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In the NEWS

Firm's technology could improve safety of sensitive drug treatments

Zymotech Inc., a start-up company headquartered at N.C. State University's Centennial Campus, is developing technology that would make the administration of sensitive drug treatments safer and easier, and that could aid in the discovery and marketing of new drugs. The firm's "molecular probe" technology would allow a doctor or nurse, while standing at a patient's bedside, to monitor that person's response to a drug. The probe technology would allow quick and inexpensive testing of the amount of a drug in a patient's blood, urine or saliva. Currently, such analysis can take days or weeks, cost up to \$125 per sample, and require lengthy hospital stays by a patient undergoing drug therapy.

Zymotech's diagnostic probe technology, called an Optical Cartridge Biosensor (OCB), won't be commercially available for a few years. To help commercialize the technology, the firm has received an investment from Centennial Venture Partners, a venture capital fund started and backed by NCSU. The fund is one of only a few nationwide investing specifically in start-up companies associated with a university.

John Hope Franklin to speak March 22

The N.C. State Park Scholars will sponsor a free lecture and symposium by John Hope Franklin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22 in Stewart Theater at Talley Student Center.

Franklin, a James B. Duke professor emeritus of history and Duke University law professor, will present "The Tulsa Race Riots of 1921: Reflections of a Near Victim and a Historian," which will be followed by a reception.

Marshall Van Alstyne to speak at L.T. Littleton Seminar

The N.C. State Librarians Association is sponsoring the L. T. Littleton Seminar from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 7, in the D. H. Hill Library Assembly Room.

Marshall Van Alstyne, assistant professor of information at the University of Michigan's School of Information, will discuss a framework for valuing information that combines ideas from economics and computer science. A reception will follow the talk and discussion period. The seminar is free and open to the NCSU community and all interested colleagues. Due to the limited amount of space, please register by calling Tamika Barnes at (919) 513-3862 or email her at: tamika_barnes@ncsu.edu.

N.C. Solar Center to hold workshops

The N.C. Solar Center at N.C. State University will present six evening workshops on several renewable energy topics. The workshops will be held from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from April 11 through May 16. The topics include: on April 11, Passive Solar Design for New Construction; on April 18, Health, Safety and Energy Efficiency in Homes; on April 25, Passive Solar Design for Existing Homes; on May 2, Active Solar Water and Space Heating; on May 9, Photovoltaics; and on May 16, Green Building Products.

Registration for the workshops is \$99 for the six workshops (\$129 after March 31) or \$25 per session.

For more information, contact the N.C. Solar Center at 515-3480 or visit the web site at: www.ncsc.ncsu.edu.

Correction:

Technician erroneously reported that applications for the Deborah S. Moore Service Award can be found online at: www.fis.ncsu.edu/sls. They can actually be found at: www.fis.ncsu.edu/slc.

Task force to decide fate of ticket policies

◆ A group headed by Tom Stafford will investigate options for the future of ticket distribution at NCSU, but as of now future cam-pouts appear unlikely.

TIM CLARK
Senior Staff Writer

One month after its initial announcement, plans are now being finalized for the proposed ticket distribution task force.

After problems that occurred during the ticket cam-pout for the N.C. State vs. Chapel Hill men's basketball game, the task force was appointed to look into alternative methods of ticket distribution.

"We're planning on looking at a variety of ways to give out the tickets, many of which focus on computer distribution," said Dr. Tom Stafford, vice chancellor of Student Affairs.

Other plans up for discussion include the random drawing of Student IDs and a scrambled seat-

ing order, as was implemented for the men's Duke game. Both of these approaches minimize the importance of a student's position in line.

The task force is to be composed of staff from the departments of athletics, facilities, public safety and transportation, in addition to a student presence.

"Students are the most important part of this committee," said Student Body President Raj Mirchandani.

Five student senators, three members of the student govern-

ment executive staff, and two students at large will represent the student body. The two members at large were both present for the Chapel Hill cam-pout, and neither received tickets.

As of now, the only sure thing is that there will be no more cam-pouts.

"There's only one rule from the start, and that's no cam-pout," said Stafford.

Stafford compared the UNC cam-pout to the ECU vs. NCSU football game, both of which were events that went out of control.

"It was ugly, dangerous, and generally a bad situation. At that point it needs to be stopped."

Many NCSU students are reluctant to see their beloved cam-pout go.

"We want cam-pout to stay," said Mirchandani. "We want it to continue to be a tradition at State."

Student Affairs could not be reached in reference to the task force's first meeting, though meetings will most likely be open to the student body.

U.S. forestry politics on fire

◆ A N.C. State professor spoke before a U.S. Senate subcommittee in favor of a new national forest management strategy.

ANDREW BUCHERT
Senior Staff Writer

On March 2, N.C. State Department of Forestry professor Arthur Cooper testified before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management for the development of a bipartisan mission statement for the Forest Service and a mutually acceptable national forest management strategy.

Cooper also played an integral role in the drafting of the first set of planning regulations for the Forest Service, as he served as chairman of the First Committee of Scientists from 1977 to 1979, a committee established by Congress under the National Forest Management Act of 1976, according to NCSU News Services.

Cooper's testimony arises from the disagreement in Washington

over the mission statement of the Forest Service.

"The legislation governing the national forests is very old, the original being in 1897 and the most recent law coming in 1976, and the bottom line is that there is conflict between those who believe that the national forests should be primarily utilized for commodity uses, such as wood, and those who see the national forests as the last reservoir of forest diversity in this country and whose objective is to preserve that diversity," said Cooper.

"The Clinton Administration and the Republicans who control Congress are at complete loggerheads over the definition of the Forest Service's mission," he said. "The Republicans who are primary players [in the issue] are strongly commodity oriented, while the Clinton Administration is much more tilted towards the preservation philosophy."

Cooper's testimony focused in part on providing some historical perspectives on the issue of forest management.

"My feeling is that the position



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that's been articulated by the Clinton Administration, an emphasis on ecological sustainability, and the sustainability mentioned in the Senate committee's bill don't mean the same thing," he said.

"My argument is that if they can get together and come to an accommodation on the definition of the primary mission of the national forests then it would be a

lot easier to develop management strategies on the basis of a commonly accepted mission statement."

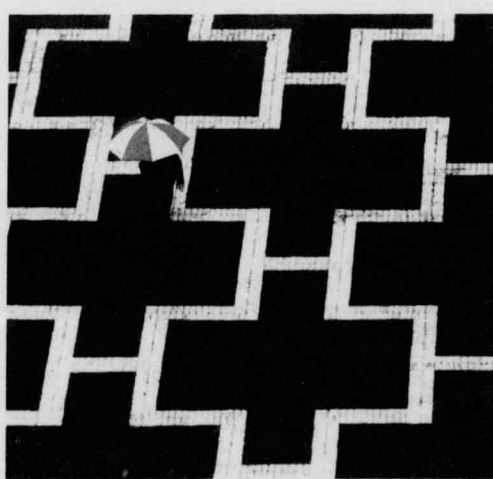
The issue of forest management is not unique to the present time, said Cooper, and he believes that a bipartisan mission statement and management plan may not be developed anytime in the foreseeable future.

"The likelihood of the two sides being able to come together to develop a common mission statement and then a mutually acceptable management strategy is not high, because there are some profound philosophical differences," said Cooper.

"It's a dispute that's been in exist-

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The Brickyard blues



JAMES CULBERTSON

After spending time in such places as Florida and Cancun, many students faced a dreary return to campus for classes Monday.

NCSU ranked in top 16

◆ N.C. State is listed among other peer institutions like Georgia Tech and UNC-Chapel Hill for having a considerable economic impact in state and local affairs.

JESSICA PROPST
Staff Writer

N.C. State was recently ranked among the 16 best universities in the nation in contributing to state and local economic development.

The Southern Growth Policies Board's Southern Technology Council conducted the study to find which universities' efforts assist state and local agencies with economic development.

"Universities now play a critical role in economic development. They generate new knowledge and new technologies, spin off high-growth businesses and train future workers," said Jim Clinton, director of the Southern Technology Council and acting executive director of the Southern Growth Policies Board in a recent press release. "By working closely with state and local agencies, universities can become the engine of prosperity."

Supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation, the project is developing comprehensive case descriptions of how national research universities operate in pursuit of industry research partnerships, technology transfer and faculty culture and rewards for participation in economic development activities.

How did NCSU get ranked in the top 16? As the first phase of the project, the council polled 40 practitioners, researchers and experts on economic development and uni-



versity-industry technology transfer to identify which schools were seen as maintaining exemplary programs. The experts were asked to nominate the outstanding examples from a list of 164 research universities.

The results of the survey disclosed 16 universities that the polled experts consider the best in the nation in contributing to state and local economic development.

Georgia Tech topped the list with numerous nominations. Other southern universities, whose specific rankings have not been released by the council, included NCSU, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, UNC-Chapel Hill, Virginia Tech, Texas A&M and the University of Texas at Austin.

"It was interesting to see so many southern universities in the top 16," said Mark Tosczak, media contact for the council. "The final phase of the study and results will be released this summer. The report will contain specifics on which programs at the respective universities are fundamental."

Third world?

What's bush league about the First World? Check out Zaheer's thoughts in Opinion.



Immigrant Song

Heads roll and green grass turns red.



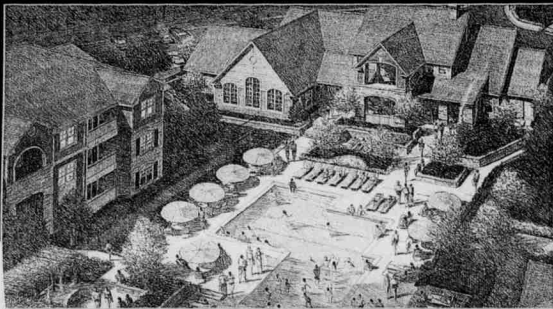
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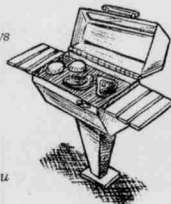
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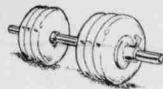
chair to pool and back again. Days that beckon friends and firing of grills (we've got six of 'em - grills, not friends). These are days that last into the evening hours, when you come to appreciate the fact that you have your own private bedroom, with its own full bathroom. And a deadbolt lock on your bedroom door. And mood lighting.



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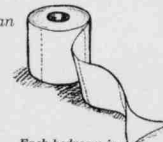
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FIRE

Importance of upcoming census highlighted

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ence since the 1970s, and it has just gotten worse."

However, an effective and timely resolution is necessary.

"Until it's resolved, the Forest Service is caught in the middle, managing the national forests according to what it thinks, which may or may not be consistent with the law," said Cooper. "In fact, one of the disputes is whether the direction that the Forest Service is taking is contrary to the law," he said.

"There is not too much dispute over whether it is good forest management, but the question is simply whether or not it is legal," said Cooper.

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◆ **The national study will help determine federal funding and representation among other things.**

SALLY GOLDENBERG
Daily Targum

(U-WIRE) NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Roberto Solano is afraid to send his 3-year-old daughter off to a crowded school where she might not get a good education. And he wants more medical insurance for residents, larger and better facilities for the soccer league he works with and improved conditions in areas of New Brunswick.

Rabbi Neil Gold of Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple on Livingston Avenue wants social justice and economic justice through a better representation of minorities in New Brunswick.

In an effort to see these goals through, both men have taken an active role in Census 2000, which

seeks an accurate count of the population, both citizens and non-citizens, throughout the country.

The U.S. Census Bureau began mailing Census 2000 forms Monday, as New Brunswick Mayor Jim Cahill addressed about 70 people who represented the diverse New Brunswick community in A. Chester Redshaw School on Livingston Avenue.

Upon addressing the crowd, in front of rows of elementary school students who signified the future of New Brunswick, Cahill recited the slogan, "It's your future. Don't leave it blank," to emphasize the importance of filling out the Census 2000 forms.

The census, which is taken every 10 years, is kept confidential. Federal funding and Congressional representation are determined through the population count, Cahill said.

"Our children are depending on us to make sure that we will receive our fair share of federal dollars for their schools," Cahill said in a prepared statement.

When the census was last taken in 1990, Cheryl Bolden, manager of the local census office for Middlesex County in New Brunswick, said as many as 10,000 people were not counted. Blacks, Hispanics and children composed the bulk of the undocumented population, she said.

University students were also undercounted, she said.

Bolden said she attributes the undercount to people not being aware of the census and having an underlying fear of the government. As a result of the undercount, she said New Jersey received one of the lowest amounts of federal funding in the country.

But she said there should be a more accurate turnout this year.

"This year there has been an all-out effort," she said. "We were trained quite extensively... We were trained to teach, to coach, to motivate... and because of my involvement I see it in a totally different light."

In his speech, Cahill also addressed the dedication this year to getting a better turnout.

"A collected and concerted effort to get the word out is essential," he said. In order to inform the public, a New Brunswick census committee that has been working last year has taken the following steps to better inform the public:

- questionnaire assistance centers
- bilingual fliers in schools
- advertisements
- door-to-door visits
- neighborhood public announcements
- emails to University students

"It is imperative that members of the New Brunswick community take a personal responsibility to make sure our city is properly counted," he said.

Bolden said everyone should receive their census forms by National Census Day on April 1 and mail them in by April 14. Students should fill out the forms based on their places of residence on April 1, and parents with children living away from home should not count them in the forms, she said.

Residence advisors must fill out census forms for all students living in residence halls, she said. And "the counted sites" that will provide forms for people who did not receive them in the mail will be operational from March 31 through April 14.

Door-to-door surveys to non-response houses will begin after April 14, but if forms are mailed in on April 14, then officials will not visit those homes, she said.

The forms are provided in English, Spanish, Tagalog, Korean, Chinese and Vietnamese, which are the most common languages spoken in America, according to nationwide polls, she said. And people who are not fluent in any of these languages can be assisted at the questionnaire assistance centers, she said.

New partnerships with municipalities and the community groups that lie within them are another way to inform the public about the census. Officials sent letters to every house of worship in the county, Sharon Bennett, assistant manager for recruiting in the local census office for Middlesex County, said.

"We are concentrating more, very much more, on our communities," she said.

Only about six people nationwide worked on these partnerships in 1990, while 11 are working in northern New Jersey alone this year, which increases trust between the community groups and government officials, Bennett and Bolden said.

The Puerto Rican Action Board serves as the "troop into undocumented populations," Bennett said.

"I don't think they realized the magnitude of the undocumented population as much as we do now," Bennett said.

Another effort to accurately docu-

ment the population is Transient Night, on March 31 from 7:30 p.m. through midnight, when people living in unconventional conditions are documented, Bolden said.

From March 27 through March 31, people living in unconventional housing will be documented "to ensure that all of our residents, no matter where they are, are properly counted," Bolden said. "It's really the future that counts with the Census 2000."

She said officials will also look for people in homeless shelters and mobile food vans during those days.

In an effort to spread the word about the census, officials sent pre-emptive letters out nationwide, but they were thwarted when 115 million of the letters were incorrectly addressed.

Bennett said the number one was placed before the addresses on these letters.

But post offices cooperated by re-delivering about 90 percent of the letters correctly, she said.

"I don't remember a push so hard to gather the people and to count them (in the last census), especially in the Hispanic community," Luis Hernandez, principal of A. Chester Redshaw School, said.

Fliers in English and Spanish have been passed out around the community, and every classroom in the school has received information to increase awareness of the census, he said.

As Cahill urged the crowd to fill out the census forms, he reminded those present that the census "may have a direct impact on the school that you send your children to. Take the time, fill out your Census 2000 for the future of our community."

And while Hernandez said he does not know how the federal money will be spent, many New Brunswick schools are overcrowded and in need of more money.

Perhaps with better federal funding, Solano will be able to send his daughter to a less-crowded school.

And, as Gold said, the census can have an impact on every member of the community.

"It's not even as a Jew, it's as an American," he said on why he attended the meeting. "In all the ways that federal allocations affect our lives, whether it comes to transportation or welfare or infrastructure of our towns and cities. That's why I understand that

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111-120 Hours Passed	March 27
101-110 Hours Passed	March 28
92-100 Hours Passed	March 28
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Juniors	March 30
84-91 Hours Passed	March 31
77-83 Hours Passed	April 3
70-76 Hours Passed	April 4
64-69 Hours Passed	April 4
60-63 Hours Passed	April 4
AGI (01)	April 4
Sophomores	April 6
54-59 Hours Passed	April 7
50-53 Hours Passed	April 10
47-49 Hours Passed	April 11
44-46 Hours Passed	April 12
40-43 Hours Passed	April 13
35-39 Hours Passed	April 13
30-34 Hours Passed	April 14
Freshman	April 17
23-29 Hours Passed	April 18
19-22 Hours Passed	April 19
17-18 Hours Passed	April 19
16 Hours Passed	April 20
15 Hours Passed	April 24
12-14 Hours Passed	April 25
0 - 11 Hours Passed	April 26
UGS, PBS	July 8

Opinion

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Southern hospitality?

A recently released study from the Southern Technology Council, a branch of the Southern Growth Policies Board, ranks N.C. State among the top 16 universities in the country in contributions to state and local economic development.

N.C. State has been named, along with fellow southern universities like UNC-Chapel Hill and Georgia Tech, as one of the nation's top colleges for supporting its community. But does that community even notice?

That's no surprise to students, faculty or any other members of the NCSU community. For the most part, we're all aware of our proud school's contributions to its surroundings.

Through the Service Raleigh program and NCSU's efforts in the revitalization of Southeast Raleigh and Hillsborough Street, the university touches its community every day.

With the expansive Cooperative Extension program, which works with farmers in all 100 of North Carolina's counties, NCSU reaches out to every corner of the Old North State.

Indeed, with the brilliant research done at NCSU, the creation of earthquake and hurricane models that will save lives, the development of textiles that have revolutionized and will continue to revolutionize industry and with every student who passes through this university, N.C. State touches every part of our

nation and our world. And yet, still, when most people within our own state look to Raleigh and our state as a whole, they see imposing skylines of Raleigh and Charlotte, the omnipresent dollar signs of Research Triangle Park and the promise of development from

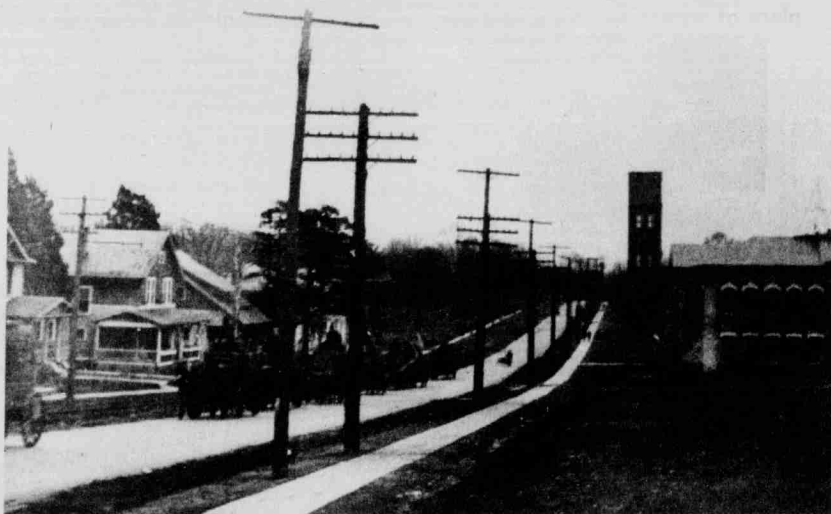
eastern North Carolina's infant Global Transpark.

With all that obscuring the view, it doesn't take a terribly vivid imagination to figure out why NCSU is virtually overlooked here in our own city and state.

That's no excuse, however. The state capitol is here, the RTP is here and one of the most promising new arenas in the country is here. But Raleigh still wouldn't be nearly the imposing young city of the South that it is if it didn't house one of the nation's top schools for research and, as the STC's study shows, one of the nation's top schools for conscientious effort to help its surrounding community. Here in Raleigh, North Carolina, that's a fact that's rarely acknowledged.

High rankings in national surveys, however, aren't the plaudits that the university should seek for its community-related work. Rather, the thanks of a grateful city, state and community are the only true reward for NCSU's good citizenship.

But, in the absence of that good faith, the national rankings aren't bad, either.



Hillsborough Street 1910. Tompkins Hall is the building on the right.

Defining the 'Third World'



HANANAH ZAEHER

Ignorance really does breed contempt. And I, for one, am sick and tired of listening to the various undeserved criticisms of the Third World offered by the "enlightened" folks of the First World.

Everywhere I turn, the media, the classrooms, I am faced with negative opinions concerning the countries that belong to the Third World.

First off, I must object to the term "Third World." The name in itself contains underlying bias and forces the inhabitants of Third World countries into a state of mental degradation. I realize that a lot of this label has to do with the countries' status as "developing" nations.

But answer this: what country on this earth has reached its full development potential? What makes any of the "First World" countries that much better than "Third World" countries? Needless to say, it can be assumed that the term was coined by someone belonging to the wonderful First World, with all its comforts and glamour. One day, while sitting in a comfortable velvet chair, sipping million-dollar champagne and

looking out onto the green grass surrounding the estate, someone probably listened to his butler read a piece of news from "that other side of the world," and then thought, "hmm...how...primitive...and 'Third World.'" From there on out, the term stuck.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but most news that we hear concerning the Third World is extremely negative. A given nation's economy is low, or its leaders ordered someone to the death penalty (God forbid that should ever happen in an "advanced" country). Or the news is about how one individual in Pakistan, for example, makes only 50 cents an hour for all his hard work.

Not only does the media concentrate on the negative aspects of such societies, but, also, most reports are made in a smug, condescending tone, as if to imply that "we would have handled this differently, and, needless to say, better." I've always maintained that the laws of one place do not apply to another. Let's take the whole 50 cents issue, for example. Fifty cents in U.S. currency is about 30 rupees in Pakistani money. An average American makes \$5.50 an hour, which is barely enough to buy one value meal (super-sized, if there's a deal) at McDonald's. Thirty rupees in Pakistan can buy a whole family one basic meal.

The 50-cent hourly wage would definitely not

be nearly enough for a person earning money in Pakistan and spending it in the United States. However, when the money is spent in the same country where it is earned, there is a sense of proportion between money earned and money spent on daily necessities.

Then come issues like child labor. It is one thing to sit around and criticize the child-labor policies of another country, strongly objecting to the sale of any objects manufactured in sweatshops in "Third World" countries. It is quite another thing to have actually lived in those countries and realize that there are valid reasons for children working at a young age. No government wants to put little children to work solely for their own evil pleasures.

Most of the children who start working at age six or seven, come from huge families with 12 even 13 children. Their parents do not have enough resources to feed the children and provide them with all the basic amenities of life.

That reality is sad there is no denying that, but, if these children do not learn skills at an early age, they will have nothing to carry themselves through life later on. Education is a rare luxury for these children; most of them come from families that have never even stepped inside a school, much less

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CAMPUS FORUM

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A symbolic approach to the Bible

Say I prefer to interpret the Bible symbolically. Although a billion people believe that Moses received commandments (10 plus 603) straight from the originally Jewish God Yahweh and not by our modern concept of inspiration (abstract and psychologically explainable). I turn to Deuteronomy to find something shocking.

To give one example among many I could cite, Deuteronomy 22:28-29 contains a law that absolves a man of rape, if he merely pays a fine to the victim's father and marries her (the girl is not given a say so).

What an idea! I merely have to want a girl to be my wife and be willing to declare my, uh, impotence; it's sort of a pre-nuptial, post-consummation man's world thing.

Say I am a Christian and would denounce any such rapacious idea and believe that, anyhow, we are under a new dispensation. That still

cannot account for how an inspired work carries such an evil idea or how God bestows, of such a notion in what is just and fair. In either case, I am likely to think twice about not questioning the authorship of Holy Scripture.

Often, ironically, those who oppose the Bible adopt the very standards (good or bad) of Christian truth to oppose it, an all or nothing, true or false litmus. Christians tend to believe in one truth, just as they believe that Jesus is the truth or that there is only one true God. Opponents, then, who believe they see a contradiction in Christianity or Christian behavior then often denounce Christianity entirely.

I think this goes too far. I believe that the Bible constitutes a divine mythology, a rich collection of symbolism in contemplation of a journey. For instance, the Garden of Eden is a symbol of our quest to return to the days of youth. To return to innocence, eating, drink-

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Donnie Lassiter: nature boy



DONNIE LASSITER

The great outdoors: what an experience.

It's been quite a while since I was one with nature,

but this past week I took advantage of spring break and enjoyed a little time in the wilderness. Some old suitmates of mine and I embarked on a fishing and camping expedition in eastern North Carolina, and it reminded me of the good old days.

We headed out somewhat late last Saturday, considering the fact that we took part in the obligatory St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Nevertheless, we ventured off with the bass boat, the tent and a cooler full of beer. A few hours later,

we were sitting back with the poles in the water, enjoying life.

Later that evening, we decided to camp in a small clearing at the back of a cove off the Roanoke River. Hauling all of our equipment up the steep, muddy embankment, we pitched camp and built the fire. Soon after, we were sipping the Bud and roasting hot dogs over the inferno that I created from a few pieces of wood, a paper bag and a matchbook from a bar called Chico's.

Sitting around the fire, talking about whatever came up, we all remembered the great times we had spent as children growing up in rural areas. We looked up at the stars and were amazed at how clear and clean the air was and how different that scene was from the one at our apartments here in Raleigh.

I can remember when I was growing up; my family had a house in a small community, outside the city limits. We had a pretty busy road going by the house, but, aside from that, it was relatively quiet. It was the kind of place where you could go outside and answer the call of nature, if need be.

A few hundred feet from the driveway, a patch of woods stretched back to a bridge and a set of train tracks, where I often spent my summer afternoons. You could walk and walk for hours through those woods, never more than a couple of miles from home if something happened, but still deep within the sanctity of the countryside.

When I was young, I'd hike through the neighbor's cornfield and head down to the railroad tracks

when it was hot. There I'd sit on the embankment and enjoy a quick nap.

Later, I would walk down the railroad tracks, never seeing more than a few houses along the way. It's amazing how much fun it is when you strike out to enjoy nature with your camouflage pants, the new binoculars your parents bought you and your Daisy Red Rider BB gun.

The other guys recounted tales of nature, too, and we each expressed regret over the fact that it's so hard to enjoy something like that today. Sure, we can go to a county or state park, but it seems so much different from just being able to go in the backyard and relax in the woods whenever you want to. I guess that's one of the drawbacks of living in the big city.

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Maintaining focus on your goals



ERIC RIDICK

I hope everyone enjoyed spring break. The break granted some of us the time to clear our minds of all academic demands and deadlines.

The break also gave many of us time to spend with our families and old friends. For some, the break was merely an escape from the pressure of college life, while others used the break to get caught up on their assignments.

Regardless of how we utilized our break, it was much needed. Even Jesus took a break from the multitudes of people who followed him from time to time, but He never forgot His purpose.

Much like Jesus, we have to keep our overall objectives in mind. We cannot allow our breaks to prevent us from achieving our goals. I am not speaking just of spring break; anything that temporarily takes away our focus represents a break of some sort.

Breaks are good, but we also know that breaks have different effects on different

people. It is not easy for some people to regain their focus after returning from a break.

Some might find difficulty in concentrating on their schoolwork after spending a week with boyfriends or girlfriends back home. Some might be guilty of reminiscing on the good times shared with that special person while the professor is giving an important lecture.

Others might face frustration as they try to study for an upcoming test, while thinking about the fight that ended their relationships over the break.

Regardless of how we spent our spring break, whether we were laughing or crying, we have to be able to pick up where we left off before the break. Doing so will allow us to accomplish our collective objective, which is to graduate.

Let's compare our walk with God to our objective to graduate. As I stated earlier, a break is anything that temporarily takes away our focus. Spring break is just one of the many possibilities that could take our focus off graduating. I have chosen to use it as an example, however, because it is a common experience shared by the student body.

I gave some examples of how our experiences over spring break might affect our objective to graduate. Some effects are negative and some are positive.

It is not hard for us to realize when something negatively affects our objective to graduate in a negative manner, but can we recognize when something positive affects that objective negatively? How can something positive have a negative effect?

When spending time with your family, old friends or significant other causes you to lose your focus, which produces a negative effect. We all enjoy spending time with people we care about, but reminiscing about that time spent while we're in class does not help us accomplish our objective to graduate. In this situation, we allow our positive experiences to become a hindrance.

In our walk with God, it seems that we can easily discern when something negative pulls us away from God's purpose in our life. We often fail to discern when positive things take away our focus for God's purpose in our lives.

Spring break was designed to give us a break so that we might return to school with

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blast of justice by carson mataxis



LAST WEEK: Justice convinced Nightangel that her father, Kiro Hasasada, was behind her mother's murder. He now has set off to put an end to Hasasada's drug empire permanently. Hasasada won't go down without a fight! (penmanship: carsonmataxis@unity.ncsu.edu)

doughboy immigrant song by marko

Confused about how we got to 2000?

Last time- Maxine, in Mediaeval Europe, explored a graveyard, read a bird's mind, talked to Chalkhydri, and crossed a hill in search of a distant battle. Meanwhile on the planet Arachxn'th, Matajuro beheaded a **Arachxn'thian Enforcer** just as **Oskar** popped up. The two felines decided to embark on a journey with and **Shuster** the simian to the planet **Achillia**. **This week-** Matajuro and Oskar streak toward Achillia. Meanwhile, on Mediaeval Europe, Maxine continues searching for answers and runs into a being who morphs into the **Archangel Gabriel**, the being partly responsible for Maxine's current state of confusion about her existence.

words by Robert Plant pictures by marko



Tune in next week for more action and adventure, plus all new Forest Green by r@fu and Tuffy by shazam!



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more focus after being refreshed. God blesses us so that we might return to Him eager to follow His plan for our lives. God wants us to take the time to enjoy the blessing, but we can't allow that blessing to make us forget about God.

There are several people who go home for spring break and never return to school. Similarly, some people receive blessing and forget about God. Some people have to sit out for a semester or two before they realize how important an education is in today's society; some people have to hit rock bottom or lose their blessings before they return to God.

If you ever meet someone who has returned to school to finish getting a degree, that person will tell you how important an education is to them. And if you ever meet a person who has forgotten God and later found mercy in returning to God, that person will tell you how much God means to him.

Having experienced both situations, I stand before you as a witness, testifying that school is important in today's society and that, yes, God means so much to me! Every day, I am learning how to keep my eye on the prize as if my walk with God was a race. The day I meet Jesus, I want to be able to quote this scripture to Him, "I have fought the good fight, I have fin-

ished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). What are you going to say if you get to meet Jesus?

I write this column to encourage people to keep their focus. The end of the semester is right around the corner. It's like there are two minutes left in the game, it's fourth down in the fourth quarter.

It's crunch time folks, what are you going to do? You can quit, kick a field goal or go for the touchdown. Even if you score, the game is still not over until the clock stops.

Even after achieving our goal of graduating, our walk with God is not over until we go to meet Jesus. So, don't allow anything to distract you from graduating, but also don't allow your quest to graduate to make you forget God.

God has put it into my heart to let the believers know that every day is fourth quarter. With sports, there is always the possibility of playing another game, but you only have one life to live. You can always obtain another degree after graduating, but you can only serve one God.

One thing I have learned about life is that death happens to all. I try to keep that in mind so that I won't lose focus on God's purpose for life. Do you know your purpose? If you do, have you lost your focus?

Comments? Send them to: etridic@univt.ncsu.edu.

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What I was most regretful of, however, was the idea that my children might not get to experience the same kinds of adventures that I did growing up. I worry that, by the time they are old enough to go out playing on their own, either there won't be many places to do that sort of thing, or it will be so dangerous that I won't feel safe letting them go. It's sad to think about that, but we all have to face the fact that it may indeed be the way of the future.

Regardless of what kind of future our kids are going to have, I just think it's a great thing when we can just go back and relive some of our old memories. I heartily recommend heading out someplace where you can just relax and enjoy the purity of the outdoors. Somewhere, instead of looking up and seeing a 747 on the way to RDU, you can see a few birds flying and hundreds of stars coming out at night. And where, instead of smelling the aroma of the CAT buses, you can smell the lovely scent of the slimy fish you just let go.

Have fun and remember to pack plenty of beer.

Whose great idea was it to charge \$15 for a fishing license? I mean, did my ancestors really have to pay? Gnome wardens with answers, and anyone else who's interested, e-mail Donnie at: jdlassit@univt.ncsu.edu

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attended one on a regular basis. Such a lack of opportunity necessitates another form of education.

Undoubtedly, there are those who take advantage of the situation and use these people for their own personal gain, but, in a place where survival is the primary concern and comfort is barely an issue at all, this form of labor isn't child labor; it's the survival of the fittest. Those who

the garden, he began to separate himself from creation's oneness (all is linked, as God's physics would remind us). God created the illusion that all things are separate, even God from man.

I believe in a more oriental approach to this return. We must come to realize how our attachment to narrow definitions, in fact to words themselves, can be a hindrance to an "awakening." It hinders us because it makes us already seem like one with God, and that is to be the image of God. We are healed of our spiritual blindness through being in touch, as Jesus was, with

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FORUM

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ing, and being merry (to borrow from Ecclesiastes) of life's heavenly beauty before we were "corrupted." As the Asians would say, by duality and by the insistence that truth is either black or white (the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil), of either/or.

Being born again, too, can be seen as a Garden of Eden motif. When man began to name things, to use the analogy of man naming things in

can work may someday be able to move on to bigger and better things in life. For others, ambition means following in their forefathers' footsteps.

It is not up to us to criticize or judge the way of life of some family thousands of miles away. While we sit in our comfortable homes and watch "20/20" and "Dateline" projecting images of child labor in "Third World" countries, we must realize the one basic premise of existence: life isn't fair. Those children are perhaps much better off than us in some regards because they learn the value of life and hard

work. When nothing is handed to you on a silver platter, you learn to appreciate the little that does come your way.

When it's a choice between walking around half-clothed on the cold streets of Lahore in Dec. or wearing a carpet or two to buy a sweater, what would your choice be?

Hananah's Third World blood starts boiling when she hears a about her country. She likes the horse-droppings. Godangit! You got any problems with that? E-mail your third-class opinion to her at: opinionated@columist.com.

our own Garden of Eden, just as Jesus often made his roar the very sky, adorned with soaring sparrows.

I believe there is a "divine source" in the symbolism of Scripture, but it is not stagnant but a verb: 1 AM. And as Scripture states elsewhere in the words of Paul and Job: a God in all things.

Jay Moche
Junior
Construction Engineering and Management

am in fact only adding to the coverage and fueling the fire I pretend to fight.

Wow. The irony is thicker than John Ramsey's talk show appointment book. The reality is that this case, originating with an actual tragedy in which a real-life little girl was, in fact, killed, has resulted in a fictionalized tragedy in which fortunes and careers are made in the name of a child.

If nothing else, every single person involved is guilty of feeding the latter tragedy. We have all made a mockery of a baby's murder. The first tragedy, the murder, could very well remain unsolved, inviting the attention of cultures for years to come, as Mom and Dad Author release more hard-cover pleasers.

The longer the first tragedy remains open for business, the more involved and difficult to control the second tragedy will become. Quite simply, the JonBenet legend has taken on a mercifully immortal life of its own, replacing real, youthful life with undying bytes of media domination.

When John and Patsy write a book, it is merely an excuse for *The Boston Globe* to bump Russian military attack stories and Wonderland race results back a page or two. Ramsey, Ramsey. Read the news, see the pictures and bask in the glow of another fallen child.

Well, thank God. As Americans, we now have more of what we so desperately need to survive: a giant McCrapovich of lay-speculation, exposure and glamorized death.

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ALEX CUTHBERTSON
The Daily Tree Press (Kinston VA)

Well, it finally happened. The JonBenet Ramsey murder case, in all its high-profile, low-brow, no-evi-

dence glory, is back in the media.

John and Patsy Ramsey, of "brought JonBenet into this world" and (allegedly) "look her out" fame, have written a book. Tack it up, Oprah. The book, released last week, was apparently just the rally that Ma and Pa Ramsey needed to feed the insatiable hunger for yummy media awards. A nominee for the "it has a long title, so it must be good" literary award, *The Death of Innocence: The Unholy Story of JonBenet's Murder and How Its Exploitation (breath) Compromised the Pursuit of Truth* is fresh on the shelves, with all proceeds going directly to John and Patsy's Grief and SUV fund.

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the field and see what it has in terms of experience and skill on the field.

Offensive coordinator Norm Chow, who was hired by State after...

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ACC team speaks more to Wilkins' expectations heading into the season.

He is being left off the freshman team served as motivation for Wilkins.

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drive in the first run of the game. Craig Lee beat out a potential double-play...

Daniel Caldwell hit a one-hopper to third base, but catcher Dan Conway...

Reliever Matt Briggs promptly...

"Until we find out what our personnel is like, we're just going to have to go day by day and see what these kids can do best," Chow said.

State lost 10 starters, six on offense, from last year's team that went 6-6 overall and 3-5 in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The practice session that was rained out Monday, will be made up on Wednesday starting at 3:30 p.m.

He has an outstanding attitude, and, according to players and coaches, no one works harder in practice.

In short, he's shown everything that's needed to be the leader of the Pack.

"I encourage him to be a leader and to be assertive, and he certainly has the ability and I'm happy that he's embracing that," Sendek said.

Indeed, if Sendek wants to see the Pack play its best, he and Wilkins' teammates need to look to the best option.

In order for State to succeed, No. 1 must truly be the one.

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Mihm wants to hear Duncan's take on it

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Chris Mihm, considered the best pure center in college basketball, has some thinking to do.

Does the 7-foot All-American center the NBA draft or return for his senior season at Texas?

Every NBA team has scouted Mihm, a sure lottery pick. He had said he would delay his decision until after the season, which ended with a loss to LSU in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Now the clock is ticking. He has until May 14 to declare for the June 28 draft and wants to speak with many people before deciding.

"I'd like to talk to Tim Duncan, sit down and run some stuff by him," Mihm said.

Mihm averaged nearly 18 points and more than 10 rebounds as Texas (24-9) cracked the AP Top Ten for the first time since 1982.

"I can only tell you I think this has been a real hard year for him, with everyone saying, 'What are you going to do?'" coach Rick Barnes said.

After winning the Big 12 Conference regular-season title in 1999, Texas was ranked the entire season and hoped to go far in the NCAA Tournament.

"We accomplished a lot this year," senior forward Gabe Muenke said. "You don't want to take away from the fact that we felt we probably gave the game away in many different sequences."

"Not to take anything away from LSU because they have a very good team, but we feel that we didn't play the way we are capable of playing."

The Longhorns' 24 victories were the most since 1993-94, tied for the third most in the school history.

All nine of Texas' losses were against teams that made it as far as the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

"You know what?" Barnes said after the LSU loss. "We're going to be good at Texas. We are going to stay good."

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Weather postpones Amato's first practice

◆ Chuck Amato and his staff took time out to discuss spring football at N.C. State.

JEREMY BISHON
Assistant Sports Editor

N.C. State head football coach Chuck Amato and his assistant coaches were anxious to get on the field Monday to start spring practice and get a good look at the team they have inherited.

Unfortunately for the new coaching regime at N.C. State, the weather did not cooperate and practice was rained out. Yet Amato and his staff were still busy Monday as they met with the media to discuss the upcoming spring schedule.

The Wolfpack, like every other team in Division I-A, has been allotted the next 29 days to get in 15 practices, including three full scrimmages. The spring season will culminate with the Red-White game on Saturday, April 15 at 1 p.m. in Carter-Finley Stadium.

The most important thing about the spring season for Amato is getting the chance to work on fundamentals with his team.

"We want to see how much we can get from our kids and work on fundamentals as much as we can," Amato said.

Buddy Green, who returns to State for his second stint as defensive coordinator, agreed with Amato.

"We want to be fundamentally sound and work on little things in the spring," Green

said. The players have been participating in workouts at the Weisser-Brown building for the last month and a half. The players have been showing up at 5:50 a.m. each morning to go through intensive workout sessions in preparation for the upcoming season. Amato has brought several drills over from Florida State, where he was an assistant coach for the national champion Seminoles, which are mainly designed to improve the players' speed and agility.

Amato was pleased and encouraged by his players' attendance at the early-morning sessions. "There were very, very, very few that showed up late ever," Amato said. "If they weren't there, there was a reason. And that was really encouraging."

But workouts get old in a hurry for the players, and there are quite a few things that cannot be accomplished indoors.

The coaching staff is also eager to get on

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Pack hosts Sun Devils

◆ Eddie House and the Sun Devils will make a return trip to the ESA for the NIT. Meanwhile, Herb Sendek said that he has no intention of leaving State at the end of the year.

JACK DALY
Sports Editor

N.C. State continues to rematch regular season foes in the NIT as it hosts Arizona State tonight at the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

Earlier this season, the Wolfpack defeated the Sun Devils 79-68 at the ESA behind a 23-point, eight rebound effort from forward Damon Thornton.

Since that game, though, Arizona State has improved its play.

Arizona State is playing outstanding basketball," said State coach Herb Sendek. "Since we played them in late January, they have only four losses and they have some very impressive wins in that stretch, including a 30-point win over UCLA."

Once again, the main focus for the Pack will be to find a way to contain Arizona State's Eddie House.

House, who set a Pac-10 record earlier this season by scoring 61 points against California, had 31 points against State in the Jan. 29 meeting between the two.

"We literally held him to 31 points," Sendek said. "As I watched the tape, it wasn't like he had these wide-open horse shots. It wasn't like that's how he was getting his points. He is truly a great player."

State also has the misfortune of seeing him twice in the same season.

"I thought we saw the last of him when we played him last time," Sendek said. "I wasn't like a conference game [and] we only had to face a guy like this one time."

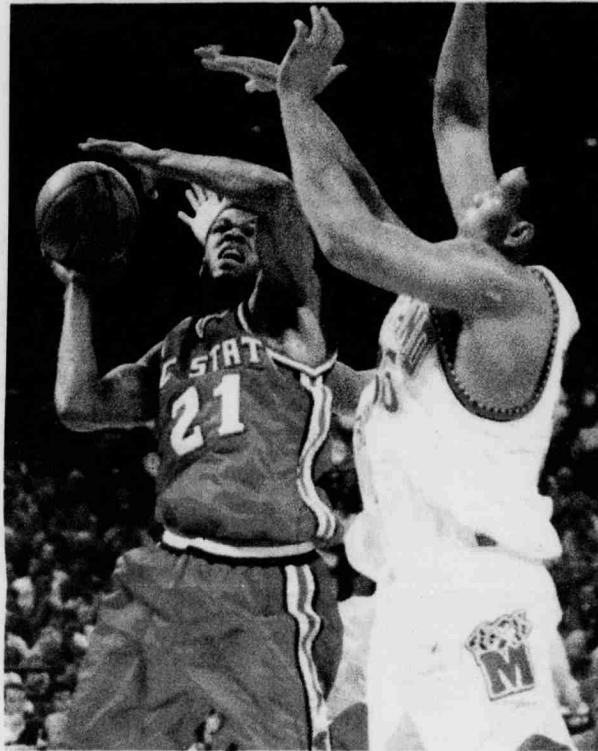
On the injury front, it is still uncertain whether Thornton will be available tonight for State. Thornton practiced for the first time Sunday and Sendek said Monday that a decision had not been made on whether he would play against Arizona State.

Ron Kelley is also still bothered by his knee injury, but he will probably play for the Pack. Marshall Williams is out for the game and likely won't play again this season.

For the Pack, Damien Wilkins has been playing well of late. He has averaged 18 points in the three postseason games. Tim Wells has seen increased playing time recently, and he has made the most of his opportunity, scoring 18 points in the last two games.

State will try and advance past the second round of the NIT for the first time since 1978. In the past three seasons, the Pack has lost to West Virginia, Georgia and Princeton in the second round.

As far as motivation goes, both players and coach-



Kenny Inge and the Wolfpack are still playing, while Maryland is done for the season. State hosts Arizona State tonight in the NIT.

as feel the Pack will be ready for the game. "As coach likes to say, we've been playing basketball since we've been eight years old," Archie Miller said. "Whether we're on the playground, indoors, church league or whatever, we play to win. It's a pride thing. Right now, that's what it is for us."

Meanwhile, Sendek said Monday neither he nor assistant coach Sean Miller have any intention of leaving State after the season. It has been rumored

that Sendek is the top candidate for the vacant Nebraska job and that recently-hired Memphis coach John Calipari wanted to hire Miller as an assistant.

"At this time, Sean, along with myself, both plan on being back here at N.C. State," Sendek said. "I know a lot of those rumors have been circulating. But regarding myself and Nebraska and Sean and Memphis, I can discount both of those for you."

COMMENTARY

Damien Wilkins taking control

JACK DALY



Damien Wilkins knows a thing or two about hype.

The freshman forward from Washington, N.C., came to N.C. State this season heralded as the Wolfpack's most important recruit since David Thompson. Fans pointed to his lineage — both his father, Gerald, and his uncle, Dominique, had stellar careers in the NBA — and figured that Wilkins would be an instant star.

At times, Wilkins looked uncomfortable with all the attention. At the beginning of the season, he seemed more concerned about not stepping on any of his teammates' toes than asserting himself offensively. During the ACC regular season, Wilkins showed flashes of brilliance, but he didn't quite put the whole package together.

The postseason, however, has been a different story.

Wilkins has averaged 18 points per contest and has been the emotional sparkplug for the Pack. In the

BASKETBALL

Virginia and Maryland games, Wilkins repeatedly demanded the ball, something that didn't always happen earlier this year. Against Tulane, Wilkins was the only State player who was ready to go from the get-go.

"He's really realizing how good he is," said Pack point guard Archie Miller. "He's been stepping up the last couple of weeks. Especially throughout the [ACC] Tournament and [the Tulane] game. He's been very aggressive right off the bat."

Tulane coach Perry Clark said the difference between the Wilkins he saw in December and the Wilkins he saw in March is night and day.

"He really played with a lot of confidence, a lot more than when we saw them in December," Clark said.

All of which is a decidedly good thing for the Pack. For State to be successful in the NIT and, more importantly, next year, Wilkins needs to be as aggressive as he's been the past few weeks. He needs to be the unquestioned team leader. When the game is on the line, Wilkins needs to think of New York Jets receiver Keyshawn Johnson and say, "Give me the damn ball."

True, Wilkins still needs to work on finishing on his drives. True, Wilkins needs to hit the outside shot a bit more consistently. But his skills are unquestioned. "He's a hell of a player," said Virginia head coach Pete Gillen.

"He's going to be here for a while and he's going to be the main gun," Miller said.

"He should be on the all-freshman team, by the way," said Maryland coach Gary Williams. "He's just a tremendous player."

The fact that Wilkins was left off the freshman All-

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Pack tries to douse Flames

◆ State looks to get back into the win column after a 3-1 loss Sunday to Virginia. Undeclared freshman pitcher Mike Prochaska will start.

JIMMY RYALS
Staff Writer

The N.C. State baseball team travels to Lynchburg, Virginia, today to face the Liberty Flames.

Coming off a 3-1 home defeat to Virginia, the Pack looks to pick up the intensity this afternoon.

"Had we had some level of intensity, we could have won that game Sunday," said head coach Elliott Avent.

Avent expects the team to get a lift from left-handed pitcher/outfielder/first baseman/designated hitter Mike Prochaska, who will start this afternoon's game.

"Prochaska's been our best pitcher this season," Avent said of the freshman.

Sporting a 0.50 ERA and a 2-0 record, Prochaska has held oppo-

sing batters to a 2.00 average. This afternoon's game will mark his seventh appearance of the season and only his second start.

Starting Prochaska saves Avent from the game maneuvering and lineup switching that usually come with bringing the lefthander into the game as a relief pitcher. Usually, Prochaska starts in the outfield or at first base.

When Prochaska moves from first to the mound, Avent brings in Andy Baxter to play the field. When Prochaska moves in from the outfield, he is generally replaced by a regular designated hitter, Brian Wright.

While starting Prochaska offers simplicity, it also deprives the Pack of his "outstanding" defense, according to Avent.

Liberty will start a lefthander of

its own, senior Brian Adams. Adams is a transfer from Clemson who was drafted in the 11th round of last spring's amateur draft.

In his last outing, a loss to Georgia Tech, Adams struck out seven batters in 6.2 innings, but he gave six runs—three earned—on 12 hits. That loss dropped Adams' record to 2-2.

Regardless of his poor performance in that game and his less-than-dominant numbers—2-2, with 32 strikeouts in 34.1 innings and a 5.77 ERA—Adams still poses a threat to the Pack lineup, according to Avent.

"We're a mostly left-handed line-

up and we haven't seen as many left-handed pitchers," Avent said. Liberty enters the game having won two of three games in a weekend series at home against Marshall. The Flames' overall record stands at 14-8.

Sunday's loss to Virginia snapped a five-game spring break winning streak for the Pack, the team's longest of the season.

State reached double digits in runs in three of the five wins after breaking 10 only three times in the previous 17 contests. The Pack's record currently stands at 15-8, 4-2 in Atlantic Coast Conference play. Today's game starts at 3 p.m.



N.C. State will go for win number 16 of the season against Liberty.

Notes

N.C. State indoor track competes at NCAA championships

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — The N.C. State track and field team competed at the indoor NCAA Championships March 11-12 at the University of Arkansas.

Senior Chan Pons had the highest finish of the weekend for the Pack, as Pons finished fourth in the 3,000 meters with a time of 8:01.78. Pons also placed ninth in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:06.54, thus earning All-American status in both events.

Other results saw junior Tyrone Dozier finish 14th in the 400 meters (47.09), Isaiah Oglesby place 16th in the weight throw with a mark of 57'05", and Chris Dugan was 16th in the 3,000 meters with a time of 8:22.28.

On the women's side senior Sherlane Armstrong placed seventh in the triple jump with a mark of 42'06.75" and also earning All-American status.

Freshman Kriston Pace finished 10th in the high jump with a mark of 5'10", and Katie Sabino was 13th in the 3,000 meters with a time of 9:33.37.

Wolfpack won first ACC series of the season against Wake Forest over Spring Break

N.C. State took all the suspense out of the game early, sending 13 men to the plate and scoring nine runs in the bottom of the first inning before coasting to a 12-4 Atlantic Coast Conference victory over Wake Forest March 12 at Doak Field.

With the win, the Wolfpack took the three-game series from the Deacons, two games to one, and improved to 12-7 overall and 2-1 in the ACC. Wake Forest, ranked No. 20 nationally, fell to 12-6 and 1-2.

State starter Dan D'Amato (3-2) cruised through the top of the first inning 1-2-3. He then got to sit and watch as Wake Forest starter Ben Clayton (4-2) fell victim to wildness, misfortune, poor defense by his teammates and some very timely hitting by the Wolfpack in the bottom half of the inning.

Brian Wright led off with a single, and Clayton mishandled Eric Moseley's sacrifice bunt for an error. Mike Prochaska walked to load the bases, and Dan Mooney singled to

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