Bob Bateman, novelist and author of Pinelands, and Sheryl Cornet, fiction writer; 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 6.

Poetry Festival, with readings by Kathryn Stimping Byer, author of The Girl in the Midst of the Harvest and Wildwood Flower; 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 11.

### 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).

Join us at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the Talley Center Ballroom for "The True Nature of a Sister" with featured 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/go/vernance/other\_committees/Council\_Status\_Women/.

## Two NCSU programs receive national awards

### N.C. State's Model Clinical Teaching Program and the Aging with Gusto! Program recently received national awards.

TIM CLARK  
Staff Writer

Two programs at N.C. State, the Model Clinical Teaching Program and the Aging with Gusto! Program, were recently honored on a national level.

The Model Clinical Teaching Program was singled out by the U.S. Department of Education in January when the program was showcased at the National Conference on

Teacher Quality. The conference was aimed at university administrators and focused on preparing new teachers, continuing education of experienced teachers and general teaching techniques.

The program drew national attention for its model of mentoring both beginning and student teachers.

"There's a way of connecting the needs of beginning teachers, student teachers and experienced teachers in the schools that revitalizes experienced teachers as well as supporting beginning and student teachers," said Allen Reiman, the director of the program.

First conceived in 1987, the program was first proposed when the state legislature

released a report calling for the improvement of teacher education and its clinical aspects. Though many competing programs were submitted, NCSU was granted approval for its program in 1988.

The program originally focused on better mentoring of beginning teachers and better supervision of undergraduate teacher education. Since its inception, the program has grown to include teaching ethics and mentoring models for counseling.

The Model Clinical Teaching program works directly with 12 school systems and five universities. In the last decade, it has been responsible for producing more than 1,200 clinical mentor teachers and 70 clinical mentor counselors. "Our curriculum for

teacher development is also being used in Canada, Mexico and Germany," Reiman said.

Also honored recently was the Aging with Gusto! program. The U.S. Committee for the Celebration of the United Nations International Year of Older Persons honored the program in December with the National Award for Excellence in Aging Programs.

Out of nearly 400 applicants, only 12 awards were given.

The program was developed in 1995 to focus on problems faced by older adults and their families, and, specifically, to help people live more independent lives in their later years. The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences started the program in 1995.

## Shelton speaks on leadership

### Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Hugh H. Shelton spoke on leadership and the future for the American military last Tuesday as part of the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service Role Model Leader's forum.

ANDREW BUCHERT  
Senior Staff Writer

U.S. Army General Hugh H. Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke on leadership and answered questions about current military and national security issues at the 2000 Role Model Leaders' Forum at NCSU on Monday, January 31. The annual event is sponsored by the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics, and Public Service and honors outstanding leaders in professional fields.

"We were honored to have had the Chairman visit our campus," said Center for Student Leadership, Ethics, and Public Service Director Jane Musgrave. "Everyone seemed to enjoy him, and he really did speak to the Center's mission statement of ethics and servant leadership," she said.

Shelton, a native of Tarboro, N.C., received his Bachelor of Science degree in textile technology from NCSU in 1963. As the fourteenth Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he serves as the top military advisor to the President, the Secretary of Defense and the National Security Council.

In addition to his numerous military awards and decorations, Shelton is the 1999 recipient of the North Carolina Award in Public Service, the state's highest honor, as well as the recipient

of the 1998 National Father of the Year Award.

"We are really honored," said Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. "This is the fifth time [that he has visited NCSU] since I've been chancellor, and each time he is more and more impressive," she said.

Shelton's speech was focused on leadership, "a multifaceted and intensely personal topic that transcends time and transcends culture," he said.

The definition of a leader can be summed-up in one word - influence. Said Shelton, Leadership is based on an individual's ability to influence others. Furthermore, a leader is an individual who is admired, respected, trusted and who exhibits a foundation that is built upon character.

"Subordinates and followers are the key ingredients to strong leadership," said Shelton.

"An effective leader must have a vision, but a vision without a plan is just a dream," he said. "[Subordinates] turn the vision into reality, and inspiring an organization to achieve a plan is



Mac Pritchard/Staff

what good leadership is all about."

A second key to effective leadership is the realization that it takes hands-on practice, as a leader must work with human beings who are infinitely more complicated than machines. Good leadership cannot be fully achieved from time spent studying books and taking classes, he said.

At the conclusion of his speech, Shelton entertained several questions from the audience, ranging from the current political issues of the rights of women and homosexuals in the military to the challenges facing the U.S. military in the 21st century.

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## Slip 'n slidin' to class

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Despite many slick and icy sidewalks, classes resumed Monday at 9 a.m. and Tuesday on a normal schedule. Amanda Parodi, a sophomore in geology, carefully navigates the ice near Dan Allen Drive.

### Faculty in Perspective



## Department Heads

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.

AMANDA MCKENZIE AND DOUG COCKMAN  
Contributing Writers

Being a department head at a major university such as N.C. State University is no easy task. In fact, many universities have trouble finding faculty to undertake the position. The responsibilities that accompany the title of department head are numerous and, to some, intimidating.

Fortunately for the students and faculty at NCSU, though, there is a brave soul in each department willing to step up to the plate.

When a department head vacates his position, the dean of that particular college looks for a new department head. The dean may assemble a committee to find the right faculty member, or he or she may personally conduct the search. When the best candidate for the position is selected, the dean appoints the new department head.

Most department heads keep their position for five years or so and then step down, though it can be a lifetime appointment.

Even though the particular departments and associated areas of study may be very different, the basic job description of each department head is very similar. A department head has an administrative position. The basic duties include, but are not limited to, overseeing the entire faculty in their department, coordinating hiring within that department and managing that department's budget.

According to Robert Kolbas, head of the electrical and computer engineering department at NCSU, all department heads, no matter what their department,

have a common goal.

"My job, like all department heads, is to ensure the success of the faculty and the students at this university," he said. "I am making sure that, in the areas of teaching, research and citizenship, this faculty is helping to ensure career success. When students come out of this university, they can go on and be successful in any area. That is our goal."

"Managing faculty, overseeing hiring, evaluating and terminating in a few cases, that's my job," said Thomas Lisk, head of the English department. "I essentially oversee the administrative department and work closely with the dean to get the needs of the department met. We act as a liaison between this mass of students and faculty."

Robert Entman, head of communication, describes the basics of his position in the same way. "I am here to see that this department meets the goals of the university as a whole in order to help our students get the most out of this experience," he said.

Jane Macoubrie, a professor in the communication department, considers Entman an essential player in her department's success. "He is like a CEO," she said. "He keeps us within our budget and determines our faculty. He makes the big decisions."

Macoubrie feels that having a department head makes her job easier. "He worries about things so that we don't have to," she said. "He answers to the higher powers."

Even though the basic duties of a department head are fairly standard from department to department, there are more specific areas of emphasis that may vary within each department.

Lisk, who was academic dean at USC-Sumter

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### What is the SKS?

Is this the face of the Self Knowledge Symposium? Get Morgan's thoughts.



### How close is too close?

Features discusses the controversial subject of teacher/student relationships.



### Report Card

Mid-season grades are in for the Wolfpack women's basketball team.



## FACULTY

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before coming to NCSU, manages perhaps the largest department on campus. "Every student who comes through this university takes English," he said. "We serve a lot of different majors."

The number of faculty members in this department, as with other departments, is directly proportional to the number of students served by that department. "We teach at least 380 sections of English each semester," said Lisk. "Obviously, we have to have a large staff to accommodate that many students."

The English department currently employs about 125 or 130 faculty members and continues to grow. Lisk says that his attention is focused primarily on hiring right now. "My goal is to be the best department in terms of teaching, research and service that we can," he said. "This means attracting, hiring and keeping the best teachers we can."

Though he recognizes the importance of constantly strengthening his faculty, Lisk is also focused on keeping what he has. His focus is on the non-tenured faculty and seeing these teachers as the assets to the university that they are. "I want to help the non-tenured faculty feel better," he said. "I want them to feel more integrated in the university, more permanent."

Kolbas also feels that hiring is an important aspect of his position, but it is not a primary focal point. "An important aspect of being department

head is trying to make hires in the right places," he said. "But what I am really interested in is what is going to be needed in four or five years."

To Kolbas, it is not a matter of simply filling classrooms. It is a matter of finding the right educators, the ones who will teach his students what is important, when it is important. "Students are turned on by the latest and newest stuff and we like to provide them with that," he said. His mantra, when it comes to hiring, is simple: "What is going to be the optimal way to teach it in 10 years?"

As with most situations in the university community, there are people on campus who are not satisfied with the current way of managing and coordinating each department.

"I'm no fan of department heads," said Provost Kermit Hall, Hall, who favors a department chair over the current headship system, agrees that the position of a department head is principally administratively driven. "The current system provides these departments with a greater degree of autonomy administratively when the university should be the governing body," he said.

According to Hall, the idea of department heads is primarily a phenomenon of southern institutions that evolved in the late 19th century. Because the department heads serve "at the pleasure of the dean," Hall feels that a department head system makes NCSU more hierarchical.

Walter Meyers, professor of English, agrees with Hall. "I think the current system could definitely use some improvement," he said.

According to Meyers, the system's major flaws stem from its implementation at NCSU. "One of

the first really influential chancellors here was an ex-Army officer who based everything on a military model, and this hierarchical system stemmed from this way of living." Meyers, who also served in the Army, said that pleasing their bosses is the main concern of most department heads and that displaces customer service.

Those who oppose the current system almost all agree on a better way of doing things: department chairs.

According to Jamie Schuster, a junior in accounting, the system of department heads has always been somewhat unfair. "How can one person make a decision that is going to affect hundreds of students and faculty members?" she said. "I think that major decisions should be a collaborative effort."

Schuster recommended a system that would allow more than one person to be the decision-maker. She called for the appointment of a department chair that would be the spokesperson for a committee of faculty members, chosen by their peers.

Meyers also favors a department chair system. "Ideally," said Meyers, "the chairs would rotate among different members of the faculty." In addition, Meyers believes that such a system would eliminate the need for on-the-job training, minimize bickering and cut expenses.

Though Provost Hall also favors a chair system over the current system, he said that the issue would have to wait. "There are other issues that I am focusing on at the present time," he said, "but this issue is on my mind."

## SHELTON

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"Adversaries are seeing that they cannot take on the U.S. face-to-face," said Shelton. "[his bringing about new] fears of alternative threats, such as biological warfare, drugs, and organized crime," he said.

Shelton also commented that one of the greatest challenges of the military today is to "avoid complacency."

"We are a global power, but we have also cut our forces by more than 700,000 [soldiers]," said Shelton. "We don't have the same force that we had in Desert Storm, and we are at the lowest point in terms of [defense] spending since the Korean War," he said.

Shelton also noted that good leaders "take care of people" and search for future leaders within their orga-

nization. "Leadership is not about how you act, look, or talk," said Shelton. "It is getting people to work together towards a common goal...The most lasting legacy of a leader is helping the people that you lead to grow into future leaders," he said.

As well as offering his thoughts and personal observations of what the best leaders have in common, Shelton also related several stories and examples from his own experience that have taught him the value of not only setting standards for subordinates and holding them to those standards, but also of concentrating on the positive aspects of a situation and looking for the opportunity to reward subordinates.

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**IBM** - Wednesday, February 9, 2000; CSC/EE/CPE Majors with GPA's 3.0 or higher (Pre-screening - Co-op application and resumé must be in Co-op office by February 4, 2000)

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**BRASFIELD & GORRIE** - Tuesday, February 22, 2000; CE Majors with GPA's 2.75 or higher

**DISNEY COLLEGE PROGRAM** - Tuesday, February 22, 2000; All Majors with GPA's 2.5 or higher; Information Session and Interview Sign-Up; 6:00-8:00pm Broughton Hall Room 2211; Interviews will be scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2000

**DISNEY IMAGINEERING PROGRAM** - Wednesday, February 23, 2000; Design/CSC/CPE/CE/ACC/Finance Majors with GPA's 3.0 or higher; Information Session and Interview Sign-Up; 6:00-8:00pm Caldwell Hall Room G111; Interviews will be scheduled for Thursday, February 24, 2000

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Students interested in interviewing with these and/or other Co-op employers should contact the Co-op office at 515-2300 or plan to attend one of the following Co-op Orientation Sessions.  
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# Opinion

## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

### Hate-crimes law indefensible

What are hate crimes? If current federal hate-crimes legislation is correct, then they are "acts sparked by prejudice based on race, religion, color or national ori-

In the appeal, a three-judge panel upheld Michael L. Hatcher's sentence, two consecutive 108- to 139-month jail terms. That sentence, handed down for two counts of robbery with a dangerous weapon, is particularly long because of the federal hate-crimes

The current federal statute on hate crimes is illogical and poorly applied. Rather than trying to extend it, the government should be rid of it altogether.

Hatcher has admitted to 1998 robbery of two Hispanic men for which he was convicted. He has also admitted to

being driven by a belief that Hispanics carry around large amounts of money, according to an Associated Press report.

At no point during his case did any evidence reveal that Hatcher held any particular hatred for Hispanics.

Pres. Bill Clinton is asking those questions in his campaign to expand the hate-crimes law to include victims targeted for their disability, sex or sexual preference. But here's the question that Clinton should ask: What makes a hate crime worse than any other crime?

Is it that true? Absolutely not. Murder is murder, robbery is robbery, plain and simple.

The law mandates harsher punishment for those convicted of a hate crime. That harsher punishment sends a definite message, that the perpetrator of a hate crime is guiltier, more "wrong," than a person who commits the same crime with different motives.

That's the gray area that the hate-crimes law does not account for. That gray area will lead to harsher sentences against criminals who are not necessarily so hateful as to attack members of other demographic groups, but who are too foolish to realize that, under current laws, they would have been better off attacking members of their own groups.

Further, the hate-crimes law's application is inconsistent. An appeal resolved Tuesday in the N.C. Court of Appeals illustrates that fact.

It is that "more right" to commit a crime against someone who is, demographically speaking, just like you? If current federal hate-crimes legislation is correct, then the answer is yes. And that backward logic is why the hate-crimes law must be struck down.



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## Seeking enlightenment on SKS



RICHARD MORGAN

What is the Self Knowledge Symposium? That's a question I've been asking myself ever since I came to N.C. State. The campus is smothered in publicity for the student organization in ways vary-

ing from traditional posters and chalk ads to the wider Free Expression Tunnel campaigns. But what is it?

It's a philosophy group? A religious group? Some fence-riding hybrid of the two?

I asked that question of Student Center staff member Mike Wallace (not the "60 Minutes" guy) at the Student Organization Resource Center. He didn't know either.

I went to the Web page. All I saw were vague comments about life, appended with whimsical quotations, like Edgar Allan Poe's "The world is a great ocean, upon which we encounter more tempestuous storms than calms."

I attended a meeting in which I sat in a circle with all nine other attendees and played a secret-spilling ice-breaker before listening to a speech

from Dave Gold, a protégé of an "American Zen Master."

I left the whole experience more confused than ever. Every attempt at clarity left me in the claws of a conundrum in which questions didn't have answers, only more questions.

Question #1: Is SKS a credible student organization?

At it is definitely not merely a student organization, because it welcomes Triangle adults as new members.

Even if it were a student organization, it would be extremely localized: in the entire United States, SKS exists only at NCSU, UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke. It is run by August Turak, founder of SKS and CEO of Raleigh Group International, a software publisher specializing in Windows development tools.

Its own publication, *The Symposium*, calls SKS "a non-profit, non-denominational spiritual community" that has been "tirelessly encouraging students to explore spirituality for nearly 40 years."

Members also frequently visit Meikim Abbey, especially during Spring Break. Meikim Abbey is a Trappist monastery in Monks Corner, S.C. Trappism is a Cistercian Order or Catholicism, introduced to the U.S. in 1848 and noted for its austerity and vow of silence.

The organization also has a particular infatuation with schools of Eastern religious thought, especially Zen Buddhism. SKS runs yoga sessions and seminars entitled "Einstein, Bill Gates and the Buddha" and "Thinking the Unthinkable: Zen and the Art of Individuality."

Question #2: What does SKS believe?

As if that weren't confusing enough, SKS also endorses nekyia, a descent into the underworld often undertaken by heroes of Greek myth.

A SKS student life profile form lists it as religious/spiritual, clearly outlining it as a group that offers "religious and social outlets for students of particular faiths."

The most intriguing ingredient in this spiritual soup is the Trappist monastery, and what exactly goes on there other than what SKS describes as a "rigorous prayer schedule" and "helping the monks at the eggery and on the grounds." The best definition I can come up with to describe SKS is a quasi-Tibetan Dead Poets' Society.

Question #3: What exactly goes on within the SKS?

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### NCSU values classes over students

Student safety is a big concern of the university administration. It may not seem that way to those who ventured to campus on that wintry morning of Jan. 28. Those who went to class found many pedestrian pathways still covered in snow or ice (snow's ugly cousin). I am sure many students also suffered the same fate as I did, when they arrived at their classes. The doors were locked and I had to trudge away, dejected.

still were. The parking lots where the plows, which cleared the roads, pushed the snow. Perhaps this was an effort to force students to park illegally so that the N.C. State parking patrol could ticket to their heart's content. Not surprisingly, they were out in full force.

On a side note, maybe ticketing revenue could be used to defer some of the inevitable tuition increase.

Yet still we were operating under the Adverse Weather Policy, so class attendance was not required.

And finally, since students could not be punished for missing class, the teacher would have to repeat the

The campus streets were not covered in ice, but many parking areas

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## Fox-Broad tension coming to a head



ANDREW PAYNE

N.C. State University to host first-ever wrestling match between prominent North Carolina leaders.

"Shaping our Common Future—Critical Issues, Strategic Choices for North Carolina," read an invitation to N.C. State's Emerging Issues Forum for 2000.

I opened the fancy invitation, and what did I see? A personal letter from Jim Hunt, who urged me to join him "to discuss and debate ideas and actions of enduring importance to North Carolina."

This 15th annual event includes speakers from the government like the governor, N.C. State Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, UNC President Molly Broad, Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell, Gov. Roy Barnes of Georgia and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman.

Speaking on ensuring a prosperous North Carolina for all citizens will be

High McColl, Chairman and CEO of the Bank of America.

I am almost tempted to pay the \$150 price tag, not to hear from these speakers but to see the outcome of the Fox-Broad wrestling match.

There is serious conflict brewing between the Fox and Broad camps. As all of you know, Fox asked the NCSU Board of Trustees to endorse her plan to increase our tuition \$300. The extra money would supposedly go to under-funded programs like Study Abroad, the arts, the honors program and the O'Carroll buyout (or are UNC-CH students paying for that move?).

Apparently the chancellor and the president had a great working relationship until Broad decided to turn her nose up at the chancellor's proposal.

From the very beginning, Fox repeatedly told NCSU students that a tuition increase would never be created to fund teacher salaries or capital improvements to buildings and facilities. She said this on numerous occasions and said it rather emphatically.

However, Broad has her own tuition and fee proposal that is even higher than the chancellor's. Broad's proposal calls for the creation of a new \$100 fee throughout the university system to

improve capital needs.

Broad has even gone so far as to recommend a \$200 tuition increase for faculty salaries, in addition to the \$100 fee.

Obviously, Broad didn't care what the chancellor had promised her she had some choice words for Broad. I don't know if Broad is trying to discredit Fox by scrubbing her tuition proposal and recommending her own, but it is not a wise move. NCSU students are behind their chancellor, even if we didn't like her tuition proposal. It is far more reasonable than Broad's hike is.

Watch out Molly Broad, our chancellor is a tough fighter, and when you all enter the wrestling ring I'll have my money on Fox.

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## School cafeteria lunches no longer nourishing



JIMMY BYRNES

Every Monday, *The News & Observer* does its readers the service of printing weekly lunch menus for Triangle-area public schools.

As an N&O subscriber, I don't follow this menu very faithfully. In fact, the lunch menu isn't even where this column starts.

This column starts in Fountain Dining Hall. As an on-campus resident, I frequent the dining hall regularly, since food paid for by my 'rents is probably far better for me than food paid for by my wallet.

Monday afternoon, I went to the dining hall for lunch with one of my suitmates. It was easily the best dining hall meal I've had in weeks: carved turkey, chicken dumplings, corn, rice, green peas... a real, live meal.

Y2K," as those who have never seen snow before would call it), so the turkey was a welcome change.

Those earlier sandwiches, however, represent this column's circuitous return to its purposes. Using the window seat in my suite's restroom, I read through the lunch menu printed by the N&O. What I read shocked me: steak biscuits, toasted cheese sandwiches, barbecue pork sandwiches, chicken sandwiches, fish patties, "chicken feed on seeded bun," the "Durham sub"... sandwich, sandwich, sandwich.

Yesterday, elementary school students in the Chapel Hill-Carboro City School System had a choice between chicken patty on a bun (read: sandwich) and nachos with beef and cheese.

Accompanying their Chili's-esque main course are whole-kernel corn and chilled apricots.

Have you ever had an apricot, chilled, dried or otherwise?

The problem, as I see it, is this: I assume that parents want their cafeteria-lunch kids eating well balanced, nutritious, hot lunches at

school. Otherwise, they'd probably pack a "Dukes of Hazzard" lunchbox with a sandwich, chips, Oreos—maybe even a Fruit Roll-Up every third Friday.

But what are they getting? Pepperoni and cheese pizza or corn dogs with orange wedges and tossed salad (Wake County elementary and middle school students, Tuesday). That's not good enough, not good enough for the taxpayer money subsidizing those meals and certainly not good enough for kids who may not get anything else to eat on a given day.

I don't mean to completely indict the entire school-lunch institution. Looking up and down the page, I do see some of the classic school-lunch mainstays: lasagna, spaghetti, the ever-present "manager's special."

But, by and large, area school systems are feeding their students fast food. By my count, six of the seven school systems in the Triangle offered sandwiches or some other near-fast-food option for lunches (There are actually only five systems, but two of them split their menus.)

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## SKS

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A: This is, I think, where the Trappist vow of silence fits in. SKS offers experiential descriptions of what it offers. Students frequently post testimonies about SKS on different pages of the SKS Web site (<http://www.selfknowledge.org>). The testimonies, however, are more clouding than clarifying:

"I don't have to explain everything that happened this weekend to all of you who were there. I think that we all now know, and this definitely rings true of myself, exactly the kind of power that this [SKS] community holds. You should all have no doubt that this is very much a community and how vital that is to your spiritual growth. I understand that now for the first time, and it's taken me a year and a half! Let that be a lesson!"

—Jim Ray, student, UNC-CH

"All my life, I have thought of myself as being an 'adequate' person, not needing anything else in life. But, I realized how full of crap my life was, how much I had been missing...how blind I was to everything that went on in the group."

—Manisha Verma, adm., UNC-CH

"Shared an extremely intense emotional moment"

Mandy Schleifer, student, UNC-CH

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"These meetings always do something to me. I hate to leave afterwards. I stay and talk, although I never really know what to talk about. What else is there to say except, 'Please don't let me forget.' I do have a certain solace in knowing that I will get to hear Aug again on Thursday, and that George is coming to this Friday Night Dinner, and that I can call Rachel or Eric or Ed at any time of the day or night."

"—Kristin," student, Duke  
Question #4: What does this all mean for me?"

A: I'm not sure, but what I am sure about is this: I don't plan on picking my bags and heading to any Trappist monastery anytime soon. As a Christian, I'm not about to indulge in the idolatry of Buddhism. As an intellect, I'm not about to let emotion be my engine; nor do I plan on being so open-minded that my brain falls out. As a student, I'm weary about participating in any organization as locally unique as SKS; it's not exactly Circle K or Phi Beta Kappa.

The point of this column is:

Question #5: What do you think, reader?

Comments? Send them to Richard at [ncsu\\_writer@yahoo.com](mailto:ncsu_writer@yahoo.com).

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Just look at what she did to Mike O'Caín.

*Spring Break or Easter Break? Provost Hall is considering making students attend class on Saturdays. Spring Break or Easter Break to make up the school days lost to the snow. E-mail the Provost, [kernit\\_hall@ncsu.edu](mailto:kernit_hall@ncsu.edu) and let him know that you and your instructors have already adjusted class schedules to fit all the material in the remaining class periods. We do not want to give the administration another reason to raise tuition.*

## LUNCH

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What business is this of mine? None, probably. It's likely that the lunches I'm complaining about won't be eaten anyway, what with some schools' schedules still undecided.

I'm just a concerned college student who remembers the days when phrases like "beef-a-roni," "Salisbury steak" and the hallowed "mystery meal" meant something—the days when a sandwich or pizza was what you wanted to eat in the cafeteria, exactly what mom hoped to buy for you.

I have two thoughts in mind as I close this column. The first thought is of a nice, cafeteria-made meal.

The second is of the words immortalized by NBA superstar George Murren in a Snickers commercial: "Let's make one for the kids."

*Jiminy's records for lunch eating at Kinston, N.C.'s Bynum Elementary School still stand: eight bowls of vegetable beef soup, 24 fried vegetable sticks. He welcomes all challengers, because he is the world's most dangerous man. E-mail your records, accomplishments and criticisms to [jprais@unb.ncsu.edu](mailto:jprais@unb.ncsu.edu).*

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## A hot, hop, big band and swing-dancing extravaganza

◆ George Gee and his Make-Believe Ballroom Orchestra will swing through North Carolina this month.

DEBORAH SUPRAPENT  
Staff Writer

Wildly popular on the national swing circuit, bandleader Gee joyously carries on the Count Basie legacy. Experience swing like never before with George and the band, vocalist June Gardner, the dazzling Grit Grinders swing dance troupe, and a splendid Andrews Sisters celebration by the trio Swing Set.

From February 2 through Valentine's Day weekend, the music of George Gee and his Make-Believe Ballroom Orchestra and swing dance extravaganza will "turn North Carolina on its heels" as Gee's acclaimed Manhattan swing band, big band vocalists and team of championship swing dancers travel from the coast to the mountains on a

Band to play MTV and are now considered to be hovering at the very center of the trendy New York swing scene.

Gee's ensemble features world-class musicians of almost every ethnic and cultural background who are seasoned veterans from the bands and mics of Basie, Hampton, Benny Goodman, Cab Calloway, Tito Puente, Earth, Wind & Fire, and more. Viewed as one of the hottest swing orchestras in the business, the New Yorker called Gee "the most hyperactively vigorous man on any bandstand... with group members graduated from Basie's orchestra, Hampton, Goodman and Ellington. Expect knock-em dead brass, forties-redux big band coreography. George Gee patter and a real swell time."

Gee is a bassist who formed his first band while earning his mechanical engineering degree at Carnegie Mellon. Now looked upon as the first and possibly only Chinese American big band leader, he is



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The Grit Grinders dazzle and dance.

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George Gee and his Make-Believe Ballroom Orchestra offer masterful renditions of big band era classics, while keeping equally in step with today's youthful re-infatuation with swing dancing, whether retro or revised. They were the first Big

likely the most animated conductor ever to try to stay on a bandstand. He currently has two CDs, including the recently released "K-Buddha Boogie" on Swing 46 Records. The band has performed at most every major dance venue in the U.S., from the Waldorf Astoria to Roseland, and is currently the resident band for

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## The Interview

SARAH E. MIANO  
Features Editor

John David Smith is a historian of the American South, the Civil War and slavery and a professor at N.C. State, where he directs the Public History program. Recently he returned from serving as the Fulbright Professor of American Studies at the Amerika-Institut - Ludwig Maximilians-Universität, in Munich, Germany.

His most recent book, "Black Judas: William Hannibal Thomas and The American Negro," takes us into the life of a man who has long been considered a traitor to the black race due to the scathing criticisms made in his 1901 book "The American Negro." Thomas's book, which criticized black women, educators and preachers and praised slavery, was published by a major American publisher and received large attention from popular newspapers. Smith's biography both traces the history of Thomas's work, and reveals Thomas's contribution to the dialogue of race relations during the age of segregation. In an interview this week, Smith discussed the extensive research involved in writing his book and the controversial aspects surrounding both Thomas and "The American Negro."

Technician: Share a bit of background information on William Hannibal Thomas - and a brief sum-

opsis of your book.

Smith: Thomas was born in 1843 in Pickaway County, Ohio, and died in 1935 in Columbus. He was a light-skinned African American, and my book is a complete biography plus an analysis of Thomas's book "The American Negro" (1901). In that book Thomas attracted national attention because of his utterly negative, vitriolic attack on his own race. Ironically, Thomas had been a pro-black nationalist for 30 years before he attacked his race so egregiously.

T: What sparked your interest in Thomas?

S: While a graduate student I attempted to examine the entire corpus of writings about African Americans during the period from 1865 to 1920. I was looking for writers who commented about slavery, especially pro-slavery ideas. When I encountered Thomas's 1901 book, I assumed that he was just another white supremacist. I quickly learned, though, that he wasn't white, rather he was a black Negroophile. Many, many years later I concluded that Thomas revealed very little about himself in that book. I would spend many years doing detective work to piece together Thomas's complex and conflicted life, and to try to understand just why he'd betray his race.

T: It is said that Thomas has been a difficult man to research due to his pen names, etc. How did you overcome this obstacle to your research and what sort of historical detective work was involved? Did this include the release of any government files?

S: I looked for internal and external evidence that either conflicted or confirmed just what Thomas I had encountered. "My" Thomas used many pen names and moved around a lot - generally one step ahead of the law - I spent 15 years looking for bio-

## "Black Judas" steps out of the shadows in historian's new book

graphical information on him. He purposely covered his tracks - he didn't want me to write this book. Plus there were as many as 19 other black William H. Thomases who at one time or another have been confused with William Hannibal Thomas. I read complete runs of obscure black newspapers and journals, religious pamphlets and sermons (Thomas was a preacher), government documents (Thomas was a politician), and many other national publications (he was a journalist too). Among my best sources were government records at the National Archives - too old to be classified. I found many letters about Thomas from influential persons who thought highly of him because of his Civil War military service (he lost his right arm at the Second Battle of Fort Fisher in February, 1865) and his work for the Republican party during Reconstruction in South Carolina.

**"Thomas manipulated the concept of 'race,' using it as an excuse, a convenient scapegoat in the highly polarized era of Jim Crow to suit his psychological needs. Without diminishing the power and significance of race in that violent and turbulent age, it was his character, not his color, that led to Will Thomas's demise, precisely what he found faulty in members of his race. He was both a tragic mulatto and a tragic Negro. William Hannibal Thomas was 'Black Judas' and The American Negro was the story of his life."**

Thomas's voluminous military medical records (he lived into his 90s) helped me to reconstruct his physical and psychological pain.

T: If Thomas identified with and lived among blacks, why did he lash out at

them, and what was the basis for his belief in a mulatto leadership elite?

S: That's a complex question and lies at the heart of my book. Thomas was pro-black for three decades and defended the race in national publications. Yet during this time, the 1860s to the mid-1890s, he was quite critical of the race, saying many of the things that mainstream reformers were saying to improve the race: race boosterism, Washington, W.E.B. Du Bois. Thomas this was a reformer. After about 1894, however, Thomas's criticisms became strident, overly pessimistic, hyperbolic, negative and destructive. Several years later, in "The American Negro," he lambasted the race in a gross, across-the-board attack, probably the most severe indictment of blacks ever by a member of that race. African Americans pushed to attack him, to defend themselves, and to counter his extreme statements. They tried to suppress his book and to destroy him.

I argue that Thomas suffered from three traumas that contributed to his self-destructive personality. He suffered from what psychologists call Anti-Social Personality Disorder, which caused him repeatedly to sabotage himself just as he was poised to make real contributions for his race. "The American Negro" was his last self-destructive act. In his life he exhibited "repetition compulsion" (unconsciously repeating socially unacceptable behavior) and "projection" (projecting traits that he hated in himself on to others). Thomas believed that light-skinned blacks with his "character" traits were the best representatives of the race. His argument was a self-serving justification for his own life and his controversial book.

T: What is your personal opinion of Thomas as a man or political leader?

S: Thomas was a tragic figure, a man who was gifted but who repeatedly did himself in. He destroyed himself and ultimately failed in his attempts to reform and uplift his race.

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## "Loose talk in the classroom, the accusations fly."

### Faculty in Perspective

◆ Sometimes the boundaries between professors and their students get lost in the university shuffle, which leads to romantic or sexual relationships. For some this is an absolute no-no, for others it's just about two consenting adults, and still others feel that it depends on the degree of power, if any, that the professor has over the student.

MICHAEL COUDOUZIS & TONYA JOHNSON  
Contributing Writers

Faculty and students are expected to be friendly and cordial toward one another. But what if a faculty member and a student go a step further and start dating each other?

In today's society, more students are going to college than ever before. The rush for higher education has moved many students to enroll in colleges and universities in record numbers. With this new influx of people comes increased interaction between students and their professors.

Sometimes, the relationships between student and professor can overstep the bounds of professionalism and enter the area of personal relationships. But are these relationships right? University policy states that it is not.

According to the Faculty Handbook, it is inappropriate for a faculty member and his/her student to date. The manual states, "It is improper for an individual to exercise direct supervisory, instructional, and/or advising responsibilities, or participate in hiring, retention, promotion, or award decisions, for someone with whom there is a familial, romantic, and/or sexual relationship."

Lestie Dare, assistant Equal Opportunity officer for N.C. State said, "It is illegal because a faculty member holds a tremendous amount of power over a student's life. The student has no power to give consent."

Many faculty and students agreed with Dare and the school policy. Gil Zuckerman, the associate dean for the College of Management and professor of accounting, said, "It creates a conflict of interests. There are ethical issues that are involved when considering current students. Students or faculty could be taken advantage of. If three students say they were taken advantage of by a professor, it creates lots of problems. Even if it is proven that the students were lying, it has an impact on the entire educational system."

"There is an inherent professional relationship between the student and the professor. They are a mentor to that student and it's their job not to get involved like that. It lacks professionalism on both sides," said Cecil Brazda, a professor in accounting.

Freda LeMay, a student in math education, feels that such a relationship isn't proper. "If a student is in the faculty member's class, then that's not fair to the other students in the class. The student involved could get good grades without doing the work."

Although many feel that such relationships are wrong, there are others who have no problem with them. "If there is a genuine interest between them then I don't see any problem with it," said Tyrone Hightower, a senior in animal science. "There is no reason to deny yourself physical, mental and social pleasure just because you are the professor of a student that you are attracted to, and who is attracted to you."

Latisha Hightower, a senior in biochemistry, said, "I think these relationships are okay. They're adults, so others shouldn't get involved in their business."

When these types of relationships happen, the faculty member can take

advantage of a student and may ask for favors, which may be sexual in exchange for grades, according to Dare. If the student doesn't say yes in situations like these, then the student may receive unfair treatment or unfair grades.

Dare, who has been with the Equal Opportunity Office for six years, said that she has received numerous complaints of faculty/student relationships. Last spring, a husband came to her to complain that his wife, who was a student, was having an affair with her instructor. Dare provided him with information on what he should do, and on the ways the office could help him. The man, however, never called back.

The restrictions of the faculty/student relationship policy go deeper than just faculty members and students. Relationships between TAs and their students aren't allowed either. Jeremy Gunter, a senior in biological sciences, supports the policy. "It's a moral issue. If I were dating one of my students, I myself would be tempted to give her extra help. Too many problems could arise. In order to be fair to all students, it should not be done. The university is 100 percent correct on this issue."

The same restrictions apply to graduate students. Such relationships are dysfunctional, according to Brian Stymann, a grad student in science and management. "As long as a power/position relationship exists, it would be hard for the couple to keep from having conflicts in interests and blurred lines of respect."

Dare said that she does most of her training on the issue with graduate students who are almost peers to undergraduates. Dare tells them, "Be aware of your power. Stay away from these relationships. Keep your pants on until the end of the semester or until the class is over."

The policy that prohibits these relationships was adopted in 1996 by the Board of Governors. Dare said that the policy prohibits any employee of the UNC system from having a relationship with any student under 18, and in

which one person is under another employee's supervision. The policy was put into effect because of two incidents. In 1995, it was discovered that an underage student and faculty member were dating at the N.C. School of the Arts. The second incident involved an UNC-Chapel Hill graduate student going with her faculty adviser. It was later discovered she had an advantage over her peers. "She received grant money she wouldn't have received if she wasn't his sweetie," said Dare. "These situations created quite a racket."

The interesting thing to note is that there are no specific sanctions as to what will happen to those involved in faculty/student relationships. The only thing clear is that the student will not be subjected to punishment. "They're holding the employee responsible, not the student. But the interesting thing is that we haven't tested the policy. There was a group that was going to look at sanctions. We're dealing with the situation on a case-by-case basis," said Dare. According to Dare, in matters like this, the faculty member wouldn't necessarily be fired, and that he or she might just be reprimanded.

Dare said that there has been a lot of debate on the matter. Some people think that these are "private, personal relationships."

"Legally, all college students are adults. This would be an invasion of privacy for the university to prohibit these relationships. We are talking about love and sex here."

Others feel that these relationships cause the students and peers involved to suffer because the students may start to receive preferential treatment. Bozarth said, "If other people knew about the relationship, they could treat the student or professor badly. Students may feel that the student involved is getting better treatment because of the professor's relationship."

Dare said that in the last 20 years, other professions such as medicine, psychology and law have a code of

ethics which prohibits relationships with clients. "They can lose their license," said Dare. She thinks faculty members at universities should be held up to the same standards. "We have to avoid future scandals. We should have a code of ethics. I pretty much support a policy like this. There's no such thing as consensual power," Dare said.

According to Dare, most of the complaints she receives come from students complaining about faculty members coming on to them. She seldom gets complaints involving faculty/student relationships. "Three complaints came to her mind in particular. One involved a female student complaining that one night while at a party, her



Just an innocent flirtation as Humbert, the professor, watches Lolita and her red lipstick.

drunk TA came on to her. "He was counseled and removed from his classroom duties," Dare said.

But one complaint she received came from a male faculty member who was targeted by a female student. She left letters on his desk saying that he turned her on. In that situation, Dare said the student was mentally imbalanced. She was later referred to the Counseling Center.

Another complaint involved a female

student propositioned by a male faculty member with strings attached. There were no threats made, but promises of "goodies." The student knew of other students who had agreed to these "goodies." "The student had no control of this situation, but we're not saying it was rape. The student who made the complaint never called back, nor did she reveal the professor's name," said Dare.

This happens more than it is reported yet students aren't complaining about it, according to Dare. "I believe that students aren't bringing the complaints forward. A student feels much more vulnerable."

There have been complaints made by



Just an innocent flirtation as Humbert, the professor, watches Lolita and her red lipstick.

female faculty members who say that their male students have treated them inappropriately. Dare, however, can't recall a situation in which a male faculty member complained of a female student coming on to him or trying to start a love affair.

Most people would think that the majority of complaints Dare receives would come from Physical and

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# GEE

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midtown Manhattan's "Swing 46" dance club when not on tour.

"A lot of young people are not hip to the true big band style," said Gee. "An ex-punk band with a couple of horns and a cleaned-up act is not a swing band. It's about ensemble playing every night before a dancing audience, and playing rhythms that jump and are danceable."

Gee was inspired to head a big band in 1979, when, as a college radio disk jockey in Pittsburgh, he interviewed Count Basie. Ten years later he sought out the Basie band's chief arranger, Frank Foster, who shared arrangements with him. Foster, who is a Grammy-award winning arranger and has written for George Benson, Frank Sinatra, Lena Horne, and Diane Shurr, became Gee's music director.

"We play for dancers because there is nothing more hipper than a floor full of groovin' dancers boogin' to the singin' sound of the big band," said Gee.

N.C. State's Center Stage presents Gee and his orchestra on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 8:00 p.m. in Stewart Theatre. Prices for the public are \$24 reserved, \$20 general admission, \$10 students, \$16 NCSU faculty/staff and \$6 NCSU students.

In addition to the concert, Center Stage will offer a swing dance class by the Grit Grinders Swing Dance Troupe, featuring the U.S. National Lindy Hop Champions, on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Talley Student Center Ballroom. The class is free to NCSU students and those with concert tickets, \$5 for others.



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# JUDAS

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T: Due to your interest in Thomas, and the publication of "Black Judas," have you received any negative press/feedback/discouragement because of its controversial nature?

S: I believe that all persons deserve fair and judicious analysis from historians—even someone as unsavory as William Hannibal Thomas. My biography shows his rise and fall and is based on as thorough research as I can muster. I think the book underscores the complexity of human behavior and suggests just how careful we have to be in making quick judgments about motivation. Thomas had the potential to do much good but failed because of his "character," not because of his "color." Persons who have read the book have found it an interesting and persuasive analysis of a complex subject.

T: It has been 100 years since the publication of "The American Negro," which was praised by white conservatives and ill-received by blacks. Do you expect a similar response to Thomas and his criticisms today, from people who come to know about them through your book?

S: I'm sure that Thomas's book would be thoroughly repudiated today. The big difference is that today he and his book would have almost no support.

In 1901 some white racial conservatives and white supremacists welcomed Thomas to their ranks. The point is that Thomas's book served as an important rallying cry for African Americans of his day to stand their ground. They could not tolerate a race traitor like Thomas in their midst. Smith will be reading and discussing his new book at 7:30 p.m. on Wed, Feb. 9 at Quail Ridge Books; at 3:30 p.m. on Wed, Feb. 16 at D.H. Hill Library in the Assembly Room, 2nd floor; at 12:30 p.m. on Wed, Feb. 23 at NCSU Student Bookstores.

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Mathematical Sciences (PAMS) or Engineering because there are more males than females in those colleges. In actuality, she sees more complaints come from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS), the Vet school and the Education and Psychology Department. "I don't know the reason why. I think it's because of the different type of atmosphere," said Dare.

This semester, Dare has had about five cases involving students and faculty members. In the past six years, she has seen students removed from classes and faculty members taken to court because of such cases. The students who harass faculty members because they want to start a relationship usually go before the Judicial Board on campus to receive punishment.

It is interesting to note that while these relationships are prohibited, even Dare has seen doctoral students and their advisers fall in love and even get married while attending this university. She also knows of a relationship in the College of Business Management in which a professor dated and later married his student.

Although relationships may occur, everyone can agree that the university is a place for learning and intellectual growth. Dare, the faculty and many of the students interviewed stressed the numerous problems that can occur from faculty/student relationships. Bozarth summed it up best when he said, "Frankly, undergraduate's parents don't send their kids off to school to date professors. They send them to learn."

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GRADE

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Simpson is a lot like watching former Detroit Piston Vinny Johnson, who earned the nickname "the Microwave" for his quick-hitting scoring ability...

Sophomore forward Talisha Scates gives the Pack something that every team needs, someone that will do all the dirty work. She doesn't get all the ink and recognition that her teammates do...

The other freshman that has given the Pack great contributions in the backcourt has been Ivy Gardner. This 5-9 jumping jack has made the most of her 14-4 minutes by averaging 4.5 points and three rebounds a game.

Grade: B

Freshmen

One of the main reasons for the Pack's promise coming into this season was its talented group of freshman. With four of them in the rotation to start, they have been nothing short of awesome all season.

Chones is well on her way to being named a Freshman All-American as she continues to his-

ter opponents with double-doubles. Her 20-rebound performance against UNC earlier this season would be good for the third highest in school history.

James is using her dynamic ball-handling and passing abilities to show why she was considered one of the top incoming point guards in the nation this year. Her recent 13-point, seven-assist performance against Wake Forest was one of her best of the season.

Simpson has received valuable minutes because of her phenomenal ability to put points on the board quickly. Without her career-high 26 points against Duke, the Blue Devils may have escaped Reynolds with a victory.

Gardner has a great combination of athleticism, heart and hustle that has come in handy for the Pack this season. Her career-high 19 points came in the conference opener at Georgia Tech in November.

Grade: A

Coaching

With seven regular season games and a possible nine tournament games remaining, Ivy is still in reach of breaking her career best for wins in a season (29). Although the Pack has struggled in the last couple of weeks, this team is very capable of winning 14 more games. Ivy has done an outstanding job in blending all of her young talent with her seasoned veterans to create a national power. Just one game removed from her first Final Four, this may be the team to get her there again.

Grade: A

FORUM

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material covered on the next class day. Thus making today's class a waste of time.

Why not cancel class, you ask? The only logical explanation is that the university values a wasted class day more than its students.

Luke Reiser Junior Architecture

Nameless jerseys reflect team mentality

Hannah Zaheer's "State's no-name basketball team" column (Jan. 24) lacks one major thing...knowledge of the subject. The fact that she does not understand the reasoning behind Herb Sendek's decision is one thing. The fact that she does not know about the subject topic and continues to write about it without doing research is my main concern.

MATCH

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but the team has suffered no recent injuries.

The wrestlers are competing at their ideal weights. With Justin Parlier wrestling at 157 and Kevin Borros back at 174. The team is shaping up well for the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament in March.

This year's team is a young one with 17 freshman total, four of

which are redshirts, and two seniors. Dramis and John Grochowski. Even with the age of his wrestlers, Guzzo said that he has much faith in them.

"They are a young team," Guzzo said. "But they are mature, and I have really watched them grow and gain experience over the season."

The team's match with Appalachian State is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. They will also wrestle Navy and Ohio University at 1:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 12 at the Weisger-Brown building.

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# Wednesday Sports



Men's basketball vs. FSU, Today, 8:00  
Women's basketball vs. UNC, 2/3, 7:00  
Gymnastics at Towson St., 2/4  
Wrestling at App. St., 2/5  
Swimming at UNC, 2/4

## Florida State is set to pay the Wolfpack a visit



N.C. State will have to get by without Ron Kelley for the next 2-3 weeks after he underwent arthroscopic knee surgery this weekend.

◆ N.C. State takes on Florida State at home Wednesday as the first half of conference play winds down.

**JEREMY ASHTON**  
Assistant Sports Editor

N.C. State plays host to Florida State Wednesday night in the Entertainment and Sports Arena in the final game of the first half of the Atlantic Coast Conference schedule.

The game will be crucial for both teams, who are currently within a game of each other in the ACC standings.

The Wolfpack (14-4, 4-3) comes into this game tied for third in the ACC and ranked 22nd in the most recent ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll. In contrast, the Seminoles are under the magic .500 mark overall at 8-10 but are still tied with Maryland for fifth in the conference. FSU is making its first trip to

Raleigh since participating in the historic final regular season game at Reynolds Coliseum last season. The Pack won that game 71-63 to earn a split in the season series with the Seminoles.

The ESA is already providing NCSU with the same home-court advantage it enjoyed at Reynolds. The Pack is still unbeaten in its new home at 13-0.

But NCSU head coach Herb Sendek is not expecting the Seminoles to be intimidated.

"I think, once you live in the trenches of this league, you immediately gain respect for every opponent, every team regardless of the venue," said Sendek.

N.C. State is coming off of a week with very mixed results. The Pack had one of its best offensive performances of the season Saturday, shooting 57.4 percent from the floor in a 79-68 win over Arizona State.

59-42. NCSU shot just 30 percent from the floor against the Tigers.

"I don't think our team was overconfident," said Sendek. "We prepared the same way we always do. We went in and had every bit as much effort as we've had in some other games."

"Clemson did a terrific job," he continued. "We did not play as well as we would have liked."

One of the big advantages that N.C. State has enjoyed thus far this season is a deep bench. But center Ron Kelley will not be available for the Pack Wednesday. Kelley is set to miss the next 2-3 weeks after having arthroscopic surgery performed on his knee.

"With Ron Kelley being out, the

rest of our players must collectively make up for his absence," said Sendek. "Everybody who knows our team recognizes that he's an important part of it. So, hopefully everybody will be able to elevate his own game."

Meanwhile, FSU enters the game having dropped four of its last five. The latest defeat for the Seminoles came Saturday when they fell to Maryland 82-63.

Despite their recent slump, the Seminoles have proven they can win big on the road. FSU upset North Carolina in Chapel Hill a week and a half ago by a score of 76-71.

"They're an outstanding basketball team," said Sendek. "They present some real matchup dilemmas for a lot of teams. They've decided to play a very big lineup, and I think they do a terrific job implementing their system both offensively and defensively."

Tip-off for this ACC contest is set for 8:00 p.m. in the ESA.



The Wolfpack is coming off a fantastic shooting performance against ASU.

## Women hoopsters earn high marks

◆ The Wolfpack has been quite dominant in the first half of the ACC season.

**DAVID HOSGOOD**  
Staff Writer

With the first half of the Atlantic Coast Conference season complete, now would be the perfect time to evaluate the Wolfpack women's basketball team and grade it on its achievements up to this point.

The Pack entered the season with an abundance of high hopes due to a combination of a fantastic cast of returners and an immensely talented group of freshmen.

Sometimes in sports, teams are unable to handle such pressure and they fail to meet their lofty expectations. It didn't take long to see that the Pack wasn't going to fall into this category. The team has come out blazing to a 16-4 record with impressive wins over Rutgers, North Carolina and Duke and jumped as high as number three in the national rankings.

The Pack is currently in the midst of a mid-season slump, losing four out of the last six games. However, coming off its 30-point massacre of Wake Forest, the 11th-ranked Pack should continue to improve on its 7-2 record in the conference.

So with that said, here's a look at the grades the Pack has received for the first half of the season.

### Backcourt

Although the Pack is very young in the backcourt, two of the top three ball-handlers are freshmen, there are not many teams in the nation with more talent on the perimeter.

The foundation of the youthful backcourt is junior shooting guard Tynesha Lewis. Although she has been in a shooting slump in recent games, she has been one of the best guards in the ACC this season. Lewis has averaged 11.9 points, 4.8 rebounds and 1.9 steals and shot 37 percent from beyond the arc.

The Pack has looked to freshman Terah James to handle the point



Tynesha Lewis is just one of the reasons the N.C. State women's basketball team has been so successful.

guard position, and she hasn't let them down. James has been forced to learn under fire by starting in the ACC from the beginning. She has had to face some of the top guards in the nation, due to a tough schedule, but James has held her own averaging seven points and 4.1 assists. James has also contributed defensively, averaging 1.3 steals per game.

### Frontcourt

Needless to say, whenever a team's frontcourt consists of a former conference player of the year and the probable conference freshman of the year, there isn't much more to ask for.

Senior center Summer Erb has returned to the dominant form that helped her earn such high accolades last season. Erb has given the Pack an outstanding presence in the post with a consistent baseline jumper and turn-around hook. Once again, Erb is on track to gain All-American recognition, averaging 15.4 points and eight rebounds and shooting 54 percent from the field.

If Erb's statistics aren't as impressive as they were last season, there is one major reason, forward Kaayla Jones. The addition

of this freshman sensation has given the Pack the best frontcourt in the conference. Chones has dominated the boards and given the Pack a great lift with her ability to run the court and score in the low blocks. Chones is averaging 12.3 points and 8.2 rebounds and is shooting an incredible 57.8 percent from the field.

The third member of the starting frontcourt is junior forward Monica Bates. She has given the Pack solid play at the three spot all season. Considering her natural position is power forward, Bates has done a really good job adjusting to the transition. Bates is aver-

aging 5.3 points and 2.4 rebounds.

### Grade: A

### Bench

One of the most vital parts to any team is always going to be its reserves. The Pack has definitely received several important lifts from its bench during the first half of the season. When coach Kay Yow looks to her bench for production, she receives it in many different areas: scoring, ball-handling, defense and rebounding.

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## App. St. next up for wrestlers

◆ The N.C. State wrestling team feels that it is peaking in time for its match against Appalachian State Saturday.

**LUCY TATUM**  
Staff Writer

The N.C. State wrestlers will take on the Appalachian State Mountaineers Saturday for the second time this season.

The Wolfpack (4-7) 26-15 on Jan. 8 and will look to repeat its success. The team is confident that it can earn a win but is still cautious.

"Everyone has to perform at their best to be successful, and we've really done that this week," Coach Bob Guzzo said of the upcoming match.

"Appalachian State is a very formidable team and even though we beat them before, it always takes all we've got to win a match."

Appalachian is coming off of a recent win against UNC-Greensboro but lost 30-15 to UNC on Jan. 20, just one week after the Pack defeated the Tar Heels 21-18.

Meanwhile, with State's recent win over James Madison, Guzzo is proud of the Wolfpack's improvement. He is confident that this week, as in past weeks, someone will step forward to help lead

the team.

"A different person steps up every week," said Guzzo. "Last week it was Lee Carroll, the week before it was Joel Dramis. I look forward to seeing who steps up against Appalachian."

With Dramis' record at 9-4 this season and Kevin Boross at 10-2, the team looks to both of them for wins. Tommy Davis has also been one to count on lately with an overall record of 5-2, with large margins of victory in his past two matches.

Injured at the beginning of the year, Boross returned in the match against Maryland two weeks ago and has won both matches since then. Three injuries at the beginning of the year set the team back.



Wrestling is 6-2 in dual meets this year.

## Wolfpack gymnastics getting ready for a big weekend

◆ The N.C. State gymnastics team will attempt to defend the Governor's Cup before taking on Georgia Sunday in the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

**JEREMY ASHTON**  
Assistant Sports Editor

The winter weather that has engulfed the Southeast has had a major impact on nearly everyone, but the N.C. State gymnastics team has been hit particularly hard.

The gymnasts took a tour of East Coast airports two weeks ago, attempting to get to a meet in Bermuda that they never made. Their practice time has been limited. And they had to make a trip to Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday for a meet against Ohio State.

Life will not get any easier for the team this weekend. The Wolfpack travels to Towson State on Friday to compete in the Governor's Cup before returning to Raleigh to host

two-time defending national champion Georgia Gym Dogs on Sunday in the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

"We're not so worried about the two meets in three days," said head coach Mark Stevenson. "I'm not too worried about that part of it as long as we travel easy. 'Travel easy' isn't in our vocabulary at this point of this year."

Despite all the recent stress, the Pack has persevered. Stevenson said that, due to the weather, the team only had three practices in the 17 days leading up to its meet with the Buckeyes. Yet, NCSU almost won the match, posting a score of 194.075. The Pack did not reach that mark until its fifth meet of last season.

"We weren't sure what the kids were going to do because, when you don't practice, things aren't as easy, obviously as when you do practice," said Stevenson. "They walked into the meet and had a real rough warmup. We were looking at

them going. 'Oh, no, we're in trouble.' And they really stepped up."

The Governor's Cup is an annual meet involving N.C. State, North Carolina, Maryland and Towson State. The format for this event is slightly different from a normal collegiate meet, in that the two teams from North Carolina compete together against the two teams from Maryland.

N.C. State teamed with UNC last season in Reynolds Coliseum to win the cup. The Pack also had the highest score of the meet, edging the Tar Heels by 2.25 points.

"We have a reputation to uphold," said junior co-captain Sara Dolan of the team's title defense. "I think that we can definitely

do well in this meet. They're all great teams, but we can come out on top if we work hard and do well."

While the Pack gymnasts are certainly not looking past the Governor's Cup, they seem to be focused on their matchup with the Gym Dogs. Sunday's meet will mark the first time that an N.C. State team other than the men's basketball team has hosted an event in the ESA.

"Everyone is so excited about going into the ESA," said Dolan. "I think that having the home crowd behind us is going to help us out a lot. And competing against a great team like that makes us want to do better ourselves."

The Pack set a school attendance record of 6,196 when the Gym Dogs came to Raleigh two years ago. NCSU fell to the eventual national champs last season 198.375-193.6.

The meet with Georgia is set to begin at 5:00 p.m. Parking in the ESA lot will be free.



Despite problems with the winter weather over the past couple of weeks, the gymnastics team is off to the best start in school history.

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