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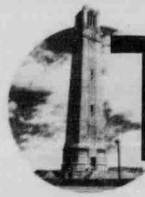
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## Students react to Holy Day resolution

◆ Reaction to the Student Senate's passage of Resolution 37 has been positive. Muslim and Jewish student leaders are particularly pleased.

Jimmy Ryals  
News Editor

Last Wednesday night, the N.C. State Student Senate passed Resolution 37, an act urging the university to adopt a statement concerning the administration of tests and major projects on Jewish and Muslim holidays.

The resolution passed unopposed, though some senators had questions for Senator Gary Palin, who drafted the resolution.

Senate Secretary-Elect Lee Burgess-Ford questioned the constitutionality of the resolution, given the First Amendment's separation of church and state. President Conen Morgan cited NCSU's recognition of Christian holidays like Christmas and Easter as evidence that the resolution does not conflict with the Constitution.

Senator James Reed expressed concern that students of other religions would seek help in getting tests and projects taken off of religious holidays.

"Where do we draw the line?" Reed asked.

Reed's concern seemed to be an objective for other senators. In discussion, senators repeatedly called the resolution "a stepping stone" toward greater NCSU recognition of holidays for other religions.

It would, however, take work for such recognition of other religions to occur.

"We spoke to these individuals and they made it very clear that these were major holidays," Senator Eva Feucht said. "Any other groups would have to show the same discretion."

Muhammad Aly Balagamwala, president of the NCSU Muslim Students Association, worked with Senator Gary Palin on drafting the resolution.

Balagamwala said, however, that the effort to ease the Muslim students' academic burden on holidays is something that has been ongoing for three years now.

Balagamwala said a request made to the department of registration and records' calendar committee two or three

years ago was denied in a closed meeting. Balagamwala felt the committee "did not make an accurate judgment."

"It's extremely cumbersome to come to school or take tests on days we are supposed to be worshipping," Balagamwala said. "It's like coming to school on Christmas."

Balagamwala called the passage of the resolution "a momentous thing."

"N.C. State is starting to recognize religious diversity on campus," Balagamwala said.

Michael Bekerman, president of Hillel, NCSU's Jewish students' association, concurred.

"This is a very big step forward," Bekerman said. "A lot of us don't have a choice as to which religion we were born to follow."

Bekerman did have some contact with Palin on the resolution, but he was not involved as Balagamwala was.

NCSU students offered support for the resolution.

"You shouldn't [administer tests and major projects] on their holy days," said Erin Meadwell, a junior in textile technology. "[Jewish and Islamic] holy days should be observed just like Christian holy days are upheld."

Calvin Mandelbaum, a senior in multidisciplinary studies, was more pragmatic.

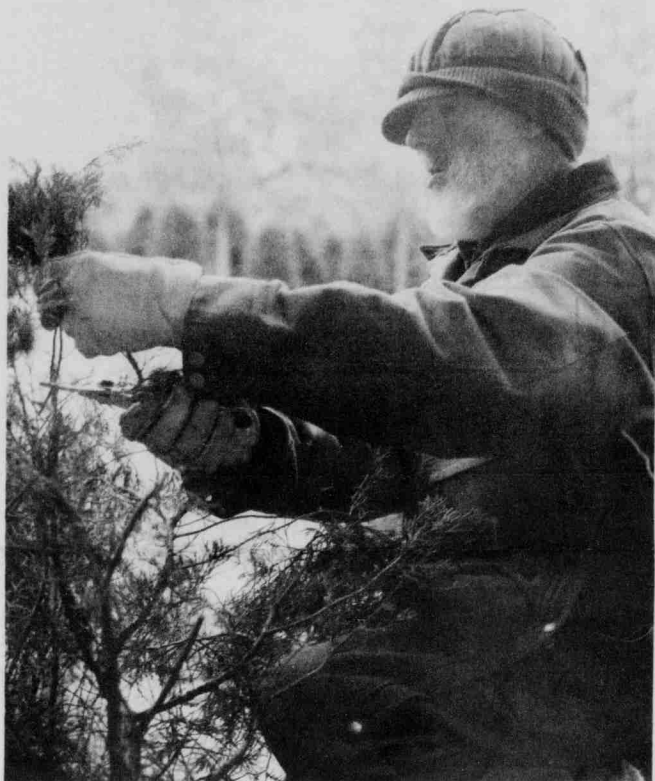
"What do you do about Arabs going to school during Ramadan? You can't be out of school for a whole month," Mandelbaum said.

"Teachers should at least use some discretion and be more aware of holy days. When you can, you should be mindful," he added. "But we are a Christian country, and therefore we celebrate Christmas and most of the Christian holy days."

With the passage of Resolution 37, the senate will recommend that the Office of the Provost draft an advisory statement encouraging professors not to give tests or major projects on Jewish or Muslim holidays.

Should the provost's office comply, Palin said that a statement may be drafted by February and issued to professors in time for the first summer session, 2001.

Staff reporters Andrew Buchert and Rob Godfrey also contributed to this story.



Calvin Richardson Sr. assembles wreaths from Eastern Cedar trees grown on his family's farms in Zebulon, NC and Hillsville, VA. He has been an intermittent vendor at the State Farmer's Market since 1982.

## NCSU recognizes World AIDS Day

◆ N.C. State's chapter of the BGLA coordinated events in observance of World AIDS Day last Friday.

Jimmy Ryals  
News Editor

Condoms are available at N.C. State's Student Health Center at a price of \$3.50 a dozen. They were free, however, in the Brickyard last Friday, as was a little information on the conse-

quences of not using them.

Condoms, AIDS information fact sheets, red ribbons and dental dams — condoms for your mouth — were among the materials volunteers gave out in observance of World AIDS Day on Friday.

Members of NCSU's Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies coordinated the university's observance of the event.

According to Christina Hammock, BGLA Webmaster, the group gave out all of their more than 500 ribbons and

approximately 500 fliers. There were few of the more than 2,000 condoms and dental dams left at the end of the day.

The condoms came from a Raleigh group called the Alliance of AIDS Services and from Student Health Services.

In addition to the information and latex available to students, there were also sobering reminders of why World AIDS Day is relevant. Six volunteers lay in the Brickyard last Friday, covered in white sheets. The pseudo-bodies were a visual

reminder of AIDS' death toll.

Hammock took the idea for the white sheets from photos of a protest of highway deaths in France that used a similar approach.

"I had wanted to have more bodies, but it turned out to be really effective," Hammock said.

Hammock was pleased with the number of non-BGLA volunteers who took part in World AIDS Day. BGLA sent emails with volunteer information to the listserve of Campus in

Action, the University Scholars Program, the African Students Union and the Society of Black Social Workers.

All told, 24 volunteers aided in the World AIDS Day effort; Hammock was pleased with that figure.

"With it being the end of the semester, we were worried about getting enough volunteers," Hammock said.

BGLA members also painted the Free Expression Tunnel, posted fliers with information around campus and marched in

Raleigh's annual AIDS walk downtown.

Hammock said that BGLA is planning to make its observance of World AIDS Day an annual occurrence after how well this year's event went.

"The overall success of the event we were very happy with," Hammock said.

The final event of the World AIDS Day observance will be a speech at the group's weekly meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in 123 Tompkins.

## Schools limiting access to RU-486

◆ None of the schools in the Florida public university system are among offering RU-486 to students.

Quincy Harder

The Marquette Tribune (Marquette U.)

(U-WIRE) MILWAUKEE — Women choosing to have an abortion now have an option to a surgical procedure, but limited knowledge and approval of the drug RU-486 mean it may be hard for female college students to gain access to it.

According to WhyLife?

Association, several schools along the East Coast have refused to offer RU-486 at their campus health centers. This includes Boston University, Yale University, Penn State, the University of Virginia and the entire Florida public university system.

Schools in the Midwest are following the trend as well. Marquette, because of its Catholic affiliation, does not offer RU-486 — or any methods of birth control — to its students.

"Marquette University is a Catholic university and our position is in conformity with

the Catholic teachings," said John Hopkins, vice president of communications. "That is why we do not offer any birth control services."

As for the possibility of birth control of any type being available, Hopkins said, "Not as far as I know. If the teachings of the Church remain the same, then I assume our position will remain the same."

According to officials at Student Health Services, Marquette does not supply any types of birth control. This includes condoms, which are distributed for free by numerous college campus health centers.

Any student looking for birth control of any type at Marquette's health center is sent to another clinic, despite the student's condition, physicians disclosed.

The University of Wisconsin is one of the schools not providing its students with RU-486.

"It is not a high demand here," said Jonathan Zarov, the school's health communication specialist. "It is not really a moral question for us, but logistically, it does not fit here."

The University of Wisconsin campus health clinic does offer free condoms and a women's specialty clinic. Birth control

prescriptions can be filled at the health clinic's pharmacy as well, Zarov said.

"It is our job to fulfill the needs of our students," Zarov said. "Birth control is a service desired by them."

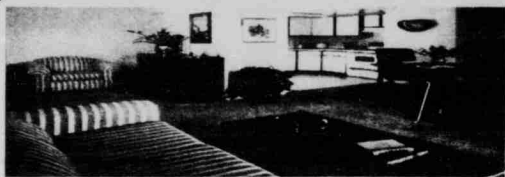
Barbra Moser of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee said the school's health center does not offer RU-486 because the required medical backup cannot be provided.

"We feel that providing a broad-based women's health program is important and part of that is contraceptive advice," Moser said.

RU-486 is also not available to

students at the University of Illinois, said Doris Lawyer, a nurse practitioner who works in the women's health department of the McKinley Health Center at the university.

RU-486, generically known as Mifepristone and prescribed as Mifeprex, has been used in Europe, specifically France, since 1988. The abortion pill has only been approved in the U.S. recently — Sept. 28, according to WhyLife? Association.



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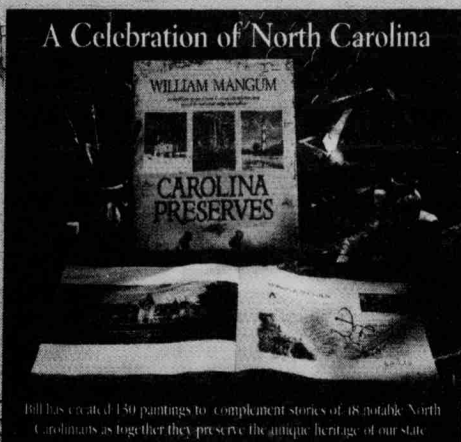
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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

### Bad blood

**AFTER ONGOING CRITICISM FROM THE FDA, DOES THE AMERICAN RED CROSS NEED TO CLEAN UP ITS BLOOD IN ORDER TO CLEAN UP ITS ACT?**

Officials from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said Friday that the American Red Cross "is not in compliance with the current laws and regulations" and that the problems are "serious" because they pose a "potential for harm" to patients receiving the blood.

Court documents filed by the FDA in U.S. District Court criticized the Red Cross for "a long-standing and ongoing failure to comply" with standards in collecting, processing and distributing blood used in medical procedures. According to the FDA, the Red Cross' blood-clotting incompetence dates back to 1985.

In 1985, the Red Cross failed FDA inspections. After repeated notifications of noncompliance, the Red Cross agreed to meet FDA standards in 1988. Violations continued and the FDA sent three notices threatening to revoke establishment licenses. When those actions proved fruitless, the FDA forced a court decree in 1993 to require a quality assurance program. Since 1993, the FDA has sent 10 letters warning the Red Cross of noncompliance with blood center regulations.

In July of this year, an FDA inspection found 25 violations in an Atlanta Red Cross center; 63 violations were found at the Red Cross headquarters in Washington D.C. The violations included an improper release of blood products that tested positive for cytomegalovirus and failure to run a follow-up test of HIV-suspected blood.

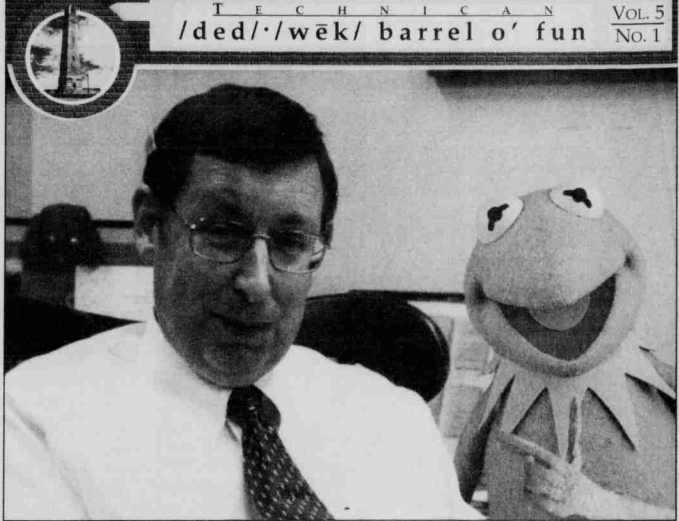
Approximately half of the nation's medical blood supply, totaling around 6.5 million units of blood annually, is collected by the Red Cross.

The American Red Cross is part of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, a chiefly medical organization dedicated to international relief and development.

Regardless of any merits the organization has earned over the years and despite the American medical community's obvious dependence on the Red Cross' blood operations, FDA violations that demonstrate a clear and present danger to the very people the Red Cross is trying to help is completely inexcusable.

In defense of the organization, Bernadine Healy, the American Red Cross president and chief executive, called the criticized blood supply "the safest in the world." But such glittering generalities amount to little more than empty rhetoric. If the safest blood supply in the world does not meet FDA quality standards, what good is it?

The FDA's position may seem to be a cold-blooded attack on an internationally renowned organization, but such severity is necessary to ensure the well being of the citizens of this country and the world at large. Literally and figuratively, the American Red Cross needs some new blood if it ever hopes to clean up its act. Blood may be thicker than water, but the threat of disease is thicker than both.



Kermit Hall and Kermit the Frog - Reunited at Last

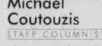
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### Everything affects everyone

I miss my old suite. Life has gotten so dull since I've moved out of Brevag 109 and into Ghetto, uh, G o r m a n Crossings. It's not the dorms I miss but rather my old suitmates and the conversations we used to have. It was common occurrence for those entering the suite to find all of its inhabitants in one room or another debating hot or touchy topics. If no one was in the mood to debate, we always had a resident from the top floor to get everyone going. He would come in the suite and say something about a topic that normally really pissed someone off. He would bait them (usually me) into an argument that eventually encompassed everyone else in the suite.

Looking back, I must say that I admire his ability to get everyone in the suite talking about topics that affect our society. I may not have agreed with all his stances (in actuality, I can count on one hand how many times we actually did agree on something), but I admire his gumption to spark conversation that most people would stray away from.

shooting itself in the foot. Truth always catches up in the end. Second, you must come willing to really listen to the other side. If people only attend such discussions to waive their banner instead of listening to the others, they are undermining the process instead of helping it. Granted, as discourse takes place, conflicts are sure to arise. Issues over abortion, homosexuality, racism, etc. are sure to raise people's emotions to the point of lashing out. Instead of getting angry, listen to what is being said. It takes a great deal of patience but it can be done. By listening to the other side, we get to see things that we may have overlooked.



Michael Coutouzis

First we have to step out of our comfort zones and talk openly about our problems. It is through discourse that we can break the problem down. All sides must be explored if we are to find a solution. Even if some of the things said aren't very popular, we are obligated to listen and consider them. Just because a belief isn't popular doesn't mean that the belief is wrong. Contrary to popular belief, truth is not determined by the mob. Truth is something even the mob must bend to. If the mob refuses to acknowledge this, it's only

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### In a pickle



Bryan Proffitt

STAFF COLUMNIST

Wednesday, your Student Senate voted against recommending a boycott of Mt. Olive pickles in the University's dining facilities. The boycott, supported by the AFL-CIO, the Farm Labor Organizing Committee and over 300 organizations nationwide, is to improve the horrible conditions for migrant farm workers that Mt. Olive contracts with in North Carolina. While pulling Mt. Olive products from the University's dining facilities would have meant new options in our pickle providers, a lack of support for migrant farm workers in North Carolina leaves them with little to choose from.

And while Mt. Olive shirks responsibility by claiming that they do not directly employ the workers, their membership in the N.C. Growers Association, which sets conditions for the laborers, implicates them. Movements by FLOC in the Midwest in the eighties and nineties achieved agreements with Campbell Soup, Vlasic, Heinz, Green Bay and Aunt Jane's that allowed the farm workers to organize. They have, and the new contracts between companies, growers and laborers have profoundly improved working conditions and lives, while it doesn't seem that the companies are hurting.

And while organizations nationwide have participated in solidarity with the migrant workers who dot the fields of North Carolina each season, the University, whose charter dedicates it to educating the children of the residents of the state, has refused support. In fact, though Mt. Olive representatives were in the Senate chambers to state their case, neither members of FLOC nor the student who pushed the boycott in the first place were even present to debate. When will our support of injustice stop? Currently, with our football team's proud display of the Nike swoosh, we are telling the citizens of the world that we enjoy being fashionable more than being just. By biting into a Mt. Olive pickle in our cafeteria, we argue that it would be harder to switch companies than support the safety of human beings. And by allowing the chair of our Board of Trustees to make millions off the private prison industry, we give our consent to locking up young people for profit. And this is just the tip of the iceberg, as efforts by students to access the University's investment report have been met with reluctance. I wonder why?

The argument says that private companies should be allowed to do whatever they want with the money that we give them. They are in the business of making money. If this is the case, then private citizens should be able to do whatever they want to (i.e. burglarize, rape, murder) to make money. To deny this would be admitting that we value corporations more than people. And we don't really feel that way, do we?

Clearly, if we can limit the freedom of individuals to do harm to others (justly so), then it follows that we must limit profit seekers in their pursuits. Likewise, many point out that those who feel that they are being treated unjustly in their jobs can simply quit. Trust me, if they could, they would, but the visas that allow North Carolina's farm owners to bring them here prevent workers from leaving their jobs without a hefty personal cost for deportation. And besides, if a worldwide strike by oppressed workers started tomorrow, who would be there to give America its Big Macs with pickles on the side?

We criticize those who don't leave their jobs while doing nothing to make their jobs better. Just like condemning a woman for being raped, this is commonly referred to as blaming the victim. By sitting back and allowing this to happen, we are not only denying our responsibility but are helping to load the gun of corporate inhumanity. Clearly, for-profit companies do not improve the conditions of their workers unless they are forced to (if they did, why would workers have to struggle?), so we must use our dollar power to end these unjust practices. Next time students have a chance to support justice, let's do the right thing and support our human brothers and sisters, not our parent companies.

*Don't spend a nickel on Mt. Olive Pickle, a nickel Bryan at bryanp33@yahoo.com*

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### It's not easy (or profitable) being green

The recent success, or lack thereof, depending on your views, of Ralph Nader and the Green Party has once again brought environmentalism to the forefront of discussion. There is a significant reason Nader received only three percent of the popular vote besides the entrenchment of the two-party system in American politics or the so-called "Nader's traders." The reason Nader and environmentalism is not more popular is the same reason in many places you have to pay to have recycling picked up from your house: environmentalism does not sell.

Because they make lots of money for lots of people. It might not even be a stretch to imagine the prosecution of President Clinton would have had a drastically different outcome had our economy not been so strong at the time. We are subtly taught by society to dislike environmentalism even in our childhood. What did we want more than anything when we were children? As many large, plastic toys (that would eventually be thrown away) as our parents would allow us to have. And do you remember that horrible television cartoon, "Captain Planet?" The superheroes fought pollution with the powers of earth, wind, fire, water and heat. This sounds strangely more like a mediocre seventies soul-funk band than a successful Saturday morning cartoon. No wonder it was cancelled after just a few seasons.

days are the ones that generate the most revenue - Independence Day, Halloween and Christmas to name a few. What do we run out and buy every holiday? Those cute, holiday-theme napkins made from trees logged in the Pacific Northwest or a tropical rainforest. It's no mystery why you've never seen "Happy Earth Day" cards in your local Hallmark store. In every Arbor Day, when people are encouraged to buy and plant trees, would be the one aspect of environmentalism most likely to be successful according to the rules of our society.



Greg Volk

It is the sad but true fact that money rules all in American society. Ideas that cannot be packaged and sold, like environmentalism and Christianity, will never receive the widespread support they seek. The fundamental basis of environmentalism is contrary to our capitalist views. Environmentalism urges us to reduce, reuse and reserve while we want to make more, buy more, and sell more at most costs. The reason environmentalism is unpopular is the flip side of why professional and college athletes are held to different standards (no Damon Thornton reference here). Why?

Who wants to watch a group of teenagers foil the capitalistic villain by flooding his uranium mine with a gigantic tsunami? I mean, come on! We want lasers and big tanks and stuff. While we're on the topic of cartoons and toys, who would have wanted a biodegradable action figure? You'd accidentally leave it outside after an imaginary battle of epic proportions and, the next thing you'd know, it'd be part of the compost pile.

The problem here is that none of this will change until our society's values change. Don't let yourself be fooled into thinking that the Pilgrims came to the New World simply to escape religious persecution. I bet they heard about the unbounded economic potential of maize harvesting. While I am sympathetic to some environmentalist causes, I have never considered myself an environmentalist. I do, however, always keep the water turned off when I am shaving and find many handy uses for plastic grocery bags. But environmentalism will never catch on in mainstream America as long as producing goods from recycled materials is more expensive than using raw materials, and Styrofoam remains so darn cheap and useful.

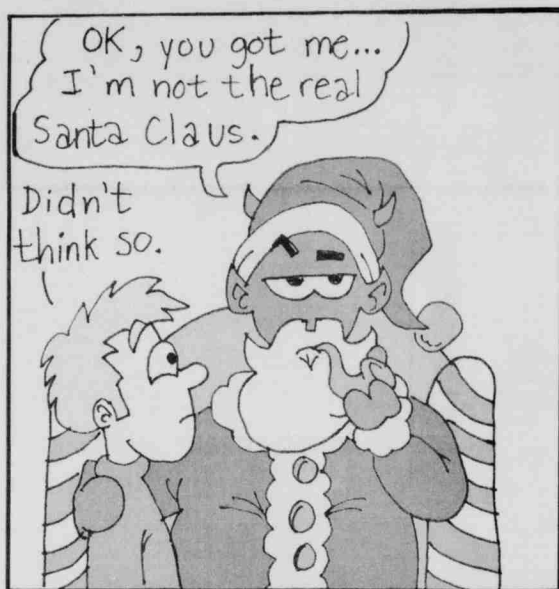
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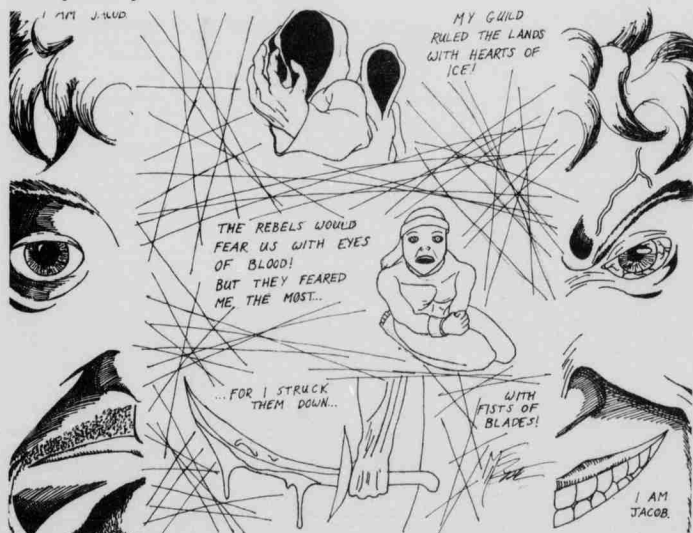
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### Wildcats trounces Tar Heels 93-76

In a matchup of college basketball's all-time winningest teams, Kentucky dominated the second half and upset sixth-ranked North Carolina 93-76 Saturday in front of several Tar Heels' legends.

Keith Bogans drained a pair of three-pointers during a game-turning 10-0 run as the Wildcats (2-3), who were coming off a shocking home loss to Penn State, raced past the slow-footed Heels and led by 23 points late in the contest.

Marquis Estill collected 19 points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots for Kentucky, which defeated UNC (3-2) for the first time since Dec. 9, 1974, improving to 7-16 all-time against a school that has made 15 Final Four appearances.

The Wildcats, however, rank first all-time with 1,772 wins and have claimed seven national championships to three for UNC, which had former coaches Dean Smith and Bill Guthridge on hand for a ceremony honoring former Heel Vince Carter.

Brendan Haywood tried to keep UNC in the game, totaling 12 points and 11 rebounds. But the Heels' inexperience at point guard cost them in the second half, when they often looked out of sync and took ill-advised

shots.

UNC led by as much as 10 points in the first half and despite trailing 38-35 at half-time were clinging to a 48-45 lead with 16:10 to play following a thunderous dunk by Haywood.

But a tip-in by Estill and Tayshaun Prince's three-pointer put Kentucky on top for good.

A runner in the lane by Joseph Forte pulled UNC within 52-50 before Kentucky took control. Freshman Erik Daniels scored in the lane for the Wildcats and shortly thereafter Bogans drained a three-pointer.

Following a timeout, Prince was fouled while converting a hook. Although Prince missed the ensuing free throw, Bogans added another shot from beyond the arc to make it 62-50 with 10:23 remaining.

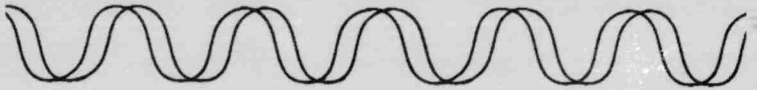
UNC did not get closer than nine points the rest of the way. The Heels were within 70-61 until a runner by Bogans began a 14-3 run during which Bogans made another three-pointer and Prince and Saul Smith combined to make four straight foul shots.

Bogans scored 18 points, Prince added 15, Smith 12 and freshman Cliff Hawkins 11 for Kentucky, which forced 17 turnovers while committing only 12 and shot 51 percent (34-of-67) from the field, including 9-of-26 from beyond the arc.

UNC was led by Forte's 19 points. Lang had 15 with five rebounds but the Heels were outscored 40-38, while shooting 46 percent (31-of-68) from the field.

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SCHEDULE

Football vs. Minnesota, 12/28  
M. basketball vs. UNC-G, 12/5, 7:30  
W. basketball @ S. Carolina, 12/4  
Wrestling, Lehigh Duals, 12/4  
Swimming vs. Miami (OH), 1/3



# Pack swims strong at Georgia Invitational

◆ Both swimming and diving teams were in the top five in the 12-team event heading into Sunday.

Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State swimming and diving teams entered the final day of competition at the Georgia Invitational in the top five in their respective divisions.

The women's team was in fourth place heading into Sunday with 368 points, while the men's team began the day in fifth with 210. Host Georgia led the men's and women's competitions.

The highlight of the second day for the State women came from the 800-yard freestyle relay team of Mary Mittendorf, Karen Bubbella, Kim Whitaker and Brandi Stergion, who took fourth overall in the event with a time of 7 minutes, 54.46 seconds. The

Wolfpack also made an impressive showing in the 200-yard medley relay (AnnaMaria Gazda, Natalie Jones, Dawn DeLuca and Andrea Hastings) with a fifth-place finish and a time of 1:47.38.

In individual action, DeLuca paced the Wolfpack in the 100-yard butterfly in seventh place (57.74). Jones also took seventh for State in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:04.84), while Gazda rounded out competition for the Pack women with a seventh-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke (58.61).

State's men had three seventh-place finishes during the second night, beginning with the 200 medley relay team of senior All-Americans Braden Holloway and Greg Solt, Saha Akman and Tim Haley, who finished with a time of 1:33.57. Freshman Jorge Gutierrez turned in the next seventh-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:43.36, while Holloway also placed seventh in the

100-yard backstroke (50.88).

State completed the first day of competition Friday evening. The men finished the day in fifth place with 102 points, while the women placed fourth overall with 167 points.

Leading the way for the Pack men was Solt, who finished third in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 20.47 seconds. Culberson was the top State finisher in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:35.83 for eighth place. In the 200-yard freestyle relay, Holloway, Solt, Tyner and Chris Swank took fourth place in 1:23.11. Holloway and Solt also teamed with Akman and Haley for an eighth-place finish in the 400-yard medley relay in a time of 3:26.54.

Erin Bailey got the Pack rolling on the first day of competition, with a fourth-place finish in the three-meter diving competition with a score of 451.3. The Wolfpack's 200-yard freestyle relay (DeLuca,

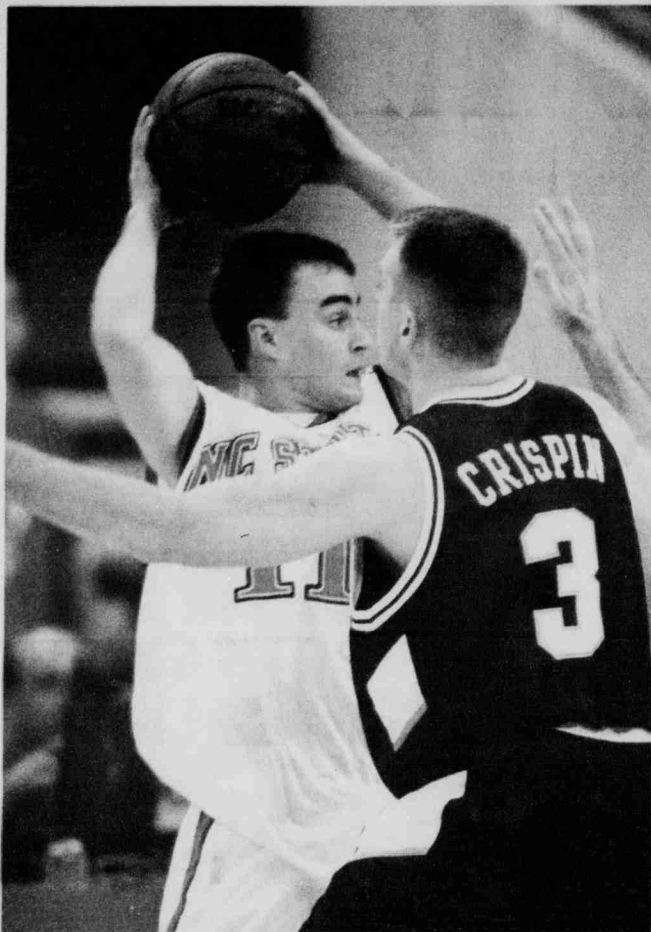


The Pack competed at Georgia this weekend.

Hastings, Mittendorf and Marby Horn) and 400-yard medley relay (Gazda, Jones, DeLuca and Horn) squads posted strong fifth-place finishes with times of 1:37.45 and 3:55.48, respectively.

The swimming and diving teams have a month off before beginning their winter schedule.

# Miller leads Pack past Monarchs



◆ N.C. State shot 70 percent in the first half and 65 percent for the whole game as it defeated the Monarchs.

Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Archie Miller scored 22 points and N.C. State shot 65 percent from the floor as the Wolfpack beat Old Dominion 87-78 Saturday night.

| Men's basketball | Score |
|------------------|-------|
| NCSU             | 87    |
| ODU              | 78    |

State (4-2) shot 70 percent in the first half to take a 43-29 lead at the break. The Monarchs (1-6) shot only 39 percent in the first half, 44 percent for the game.

The Pack is now on a three-game winning streak with wins over Charleston Southern, Penn State and ODU. The streak follows two consecutive losses to Charlotte and Fresno State.

"We've never hung our heads, we've not pointed fingers and that's a trademark of our basketball program," said Pack head coach Herb Sendek. "We just keep playing, keep fighting and keep trying to learn. When you play at this level of basketball you're going to have setbacks and adversities. Part of being a young guy trying to learn is making the most of those experiences."

Old Dominion whittled the margin to six at 54-48 on a 3-pointer by

Troy Nance with 9:56 remaining, but Miller responded with a 3-pointer and the Monarchs could get no closer than seven the rest of the way.

Kenny Inge was 11-of-17 from the free throw line and finished with 21 points for the Wolfpack. Inge is from nearby Virginia Beach, Va.

Anthony Grundy chipped in 15 points and eight rebounds, and Clifford Crawford dished out 10 assists.

Old Dominion's Andrew McCullum scored 23 points on 9-of-13 shooting from the floor. Ricardo Marsh added 16 points and Nance added 11.

The Monarchs relied heavily on the 3-pointer, hitting 10-of-26. The Wolfpack was 6-of-8 from long range.

"We had it going early," Miller said. "It was a mindset to come in here, attack their pressure and go inside. When we execute well we can score at a high rate. They gave us opportunities to break their press and our big guys were finishing and we were making open shots."

State is in action Tues. Dec. 5 when UNC-Greensboro heads to the Entertainment and Sports Arena. The Spartans are currently 2-3, having beaten St. Peter's 79-73 Saturday.



Clifford Crawford (left) dished out 10 assists against the Monarchs.

Archie Miller's season-high 22 points lifted the Pack to an 87-78 win on the road against Old Dominion.

## NCAA Notes

### Oklahoma, FSU to play in Orange Bowl

Whatever system college football uses to decide a national champion, Florida State always seems to be in the mix.

For the fourth time in the last five seasons, the Seminoles will play for a national title. This time, No. 3 Florida State (11-1) goes against No. 1 Oklahoma (12-0) in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3.

In the third season of the Bowl Championship Series, the system of rating teams using polls, computers, schedule strength and losses had the Noles second

behind the Sooners in the final BCS standings released Sunday.

In the final Associated Press media poll, the sports writers and broadcasters vote independently of the BCS, while the coaches poll crowns the Orange Bowl winner its champion.

FSU head coach Bobby Bowden said the BCS formula shows his Seminoles are worthy of playing in the Orange Bowl.

The matchup creates the possibility of split national championships. The AP media poll and the coaches poll — the two polls that select national champions — both have Oklahoma and Miami ranked 1-2. If Florida

State beats Oklahoma and Miami beats Florida in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2, there's a chance for co-champions. Miami defeated Florida State 27-24 on Oct. 7.

"Everything was run through the computer," Bowden said. "We had nothing to do with it. The facts were fed in during the season and it came out ranking us second. We will accept that. I'm not turning it down."

Miami coach Butch Davis said his team did all it could to reach the BCS title game, but he had no choice but to accept a Sugar Bowl bid.

"Regardless of how it turned

out, it can't take anything away from our great season," Davis said. "We had some great games, against Florida State and then Virginia Tech. We've won nine in a row and did everything we think we could have."

FSU (11-1) is trying to become just the seventh school to win back-to-back national crowns and the first since Nebraska did it in 1994-95.

Oklahoma, the nation's only major unbeaten team after its 27-24 win over Kansas State in the Big XII title game Saturday night, is gunning for its sixth national title and first since 1955.

The teams last met in the Orange Bowl in 1981, with the Sooners winning 18-17.

The remaining BCS bowls were filled Sunday, along with the rest of the bowl matchups.

In one of the more intriguing matchups, Miami (10-1) and Florida (10-2) renew a heated rivalry that ended in 1987. The Big East champion Hurricanes and Southeastern Conference champion Gators are scheduled to play again in 2002.

Because FSU owns a 30-7 win over Florida, Miami may need to win by a similar or greater margin to have a chance at a national title.

In the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1, it's No. 5 Oregon State (10-1) vs. No. 10 Notre Dame (9-2), putting both schools in a BCS game for the first time, and leaving No. 6 Virginia Tech (10-1) with 3 Gator Bowl date against No. 16 Clemson (9-2).

The Rose Bowl on Jan. 1 has been set for weeks — it's No. 4 Washington (10-1) vs. No. 14 Purdue (8-3).

Each team playing in a BCS game receives \$13.5 million, but only the Fighting Irish, an independent, keeps all the money. The other teams split the payout among conference mem-