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In the NEWS

Studies Show New Imaging Technique Improves X-rays of Breast Tissue

A research team led by scientists at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and N.C. State has developed a new X-ray imaging method that produces significantly better pictures of breast tissue than conventional X-rays and could make mammography more effective in revealing tumors.

The research team, led by Eita Pisano, professor of radiology at UNC-CH School of Medicine, and Dale Sawyer, professor of physics at NCSU, is developing what it calls Diffraction Enhanced Imaging (DEI). Other institutions involved include Brookhaven National Laboratory's National Synchrotron Light Source, the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) and the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility in Grenoble, France.

A report on the latest research appears in the March issue of Radiology. Besides Pisano and Sawyer, the paper's authors include N.C. State graduate student Miklas Z. Kiss.

Extracted DNA May Reveal Cause of Great Irish Potato Famine

One of modern science's most haunting mysteries may soon be solved by a N.C. State scientist and the tiny fragments of DNA she's extracting from dried potato leaves.

Jean Beagle Ristaino has extracted strands of DNA from potato leaves preserved from the great Irish potato famine of the 1840s.

Using molecular tools only recently available, Ristaino, a professor of plant pathology at NCSU, has deciphered a fragment of DNA she's collected from blighted leaves stored as specimens at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, England, and other famous herbariums.

Her findings should help historians and epidemiologists identify, once and for all, the source of the potato late blight pathogen that decimated Irish potato harvests from 1845 to 1849, killing more than 1 million people and forcing several million more to flee the island nation.

'Food...For Thought?' Tour Challenges to Appreciate Food

"Food...For Thought?" Think about the value of food, farming, agriculture and agribusness. That's what Ray Starling, a '99 graduate of N.C. State's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, will ask North Carolina urbanites to do as he makes a whirlwind tour across the state beginning March 6.

Joined in the "Food...For Thought?" tour by students from N.C. State's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Starling will visit civic clubs in seven cities across the state through May 7 delivering a message that, he says, is long overdue.

"People believe their food comes from the grocery store and rarely, if ever, connect its origin to the farm, agriculture or agribusness," he said.

The purpose of the tour is to educate citizens about the value of food and how N.C. State's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences supports agriculture and agribusness, which including food, fiber and forestry, is the state's number one industry.

For more information regarding the "Food...For Thought?" tour, contact Bob Cairns, director for college relations, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, NCSU, at bob.cairns@ncsu.edu or 919/513-2950.

Senate attempts to ease tuition burden

◆ A proposed resolution would delay all student fee increase requests until after the 2000-01 school year.

LEE ROBERTSON
Staff Writer

After a long and grueling controversy over a possible tuition increase, the University of North Carolina System's Board of Governors voted to raise the tuition for students at UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State by \$600 over the next two years. According to the testimonials students volunteered at a tuition town-hall meeting last semester, this dramatic increase

in the cost of attending school will make it very hard for many students to continue in their pursuit for higher education.

Unwilling to see any NCSU student forced out of school because of the rising costs, Student Body President Raj Mirchandani and Student Body Chief of Operations Jason Cotter are working on a new policy that would call for a one-year moratorium on any proposed student fee increases by the faculty departments at NCSU for the 2000-01 academic year.

The resolution, written by Cotter, will be presented at the next Student Senate meeting. "In light of the near certainty of a \$600 tuition increase over the next two years," Cotter said, "it's obvious that we must do

everything in our power to keep any further tuition or fee increases as low as we can, in order to help students absorb this unprecedented increase in tuition."

As Chief of Operations for the Student Body, Cotter cannot sponsor legislation to the Student Senate; therefore, Senator Don Davis will sponsor this resolution. After its initial reading on Wednesday night, the resolution will be sent to a committee, and then finally voted on by the Student Senate at another meeting.

If this resolution passes, it will not bind any academic department at NCSU from requesting additional student fees.

Cotter believes that this resolution will demonstrate to the administration and faculty

that students are still willing to negotiate to promote the welfare of the students — in spite of the present reality of a tuition increase.

"It's about give and take," Davis said. "Since students have been asked to carry the burden of the increased tuition, the university should make an effort to make that burden more bearable."

Mirchandani noted that the Student Senate only has the ability to recommend actions, but has no power to enforce these recommendations, but Mirchandani has vowed to stick with the resolution.

"I am going to take this resolution and run with it," he said. "I am going to follow up on it, whether I am in office or not."

Critical Mass

◆ An organization known as Critical Mass met on the Brickyard last Friday for their monthly rush-hour bike ride to the capitol.

ANN HSIEH
Senior Staff Writer

Bicyclists rode down Hillsborough Street during rush hour for the monthly Raleigh Critical Mass ride Friday afternoon. About a dozen riders congested traffic on Hillsborough Street on their path to the capitol and back.

Critical Mass is an international phenomenon that began in September 1992 in San Francisco, where riders seek to raise awareness of alternative transportation.

Critical Mass is a celebration, not a protest, according to the group's members. The celebration is for many reasons, one of which is to show an energy-efficient mode of transportation that is also non-polluting, healthy and fun. Some motorists like to highlight the practicalities of using a bike to travel around a city.

Erin Struss, a sophomore at N.C. State, became involved in the Critical Mass ride for environmental and community reasons.

Chris Hopkins, a Ph.D. student at NCSU, participates to raise the awareness of bicycles. "Most motorists don't recognize that bicyclists can take up a full lane on the streets," he said. "I've had too many close calls."

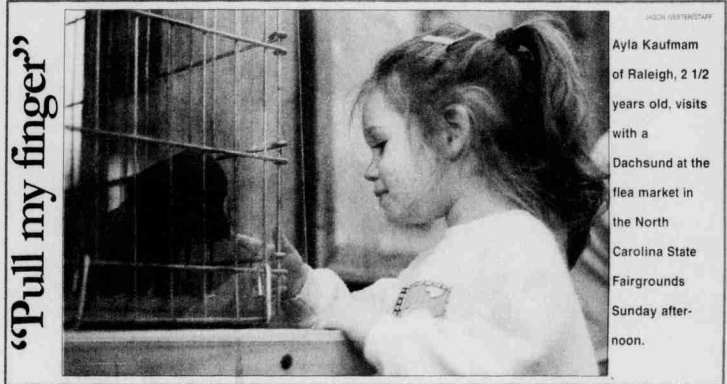
Kia Carscallen, a transfer student from Wilmington, has participated in Critical Mass rides in Wilmington and in Washington D.C.

"I would like to start the Yellow Bike Coalition on campus," she said. The Yellow Bike Coalition is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to transform recycled bicycles into a fun, economical and environmentally friendly transportation alternative.

Critical Mass began under the name Commune Clot. Chris Carlsson suggested at a San Francisco Bike Coalition meeting that cyclists gather once a month to make their presence felt to themselves and the rest of the city by riding home together. About 60 members took part in the first ride. San Francisco's monthly Critical Mass rides currently attract over 3,000 people. It has now spread to dozens of cities in the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia.

On the last Friday of every month, riders fill 3 to 4 blocks of San Francisco's Market St. during rush hour, pedaling in a free-expression zone temporarily free of engines and exhaust. All skateboarders, rollerbladers and pedestrians are also welcome.

According to its members, there's not one specific leader in Critical Mass, rather it is the collective effort of many cyclists who want to be noticed by other road users. They ride to show an example of how a city could feel, look and smell with less cars.



"Pull my finger"

Ayla Kaufman
of Raleigh, 2 1/2 years old, visits with a Dachshund at the flea market in the North Carolina State Fairgrounds Sunday afternoon.

NCSU sends nine to Ethiopia

◆ As part of a training program for Ethiopian teachers and graduate students, Lawrence Clark, an NCSU professor, will lead a group of teachers to the nation's Tigray region.

LAUREN PRESSLEY
Senior Staff Writer

A few N.C. State professors will not be teaching classes at their home institution this summer; up to nine will be educating teachers in the Tigray region of Ethiopia.

Ethiopia is divided into nine regions. The Tigray region is in northern Ethiopia, and was particularly affected by a 17-year civil war.

People from this region are found all over the world, and they have started forming associations to raise money and send it back to the war-affected area, said Lawrence Clark, a professor in the department of math, science, and technology education.

"People come here and they bring contacts," he said. This was found at NCSU when its chapter included Solomon Abraham, a doctoral student, who is involved in the sending of educators back to his home country.

Abraham approached Clark with the Tigray region's need for better schooling. John Penick, the department head

and a professor in math, science and technology, is working with Clark and Abraham. "You have to see N.C. State as a world class university," said Clark. NCSU has a lot to offer in terms of the resources it can provide.

After the proposal was written and presented, an anonymous source decided that this would be a worthwhile endeavor.

or, said Clark, and agreed to give NCSU a grant to cover three summers in which educators will be sent to work with the Ethiopian teachers. After the third summer the program will be reevaluated, and funding could possibly be granted for two more summers, he said.

The program should last from July through mid-August, being taught by nine American professors, said Clark. NCSU will send some doctoral students, but there is a possibility that sister institutions may send teachers as well.

These people will be paid a stipend from the grant so that their living expenses will be compensated.

Clark said that math, science, and English classes will be taught, and will be available to Ethiopians studying education and pursuing teaching careers, in addition to established teachers who wish to improve their skills.

The Ethiopian government will also send students here to



Lawrence Clark will lead NCSU professors on a trip to Ethiopia where they will educate Tigray region teachers.

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Act requires colleges to disclose campus crime statistics

ERIN NADE
Indiana Daily Student (Indiana U.)

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—Jeanne Clerly never imagined she would spend the last moments of her life at Lehigh University.

She had no idea when she began her freshman year that the university had a history of violent crime. And in the early morning of April 5, 1986, after students left locked doors propped open, Clerly was brutally raped and murdered in her dorm room by a fellow student.

In response to growing concern about campus security, the Jeanne Clerly Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act was passed by

Congress in 1990 and named in her memory.

Under the Clerly Act, universities are required to publish campus crime statistics and security policies each year. Both prospective and current students and employees must be notified of the report's existence and are entitled to its disclosure upon request.

"Students need to know what's going on campus," said Ben Clerly, Jeanne's brother and treasurer of Safety on Campus, a non-profit advocacy group. "If you don't give somebody information about dangerous situations, then they are at risk."

Three types of disclosures are required under the act's reporting

requirements: an annual security report with security policies and three calendar years' worth of campus crime statistics, a daily crime log and timely warnings of potentially dangerous situations.

Dean of Students Richard McKaig said Indiana University reports all statistics in accordance with the Clerly Act. "We report [crimes] annually as required by the law," McKaig said. "You'll find it in the schedule of classes and IU Police Department reports them in a brochure. Various other offices make them available and they're available in this office."

Under new amendments to the act, schools may choose to publish

their report on the Internet as long as it is accessible to current and prospective students and employees and a paper copy is made available upon request.

IU Police Department also keeps record of crime statistics online, along with crime prevention information.

Sgt. Tim Lewis of the IUPD said the police department works together with the administration to prevent incidents. "We have a very close working relationship with the administration and the Resident Assistants," Lewis said. "They make us aware of a lot of problems we wouldn't know about otherwise."

But access to crime statistics does

not necessarily include access to information on offenders' punishments.

McKaig said information on punishments is only available in one of three ways.

"In the case of IUPD, there is a criminal arrest and criminal record through Monroe County," McKaig said. "Stuff that goes through J-Board, however, is in accordance with the crime act. There is a provision for victims to find out the punishment. But the crime act also is balanced against Family and Educational Right to Privacy Act, and FERPA says individual judicial acts can only be released with

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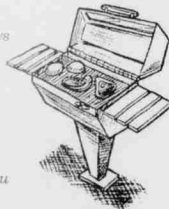
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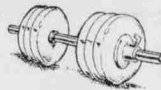


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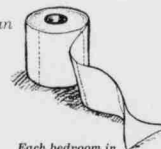
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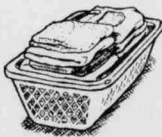
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study in graduate school, he said, at this point in time education is Ethiopia's highest priority.

"We will learn as much as what we impart," Clark said in reference to the NCSU educators spending their summer in the Tigray region. There are many cultural differences that both groups will learn from.

"This is not the first project in

Africa that Clark has headed.

Clark, who advocates studying abroad, suggested that working in the Tigray region will give NCSU an opportunity to see if this is a good place for students to study abroad.

He pointed out that as the world moves into 21st Century, companies will be more global and looking for more global employees.

"We're trying to expand our program for undergraduates," said Clark. "I think it will make students more marketable."

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the permission of the student."

FERPA has two main purposes: to ensure educational records are accessible to both students and parents and to control the release of those records. While FERPA does not expressly prohibit it, schools generally cannot release identifiable information about a student without the consent of the student or parent.

Clery disagrees with the use of FERPA.

"Why should it be kept a secret?" Clery asked. "It should be public record. Everybody has a right to know what the punishments dealt out for crimes committed on campus are. It seems like they're trying to snuff anything they don't want to come to light so they don't get bad PR, but that's not the point."

At least one court has recognized that students' right to privacy under FERPA is not absolute. The Georgia Supreme Court ruled in *Red and Black Publishing Company v. Board of Regents* (1993) that access to records and disciplinary proceedings of the Organization Court of the University of Georgia is subject to both the Open Records and Open Meetings laws and available by request.

Justice Willis Hunt wrote in the majority opinion that because the University of Georgia Student Organization Court has authority to enforce university rules, it is a "governing body or agency" and access is available to the plaintiff, the University of Georgia's student newspaper the Red and Black.

"We are mindful that openness in sensitive proceedings is sometimes unpleasant, difficult and occasionally harmful," Hunt wrote.

"Nevertheless, the policy of this state is that the public's business must be open, not only to protect against potential abuse, but also to maintain the public's confidence in its officials."

Indiana also has similar Open Meetings and Records laws, but there have been no recorded cases concerning campus tribunals.

Women's Club Soccer defeats Duke

The Wolfpack won 4-0 against the Blue Devils yesterday. Natalie Montali scored 2 goals, Kristi Ghiloni scored 1 goal and Carrie Farley scored 1 goal. The team will play at UNC at 1 p.m. this Sunday.

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Got Beads?

A&E Briefs

Center Stage presents "Much Ado About Nothing"

Center Stage and the Shenandoah Shakespeare Express (SSE) will present William Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" on Thursday, March 2 at 8pm in N.C. State's Stewart Theatre.

This youthful troupe performed "The Taming of the Shrew" last fall. The troupe has been praised by critics internationally for "blowing the cobwebs out of Elizabethan drama." SSE emphasizes the power of Shakespeare's language over high-tech theatrical effects ("we do it with the lights on" is their motto). Their productions are fresh, engaging, and - said The Washington Post - "shamelessly entertaining."



SSE's Scott & Grin Troupe.

Raleigh Little Theatre holds auditions for "Jungabook"

Raleigh Little Theatre (RLT) has announced the audition schedule for "Jungabook," an enlightening yet dangerous story about the law of the jungle based on Rudyard Kipling's classic, "The Jungle Book." Directed by Melissa Ricketts, RLT's Youth Education Director, the production will be shadow signed. This means sign language interpreters will be incorporated into the production from beginning to end. Ideally, all actors will have their own interpreters who will sign or voice for them.

Auditions are Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14 and 15, 7:00 p.m. in the RLT Main Stage Lobby. All races and ages, 10 and up, are encouraged to audition. All actors will participate in some movement activities, please wear comfortable clothing and shoes that allow full movement.

About the roles: Baloo (adult), a bear, very paternal yet strong and intimidating; Bagheera (16-adult), a panther, strong, fast and extremely protective but a loner; Shere Khan (16-adult), a tiger, very dangerous and impulsive; Akela (16-adult), leader of the wolf-pack, a strong charismatic leader who is aging; Hathi (16-adult), an elephant, the oldest member of the jungle; Kaa (13-adult), a snake, very clever and manipulative; Hyena (10-adult), a scavenger; Monkey, Yafaree and Buffalo (ages 10-adult), these actors will also double as humans from the village.

"Viva Latinos!" features music from Latin America

Mallarme Chamber Players presents a concert of chamber music Sunday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the Durham Arts Council Building, 120 Morris Street, Durham. The concert, "Viva Latinos!" features music from Latin America, including works by D.Rivera, Piazzolla, Palacios, Granados, Ginastera, and Cervantes. Musicians are Becky Troxler, flute; Bo Newsome, oboe; Arturo Ciampi, clarinet; Andrew McAfee, French horn; John Pederson, bassoon; Fred Raimi, cello; and Gabriela Frank, piano.

A special pre-concert performance by Los Viejos Mexican dancers takes place at 2:30 p.m. The audience is invited to a reception after the concert with the musicians.

Tickets are \$15, \$5 for students and are available in advance from the Carolina Theatre Box Office (560-3030) or at the door 30 minutes before show time. Call the Mallarme office at 560-2788 for more information.

Laissez les bon temps rouler! Let the good times roll!

STAFF WRITER
Jonathan Lanford

Mardi Gras is the event of the year, more akin to what Valentine's day is not. It is an exploration of the savory side of cuisine and the less than savory side of human nature. Last year, three million tourists crowded New Orleans' streets for Mardi Gras 1999. This past Friday, Feb. 25, Mardi Gras kicked off for the year 2000. A long time ago, no one knows exactly when, Mardi Gras began, and it has been celebrated with strict leniency ever since. But Mardi Gras is not merely a complimentary opportunity to glimpse a female stranger's torso anatomy. This is the popularized view of Mardi Gras, and it is a vital ingredient, but it does not characterize the holiday.

What is Mardi Gras?

Mardi Gras is a vague celebration of the time of year before Lent, 46 days before Easter. Lent is the period before Easter when traditional Catholics focus on the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Mardi Gras occurs on "Fat" Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, when Lent begins. The Carnival season actually begins Jan. 6th, escalating in intensity before its climax on March 7th, Fat Tuesday. Traditionally, American people sometimes attempt to give up something for Lent, as a personal challenge and sacrifice for their beliefs. From this angle, Mardi Gras is a chance for believers to expand all their need for temptation so the six weeks of sacrifice will not be so difficult. Many Catholics do attend Mass the following day, Ash Wednesday.

At present, Mardi Gras is mostly an excuse to party. Parades are a staple of Mardi Gras. On every day from March 2nd to March 7th numerous parades venture through the city. On Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras' most famous parades take place, sporting the holiday's official colors: purple, gold, and green. The numerous Krewe-or-clubs- send a myriad of extravagant, ornate, and absurd floats, shuffling around the streets of the city, kind of like an extremely gaudy Rose Parade. The difference from the Rose parade is that revelers on these floats throw beads, doubloons, coconuts, and plastic toys to the parade watchers. For some unknown reason, demand for beads and other cheap goods is especially high this time of year. It is not uncommon to see people injuring their fellow humans trying to seize a nice set of beads, beads that they will stuff in a

drawer and ignore for the remainder of the year.

Along with the parades, Mardi Gras maintains a tradition of great costumed balls and regional food. Krewe, which also run the floats, host invitation-only balls, where elegantly or oddly costumed people carry on the bizarre traditions of the Krewe. New Orleans is known for Cajun food, a very heavily seasoned, though not necessarily hot, style of food. A few "blackened" dishes are purposely served literally flaming hot. Some popular Cajun dishes are gumbo, jambalaya, and king cakes.

In one part of the city, the French Quarter, more low level upper body disclosure does take place.

place, flashing for beads is not a very common practice. In the French Quarter, where no parades go, that kind of behavior is more acceptable. The Internet has popularized the practice with posted pictures and live-video streams.

What can I do?

First, you can go to Mardi Gras in New Orleans. Unfortunately, like you may have discovered when you tried to plan a New Year's trip during last December, the week before Mardi Gras is too late to reserve a room, flight, or effectively plan your trip. However, get on the Internet and research the possibility for next year. Planning and reservations are best made two to four months

in the preparation and cooking process. On March 4 and 7, Chef Rameaux's is holding a special Mardi Gras party, complete with gaudy jewelry, lavish beads, and elaborate masks. For \$45 per person, with \$5 off for N.C. State students and faculty during Feb. and March, up to 35 people can join in the party. Drinks are a-la-carte. Chef Rameaux also wants people to "come in costume" as he will be awarding prizes. Chef Rameaux's is also open 7:00 every Tuesday for a conventional class.

For \$30 per person, you and your companions can create and enjoy one appetizer, try the shrimp and corn bisque with andouille sausage, one main dish, Four pork jambalaya, and one dessert, like the champagne-apple pie with chantilly cream. Chef Rameaux, a.k.a. Raymond S. Rodgers, Ph.D., was born in

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Louisiana and taught at N.C. State for 13 years.

Third, if you are too late to reserve your table at Chef Rameaux's, Jillian's is hosting an ongoing party from March 3rd through March 7th. They offer games, prizes, lots of beads, dinner, and traditional Mardi Gras drinks. The biggest party occurs on Fat Tuesday, starting 7 p.m. Jillian's 117 S West St, Raleigh, NC, (821-7887)

Another possibility for NCSU students is on Thursday, March 2, Fountain Dining Hall is having a Mardi Gras night. The night will feature Mean Gene "The Mardi Gras King" along with his sidekick Slappy, and Mardi Gras foods, like shrimp jambalaya, Cajun fried chicken, and creole rubbed pork loin. The Mardi Gras night will run from 5-8 p.m. and will also feature giveaways like beads, and the opportunity to have your picture taken with Mean Gene and Slappy.

Finally, for the rest of the folks who cannot make it to any party, www.mardigras.com is offering a special service: live-streaming cameras covering the action via a balcony on Bourbon Street. Mardigras.com also offers travel tips, history, and news about Mardi Gras. Other sites offering useful information are www.mardigrasneworleans.com and www.fatteday.com, which also offers live broadcasts.



The French Quarter is home to the most famous Fat Tuesday parades. Thousands of people get their swerve on at Mardi Gras on Bourbon Street in New Orleans.

The city of New Orleans is not entirely pleased that the activities in the French Quarter have become so ubiquitous with Mardi Gras. The crowds that fill the French quarter are primarily tourists, interested in the "greatest free show on earth." In fact, 360 people were arrested last year for lewd conduct. In the areas of New Orleans where the parades take

in advance. Second, since it is too late to arrange a trip down south, one recommended idea is a unique dining experience at Chef Rameaux's Louisiana Market. Chef Rameaux's is not your ordinary restaurant. Instead of sitting and idly chatting while your food is prepared behind closed doors, you are an actual partici-

"Pippin" is a Pip

sue pleasure gets him nowhere, taking over the throne from Charlemagne proves to be more trouble than it's worth; and happiness with the ditzy, but loving, widow Catherine (Kelly Crabtree) only seems to be a compromise. Or is it?

Solid acting from the whole ensemble distinguished this production, with standouts including

Coles as a perfectly twerpy Pippin, Katie Flaherty as Pippin's manipulative stepmother Estrada, Adrian Dunston as Pippin's dimwitted half-brother Lewis and Caple as Pippin's grandmother Berthe. Particularly good was Nathan Head as the Leading Player, exuding a wonderfully idyllic blend of charisma and menace as the leader of a

group of "Cabaret"-style dancers commenting on Pippin's quest.

The cast also did an excellent job with the various musical numbers, the best of which included Head and the Ensemble's opener "Magic to Do," Caple's "No Time At All," Flaherty's sultry "Spread a Little Sunshine," and the "Finale," a surprisingly effective number featuring the whole cast.

The play lost some of its momentum in the second act where the satirical elements of Pippin's quest are downplayed for an extended domestic comedy, and there were some minor technical glitches the night I saw it. However, the players managed to maintain the wonderfully absurd atmosphere of the piece throughout, making up for any minor flaws. "What more could you want from a musical comedy?" asks Pippin in the play's last line. In the case of this particular production: not a thing.

The University Theatre will next perform "The Drunkard" from April 6-9. Adult ticket prices will be \$12, and N.C. State faculty/staff tickets are \$11. Students who present a valid ID can get tickets for \$5.



The Beaver Creek Community Theatre puts on the musical "Pippin."

THE REEL SPIEL

"Reindeer Games"- Ben vs. Lt. Dan

It's Ben Affleck against Gary Sinise in this smart action flick

RYAN HILL
Assistant Features Editor

When Ben Affleck plays a bad guy, or at least tries to, you can't help but like him. He exudes this affable nature that you can't help but like. Even when he was the baddie in "Mallrats" or the renegade angel in "Dogma," you just had stand behind Affleck. This is why he is a perfect choice to play the lead in "Reindeer Games," a new thriller from the writer of "Arlington Road," Ehren Kruger, and the director of "The Manchurian Candidate," John Frankenheimer.

Affleck plays Rudy, a recently released convict who wants nothing more than some hot chocolate and a slice of pecan pie. Instead of that, he meets Ashley (Charlize Theron), who was his cellmate's pen pal/future girlfriend. Unfortunately his cellmate is killed two days before his release, so Rudy decides to pose as him for Ashley.

Rudy and Ashley have some hot sex, but the fun is cut short when her brother Gabriel (Gary Sinise) shows up with some goons and forces Rudy to help them take down a casino where Rudy's cellmate used to work. The catch is, Gabriel thinks that Rudy is his cellmate, so Rudy is in a bit of a bind. Knowing that he'll die if he doesn't give them information, Rudy decides to help them rob the casino.

With a happy ending between is a series of escape attempts by Rudy, all of which are clever, but all fail either thanks to Ashley or some unseen reason.

The entire movie is a cat-and-mouse game between Rudy and Gabriel, and every minute of it is great. Because Rudy is an ex con and is posing as someone else, the tendency would be to dislike Rudy, but the fact that he is played by Affleck gives everyone a reason to root for him. Affleck, who doesn't seem like the best choice for an action film like this, holds his own and doesn't let things get away from him.

The script, while at heart a generic action film, is very smart with lots of ingenious plot twists that keep the audience guessing what will happen next. It's difficult to guess what will happen to Rudy until it actually happens, and that's what is missing from a lot of action thrillers - the thrill of not knowing what will happen.

It's the thrill of not knowing that keeps "Reindeer Games" entertaining throughout, and this is credit not only to screenwriter Kruger, but to director Frankenheimer as well. Frankenheimer doesn't use a lot of edits to create tension, he lets the story and the actors do it, and that makes this movie a classy thriller, the likes of which haven't been seen in a long time.

"Reindeer Games" was originally to be released over Christmas, but it was moved up because of all the competition from other movies. Now it has the chance to headline above other movies and to be seen by more people because it probably would have been overlooked during the holidays. That's good for all of us, because it is a treat to see Affleck and Lt. Dan go head-to-head in a battle of wits.

Reindeer Games



John Frankenheimer
Starring:
Ben Affleck
Gary Sinise

Opinion

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

The hazards of Duke

There were 77,000 Latino residents of North Carolina in 1990. By 1999, that number rose to 349,000. With an economic boom in a state whose chief industries require a largely unskilled

European-American Rights (NOFEAR), does little to add any legitimate value to the concerns of the Siler City residents. As has been seen in the recent examples of George W. Bush's appearance at anti-Catholic, segregationist Bob Jones University and Pat Buchanan's claims that Nazi Germany posed no threat to 1940's America, the political institution must be wary of going so far to the right

David Duke's rally in Siler City last Saturday decried Latino involvement in economic and criminal community elements. Was he voicing legitimate concern or espousing racist ideology?

labor pool; many Latinos have seen North Carolina as a 21st-Century El Dorado.

The boom, however, does have certain consequential echoes: higher crime rates, lower unemployment rates, culture clashes, etc.

David Duke and his rally of 100 protesters this past weekend in Siler City confronted what their assembly permit describes as "unassimilable non-American workers" and their "unbearable strain on the indigenous residents [there], [their] traditions, [their] institutions and [their] infrastructure."

Describing the Latino presence as a "Mexican invasion" and an "American tragedy," Duke did little to drap his Anglo-centric propaganda with the cloak of positive community activism.

Although the Siler City community is facing considerable difficulties in the face of multicultural population growth, Duke, a former Ku Klux Klansman and founder of the National Organization for

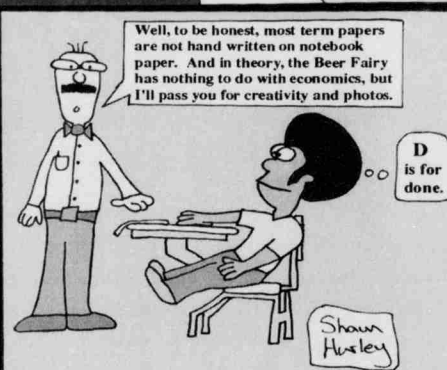
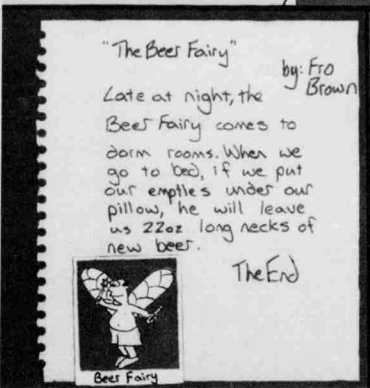
that it becomes prejudice. The right hand must know what the far-right hand is doing—and saying.

Although the rally cited illegal immigration as a genuine local problem, a 1996 report from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services found that there were only 20,000 illegal immigrants among the hundreds of thousands of legal Latino North Carolinians at the time.

If not for the presence of David Duke, the rally might have had some chance at being taken seriously. But the rally's embrace of a nationally notorious racist bigot shattered all hopes of such legitimacy.

Seapegging is never a beneficial means of dealing with the complicated consequences of community expansion. Those who would claim that they are merely defending their home soil should realize that the United States has always been a land of immigration; just ask the Native Americans of this state.

It was late one Thursday night and Fro was working on a term paper that was due the next day. Having already used the bathroom, sharpened his pencils, called his mom, washed his clothes, organized his desk, resharpened his pencils, and tied his shoes, he was stumped. Then, he thought about the assignment.



Substitutions lack class



RYAN ADVENT

I'm about this close to driving my car at a high rate of speed into the nearest bridge embankment. I'm at the end of my rope. I'm ready to set my head down on the railroad tracks.

Why this despair, you ask? I have known frustration, and his name is Gilroy Zuckerman.

Who, you ask, is Gilroy Zuckerman? And what has he done to stretch me beyond the breaking point? Well, in all fairness to Gil, I imagine he's just the easiest target for my heated temperament. No, I suppose the university itself is to blame, but damn it's fun to say Zuckerman (it means "sugar man" in German, draw your own conclusions).

In all seriousness, though, Zuckerman is the associate dean of the College of Management, which places him squarely in charge of course substitutions. Our paths first crossed when I made the decision, early in the fall, to graduate early with a degree in economics, the main reason being that N.C. State can't spell "humanities and social sciences."

Fortunately, I had credit hours

coming out the wazoo because I'd been working on two degrees, and I figured, hey, shift a couple of courses around, and I should be good to go. To my surprise, all the sketchy requests went through, and it looked like I would be real-world-bound in May.

Except for one small thing:

You see, I started at NCSU in the chemical engineering department. That meant that, when it was time to take Useless 101, I signed up for E497F and E115.

Those are engineering's versions of the laughable, "Welcome to College" type classes.

In 497F, I learned all about good study habits and how to think as I watched excellent professors struggle to make a dubious enterprise interesting. In E115 I discovered what computer inputs and outputs were and learned basic HTML, one of the tougher languages.

Thinking I had knocked introductory college on its ass, I moved on to bigger and better things, taking 400- and 500-level courses whenever I had the opportunity. Thus, when substitution time rolled around, I figured I'd have it made in the shade, given all my hard (and above expectations) work.

The only hold ups? M-200 and CSC-200. For the uninitiated,

these are management's versions of, "Hi, Here's College!" and "Hi, Here's a Computer!"

Say what? Here I am, a student who was easily going to complete two degrees in four years but decided to leave early because NCSU's course offerings in the social sciences are so pitiful, and you're going to deny me because of M200 and CSC200?

Here I am, a student who can do anything you ask in a dozen work-oriented applications and can program damn well for a humanist. Yet, they can't grant me two measly substitutions?

Here I am, a student who writes SAS programs 20 hours a week for the Research Triangle Institute, and you say I'm not proficient in computers?

But you know what the real humdinger is? The requests I've made have been granted before. Oh, Gil maintains they have not, but I know, personally, people who have received identical requests.

The problem could be that the previous associate dean, current Dean Jon Bartley, granted the requests. But should I suffer because the university wouldn't know consistency and fairness from a hole in the ground?

Leave it to NCSU to handicap promising students because they

chose to spend their class time in 400-level classes rather than learning how to reboot.

Leave it to NCSU to have different introductory classes for each college, classes that are in no way substitutable.

Leave it to NCSU to fail to be a university in every way.

I'm graduating in May, if I have to sleep on the chancellor's lawn until she hands me my diploma. What I really wish, though, is that our administrators, who have worked so hard to raise tuition and create labs for English classes, would try to make getting a deserved degree a little easier for students.

I'm not saying give everyone A's. I'm just saying, how about some advising? How about some common sense when giving degrees? How about treating every student, whether athlete, Parks Scholar or Joe Schmo from Fayetteville, with equal concern and respect? How about acting like a school that likes graduating kids every once and a while?

Sorry, Gil, but I deserve those substitutions. You're free to comment, just as is everyone else at rcavent@unity.ncsu.edu.

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Sickened and saddened

I have been an N.C. State fan since the day that I was welcomed into this world and have never been this disturbed by the performance of the basketball team. It feels worse than the dismal years of watching Les Robinson walk the sidelines.

When this basketball season began, it began with promise and hope. Visions of the NCAA Tournament were in the minds of most, if not all, NCSU basketball fans. This was the team that would finally break the drought, but the season has taken a nosedive worse than the Titanic.

After watching the Purdue game, I felt like the ACC drought would come to an end this year, but, boy, has it not. How can you get on beating a top 25 team at one of

the hardest places to play in the nation to losing at lowly (and I mean lowly) Georgia Tech? They didn't even have a crowd that played a significant role in rattling State, yet State found some way to lose again. Yes, they found a way to lose, not a way to win. It seems that this team wants to go out there and get a good lead and then literally hand the ball to the other team. I know the team does not have all the key players, with Ron Kelly and Marshall Williams both out, although Kelley came back the other night against Tech. Shouldn't teams learn to play without players when they are out with injuries? I have been so disgusted with the team that I skipped going to the Duke game (for which I had 14th row seats).

Herb says that the team has no problem with getting up for the games, but to me it seems that, as

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KATIE DODD

Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

It is a universally acknowledged truth—college students drink. Too much. It's no wonder, then, that U.S. colleges spend an enormous amount of time each year on alcohol awareness programs. Yet, when it comes to alcohol-related tragedies, some officials clearly would rather the public—even the students—remain

in the dark. Duke University officially acknowledged that the Nov. 18 death of Raheem Bath, a senior, was directly related to alcohol consumption. The administration originally told students Bath had died of bacterial meningitis, but neglected to mention that the infection resulted in aspiration—inhalation of a liquid—in this case his own vomit, a night of heavy drinking.

President Nannerl O. Nease was aware of the circumstances surrounding Bath's death before he began his speech. He issued a release relating the full of death last week, after a student narrowly escaped on a similar experience. Related story, Texas A&M released reports

Monday that provide several eyewitness accounts of alcohol consumption during the building of the Aggie Bonfire in November. Twelve students were killed Nov. 18 when a stack of logs used to construct the 40-foot structure collapsed. No mention of alcohol had been made in connection with the incident.

While it is still unclear how long the Texas A&M administration has had information about alcohol at the scene, a disturbing trend is emerging in connection with alcohol-related deaths. Too often universities fear negative publicity—especially during the prime months of admissions—and that fear outweighs the best interests of the students.

In recent years, there has been an increasing recognition of alcohol abuse on campuses nationwide—and, consequently, a stricter scrutiny of how individual colleges are attempting to correct the problem. The University of Virginia is no stranger to the kind of infamy that results from alcohol-related incidents. The 1997 death of fourth-year college student Leslie Ann Baltz and its possible connection to the "fourth-year fifth" made national headlines. The attention was embarrassing. And yet the University continues to handle the alcohol culture here in a fairly direct manner. Unfortunately, the same cannot

be said for other universities. By not providing all the details of alcohol-related deaths to students, Duke and Texas A&M not only are failing to educate their students, but they may be endangering their lives as well.

When Baltz died, many students began to examine their own drinking habits and those of their friends. Her death—though not explicitly connected to the fourth-year fifth tradition—also helped prompt a campaign against the unofficial event.

In the Duke case, a student died of a relatively unknown condition. Many students don't realize that aspiration is a threat after a night of binge drinking, and that it requires immediate treatment. It is scary to think that had Duke continued to withhold the information surrounding the case, more students could have suffered the same fate.

Duke officials argue that they were simply protecting the privacy of Bath and his family by not making public the role of alcohol in his death. And there is no doubt that the incredible tragedy at Texas A&M requires sensitive treatment by the administration and media.

There is a larger concern that outweighs a respect for the deceased. Alcohol-related deaths claim the lives of too many college students each year—in 1998

alone, five Virginia college students died in alcohol-related incidents. And while students are responsible for their actions, universities have a duty to monitor social attitudes on campus.

If universities expect their students to be open and direct about the social culture and the role of alcohol on campus, the administration must do the same. Keeping secrets will only serve to widen the emotional gap between students and those "adults" who inhabit the big offices. And the less students feel they can speak frankly about alcohol, the further the administration will be from the source of the problem—and potential solutions.

The word "senseless" is used a lot in conjunction with the deaths of college students. It is appropriate, there seems to be no rationale, no justice in the taking of such youth and promise. By speaking out honestly about student deaths, and making students aware of the dangers of alcohol, college officials have a chance to derive something positive from even the darkest tragedies, preventing them from happening again.

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soon as they step on the court, that adrenaline stops pumping.

The only player who makes me think twice about that is Anthony Grundy. Grundy is an all-around great player. He can drain the three, penetrate, draw more than one defender to the ball, and reminds me defensively of Isiah Benjamin. If everyone went out there and played like Grundy, then State would be in the upper echelon of the ACC like everyone predicted at the beginning of the season. As a long-time State fan, I am begging for the return of great Wolfpack basketball that I can remember from when I was a kid. The future looks bright for Wolfpack basketball; but hasn't it looked bright for the past three years?

Phillip Boyd
Junior

Correcting religious misconceptions

Communication
I thought I'd try clarifying a few religious misconceptions I've seen in recent letters.

1. Religion is not a refuge for the materially poor who want a hope for something better. It is not some sort of glorified therapy session. Religion is an assertion that there is something fundamentally more real

than we are and a statement of our relationship with it. The belief that there is something more fundamental and real than myself is not an impoverishment of my intellect; rather, it is an acknowledgment of reality. Oddly enough, the result of this realization (at least in Christianity) is a hope that changes one's life.

2. Several writers have presented hate mongers as exhibits of religion in its core; this is a logical fallacy. Look, name any evil religious person, and I can name atheists who, guided by materialistic idealism, precipitated far more misery. Ironically appropriate is Stalin's dark witicism that "one death is a tragedy, a million deaths a statistic." Face the actual argument for religion, not a straw man!

3. In the Gospel, Christ commands us to love our enemies, to bless them and to pray for those who persecute us. The greatest commandment, He teaches, is to love God with our entire being; the second greatest is to love one's neighbor as oneself.

This humble attitude should permeate Christians' entire being and everything we say. Some of us have approached this as us vs. them. One of the fundamental principles of Christianity is that all of us are them. Proclaiming the truth and abusing people verbally are, after all, two entirely different things. I say this as one who has done both.

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Graduate Student
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ing it was my last game here," said Gainey. "I've always prided myself on being a winner, therefore it was really tough to go out with a loss."

Any loss would have been tough to handle on this special day but blowing a 10-point lead in the final six minutes made it much harder to accept for the senior leader.

"It was absolutely no doubt in my mind that we were going to win the game when we were up by 10 in the end," said Gainey. "I really don't know how it [the loss] happened."

Part of the reason that this loss was so tough for Gainey to accept was because this was the seventh consecutive loss the Pack has suffered. This fallign has left the Pack and its followers scratching their heads and wondering what made the season fall apart.

"It just seems like it has been two totally different seasons and teams this year," said Gainey. "During the first eight games in the conference, we were playing with so much more confidence. We were a totally different team."

During this recent downfall, it would be easy to lose confidence and throw in the towel. However, Gainey has continued to persevere and not gotten too caught up in the team's recent problems. "Since the beginning of my career, I've learned not to get too high or too low," said Gainey. Even though his Senior Day didn't go the way he planned, Gainey received a warm acknowledgement from the fans in the beginning and from Clemson head coach Larry Shyatt afterwards. "Justin is what I want to see in basketball at all levels," said Shyatt. "He and his family represent everything that is positive about basketball that is never written about. He is a wonderful example and a class act."

SERIES

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bunt Baxter over to second but ended up with a base hit after narrowly beating Adam Miller's tag at first base.

"He was definitely safe," Avent said. "That was just a heads up play by Jason Smith."

Catcher Dan Mooney tried to move the runners over with a bunt of his own, but Cleveland third baseman made an alert play to get Baxter on another extremely close call at third.

Ben Greggor replaced Ritz on the mound with one out and promptly walked center fielder Josh Schmitt to load the bases. But Jeremy Dutton followed with a line drive right at shortstop Jonathan Detzel for the second out.

The Vikings looked as if they would be able to escape the inning with their 2-1 lead intact when Greggor got ahead 0-2 on shortstop Chris Goodman. Goodman patiently took the next two pitches to run the count to 2-2 before Greggor through what looked like strike three. Instead, the home plate umpire called the pitch outside, and Goodman walked on the next pitch to force home the tying run. Cleveland head coach Jay Murphy tried to argue the call later in the inning and was tossed from the game.

That set the stage for Wright, who lined a single to right field between first and second to plate Mooney and Schmitt and gave the Pack the eventual margin of victory.

"I was seeing the ball well today. It's just that I was hitting right to people all day," Wright said. "I had my confidence up there, and I felt comfortable up there. Luckily, I was able to find a hole."

Wright's base hit extended his current hitting streak to nine games. Last season, he had a 21-game streak, the longest by an N.C. State player since 1997.

"I try not to think about that, really," Wright said. "It's just a little bit of luck involved and finding the holes."

The Pack did have to pay a price for its success over the weekend, however. Freshman outfielder Ryan Strain was lost for 3-4 weeks after breaking a bone in his hand during Saturday's game.

"It's a huge loss because he was playing so well. He's one of our catalysts as a freshman, because he plays so extremely hard," said N.C. State who'll be back in action at the Doak on Wednesday at 6 p.m. against Davidson.

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Grundy stole the ball after Solomon made a poor pass and Kenny Inge was fouled on the resultant fast break. Inge hit one of two foul shots, giving State a 63-62 lead.

On the Tigers' possession, Jurkunas was fouled by Wilkins with 14.6 seconds left and he made both of his free throws.

With the loss, State will head to Tallahassee next Sunday looking to stop the losing streak. The Pack has never won at Florida State and could have its hands full with a Seminoles team that defeated Virginia Saturday.

After that, the Pack will be in the ACC Tournament in Charlotte.

With those games left to play, the senior leader on the team said there is no reason to quit now.

"I think we're a good team," Gaines said. "Guys have been killing us on defense and we haven't been getting any stops in the second half and that's what's killing us."

remaining in the half, the tide turned for the worse. The Pack didn't score again until there was 4:22 remaining in the half. During this drought, the Yellow Jackets went on a 19-0 run that put them up 30-12 and set the tone for the remainder of the game.

After being down by as many as 22 in the second half, the Pack was able to cut the deficit to eight points when freshman Terah James got a steal and scored on a layup to put the score at 53-45 with 7:39 remaining. That was the closest the Pack would come before accepting its 17-point defeat.

The Yellow Jackets were led to victory by the hefty contributions of guard Amy Lingenfelder and forwards Regina Tate and Candice McCallum. Lingenfelder scored 14 points on six of 11 shooting from the field. Tate made her presence known on the boards as she pulled down a game-high 18 rebounds. And

McCallum scored 12 points on six of seven shooting from the field in her 17 minutes of action.

Gardner was one of the few positives that came for the Pack. She was five of eight from the field scoring 13 points and getting four steals.

"I've been great for us off the bench all season long," said head coach Kay Oly.

This was only the Pack's second home loss of the season, and there was no secret why the Pack was unable to secure victory - its shooting. The Pack shot an anemic 20 for 56 (35.7 percent) from the field, three for 20 (15 percent) from the perimeter and nine for 23 (39.1 percent) from the charity stripe.

"Our shooting has been killing us," said Oly. "And that's a very nice way of putting it."

Another reason for the Pack's defeat was its inability to get its post players more scoring opportunities. Forward Talisha Scates and center Kayla Chones combined to shoot five of ten from the field, accumu-

lating 12 points.

"If you look at the stats, you see that Talisha and Kayla hit 50 percent of their shots," said Oly. "We were just unable to get them the ball. And that really hurt us."

One thing is for sure after the Pack absorbed a season-high third straight loss. The team desperately needs Erb off of the sidelines and in the end, Erb has provided her teammates with lots of guidance and leadership during her recovery, but the team knows she would be much more valuable hitting hook shots and grabbing rebounds.

"Summer has really encouraged us a lot," said Gardner. "She has tried to get us ready and intense before and during every game."

SWIM

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Also on Friday, Holloway captured the 100-yard backstroke title with a time of 48.24. It was the first individual ACC title of Holloway's career.

As far as the overall meet, Virginia was never threatened and completely dominated the rest of the conference.

While the Cavaliers figure to be good again next year, the Pack should become more of a factor in conference as there were only four seniors on this year's team.

"Virginia has set themselves up to be good for a long time," Hammond said. "But, we can make an even more serious run for second next year. I really feel like the program's making progress."

Indeed, the last time the Pack finished better than fifth in the ACC was in 1993 when Don Easterling was still coach. The Pack hasn't cracked the top two since 1981 and last won the championship in 1980.

For now, Hammond is happy with the amount of improvement he saw in the team this season.

"We hardly had anyone in the top three last year," he said. "This year we had people in the top three all over the place."

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Sports



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Men's basketball at FSU, 3/5
Women's basketball, ACC's, 3/3-6
Baseball vs. Davidson, 3/1, 6:00
Wrestling, ACC's, 3/4
Women's tennis vs. Geo. State, 3/4, 12

N.C. State swimming finishes third in ACC's

◆N.C. State won individual titles in six different events while diver Andy Johnson was named ACC Diver of the Meet.

JACK DALY
Sports Editor

CHAPEL HILL — N.C. State's swimming and diving team used a strong final day in the Atlantic Coast Conference championships to post its best finish in the competition in seven years.

For the three-day meet, the 23rd-ranked Wolfpack finished in third place with a

total of 507.5 points. Ninth-ranked Virginia won the ACC crown going away after it completed 801 points, while 20th-ranked North Carolina came in second with 662.5 points. 22nd-ranked Florida State finished fourth behind State, with 488.5 points.

"I can't say enough about our kids," Hammond said. "They did a great job. We had just a great, great day."

The Pack won six separate events in the meet, with three of those titles coming in the final day. Andy Johnson won the three-meter diving title and that finish, combined with his second-place in the one-meter board Thursday night, was good enough for him to win the Diver of the Meet award.

"Andy was just super consistent," said diving coach John Candler, referring to Johnson's dives Saturday night. "He had two super dives."

Also on Saturday, the Pack's Matt Brado won the 100-yard freestyle in a time of 44.71. As Brado won something of a surprise winner, Hammond was especially pleased with his result.

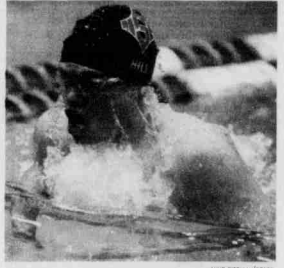
"He has come so far in a year," Hammond said. "I'm very happy with his progress."

The final title for the Pack on Saturday came in the final event of the meet. State's Brado, Braden Holloway, Greg Solt and Walter Magnusson captured the 400-yard freestyle relay championship. The title

ensured that the Seminoles would not squeeze past the Pack for third overall.

On the first day of the meet, Solt took the 50-yard freestyle title with a time of 20.02. It was the Pack's only championship on the one-meter diving final.

Friday, State's All-American individual medley relay team of Holloway, Proto, Solt and Magnusson won the 200-M relay in ACC-record time. Needless to say, the 1:27.73 time also beat the school record, which was set by the same four in last year's NCAA meet.



Third was the Pack's best finish in seven years

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N.C. State hits rock bottom

◆The losing streak hits seven for the Wolfpack as it falls at home to the lowly Clemson Tigers.

JACK DALY
Sports Editor

The nightmare continues for N.C. State. After starting the Atlantic Coast

Conference season strong, the Wolfpack (15-11, 5-10 ACC) has now lost seven straight in the ACC, with the latest loss coming Sunday as the Pack fell 66-63 to the Clemson Tigers at the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

"It seems like a bad dream to be honest," said senior Justin Gainey of the team's recent struggles. "It's real hard to believe."

Sunday's loss was perhaps the most bitter for the Pack, as it was Senior Day for Gainey and Tim Wells. The two were honored in a

pregame ceremony.

The Pack was also facing a Tigers team that has struggled to say the least. Clemson has sat at home this season to Wofford and Appalachian State and had yet to win on the road before Sunday's game.

"It just seems like it's two different seasons," Gainey said. "The first eight games versus these last ones, it's like two totally different teams."

After blowing a 10-point lead late in the second half, State had a chance to pull the game out late. After Clemson's Andrius Jurkunas made two free throws to give Clemson a 64-63 lead, the Pack had the ball with 14.6 seconds to go.

Anthony Grundy brought it upcourt for the Pack, but his drive to the basket resulted in a turnover. Will Solomon took the ball the other way and scored for the Tigers, giving them the final 66-63 lead.

"The last play is a play we've used in the past," State coach Herb Sendek said. "It opens up the floor. Anthony has the ability to create something for himself and for his teammates."

For the game, Jurkunas scored a career-high 23 points and shot six-for-seven behind the three-point line for Clemson. Will Solomon, the ACC's leading scorer, added 13 for the Tigers while grabbing eight rebounds and dishing out six assists.

For the Wolfpack, Gainey closed out his home career at State with a solid performance, scoring 17 points.



Tim Wells was honored Sunday.

"This is very disappointing to deal with," Gainey said. "Being that it is my last game here, I pride myself on being remembered as a winner. This hurts."

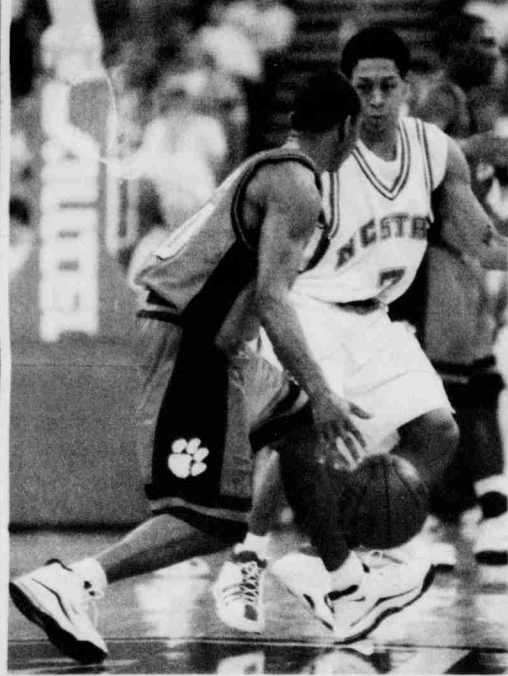
With seven minutes remaining in the game, it looked like State had the game well in hand. After Damien Wilkins hit back-to-back three-pointers, the Pack had a 59-49 lead.

But the Tigers went on a 13-0 run over the next five and a half minutes to take a 62-59 lead. During that stretch, Jurkunas hit two threes, and Ed Scott added another. The Tigers also managed to hold State without a basket.

"Certainly, Clemson played outstanding defense," Sendek said. "Not only for the last six minutes, but really for the entire game."

With one minute to go, Gainey converted a three-point play after he was fouled on a jumper by Scott. On the ensuing possession,

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Ed Scott and the Clemson Tigers came into the Entertainment and Sports Arena Sunday and defeated Anthony Grundy and the Pack 66-63.

Senior Day a disappointment

◆Senior Justin Gainey goes out on a sour note.

DAVID HOBGOOD
Staff Writer

It's hard to believe that a day that started so sweet for senior Justin Gainey could have such a sour ending.

A little more than two hours after receiving a standing ovation for his efforts during the previous four years, Gainey watched the Wolfpack hit rock bottom with an incomprehensible 66-63 loss to Clemson.

On a day when there were so many negatives, Gainey was one of the few positives for the Pack. In his final regular-season game in Raleigh, Gainey went five of 11 from the field and four of nine from beyond the arc for

a team-high 17 points and three assists in 32 minutes of action.

However, his gutsy performance couldn't equal a victory, which is all he wanted.

"I'm very disappointed in the loss, consider-

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Justin Gainey, his mother and Herb Sendek.

Tech rips State

◆Poor shooting extends the women's basketball team's losing streak to three games.

DAVID HOBGOOD
Staff Writer

Tears were shed before the game started, and there were probably more shed afterwards.

During the pregame ceremony recognizing center Summer Erb before her final regular season appearance in Reynolds Coliseum, Erb was moved to tears.

"It was what took place afterwards that caused the post-game tears. The 11th-ranked Wolfpack (20-7,



Summer Erb was honored Thurs.

11-5 ACC) dropped its third straight game in a 69-52 defeat to Georgia Tech (13-12, 6-9). This was a staggering and completely unexpected loss for the Pack, who was trying to improve its seed in the upcoming NCAA Tournament.

The first eight minutes of the game were nothing out of the ordinary for the Pack. However, after freshman Ivy Gardner scored to put the Pack ahead 12-11 with 12:30

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Baseball sweeps

◆The N.C. State baseball team topped Cleveland State 4-2 Sunday afternoon to complete the series sweep.

JEREMY ASHTON
Assistant Sports Editor

Brian Wright's two-run single with two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning helped the N.C. State baseball team come from behind and defeat the Cleveland State Vikings 4-2 Sunday afternoon at Doak Field.

Freshman Mike Prochaska (1-0) picked up his first

NCSU 4 win at N.C. State with three innings of scoreless relief.

CSU 2 Cleveland reliever Mark Ritz (0-1) took the loss after being removed from the game and watching the eventual winning run cross the plate.

The victory gave N.C. State a sweep of the three-game weekend series and pushed the team's record to 7-3 for the year. The Wolfpack also beat the Vikings (0-6) 10-5 on Friday and 7-3 on Saturday.

"We played our best game of the

weekend today, and they played their best game of the weekend," N.C. State head coach Elliott Avent said. "We were very, very fortunate there in the eighth inning. Our guys battle, and they don't quit. If you keep battling, good things will happen."



State's baseball team had a successful weekend.

The decisive inning on Sunday came with a certain amount controversy.

The eighth started easily enough with first baseman Andy Baxter drawing a walk from Ritz. Second baseman Jason Smith, who drove in the Pack's first run on a squeeze play in the second, attempted to

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Gymnasts place fourth at Florida

Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State gymnastics team finished in fourth place with a score of 194.25 at the Gatorade Conference Showcase in Gainesville, Fla.

The No. 12 Wolfpack (7-7) finished 1.15 points behind No. 19 Florida, who hosted and won the meet. Sixth-ranked Louisiana State placed second with 195.075 points, and No. 11 Iowa State took third with a 194.4.

Florida trailed LSU by .325 points heading into the meet's final rotation. But the Gators used five scores greater than 9.8 on floor to pick up a total of 49.275 and move ahead of

LSU, which turned in a vault team total of 48.625 on its final event.

Florida finished first on vault, beam and floor to make up for a fourth-place finish on bars.

Gymnastics
Florida's Chrissy VanFleet won the

NCSU 4TH all-around title with a score of 39.55.

FLORIDA MEET VanFleet also took first on vault (9.875), bars (9.9) and floor (9.95).

VanFleet's teammate, Lindsey Mmer, won the beam title with a 9.85.

The only gymnast not from Florida

to earn at least a share of first on an event was LSU's Beth Boudreaux. Boudreaux tied VanFleet on bars by scoring a 9.9.

The highest finish by a Pack gymnast in a single event came from sophomore Kelli Brown, who tied for fourth on vault with a score of 9.8. Brown also notched N.C. State's top score on bars at 9.75 and finished with a 9.75 on floor.

Junior Amy Langendorf placed fourth in the all-around, scoring 38.775. Junior Kara Charles finished right behind Langendorf at 38.625. Her .875 on beam was N.C. State's top mark in that event.

Wrestling completes perfect ACC season

Sports Staff Report

DURHAM, N.C. — N.C. State won eight of 10 matches against Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium, including a pin by freshman 157-pounder Scott Garren, and cruised to a 31-9 Atlantic Coast Conference victory over the Blue Devils in the regular-season finale for both teams.

The win raised the Wolfpack to 12-4 overall and sealed a perfect 5-0 unbeaten record in the conference since 1992. N.C. State heads into the postseason having won five consecutive dual matches and eight of its

last 10. Duke dropped to 3-12-1 overall and 0-5 in the ACC.

Duke jumped to an early 9-5 lead after three bouts, only to see N.C. State roar back to win the final seven matches of the evening.

Wrestling
NCSU 31
DUKE 9
Wolfpack's Jason Gore opened the match with a 20-5 technical fall over Dagan Smith at 1:07 to give the Pack a 5-0 lead, but Duke heavyweight Alex Hunt defeated Ngozi Collins 4-2. The Blue Devils also won by forfeit at

125 due to George Cintron's injury to jump to a 9-5 lead.

That was the Devils' last hurrah, however. Lee Carroll defeated Duke's Sean Meakim 8-5 at 133, and the Wolfpack's Oraefo Brown handed Harry Clarke a 7-4 defeat at 141. The Blue Devils scored just four more individual points the rest of the evening. Tommy Davis, ranked No. 14 in the country at 149 for N.C. State, scored a 12-0 major decision over Andy Soliman, and Garren pinned Geoff Anderson at 3:46 in the 157-pound match.

N.C. State's Joel Dramis then beat Mike Mitchell 9-2 at 165, and Kevin

Senior Maggie Haney, who owns two of the three perfect scores in N.C. State history, had the Pack's best score with a 9.825 on floor. Haney also posted a solid score of 9.7 on beam.

Earlier in the week, Charles was named co-East Atlantic Gymnastics League Gymnast of the Week. Charles was recognized for her performance against Kentucky on Feb. 19 when she scored a 39.425 in the all-around, the second highest score in N.C. State history.

The Pack is back on the road this week when it visits LACOL rival New Hampshire on Saturday.

Boross defeated Matt Hoover by a 10-2 major decision at 174. Zach Breitenbach closed out the evening with a 5-0 win over Duke's Tom Cass at 184.

Five Wolfpack wrestlers, Carroll, Davis, Garren, Dramis, and Breitenbach, ended the ACC season undefeated in their respective weight classes after their victories at Cameron.

N.C. State does not return to action until Saturday when the team travels to College Park, Md., for the ACC tournament. The Pack's undefeated conference record should make the team the favorite to win.