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N.C. State Presents Watauga Medals to Recognize Service

North Carolina State University presented three Watauga Medals on Tuesday, March 7, to citizens who have demonstrated distinguished service to the university.

This year's recipients were: Dr. Terrence M. Curtin of Fuquay-Varina, founding dean of NCSU's College of Veterinary Medicine; Jack P. Jordan of Mt. Gilcard, executive vice president of Jordan Lumber & Supply Inc.; of Mr. Gilcard, and president of Arson Wood Products Inc. of Wadesboro; and philanthropist Blanton J. Whitmore of Kirkwood, Mo., co-founder and retired president and CEO of Whitmore Research Laboratories Inc. of St. Louis, Mo.

The Watauga Medals, the highest non-academic honor bestowed by the university, were presented by NCSU Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and NCSU Faculty Chair Fred Corbin. The event marked the 113th anniversary of the university's founding.

Latin-American program planned

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences is sponsoring a Latino program featuring speakers, student panels, Andean music and a reading and book signing by Latin-American author Cristina Garcia, former bureau chief for Time magazine and author of *Dreaming in Cuban* and *The Agüero Sisters*.

The events are scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, through Saturday, March 25. The Garcia reading will be Thursday, March 23, at 7 p.m. in 3712 Bostian Hall.

The events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Robert Kochersberger at 515-4142.

Hope for the Homeless plans discussions

Hope for the Homeless is holding a discussion group for members of the N.C. State community who wish to share their feelings, questions and experiences concerning homelessness. Those interested can attend one or all of the discussions, and listen or talk about their concerns or encounters with homelessness or broader related topics. The discussions may help NCSU community members know how to better react to feelings or situations regarding homelessness.

The Homelessness Discussion Group will meet in the lounge area on the third floor of the Talley Student Center every Thursday at 8 p.m.

For questions or more information, please contact Nathan Sasser at 828-1054 or nsasser@unity.ncsu.edu.

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity holds scholarship raffle

The Kappa Xi chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., is holding its first annual Kampus Scholarship Raffle. The raffle tickets are one dollar each. The prizes are: first prize, a DVD player; second prize, a 19 inch TV; third prize, a CD boombox; and fourth prize, \$50. Numerous gift certificates will also be given. The raffle drawings will take place at the Pan-African Step-show on April 7, 2000.

All proceeds will be used for three \$1000 scholarships for three N.C. State students. Any currently enrolled minority student is eligible for the scholarships. For more information on the raffle or scholarship application process, please email Timothy Sherrod at: tsherro@eos.ncsu.edu or Patrick Clemons at: pclemon@eos.ncsu.edu.

Correction:
In Monday's issue of Technician, the article titled "Dance benefits Haven House" stated that the dance-a-thon fundraiser sponsored by Phi Sigma Pi national honor fraternity would begin on March 31. The event will actually start on April 1. Technician regrets the error.



Flowers left on the porch of 4917-C Dana Dr. as a memorial to Ken Carroll, who died last Thursday in a fire.

Stove to blame for fire

◆ A stove left unattended led to the fire that killed NCSU senior Ken Carroll last Thursday.

LAUREN PRESSLEY
Staff Writer

An abandoned stove can be blamed for the tragedy that occurred in an off-campus Sumter Square apartment early last Thursday morning. Fire Marshall Larry Sanford said, Ken Carroll, a senior in biological engineering, was killed in the blaze.

Sanford commented that the kitchen and living area received the most damage from fire and smoke. Gary Jackson, a senior in accounting, woke up when he heard the fire alarm. He then felt the door knob, and, realizing that it was hot, he jumped from

his window, said Sanford. Jackson started beating on doors of other apartments and the windows of his own in order to get help and wake up his roommates.

Sanford said. Jackson was able to wake up his roommate, Blake Bullard, a senior in food science. When Bullard opened his door he was hit by a wall of tremendous heat and smoke, causing him to collapse, Sanford said. Jackson and a neighbor broke out Bullard's window, and a fireman pulled him through to safety.

Bullard was immediately sent to the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center at UNC-Chapel Hill for precautionary measures. According to Sanford, when greatly heated air is breathed in, the lungs react by swelling and filling with fluid, which could cause one to drown.

Bullard's injuries were "not as severe as feared," said Sanford, and he was released the same day.

Carroll however was unable to make it out to safety. He was found collapsed in the bathroom from breathing in the smoke and extremely hot air. "There was a lot of smoke by the time the alarm went off, and when it's like that you can't really see. You get disoriented," said Sanford.

He said that Carroll most likely was asleep on the couch, and by the time he heard the alarm the room was so smoky he could not exactly tell where he was or what path to take to get out.

His funeral was held last Saturday at Clement Baptist Church.

If students want to talk to someone about the death of the fire itself, M. Lee Salter, director of the NCSU Counseling Center, said there are plenty of walk-in appointments available. He continued, saying that the counselors will aid students in working things out with faculty.

"We do make a special effort," said Salter. He said this is especially the case when such emergencies arise.

Sanford suggested that students learn a lesson from this tragedy, so that it will not have been in vain.

"Never cook when you are tired, and don't leave while anything is cooking for even a minute," Sanford said. "If you start doing other things you may forget about what's cooking and endanger not only your own, but others' lives as well."



These items, a badly burned cooking pot, bowl and picture frame, were found on the porch.

Service award seeking nominees

◆ Luke Perry, an N.C. State student, and Alpha Phi Omega were the first recipients last spring of the Deborah S. Moore Service Award for outstanding community service and leadership, which is preparing for this year's round of applicants.

EMILY TOWNLEY
Senior Staff Writer

Thanks to the generosity of an N.C. State alumnus' family, the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service (CSLEPS) now has the resources to annually recognize students and organizations who exert extraordinary effort to service within the community.

This recognition is the Deborah S. Moore Service Award, a memorial designed to honor exemplary service and outstanding volunteerism. The award recognizes one student and one registered student organization with a plaque and \$100 cash award, according to Tonya Walton, a student intern in the CSLEPS.

"Recognizing contributions and celebrating accomplishments is part of encouraging the heart," said Janey Musgrave, director of the CSLEPS. "It is very important that we have this type of honor, and I am so glad that we have the relationship that we do with the Singleton family."

Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Singleton, created the memorial in the spring of 1977.

According to Walton, Moore's family established the award in order to recognize volunteer efforts on campus because of their daughter's extraordinary volunteerism during her time at NCSU. Moore served as the first volunteer coordinator of the NCSU Student Center. She contributed much of her time to society by volunteering, teaching English to retired Spanish-speaking people and working with the handicapped and underprivileged.

The award was given for the first time last year. Luke Perry, a senior in Environmental Design, and the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity were honored at an awards ceremony in the spring.

"The family [of Deborah Moore] was present at the ceremony," Walton said. "They thought that it was great and will continue to give the award."

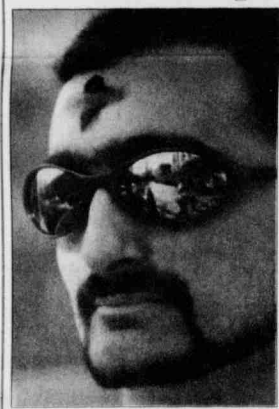
Perry is the co-founder of Hope for the Homeless and has participated in such service endeavors as Service Raleigh and the Scholars Council's Random Acts of Kindness. According to Elaina Holburn, a junior in civil engineering who recommended him for the award last year, Perry is "devoutly passionate in working toward the betterment of society."

"Through his dedication to service, Luke has a positive influence on both the campus and surrounding community," said Holburn.

Perry said that this award is a great

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After the party...



Jordan Massad, a graduate student in applied math, bears the mark of the cross in remembrance of Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Catholic holiday of Lent.

New Duke project fights false imprisonment

◆ Professors and students in the Duke University law school have founded an organization to investigate claims of innocence from prisoners who have no remaining appeals.

TOBY COLEMAN
The Chronicle

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — Inspired by a Cardozo Law School project that has helped free 37 innocent men from prison, Duke law students and professors have started their own effort to help free wrongly convicted prisoners called the Innocence Project. Duke's Innocence Project leaders sat down Monday with the founders of the Cardozo project,

Peter Neufeld and Barry Scheck, after the two lawyers delivered a well-attended speech at the Duke University law school.

Scheck and Neufeld are on a national speaking tour touting their book *Actual Innocence*, which they co-wrote with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jim Dwyer. The men are best known for their work in defending O. J. Simpson, are using the tour to push for reform of the criminal justice system and they believe that local related innocence projects like Duke's will aid this effort.

For now, Duke's Innocence Project is still in the planning stages and lacks both a budget and office space. Student coordinator Pamela Hoefler, a second-year law student, said the group was still

establishing criteria for accepting cases.

Like the nationally renowned Innocence Project run out of New York City by Neufeld and Scheck, Duke's project will work only with apparently innocent prisoners who have exhausted their legal appeals.

However, unlike the Cardozo project, Duke's program will not limit its work to cases where newly available DNA evidence could overturn the conviction, Hoefler said.

Scheck cautioned the students to work only with convicts who unflinchingly claimed their innocence since their conviction. "We've been burned when it's just the families [claiming innocence]," Scheck said.

Using improved DNA testing,

the two lawyers have managed to free 37 men condemned by both juries and appellate judges to life imprisonment or, in eight cases, death.

Pointing to case studies and statistical analysis in their new book, the lawyers said the criminal justice system should be blamed for allowing innocent people to go to prison. "There are just more people in jail because this system, and many of its important parts, are broken," said Scheck.

The book recounts some of the cases Scheck and Neufeld have handled since starting up the Innocence Project in 1986. In one case, a Tulsa, Okla. man spent five years in prison for the rape of an 11-year-old, despite 11 defense witnesses' testimony that he was skeet shooting in Dallas.

Neufeld said the book explores the causes of wrongful convictions. The answers, he said, are fairly simple but are rarely looked for. Cars get recalled, plane crashes get investigated and medical errors get inspected. But, he said, miscarriages of justice are rarely examined.

According to Actual Innocence, several factors routinely recur in the convictions the Innocence Project overturned. For instance, mistaken identification by a witness or a victim played a key role in 84 percent of the cases.

Other factors include forced admissions of guilt, unqualified or poor legal counsel and what Scheck called "junk science." Although certain forensic techniques can help determine the

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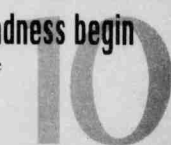
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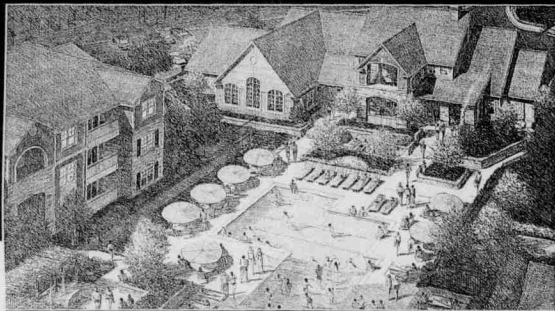
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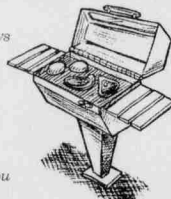
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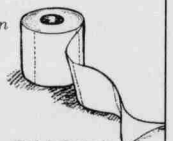
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there. ■ OK, it's a change.

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way to make people aware of "the incredible things that groups are doing on campus."

Alpha Phi Omega is an organization with over 50 active members and an extensive service program. Each member is required to complete 20 hours of service per semester. The group participates in service projects with other groups on campus, including The Big Sweep Beach Cleanup, Service Raleigh and Adopt-a-Highway as well as in independent projects in the area. These include projects with such groups as area Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, the Tammy Lynn Center and the Boys Club.

"This fraternity has gone to great lengths to provide service to youth, the campus and to the community for the spirit of service they promote on campus," said Aneda Mertz, who recommended Alpha Phi Omega for the service award last year.

Any student or group interested in

being considered for the Deborah S. Moore Memorial Service Award must complete an application and obtain one letter of recommendation. The Awards Selection Committee, a group of approximately seven students, staff and faculty, will then review all applications. Perry and a representative from Alpha Phi Omega will also serve on this committee, according to Walton.

A ceremony to honor this year's outstanding individual and group will be held April 27 at 4 p.m. on the first floor of the Talley Student Center, Walton said.

"This shouldn't be an award that people strive to achieve," said Perry. "It is there to recognize the efforts that go on every day. That's the beauty of service — people are doing it anyway."

Applications for the Deborah S. Moore Memorial Service Award should be turned in to the CSLEPS by 5 p.m. on March 29. Applications are available online, www.fis.ncsu.edu/sis, or in the CSLEPS. For more information, contact Janey Musgrave at 515-9248.

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identity of the perpetrator, other procedures commonly used before 1990, such as microscopic hair analysis, are now considered completely unreliable.

[During the speech, the two lawyers suggested criminal justice reforms, including mandatory tapping of suspect interrogations, less biased suspect identification procedures and a requirement that states keep all forensic evidence while the person convicted is in jail. "In 75 percent of our cases, we can't find samples anymore...." Schreck said. "In instances where we can find samples, two-thirds are innocent."

They said that these reforms will look as more students begin to happen into questionable convictions.

Neufeld added that working to free innocent people from prison can be difficult and tiring but also rewarding. "There's no better feeling than when you're standing at the prison gate and you watch a man coming out who has been in prison or on death row," he said. "You embrace him with a hug reserved only for your nearest and dearest on a special occasion."

Internet gains value as important political tool

◆ Candidates like John McCain and Bill Bradley are revolutionizing the political process through use of the Internet.

EMILY ROCKWOOD
Cavalier Daily

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. — The Internet's political prowess is being tested this week during the Super Tuesday presidential primaries.

This date marks one of the most important times in the primary season when vote-swinging states like New York and California enter the electoral ring.

This week's primaries predict more than just the presidential chances of the five hopefuls; they also help assess the Internet's potential to shape the political process.

This week will "tell the tale" and determine just how much impact the Internet will have at the voting booth, Politics Online site editor Tom Kennedy said.

Already, Arizona Senator John McCain (R) has used the medium to his advantage, racking up donations and enlisting campaign volunteers online.

For most of the candidates, once the Web site is accessed a box pops up offering an easy way to donate money.

"The Internet provided rocket fuel for McCain after New Hampshire," said Michael Cornfield, spokesman for the Democracy Online project at George Washington University. "Over \$4 million in donations were processed online in February."

Both McCain and former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley (D) have used the Internet successfully to challenge their party nomination rivals, Texas Gov. George W. Bush (R) and Vice President Al Gore (D), who are better funded and who have more backing from their political parties.

"If [McCain] continues to succeed... it will be the Internet that did it," said Charlotte Neal, co-

chairwoman for McCain's Virginia campaign office. Neal said McCain has raised over \$7 million to date on the Internet alone.

McCain also has gathered about 135,000 e-mail addresses of supporters, allowing him to keep in contact with potential contributors.

In addition to raising funds for the presidential campaigns, the Internet allows voters to "capture the flavor of the campaign," Bill Bradley campaign spokesman Josh Galper said.

For example, at the Bradley Web site potential voters can get information about Bradley's views on issues such as health care and gun control. They also can download clips from his speeches, read the most recent news articles about his campaign and shop online for bumper stickers and T-shirts at the Bradley 2000 Store.

Web sites are updated constantly, allowing campaign officials to stay in close contact with grassroots organizations, Neal said.

Galper said the Bradley campaign has registered over 100,000 volunteers over the Internet, enhancing traditional recruitment techniques while saving money and manpower in the process.

Although some are concerned that those without Internet access will become removed further from the political process, campaign workers remain optimistic.

"There's still access," Neal said, referring to traditional means of communication such as flyers and local activist organizations. And, she added, "Nothing beats seeing [McCain] one-on-one with all his charisma."

Cornfield said he also thinks the Internet may help make for smarter voting because voters will have more access to the candidate's stances on important issues.

It will "spread around what is important in political life," Galper said. And "we will see more participation in democracy."

The Internet "opens up an avenue for more and more people," Neal said. "There are no limits as to what we can do."

Kennedy said the one limit of online politics is that not everyone

has access to all the available information.

"There are several gradations of division in 'Net accessibility and ease of use,'" Cornfield said. The "digital divide" that has filled many politicians' rhetoric this year. "For example, connecting through a telephone modem is not as convenient as through a broadband pipe."

"The Bradley campaign thinks the 'digital divide' only will be bridged by 'putting money back in the pockets' of the underprivileged, Galper said.

Before worrying about Internet access, a Bradley administration first would work on eliminating more pressing social problems such as child poverty.

"Bringing people together across the 'civic divide' requires political action in all media, not just technological empowerment," Cornfield said.

In the future, political campaigning may rely more and more on the Internet, but online voting may not be on the agenda immediately.

But as political campaigning becomes more reliant on the Internet, some officials said online voting may become as common as going to the local polls.

Arizona Democrats are holding the first legally binding online primary this week from March 7 through 10.

If security problems arise, "that will set us back a couple of months, maybe a couple of years," Kennedy said. "We have the technology right now," but many are concerned about potential problems.

Right now, Cornfield said experts are concerned about "security against viruses, protection of personal privacy for those who vote at work, authentication of voting - a spouse can learn your password and use your computer - the equity question ... and the reinforcement of social isolation."

Other officials said they had similar concerns about online voting.

"We're a long way from that," Neal said. "It will be interesting to see what happens."

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From the court to the courthouse

The National Hockey League (NHL) has made the jump from the sports page to the front page of the news in recent

The last two years have brought with them a series of unsettling athletic crimes. Should athletes have to worry about getting a criminal record every time they step on the field of play?

weeks. But goal-scoring and hard checking have not driven that jump. Rather, the stick-swinging of Boston Bruins defenseman Marty McSorley has brought the league recent fleeting infamy.

Late in a Feb 21 loss to the Vancouver Canucks, McSorley skated down the ice, approached Canucks forward Harold Brashar from behind, raised his stick and struck Brashar on the right temple.

Brashar immediately collapsed. For long anxious moments after the attack, he lay on the ice convulsing as blood poured from his nose. Brashar emerged from the incident with a broken eye socket and a severe concussion.

McSorley's actions and the NHL's infamy both come as a surprise, but, given the athletic climate of recent years, they've hardly been shocking.

During the late 1990's, a disturbing trend has emerged. Last May, University of Evansville baseball player Anthony Molina found himself the target of a 91-mph fastball thrown by Wichita State pitcher Ben Christensen. The game had not even started; Molina was not even in the batter's box. Molina suffered a shattered left eye from the beating.

In November 1997, NBA player Latrell Sprewell infamously attacked and choked then-head coach P.J. Carlesimo during a Golden State Warriors practice.

San Antonio high school basketball player and burglary probe Tony Limon flagrantly elbowed opposing player Brent Holmes during a game. Holmes suffered a broken nose, a cut lip and a concussion.

McSorley, Christensen and Sprewell each received the most severe penalties ever handed down in their respective leagues: McSorley and Sprewell were suspended for a full year, and Christensen was suspended for the balance of the 1999 season.

Is that enough? Is losing the respect of fellow players, the love of fellow fans and possibly the promise of millions of future dollars enough payment for committing violent acts on the field of play?

Absolutely not. Sports are a rough-and-tumble endeavor, no doubt. Every day, in nearly every contact sport, grown men inflict punishment on one another that would, in any other environment, have severe legal repercussions.

But there is a line between throwing an elbow and throwing a punch, between missing the outside corner with a high-and-tight fastball and missing the soft human temple with a cruelly aimed pitch.

Limon learned how thin that line is. For his elbowing incident—a violation of his probation—he is currently serving a five-year prison sentence. McSorley will soon learn the same sobering lesson. Vancouver, British Columbia, officials announced this week that they will charge him with assault with a weapon, a charge that carries a maximum jail term of 18 months.

In the heat of athletic action, it's hard to control emotions. Hopefully, McSorley and Limon's fates will teach other athletes that controlling errant elbows, flying fists and swinging sticks is much easier.



What's on tap for SG

RAJ MIRCHANDINI
Student Body President

We've had a lot to be proud of lately. Last semester, Student Government brought a late-night bus system into operation and successfully lobbied the North Carolina Legislature not to go through with a tuition surcharge last summer.

Unfortunately, the promise of an unprecedented \$600 in tuition increases over the next two years threatens to cast a long shadow over students at N.C. State, a shadow that may jeopardize the historical intentions of this institution.

What does that seem to be a total disaster, there is still hope. Chancellor Marye Anne Fox has agreed to permit students to suggest specific provisions for how the new tuition premium should be spent at NCSU.

Many of us strongly opposed the

tuition increase, but we must be mature and take advantage of this opportunity to let Fox know we want to have a say in where our money is spent. It will be a top priority of Student Government to collaborate with the student body and student leaders to make sure we let the administration know where we want our money spent.

Among our top remaining concerns is the possibility of a capital improvement fee being imposed on students. As a public institution, we have a long tradition of paying for capital improvements with money from the N.C. Legislature. Student Government will lobby the Legislature to provide the necessary capital improvement funds to prevent our fee dollars from being increased.

On Feb. 28, I was honored to lead members of our Student Government to the Legislature. We made a strong

showing and we were recognized at a meeting in which university capitol needs were discussed.

On top of the exorbitant tuition students will have to pay, there is also a trend of rising student fees. Each year, select departments request increases in student fees from the administration to provide for expanded programs.

In light of the extraordinarily high tuition rates on the horizon, this trend must be suspended long enough to permit the students to adapt to the new tuition level.

To address this issue, Jason Cotter, my chief of operations, and I have developed a policy we're trying to build support for that would require a one-year moratorium on these increases.

Where possible, we would also like to encourage student-fee-dependent departments to consider ways to reduce their reliance on these fees in

the coming years.

Traditional Student Government projects are also well underway this semester. The planning for Service Raleigh, Feed Raleigh and Night Walk are all currently underway.

To address safety concerns on campus, we will host Night Walk'2K, an event that organizes a large group of volunteers to walk around campus at night to address night safety concerns.

Service Raleigh is an event incorporating the entire Raleigh community in a daylong event in which a variety of service projects are completed. Service Raleigh will be held April 8.

Student Government will hold its annual food drive, Feed Raleigh, April 29.

I would like to ask the entire university community to get involved and ensure the success of these upcoming

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CAMPUS FORUM

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Student Government election forms were due March 6 by 5 p.m. Only people who turned in forms are allowed to be listed on the ballots April 3 and 4.

The elections board did not advertise thoroughly enough, in my opinion. Some of my friends—friends in Student Government—did not even know about the dead-

line. If people in Student Government did not know when forms were due, how could the average student who wants to help fix campus policies or keep transportation from building another \$40,000 speed bump have known? Forty (40) Student Senate seats are available. Few people run for these 40 seats. Last year, I ran against four other people to represent juniors in Engineering. There were four seats available, meaning

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In praise of school uniforms



JAMES CURLE

The recent debate over school uniforms raised by the Johnston County School Board brings this issue back to the forefront of the consciousness of families here in the Triangle.

Does stripping kids of their valued fashion statements and dressing them in khakis and plain shirts rob them of their individuality? Or does it have positive aspects? It's my opinion that school uniforms are indeed necessary for the solid social growth of a high school student.

The issue is a battle over the nature of individuality. The students argue that to take away their clothes is to take away their ability to make statements about who they are. Like brightly colored plumage, high school students sport all shades of Karl Kani, Abercrombie, FUBU and styles from various other clothing

manufacturers to "show their true colors."

The problem I have with this is that the clothes the students wear have gotten too big for them. Think back to your days in middle school, when Starter jackets were popular. To be a viable member of the school's population, one needed the latest and greatest Starter jacket.

That was cool if you had one—everybody gave you looks as you walked down the hall and praised you for it.

But think back to the kid by the locker as that fashionable student walked down that hall. He was the one wearing "bab" clothes, the Rose's or Wal-Mart or K-Mart clothes because his parents couldn't afford better. How do you think he felt? Left out, perhaps?

Or maybe feeling a bit less of a person because the one visible object that distinguished this student from all the others was unattainable to him (or her)? He may have the ability to paint or write strong poet-

ry or be an excellent student, but his lacking current apparel nullifies those talents.

And where was the fashionable student left when the Starter jacket craze waned? Without a job at the age of 15, purchasing new clothes with her own money wasn't possible. But the new craze was on the horizon, so she asked her parents for the cash to buy the latest threads.

This dependency upon parents to support fashion needs begins a damaging cycle of constantly asking parents for support well into the college years and beyond.

Individuality? Hardly. With school uniforms, the problems of social fashion elitism fall away. Everyone, from the trust-fund heir to the poorest-of-the-poor, comes to class dressed in the same attire. Without stylish clothes to express their monetary superiority, the socially elite now see a classroom full of peers, not subordinate students.

One of the consistent truths about

youth is that young people will strive to stand apart and make names for themselves. Without clothing as an outlet, students must now find new ways to make a name in school, defining themselves by their actions and not the clothes that they wear.

Individuality comes about then as a product of the activities and interests the student partakes in. Whereas the rich might not have associated with the poor previously based on their appearance, the playing field is now leveled entering school, and more meaningful friendships and relationships are sure to spring forth because of it.

The studies seem to support the positive aspects of school uniforms. In Johnston County and in other systems, self-confidence among students has risen, grades have improved and the demeanor of students is reportedly more upbeat. Without the social constraints of

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Break verses



MARK ANDERSON

A poem I offer to you, my dear fellow student, esteemed instructor.

Finally, we are one day away, from the mother of all Fridays.

'Tis Spring Break upon us, no more riding the Wolfline bus.

For a week anyway, until the following Monday, when the last cram-tests are tough, and the semester's been rough.

But, you, my friend, are nearing the end.

Of a long eight-week run, which sure has been fun.

Shall we look back with an analytical knock?

And take stock of this spring, and what the future will bring?

Of course, we shall very soon, lest you read this past noon.

When you might be

worn-out, and lose the stay-away-keep boat.

(You might be thinking: *What is he drinking?*)

Such strange rhyming schemes must have come from his dreams.

Two months ago, when we had all that snow.

Seems like yesterday, but was it not Wednesday?

We have tests now in the past and they shall be our last.

Yet we are still here, albeit gazing like deer.

Into the headlights of the oncoming break; and for your sake—

I suggest putting your feet up and pouring a cup.

Of refreshing sweet tea. Could you pour some for me?

Now, I've gone on too long, singing this song.

Is it making you feel sleepy, or happy, or creepy?

My dear fellow classmate and esteemed instructor, please wait! I wish you a happy look back.

Turn away from that stack. Or work to be done and go outside.

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Our failing campus



RACHAEL QUEARASA

Spring is upon us and N.C. State is in full bloom. The wonderful work of our facilities department can be seen all over campus, in the colorful flowers and blossoming trees.

Yet, the beautiful landscape that surrounds NCSU only amplifies the ugliness of our buildings. NCSU's beautiful landscape offsets our deteriorated buildings that are usually ignored in winter.

Facilities really only has the ability to alter the landscape of our campus. They cannot really fix the buildings that we as NCSU students love to hate—nor can anyone else.

How many times have you heard, "Why are Withers' labs so crappy, why is Harrison so damn ugly, why do all our beautifying efforts go into East Campus, and why are there so many bricks?"

All of these are good questions that

we students deserve answers to.

Now, I believe that, while at NCSU, I will not see Harrison torn down or the Brickyard turned into a grassy quad. Those are unimaginable ideas that we all know are never going to happen.

But one thing that may happen while I am here is the renovation of a building that at least 85 percent of students have experience with, the "all-powerful" Withers Hall.

Everyone has hopefully had the pleasure of taking a chemistry or physics lab in Withers and knows how crappy Withers as the "campus of NCSU."

Withers, however, is not like Harrison. It is not fundamentally crappy. Withers' "crappiness" can be changed. Yes, a facility to Withers will not be possible without the assistance of the North Carolina Legislature.

Hurricane Floyd hit N.C. hard last summer. Thousands of people were displaced. In eastern North Carolina, drastic measures were taken in order

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catch some sun!
Like I said before of those noisy days of yore.
They are just memories now of cold weather past,
But sunny skies are ahead- the meteorologist did cast.
As you are driving in cars, beneath the heavenly stars
To the beaches of sand, let me give you a hand.
No, not with your bags, per se, but with what to you I say.
A friendly warning I give: I want you to live!
When you sit in the car, don't go very far.
If you haven't put on your seat belt, I have often felt,
You are not as safe as could be, and you might pay a fee.

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programs.
Despite the economic struggles and

Also, my friends, be careful and responsibly mull
How you party this next week, and whom will you seek.
Do nothing you would regret, otherwise you'll later fret
Over the poor choices you made and how you played
During your week at the beach.
Next week should teach
You some valuable lessons of life, be they love, joy, or strife.
So, now I close, my dear fellow-I promise an end to this poem melow. Of the temptations- be mindful and smart.
Now, please, spring break start!

Did you notice the aa, bb, etc rhyme scheme? How about the regular rhythm? Well, one out of two isn't bad, eh? Thanks for bearing with Mark's English-minor abilities. He's trying. Honestly. Have a pleasant Spring Break. And for the love of all that's pure and good in this world, be safe people!

hardships that undoubtedly await students in the coming semesters, Student Government has not lost its resolve to work on the student body's behalf.

If there is anything I can do for you, please feel free to e-mail me at: shp@ncsu.edu.

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to accommodate the situation. So, the relief efforts for Hurricane Floyd put the educational needs of the UNC System on the back burner.

But, it is now March 2000, and relief and repair efforts to the eastern part of our state are well underway. The state has dealt adequately with the hurricane situation. It is now time for the legislators to re-focus their efforts on improving the quality of the UNC System's educational facilities.

My question to the state of North Carolina is: how do you expect us to learn and obtain the necessary knowledge to succeed if you supply us with inadequate materials? Currently at NCSU, students are being taught in an atmosphere that is not conducive to learning and educating.

We should not have to learn in small, cramped, stuffy rooms, like the ones in Hargetton. We should not be expected to learn chemistry if outdated equipment is being used. We should not have to perform labs in a laboratory that does not meet safety codes. The Legislature needs to address these and

other problems.

The system's students, not its staff or faculty, must fight for better educational facilities. If change in our educational facilities is ever going to occur on campus, we need to fight for future bond issues that will help the UNC System.

These buildings are deteriorating right in front of our eyes. These buildings were commissioned and are supposed to be maintained by the state of North Carolina. It is the state's job to supply the funds to improve these buildings.

The problems with these buildings did not just arise yesterday. They have been the result of years of neglect on the part of the state. If we continue to stick with a "pay-as-you-go" policy for repairing these buildings, nothing will get done. We need to fight for full repair funds so that contractors can adequately fix these buildings the first time around.

Unfortunately, current NCSU students may not reap the benefits of our efforts. But we need to initiate the fight so that future generations of Wolfpack students will learn in an environment that is adequate for educating.

Please help Rachael in the fight for improving our state-supported buildings on campus. If you have any questions or comments email them to: rtovnera@unity.ncsu.edu. Have a safe and enjoyable Spring Break.

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I had an 80 percent chance of winning. The chances of winning in many colleges are even higher; some colleges often have no candidates and are rarely represented, like Textiles and Forest Resources.

When these empty positions come to the Student Senate, they are filled by an internal appointment process. People who were elected, in part because few knew about the elections deadline, then pick others to represent the student body and decide on the next year's election procedures.

Student Government could better represent the students if its elections board advertised the positions available. Most students may not want to run for a Student Government position, but at least with some advertising, they would know that they could run for office.

John Borwick
Junior
Computer Science and English

Atheist thought, continued

Once again, Daniel Daily continues to dazzle us with his bogus theories on atheist thought. Personally, I don't think any opinion on atheism is going to sit well with him, unless it's backed up by some grandiose reasoning that matches his superior intellect.

It's not his assessments of atheists that amaze me, but his assurance of his assessments (and I'm just curious, what course does Professor "Umpty Scrunch" teach, because I think I missed his class the first time around?).

Since he's so big on extensive study and research before making arguments, I would like to know, what extensive research did he conduct to make him an expert on atheist thought? Did he interview hundreds of thousands of atheists? Go door-to-door? Mail out questionnaires?

Or did he just go by the handful of letters he's read in Technician and the casual conversations he's heard across campus, plus his own

personal bias, before he came to his conclusion? Because if it's the latter, he's just as guilty of subjectivity and following illogical reasoning as the very people he's criticizing.

While we're on the subject of logic, let's take a look at some of the reasoning of those who practice religion. For every irrational statement Daily can come up with from atheists, there can be one found made by followers of religion as well, statements ranging from the simple, "Well, I grew up in a Christian environment, and we just never questioned God's existence," to the more majestic, "Well look at the sky and the stars and the mountains and the sea, and all the complexities and the beauty of the universe. Only a higher power could have created all that."

With all due respect to followers of religion, I'm not here to condemn or make fun of your beliefs; I'm just trying to make a point. As many Christians as there are out there who extensively and impressively know their Bible, there are many self-proclaimed believers whose knowledge of the Bible either is limited to the inspirational verses tacked onto their refrigerator door or to the Bible verses that condemn someone else's lifestyle.

Since Daily seems to expect all atheists to be able to write a dissertation on religion before they go around refuting it, I extend that same expectation to Christians to extensively learn about science and other world religions, particularly to those who can't move past their "cause-it-says-so-in-the-Bible" mode of thinking.

All I really want to say to Daily is: stop taking yourself so seriously and quit over-analyzing everything you read. No one you have criticized is pretending to know or have all the answers; we're not that arrogant. How can you expect people to be completely objective and not have a bias when it comes to a topic as sensitive and personal as religion? We're not talking about a statistics course here.

You should quit trying to find flaws in other people's opinions and start looking at the ones in your own.

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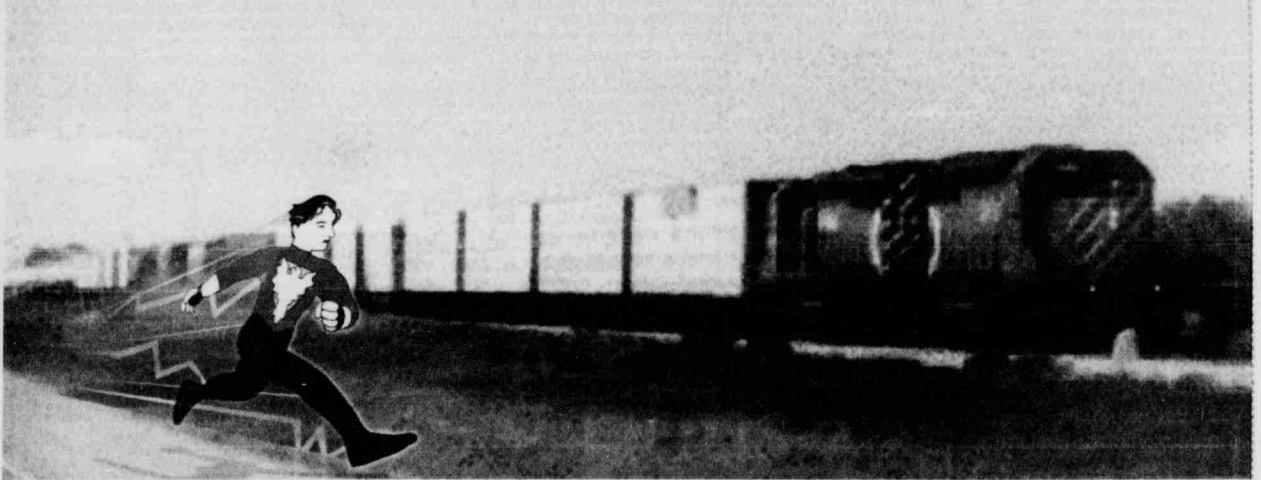
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maintaining high fashion students feel free to participate in their classes and with their peers.
By the time we reach college, most of our social development is set, so the need for school uniforms in a college setting is not present. But during the fragile creation of our social identities in middle and high school, uniforms help to level the playing field and force people into finding more constructive means of creating their identities.
Curle lives by the credo "How can you have any pudding if you don't eat your meat?" Unfortunately, not enough people listen to Pink Floyd to get that reference. E-mail him at james@sma.sca.ncsu.edu.

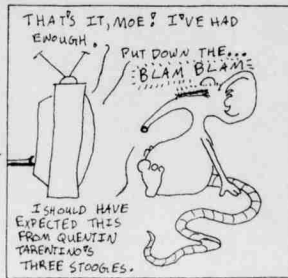
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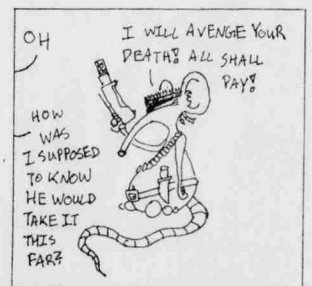
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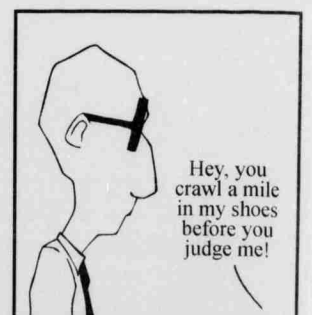
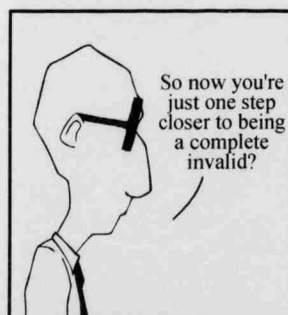
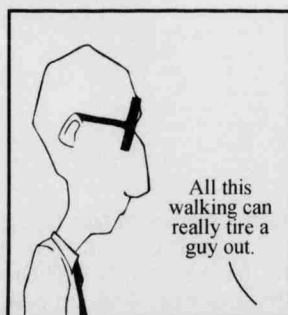
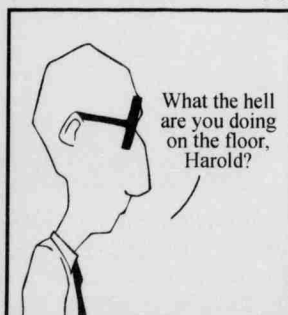
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Charlottesville. This season at Virginia, Hand scored 17 points - all in the second half.

"Donald Hand is a great player," Sendek said. "[He's] one of the best guards in our league and in the country. I think that everybody who plays against Virginia is aware of that. They realize how important he is to their success."

Not only will State have to deal with Hand, but a talented Virginia front court that sports freshman Travis Watson and sophomore Chris Williams. Added to those factors, the Pack will have to try and avoid and run-and-gun game,

the type of game that Virginia specializes in.

"I don't know if we want to get in a running game with them," Wilkins said. "We're going to have to definitely concerned about their quickness."

State will probably be without the services of one its best defenders, Marshall Williams, for the weekend. The freshman guard, who is still suffering from a knee injury, may be able to play a minute or two, but probably won't see significant action over the weekend.

Center Ron Kelley, on the other hand, will be able to play, but in a limited role. He hasn't been able to play three consecutive days in practice since his knee injury, so if State were to win a couple of games, his availability may be

affected.

"We hope we have that problem," Sendek said. "That would be a nice problem to have. [But.] up to this point, he hasn't played three days in a row."

As far as the rest of the tournament, fourth-seeded North Carolina takes on Wake Forest, the five seed, in the first afternoon game at the Charlotte Coliseum. The day's other matchup pits second seed Maryland against the winner of the Georgia Tech/Florida State, which will be played Thursday night.

Number one seed Duke also plays Thursday night, as the play lowly Clemson, with the winner advancing to play the winner of the Tar Heels/Deacons game.

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In 1998, State edged Florida State 65-63 in the 7-8 game on Thursday night. The next afternoon, State fell to North Carolina 73-46. In 1999, the Pack faced a Wake Forest team that had beat it 74-45 the week before. This time, in the ACC quarterfinals, State easily beat the Demon Deacons, 66-52. Saturday, the Pack fell to a dominant Duke team, 83-68.

For his part, Sendek thinks it's hard to win any game in the ACC, no matter if it's the regular season or the ACC tournament. "It's a league where each night

out, you're playing against great competition," Sendek said.

This year, Sendek will head into the ACC with a team that has had two different seasons. One that was good, one that was horrific. On the bright side, State had its best performance in roughly a month Sunday against Florida State, as it won for the first time ever in Tallahassee.

"We just believe that you've got to focus on the present," Sendek said. "Each day we go out [and] we prepare for the next game and we always try and learn from our past experiences. But now, all of our energies are pointed on the ACC Tournament. Hopefully the win on Sunday will create a good feeling going into it."

most difficult schedule in the nation, but, at 18-12 overall, its wins over quality non-conference competition are scarce.

N.C. State (16-11, 6-10) and Wake Forest (16-13, 7-9) will likely represent the ACC in the NIT.

Wake Forest, the tournament's fifth seed, will return to the NIT barring early March heroics from Darius Songalia and Robert O'Kelley. Songalia proved to be a more reliable scorer in a season that was to see O'Kelley challenge for ACC Player of the Year honors.

Steve Robinson's seventh-seeded Seminoles led the league in senior starts and won six games but lost six non-conference games. FSU went 1-1 against its first-round ACC opponent, Georgia Tech.

For Florida State, a team that placed Damous Anderson and Ron Hale on the All-ACC third team, this will be its last chance to make any kind of postseason tournament.

"We know we have to play better than we did last week or our season is over," Robinson said. "Hopefully our kids will respond to the challenge."

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for third place in the ACC, but Virginia's claim to the tournament's third seed lies in its first regular season sweep of Carolina since 1981.

As the third seed, Virginia meets sixth-seeded N.C. State, a team with which it split the season series, winning 88-82 at Charlottesville. Va. A win in the ACC tournament would sure up Virginia's spot in the NCAA tournament.

"You're never sure until you're announced," Virginia head coach Pete Gillen said. "I think we have good credentials. A winning record in the ACC and the third seed is all I can say. We just have to win some more games. We know we face a good N.C. State team with good players."

Carolina, winner of 15 ACC tournaments all-time, needs a win over Wake Forest in the four-five game, or it could miss the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1974.

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"I think against Florida State we played a complete game from the beginning to the end. We didn't give them a chance to get back in it. I think that's just what we needed." - N.C. State guard Justin Gainey on the importance of Sunday's 70-51 win over Florida State



WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

"If you ask the other teams in the league about N.C. State and what do they think about us, we're not a run-of-the-mill sixth seed. We finished sixth because we didn't do a couple things throughout the year that we should have." - N.C. State guard Archie Miller on State's ACC Tournament chances

"If I was an expert on how to beat Duke, we would have beaten them more." - Maryland coach Gary Williams on what it took off the Blue Devils

As much as we all want to get to the NCAA Tournament, we can't look past the ACC Tournament. There's no question we all want to get there very badly, especially our seniors. Everyone wants to get there. But our attitude can't just be to get to the NCAA Tournament. - N.C. State forward Mike Wilkins on the possibility of qualifying for the NCAA Tournament

ACC Basketball Notes

Duke's Dunleavy Cleared To Play

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Duke freshman Mike Dunleavy went through his first full practice Wednesday after missing four games with mononucleosis, and said he was ready to play in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament. "I feel pretty good," Dunleavy said. "I guess it's kind of like riding a bike. You don't really forget how to do it." Coach Mike Krzyzewski said Dunleavy, usually the first player off the bench for the Blue Devils, would get limited playing time Thursday night when No. 3 Duke plays Clemson in a first-round game at the Charlotte Coliseum. Krzyzewski said he was not going to predict how many minutes Dunleavy would play. "We'll put him in like a normal rotation. He just wouldn't

All-Conference teams announced

The Associated Press 1999-2000 All-ACC men's basketball teams as voted on by 103 members of the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association. (First-place votes in parentheses and point total based on a 3-2-1 scale.)

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Will Solomon, Clemson (56), 258
Lonny Baxter, Maryland (58), 247

SECOND TEAM

Terence Morris, Maryland (27), 216
Ed Cota, North Carolina (34), 211
Donald Hand Virginia (12), 167
Jason Collier, Georgia Tech (7), 156
(tie) Joseph Forte, North Carolina (8), 137
(tie) Chris Williams, Virginia (6), 137

THIRD TEAM

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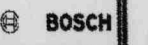
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Three-game mission



◆ While the Wolfpack battles Virginia Friday, the 47th ACC Tournament begins today in Charlotte.

JACK DRLY
Sports Editor

For N.C. State, the task is refreshingly simple. To make the NCAA Tournament, the Wolfpack needs to win the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament championship. Three wins in three days. If it loses at any point, it can anticipate a fourth straight NIT bid.

As the players and coaches are quick to point out, however, first things first. And first, in this case, is the Virginia Cavaliers.

"As much as we all want to get to the NCAA Tournament, we can't look past the ACC Tournament," said State's Damien Wilkins. "We can't look past Virginia."

And so the mission begins Friday night when State (16-11, 6-10 ACC), the six seed, takes on third-seeded Virginia (19-10, 9-7) at 7 p.m. in the quarterfinals of the 47th ACC Tournament. The tournament is being held in Charlotte this year for the second year in a row.

The Pack and the Cavaliers split their two matchups during the regular season, with both teams winning on their home court.

In the first meeting in Raleigh, State won 65-62 despite shooting just 37 percent from the free-throw line. In that game, Wilkins led the Pack with 13 points and nine rebounds. In Charlottesville, Virginia saw the game played in its up-tempo style and prevailed 88-82. The one constant in both games was that they were close.

Meanwhile, State comes into the tournament with a little bit of momentum. After losing seven straight, the Pack won convincingly at Florida State, 70-51.

"I think against Florida State we played a complete game," senior point guard Justin Gainey said. "From the beginning to the end, we didn't give them a chance to get back in it. I think that's just what we needed in terms of getting our confidence back."

Against the Seminoles, the Pack did a masterful job on

defense, holding Florida State to 33.9 percent field-goal shooting. The Seminoles' leading scorer, Ron Hale, was held to zero points on his Senior Day, thanks in large part to the defense of Wilkins.

"Damien's had an outstanding freshman year," Sendek said. "I think he's done it with a complete game. He's given us contributions in every area. He's rebounded the ball and he's given us great defense."

Friday, the Pack will have to focus its defensive efforts of Virginia's second team All-ACC player, Donald Hand. Last season, Hand scored 41 points against the Pack in a Virginia win in

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Damon Thornton and the Wolfpack head to Charlotte for the ACC Tournament this weekend. State battles Virginia Friday night. Thornton and the rest of teammates will have their hands full trying to contain Virginia guard Donald Hand.

Sendek sports strong ACC record

◆ N.C. State's coach has had success on the ACC's brightest stage.

JACK DRLY
Sports Editor

The Atlantic Coast Conference tournament has been kind to Herb Sendek.

N.C. State's basketball coach has won at least one game in every ACC tournament he's played in. His 5-3 overall record in the tournament (a .625 winning percentage) is much better than his overall ACC mark, which is 21-43 in his career (a .328 winning percentage).

"It's obviously one of the great sporting events that occurs each year," Sendek said. "The ACC Tournament has such great tradition, with all nine schools gathered like that. It makes for great pageantry and excitement."

Perhaps the most lasting memo-

ries of Sendek's career happened in his first crack in the tournament. A freshman Justin Gainey and four others - C.C. Harrison, Ishua Benjamin, Danny Strong and Jeremy Hyatt - led an improbable Wolfpack run to the finals.

Along the way, State defeated Georgia Tech in the play-in game, number one seed Duke and Maryland. The improbable spurt ended in the finals when the Pack ran out of gas against North Carolina.

"I just remember being especially happy for our seniors," Sendek said. "Guys who had stayed the course through some difficult times. [They] handled adversity with great character."

Since the 1997 ACC tournament, Sendek's teams have won in the first round before falling in the second.

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Herb Sendek has traditionally fared well in the ACC Tourney.

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69-55 (.556 WINNING PERCENTAGE)

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ACC Tourney wide open

◆ This weekend's ACC tournament gives several teams the opportunity to jockey for position in the post-season.

ROB GODFREY
Staff Writer

Last year, it was the Duke Invitational Tournament. This year, however, the ACC men's tournament field appears to be wide open after parity characterized the regular season in a lackluster year for the tradition-rich conference.

According to college basketball analysts, two of the conference's nine teams, Duke and Maryland, are NCAA tournament locks.

The Blue Devils (24-4, 15-1) won their fourth consecutive regular season title and another top seed in the tournament, while placing two players on the All-ACC first team, Shane Battier and Chris Carrwell, and one player, Jason Williams, on the third team.

Lately, Duke, who plays ninth-seeded Clemson on Thursday, has been vulnerable with Mike Dunleavy, the team's sixth man, sidelined.

Doctors cleared the freshman, who contracted mononucleosis, on Wednesday to play limited minutes in the ACC tournament.

"I still don't expect him to play,"

WHAT: ACC TOURNAMENT
WHEN: THIS WEEKEND
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Maryland (22-8, 11-5), a team that lost three starters in the off-season, wrapped up the second seed as it did a year ago. Rebounding from an 0-3 conference start, the Terrapins handed Duke its only ACC loss.

Juan Dixon filled the offensive

void left by Steve Francis and led Maryland, and most of the ACC, in scoring.

"When we lost Steve Francis and Laron Profit, two of our perimeter players, that was close to 30 points in the back court," Maryland's Gary Williams said. "Juan really stepped up and showed us that he was going to be a consistent scorer."

Aside from Duke and Maryland, no other ACC team is a NCAA tournament shoe-in.

Two squads, Virginia (19-10, 9-7) and North Carolina (18-12, 9-7), are on the bubble, meaning they face must-win match-ups when the 47th annual tournament opens up Thursday, if they want to secure NCAA tournament berths.

Five other teams, N.C. State, Clemson, Florida State, Georgia Tech and Wake Forest, will be pricking at the bubble on which North Carolina and Virginia rest. These teams face the ominous task of having to win the ACC tournament to land a spot in the NCAA's North Carolina and Virginia tied

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Conference Standing: 6th (tie)
Record: 6-10 ACC, 16-11 overall

Key Players: Damien Wilkins is fifth among ACC freshmen in scoring (10.5) and has logged more minutes (31.3) than any other player on the Wolfpack's roster. Anthony Grundy leads the Pack in scoring with 13.7 points per game. Damon Thornton is the team's top rebounder with 7.7 boards per game.

Key Games: The Pack's recent seven-game losing streak began when it blew a 12-point lead against Maryland on Feb. 6. But the Pack has proven it can play with the ACC's top teams after taking Duke to the limit on the road in a 92-88 overtime loss on Jan. 19.

ACC Titles Won (Last Title): 10 (1987)



Conference Standing: 2nd
Record: 11-5, 22-8

Key Players: Juan Dixon and Lonny Baxter have developed into stars for the Terrapins, as both were named to the All-ACC first team. Preseason Player of the Year, Terence Morris has quietly put together an outstanding season, placing in the top 10 in six major statistical categories.

Key Games: The Terrapins finally ended Duke's record 31-game ACC winning streak with a 99-87 victory in Cameron Indoor Stadium on Feb. 9. The Terps won five in a row before losing to Virginia 69-87 in overtime in their final game of the regular season.

ACC Titles Won (Last Title): 2 (1984)



Conference Standing: 5th
Record: 7-9, 16-13

Key Players: Danus Songalia, a third team All-ACC choice, has been the Demon Deacons most consistent scorer during ACC play, averaging 16.6 points. Robert O'Kelley has slumped at times but still scored 13.4 points per game.

Key Games: The Deacons got out of the gate quickly, even taking a 77-72 win on Dec. 4 over Temple, who was playing without star guard Pepe Sanchez. But Wake has struggled at times, with the low point coming in a 54-49 overtime loss at Davidson.

ACC Titles Won (Last Title): 4 (1996)



Conference Standing: 9th
Record: 4-12, 10-19

Key Players: First team All-ACC member Will Solomon was one of the few bright spots in an otherwise dismal season for the Tigers, averaging 21.1 points to lead the ACC. Solomon is also second in the ACC in minutes played (36).

Key Games: The Tigers suffered several embarrassing home losses to teams such as Wake Forest, Wisconsin-Green Bay and Appalachian State. Two of the Tigers' four ACC wins came against N.C. State, including a 59-42 win at home on Jan. 27.

ACC Titles Won (Last Title): 0



Conference Standing: 8th
Record: 5-11, 13-16

Key Players: Jason Collier, a second team All-ACC choice, is tops in the conference with 9.1 rebounds per game, and his 11 double-doubles are the most in the ACC this year. Alvin Jones is the ACC's premier shot blocker, averaging 2.6 swats.

Key Games: The Yellow Jackets took the UNC to overtime on Senior Day for the Tar Heels before falling 74-72. The Jackets earned home wins over Maryland (69-68) and Virginia (68-47).

ACC Titles Won (Last Title): 3 (1993)



Conference Standing: 3rd (tie)
Record: 9-7, 19-10

Key Players: Chris Williams and Donald Hand, who both made second team All-ACC, are the main scorers in Virginia's high-octane offense, each averaging better than 15 points. Travis Watson is fourth among ACC freshmen in scoring (11.3) and is fourth in the conference in rebounding (8.3).

Key Games: The Cavaliers swept the season series from UNC and knocked off Maryland 89-87 in the final game of the regular season. Losses late in the year to Wake Forest and Florida State could hurt come Selection Sunday, however.

ACC Titles Won (Last Title): 1 (1976)



Conference Standing: 1st
Record: 15-1, 24-4

Key Players: All-ACC selections Chris Carrwell and Shane Battier are third and fourth in the conference in scoring, averaging 18.0 and 17.6 points, respectively. Freshman Jason Williams is fourth in assists (6.2) and second in steals (2.4).

Key Games: The Blue Devils lost their first two games of the year to Stanford and Connecticut before running off an 18-game winning streak that was finally put to an end by Maryland. The Devils have had plenty of experience in overtime games, going 4-1 with wins against Virginia, UNC and N.C. State.

ACC Titles Won (Last Title): 11 (1999)



Conference Standing: 3rd (tie)
Record: 9-7, 18-12

Key Players: Ed Cota needs just eight more assists to join Chris Carrwell and Bobby Hurley as the only players in ACC and NCAA history with 1,000 career assists. Joe Forte leads all ACC freshmen in scoring with 16.6 points per game.

Key Games: The Tar Heels played one of the country's toughest schedules this season, but their lone marquee win was a 75-63 victory at home over Maryland on Jan. 27. The Heels dropped three of their last five to end the year and had to pull out wins late against Florida State and Georgia Tech.

ACC Titles Won (Last Title): 15 (1998)



Conference Standing: 6th (tie)
Record: 6-10, 11-16

Key Players: The Seminoles are eighth in the conference in offense with 64.8 points per game yet have two players, Ron Hale and Damous Anderson, in the top 10 in scoring. Anderson is also second in the ACC in three-point shooting, averaging 45 percent of his attempts.

Key Games: Clemson earned its biggest ACC win of the year on Feb. 12 against the Seminoles, knocking them off 84-58. The Heels have occasionally played the role of spoiler, beating UNC on the road and Virginia at home.

ACC Titles Won (Last Title): 0