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## Former Public Safety employee seeks \$235,000

◆ **Former Public Safety Assistant Chief Terry Wright has requested \$235,000 in damages for alleged violations of privacy by former Chief Ralph Lex Harper.**

**Jimmy Ryals**  
News Editor

Former Public Safety Chief Ralph Lex Harper's assistant chief has requested \$235,000 from N.C. State.

Terry Wright, former assistant head of Public Safety, made the request in an Oct. 20 letter from his lawyer, Raleigh attorney Nigle Barrow, to Mary Elizabeth Kurz, NCSU general counsel.

The letter requests the money as damages for alleged phone tapping under Harper. According to the letter, Wright has "credible evidence" that telephone conversations in his office were illegally recorded between 1993 and Harper's departure in June 2000. The letter requests \$168,000 in

damages on Wright's behalf. The letter also requests \$67,200 on behalf of Bonnie Wright, Terry Wright's wife. Bonnie Wright alleges that, between 1993 and June 2000, she called her husband at work roughly twice a week.

The amounts requested in the letter come from state and federal acts that provide for statutory damage payments of \$100 per day.

The State Bureau of Investigations is currently investigating allegations that Harper illegally tapped the

telephones of his employees during his tenure.

During an audit in fall 2000 by the office of State Auditor Ralph Campbell, four Public Safety employees signed written statements saying that Harper had illegally recorded personal phone calls made from the office between 1995 and 1997. Wright was one of the employees who signed a statement.

Wright left NCSU in October 2000, shortly after the hiring of Thomas Younce as the new Public Safety chief. Barrow

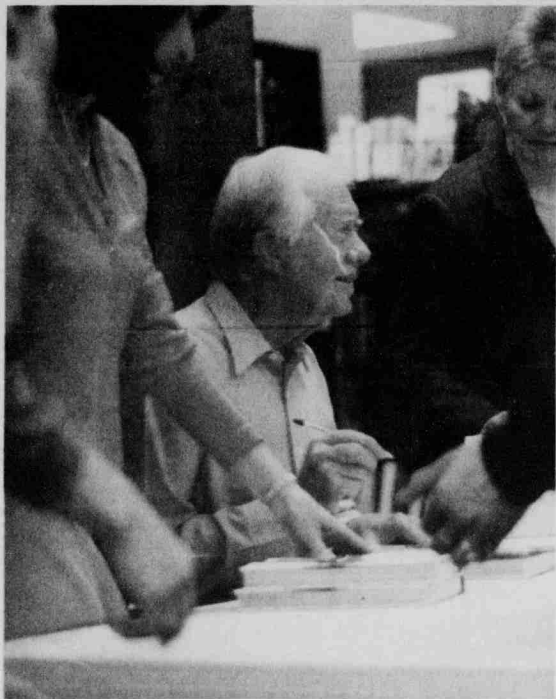
has drafted a lawsuit naming eight defendants associated with the university. They are Harper, former Director of Business Services Jeff Mann, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, former Chancellor Larry K. Monteith, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business George Worsley, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Charlene Moore Hayes and former Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Loretta Harper.

The lawsuit draft alleges that Harper maintained wiretaps on the phones of employees

on and after May 22, 1995, when Harper issued a memo notifying employees that their phone conversations were being recorded. The draft states that Harper assured Wright at the time of the memo that he would not record Wright's phone calls.

According to the draft, Harper regularly told Public Safety employees that wiretapping was legal. North Carolina General Statute 15A-287 states that wiretapping

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Wounded wing notwithstanding, former President Jimmy Carter signed copies of his memoirs Thursday at Quail Ridge Books

## AN AMERICAN AUTHOR

### FORMER PRESIDENT VISITS AREA BOOKSTORE

◆ **Former President Jimmy Carter signed over 2,000 copies of his memoirs at Quail Ridge Books Thursday night.**

**Richard Morgan**  
Staff Writer

A plain-spoken man from — where else? — Plains, Ga., Jimmy Carter revolutionized the presidency in 1976 by making it personal. He walked through his inauguration rather than be paraded in a motorcade. He was an openly devout Christian and energized the Christian Right of the 1980s.

Even after his presidency, Carter remained active, founding Habitat for Humanity and serving as an ambassador in political hotspots including Haiti.

Last Thursday, however, the ever-smiling Carter remained a public servant first, signing nearly 2,000 copies of his mem-

oirs, titled "An Hour Before Daylight: Memoirs of My Rural Boyhood," at Quail Ridge Books in Raleigh.

The bookstore crowds started at 11:45 a.m. By 3:30 p.m. there were an estimated 300 people. The store's 2,000 copies of Carter's memoirs were sold out by 5:30 p.m.

Carter signed for two hours — from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. — despite pain from a recent injury that tore all four muscles in his right shoulder's rotator cup. Carter is right-handed.

As Secret Service agents and Quail Ridge staff hurried to meet the former president, Carter squeezed out as much conversation as possible into the short time it takes to whisk a signature onto a page.

He asked children if they knew what state he was from. He cheered with fellow Georgia Tech alumni. When he saw fellow Plains High School graduate Doris E. King, he hugged

and kissed her. "He looks good," King said. "He looks better all the time."

Mary Pumphrey of Raleigh was out of breath with excitement as she related her moments with Carter.

"It's just — it's a very, very good feeling to be in the same room as him," Pumphrey said. "He's a very, very nice person. He kept signing but he looked up and said, 'Hi.' That made — made my whole day, probably my year."

Paul Winter of Peterstown, Va., who runs a camp for homeless children, used the trip to reward campers Man, 7, and Chi-chi, 9, who described Carter as "cool."

Carter's magnetism drew the young as well as the old. Jennifer Haskins, Habitat for Humanity coordinator for the congregation at Duke Chapel, remembered "campaigning for him in class in 1980, the third

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## Middle schoolers misled by texts

◆ **An N.C. State faculty member took part in a study which found that a number of middle-school texts have errors.**

**James Gorman**  
Staff Reporter

Forget what you learned in your middle school physics class. It's time to take a refresher course.

According to a recently released report organized and co-investigated by N.C. State Visiting Professor John Hubisz, a number of middle-school physics textbooks contain an inexcusable number of factual errors.

Hubisz is the president-elect of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

The 100-page report, funded by a \$64,000 grant from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, provides a detailed review and error-by-

error critique of 12 commonly used textbooks.

Examples of mistakes cited in the report include several improper statements of Newton's First Law of Gravity, incorrect birth and death dates for Sir Isaac Newton and Galileo Galilei, an incorrect definition of the volume of a sphere, and a diagram that places the equator running through Tallahassee, Florida, and the Gulf of Mexico.

"We found an embarrassing array of mistakes—big things and little things," Hubisz said.

According to Hubisz, representatives of the Packard Foundation have long been interested in obtaining a detailed list of specific errors in middle- and high-school textbooks. The foundation issued two grants in 1998, one for each grade range, contacted Hubisz and encouraged him to apply for the project.

"They basically called and told me it'd be right up my

alley," Hubisz said.

Each of the seven other reviewers, according to Hubisz, has an extensive background in physics and middle-school teaching. The reviewing team was a mix of teachers Hubisz worked with on AAPT committees and faculties in Texas and North Carolina.

"All but one of the reviewers has more than 20 years of experience in the field of physics...a lot of them presented papers at national or regional meetings of the AAPT," Hubisz said.

Many of the reviewers attempted to contact the authors and publishers of the textbooks to present their findings. The result was less than encouraging.

A quote from the report states, "Instead of being able to deal directly with authors, we dealt with 'editors' and got answers to our concerns about inaccuracies such as, 'Well we have to make the science sim-

ple.' "We don't think that your qualifications are good enough..."

Finding the true identities of the texts' authors compounded the difficulty of the task. Many of the writers Hubisz managed to contact did not even realize their names had been attached to the textbook, while others admitted that their primary background was in biology, not physics.

Some publishers, however, have corrected their mistakes in newer editions, although subsequent reviews have often found new errors.

"Even if they correct their errors, it doesn't do anything for the teachers that are already using the older books," Hubisz said. "These teachers change books what, every 10 years? They're still teaching these mistakes."

Hubisz argues that textbook appropriation committees need to carefully examine the books

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SEAN DEVERS OF HOLLY SPRINGS SPENT HIS THIRD BIRTHDAY WITH HIS MOM, DEBBIE AT SOUTH HILLS LANES.

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er Claudia said, "He's my hero because he inspires complacent people who would not even think to help another."



Former President Jimmy Carter

## WRIGHT

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without the consent of at least one party to a given communication is a Class H felony.

The lawsuit draft also alleges that Hayes, Harper, Mann, Worsley, Monteith and Fox "negligently failed to provide a system in which employees could report unusual and even bizarre

## TEXTS

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they're considering for classroom use. "Yes—you need to have a certain amount of visual appeal for the students," Hubisz said. "Yes, you need to make sure the text is grade-specific. But there has to be a rational process, in the end,

grade." Speaking of his post-presidency, humanitarian efforts, Haskins' mother Claudia said, "He's my hero because he inspires complacent people who would not even think to help another."

Although Kyle Turner, an N.C. State freshman in mass communication, admitted getting a signature for his dad, he acknowledges Carter is "an interesting link to the past. He's just kind-hearted. He's just gentle, you know?"

Carter also got a special visit from former North Carolina Agricultural Commissioner Jim Graham.

"It's like Christmas in January," beamed Sarah Goddin, Quail Ridge Books' buyer.

Unfortunately, even Christmases have their ends.

With crowds still lined around the block, Carter called it a night, thanked the crowd and began distributing autographed bookplates, one per person.

Mike Veedock, an NCSU junior in computer science, was fourth or fifth in line when Carter stopped. But he wasn't disappointed.

"I'm here to see him for all the stuff he's done as an ex-President — foreign relations, bringing enemies together," Veedock said. "It's not that big a deal not getting a signature. Seeing him in person is more important than getting a signature."

The man of the people to Americans past and present is currently heading to Los Angeles and San Francisco on his book tour. Elizabeth Hayes, Carter's publicist, confirmed that Carter travels everywhere by airplane. She offered no comment, however, on whether the former president enjoys that airline staple food, of which Georgia is the nation's leading producer: peanuts.

employment conditions without such reports being transmitted immediately to [Harper], such that any employees would become the immediate target of retribution."

Further, the draft alleges that the aforementioned NCSU administrators exercised negligence in hiring and retaining Harper, in not dealing with his inappropriate allocations of money and in not taking action over the high number of vacancies in Public Safety for choosing these books."

Hubisz is now working on constructing an ongoing, comprehensive Web site offering textbook reviews and error listings for teachers and committees looking for new textbooks.

The textbook report can be found online at <http://www.psrc-online.org/curriculum/book.html>.

under Harper. Barrow could not be reached for comment for this story.

NCSU Associate General Counsel David T. Drooz said the university currently offers no official statement on Wright's claim. He said that, should Barrow file the lawsuit, then the university will offer its response through the courts.

## crime report



### Car CD players stolen

On Jan. 15, Mary Hutchinson reported to Public Safety that her car had been broken into and a CD player and CD had both been stolen.

Officer S.P. McGrady investigated and found that an unknown person had slid an object behind her Acura's driver's side window at its seam and forced the window down. The suspect then apparently unlocked the door. The objects were removed without any damage to the car's console. Fingerprints were unable to be lifted.

Upon further investigation, McGrady also discovered that another car had been broken into and its CD player removed. The passenger's side lock on UNC Asheville student Anne Hemmings Pollok's car was pried and pulled out of place. Her dash was ripped out and the wires to the CD player were cut. There was no attempt to lift prints due to scene contamination.

### More CD players stolen

Public Safety Officers J. DiGregorio and S.P. McGrady responded to three reports of breaking and entering two reports of larceny relating to automobiles Jan. 15 on Thurman Dr.

One victim said that her CD player had been stolen out of her car. The suspect entered via the driver's side window by sliding it down, then reached into the car and unlocked the door. There were no fingerprints.

The second car was broken into by an unknown method of entry, though the victim was positive the car doors were locked. The suspect stole the stereo but left the radio faceplate intact. This time, however, fingerprints were lifted.

The victims were Greta Schlatter, Andrew Michael Grissom and Leigh Ellen Patterson, all NCSU students.

### Purse stolen from Williams Hall

Sarah Elizabeth Williamson reported to Officer R.M. Dudley on Jan. 11 that her purse had been stolen. Williamson was attending class in Williams Hall Room 2215 at 10:15 a.m.

Williamson claimed that her purse was wrapped up in her jacket, which was on the floor beside her chair. She also said she left it unattended only when she left the classroom to go to the restroom.

After class, Williamson went to Tompkins Hall, where she noticed that her purse was missing. She then returned to Williams Hall but was unable to find her purse.

Items missing included a cellular phone, 21 checks, more than \$35 in cash, credit cards and a gift certificate.

### Bike disappears from atop car

A 24-speed blue and silver Schwinn S-40 disappeared from atop Kenneth Brian Short's car on Jan. 10.

Short last saw the bike around 3:30 p.m. Jan. 10. At approximately 6 p.m., a friend noticed that it was missing and told Short. The bike's front wheel was inside the car.

Short then went to Fraternity Court to look for the bike and found the rear wheel behind the trailer. He told Officer B.E. Franklin that he was going to stay in the area to continue looking for the missing bike frame.

### License plate reported stolen

The NCSU department of crop science is missing a license plate.

On Jan. 10, William Dorse Mungum III, an agricultural research technician in the crop science department, contacted Public Safety to report that the yellow, state-owned license plate was missing from the van of which he is in charge.

Mungum had last noticed the license plate on the car on Jan. 2. He told Officer J. Dudley that, upon attempting to move the car from Yarbrough Drive, just south of Williams Hall, around 9:32 a.m., he noticed that the plate was missing.

There was no damage and nothing else was missing from the van.

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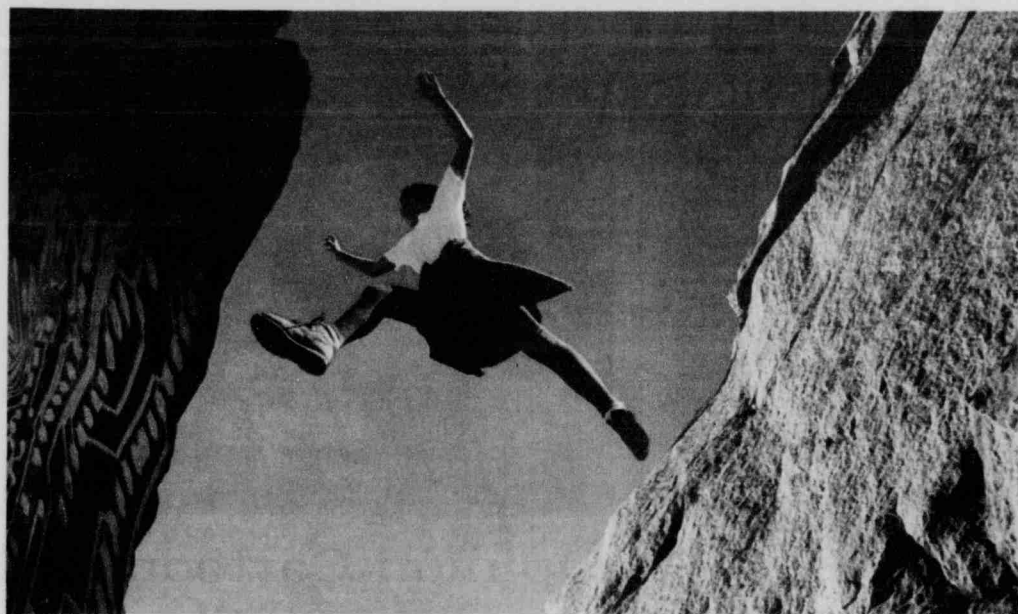
The NCSU student chapter of the ISPE is organizing a "Career Night" to help students network with local companies and discuss possible internships, cooperative, and career opportunities. Opportunities exist for students in the following majors: Chemical Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemistry, Food Science, Microbiology, and Biochemistry. The following companies will attend and are actively seeking new employees:

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| RMF Engineering, Inc.          | Solt Construction,        |
| Valcor                         | YOH Scientific.           |

The event will be held in room 5, at the McKimmon Center, and begin at 6pm on January 18, 2001. Bring extra resumes, as one will be collected to put in our book for the NCSU booth at the Durham Technology Show in March.

ISPE is a not-for-profit volunteer Society of technical professionals in the regulated pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturing industries. The student chapter of ISPE at NCSU shares in the belief of our parent organization that forums for the exchange of ideas and practical experience are an excellent opportunity.

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## ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN ASHCROFT WOULD BE A POLITICAL PERIL TO AN ALREADY-TRUBLED BUSH.

Former Missouri Governor John Ashcroft became Missouri Senator Ashcroft in 1994, riding the wave of Ginchich Revolution. In the 2000 election, he was defeated by deceased Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan, who died in a plane crash shortly before Election Day. Carnahan's widow, Jean, was appointed to replace him.

If confirmed as Attorney General, Ashcroft would become the nation's highest ranking law enforcement officer, heading the Justice Department. Since his appointment, however, dozens of groups have organized a protest of his nomination.

Ashcroft is pro-life, pro-death penalty and supports school vouchers, school prayer and a constitutional amendment to ban flag burning. Ashcroft voted to eliminate funding for the National Endowment for the Arts, to end special funding for minority and women-owned businesses, is in support of limiting product liability punitive damage awards, voted for restricted class-action lawsuits, for repealing federal speed limit laws, and against prohibiting job discrimination by sexual orientation. Specifically, he criticizes condemn Ashcroft's opposition to Missouri Supreme Court Justice Renne White, a black man who was denied a spot on the federal bench because of an Ashcroft-led opposition. Ashcroft contended that White was soft on capital punishment and "pro-criminal." White affirmed 41 of 59 death sentences that came before him.

But Ashcroft's record shouldn't necessarily be grounds to reject his nomination. After all, Bush is going to be the 43rd president — not Gore. Did those who oppose Ashcroft seriously expect Bush to nominate a liberal?

Still, in an age of bipartisanship where the Senate is split 50-50, Ashcroft's extreme right-wing views are not a wise selection. Such views were most painfully evident in Ashcroft's failed 1998 attempt to become a Republican presidential nominee. Ashcroft said, "There are voices in the Republican Party today who preach pragmatism, who champion conciliation, who counsel compromise. I stand here today to reject those deceptions. If ever there was a time to unfurl the banner of unabashed conservatism, it is now" (Human Events, 10 Apr 98).

In his infamous interview with the *Southern Partisan*, he said the publication "helps set the record straight. You've got a heritage of defending Southern Patriots like Robert E. Lee, [Thomas 'Stonewall'] Jackson and [Jefferson] Davis. Traditionalists must do more. I've got to do more. We've all got to stand up and speak in this respect." The publication has said, among other things, that blacks had better lives under slavery.

Many see the Microsoft antitrust trial Ashcroft would inherit as the best test of his role as Attorney General. Although he has publicly criticized Microsoft, Ashcroft received a personal \$1,000 donation from Bill Gates for Ashcroft's "Spirit of America" Political Action Committee in 1998. An additional \$5,000 was donated by Microsoft, according to FEC records, to fund Ashcroft's failed 2000 Senate campaign.

Ashcroft is not true to the "junior" spirit of the beleaguered Bush. He is struggling for Ashcroft is archaic, culturally out-of-touch and, worst of all, a presence that undermines Bush's pseudo-centrist sycophancy. But Ashcroft is also — perhaps most importantly — something else: expected.

## Lessons from history



Josh Humphrey  
STAFF COLUMNIST

As I watched the film "Thirteen Days" this weekend, the words of philosopher Jorge Santayana came home: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." For those who haven't seen the trailers, the movie is about the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, in which the Soviet Union placed a number of nuclear weapons 90 miles off the coast of the United States in Cuba. As the film ended, the thought occurred to me that the same scenario has begun anew, but with a reversal of roles and an ignorance of what has gone before. The National Missile Defense system, if implemented as is currently planned, is every bit as destabilizing to the nuclear community as missiles in Cuba were to the United States during the Kennedy administration.

Vietnam, had haircuts and eventually the Cold War ended. During this time, the only real change in the balance of nuclear power was that China joined the United States and Russia in the MAD pact, and that was fine with us since they didn't really like each other. Some smaller states joined the nuclear family but since their missile technology was so primitive, they were not a threat that any of the large nations needed to respond to — until now.

With the sudden gains by the North Koreans and Iranians in ballistic technology, the United States suddenly faces a host of small states that are very close to being able to lob a warhead at us. While we still possess enough nuclear power to wipe these nations off the face of the earth, the fallout from their use thankfully places them beyond the pain. A new jet was needed to counter this new threat, so the Clinton administration handed us the National Missile Defense. Several billion dollars and lots of mixed results later, it was largely left to the next administration to decide what to do with it.

Enter George W. Bush. He has made it a priority of his administration to pick up on missile defense. Despite the fact that the system's feasibility has only proven marginal at best, he sees it as the best way to counter the threat from a rogue state with a ballistic warhead. Where Bush fails miserably in this early test of his international gamesmanship is in his refusal to realize this shield is tantamount to missiles in Cuba. It tips the balance of power in a nuclear exchange towards us, and causes the MAD doctrine to be placed in peril. He is willing to risk allowing those 13 days of October in 1962 to be repeated — only with Vladimir Putin and Zhu Rongji standing in for President Kennedy, men willing to bomb his own citizens to root out "terrorists" and a government that has killed thousands to repress freedom.

It is immaterial to justify this danger under the aegis of protecting the country from a rogue state. What gain is there if the price of protecting ourselves from a small nation is to enrage a larger one? The threat to our country from a small state is tangible and must be addressed by the President, but the lessons learned from the last time the world approached the brink need to be remembered.

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## Hungry for answers



Decker Ngongang  
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Dang! I'm hungry. Let me go scarf down the grub in the dining hall or maybe I will pick up a ridiculously priced item in the C-store. The price gauging and the foodservice quality in the Fountain Dining Hall are intolerable. For students who already pay tuition and suffer various other financial responsibilities this causes just another nuisance.

In complaining about the prices in the C-store, I know proof is necessary. I used statistical methods to randomly compare the prices within the C-Store and the prices for the exact items at a local grocery store in Cameron Village. The prices on some items were marked up more than a dollar than those at the C-store. This might be because of the fact that this is a "convenience store" and we often pay more for convenience. Some of the random items I studied were Nyquil, which is \$1.60 less at the grocery store; Ramen, which is \$.15 less at the grocery store; and one roll of Hm, which is \$2.60 less at the local grocery store. Sure we pay for convenience, but the differences in prices are quite perplexing. The fact stands: C-stores are student services, not methods to take advantage of a willing pool of

hungry students. In their introduction of the board buck program, the University locks students into using the systems in place, making these overpriced stores unavoidable.

Statistical methods can't be used to describe the horrible food in Fountain Dining Hall. The eggs are runny, most items — even the vegetables — are soaked in grease and oil. In attempts to eat healthy, one might turn to the vegetarian corner, but if not for the labels, most of those foods would be unrecognizable.

Along with the less-than-desirable food conditions, there is the injustice they call a meal plan. We buy our meal plans assuming that we will have a choice of when we would like to use meals. This isn't the case. We are only allowed to use the meals when university dining determines. They limit meals to one per designated mealtime; these times being for breakfast, lunch and dinner. With such a large university, it seems unrealistic for Dining Services to try to assume when we eat our various meals; they should release the restrictions on our meal plans, allowing us to use our various meal allotments when we want to. It concerns me that a university dining system that allows such restrictions further cheats us as students, who pay large amounts for these plans. University Dining is the only one who benefits from current plans in place. In the instance we have meals left over at the end of the day on Fridays, those meals

are lost — but we still purchased the meals. University Dining profits. When school is closed for holidays and we have extended time where the dining hall is closed, we still pay for the unused meals. University Dining profits. When you oversleep and skip breakfast one day that meal is gone, but you paid for it. University Dining profits. I know it cost a lot to maintain such an entity as a University Dining service, but that cost shouldn't be unjustly forced upon students who are already financial guinea pigs.

When I look for the University Dining Web page, or the C-store Web page, I look under "Student Services." Once I was not allowed to take two apples from the dining hall to my dorm room; from that day on I refuse to recognize University Dining as the alleged "student service," but rather as a university-sponsored corporation.

I am not trying to bring down the dining hall or the C-stores; I merely see these entities as taking advantage of a population that so far has no say-so in these issues. We are students. In this generation, however, we find that we are being referred to less as students and more as profit-making vehicles. This issue profited in my article is only a branch from that tree, but the branches hurt when you're getting whipped.

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### Castro vs. Uncle Sam



Juan Pedraza  
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The United States of America in its quest of cleaning the world of "evil things" such as communism has maintained a commercial embargo over Cuba for over 37 years. The embargo, implemented with the purpose of getting Fidel Castro and its socialist ideas out of Cuba, has failed. In 1999 the U.S. endorsed a resolution to put an end to the Cuban embargo; the U.S. and Israel were the only two detractors out of 157 nations — even though two thirds of Americans are opposed to the embargo (source: U.S. State Department).

What is wrong with this picture? Is it just me or does anybody else see that maybe the whole embargo issue became just a personal thing between Castro and the U.S. government? Back in the days when the U.S.S.R. was using Cuba to piss off the United States and nobody was comfortable with the idea of getting nuked by Cuba, the

United States had plenty of reasons to suffocate its Caribbean enemy. However, we are in the 21st century and the possible reasons why the embargo was imposed back then are outdated. One of the possible reasons was the existence of Communism.

John Lennon said, "Imagine there's no possessions... I wonder if you can." Well, we can't live in the place that Lennon had in mind due to our greedy nature (always wanting something better). Everybody knows that communism (like the one in Russia) is a utopia and therefore does not work in our world, so the United States should stop acting as the capitalist champion of freedom. If socialist ideas were the problem, there are a lot of differences between U.S.-China policies and U.S.-Cuba.

Another reason was the possibility of a nuclear attack from a place as close as Cuba. Well, Cuba is still in the same strategic place, but if they (Russia and Cuba) did not do it when Russia was powerful and was supporting Cuba, I doubt it is going to happen now that both nations have economical problems.

Regardless of any other reason to justify the embargo, what really comes to mind is the picture of two figures argu-

ing. One of them is Uncle Sam with its U.S. flag-like suit, the goatee and everything, and the other is Fidel Castro with his Cuban army uniform and the cigar. Their speech goes more or less like this:

UNCLE SAM: "Nobody f---s around with the U.S. without paying its price (as his face gets all red)."  
FIDEL: (blows smoke at Uncle Sam) Well, I'm going to prove it to you, gringo, that I can.

I am against the embargo because the Cuban people are the ones getting hurt with the embargo. There is hunger and poverty in Cuba but nobody is 100 percent sure whether they are cause by Fidel Castro's way of ruling or the U.S. embargo. Why does a country that takes pride in freedom, justice, fairness and democracy not get along with its neighbor because both have maybe different ideals? New year, new century, new policies! The United States should be proposing Cuban alternatives in order to find a solution to the issue instead of just imposing an embargo that does not make sense.

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C O N

## Who cares about human rights?



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Very few issues have become as convoluted and politicized as the United States' trade embargo on Cuba, now almost 40 years old. It is very difficult to read any commentary on Cuba without feeling like you are being subjected to subtle — sometimes blatant — propaganda by either side.

The trade embargo against Cuba was enacted via President John F. Kennedy's executive order in February of 1962 after Fidel Castro and his Partido Comunista de Cuba executed a swift and effective takeover of the island and proceeded to nationalize billions of dollars of privately and publicly held U.S. assets. Any property, resources or capital belonging to the United States or its citizens instantly became the property of Fidel Castro and his regime. Every U.S. president since that time has seen fit to extend the life of the original executive order, whether during the Cold War or after.

In their annual worldwide review for the year 2000, Amnesty International has documented several cases of arrest, harassment, imprisonment without cause, eviction and loss of employment for those Cubans who oppose Castro and his techniques. Cuban citizens are not allowed to engage in free-market capitalism, form political parties, freely assemble or protest anything. In fact, last January a small group of citizens was arrested for staging a small march with banners commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Many Cubans who have spoken out for the cause of freedom have suffered under trials that do not meet international judicial standards and have received jail sentences of two-to-three years for such crimes as "dangerousness" and "disrespect."

Many advocates of ending the U.S. trade embargo argue that the Cubans are suffering under deplorable conditions because of the U.S. embargo. They neglect that Cuba can trade freely with any other nation in the world. From 1961-1989, Cuba received an estimated \$150 billion in direct financial aid from the Soviet Union, more than all of Europe received under the Marshall Plan. Unfortunately, it is believed that Castro funneled the majority of these funds into "Wars of Liberation" for his Marxist pals in Latin America. The truth is that the Cuban economy in its current form has never depended on American investment and is not suffering because of the lack thereof. Even now, Cuba trades actively with Canada, Spain and Mexico, receiving \$400 million dollars a year from Canada alone.

The same people that rail against the trade embargo on the basis of economically suffering Cubans also fail to mention the fact that Cuba has one of the lowest infant mortality rates in Latin America and that the average Cuban's life span of 73.5 years far exceeds that of other Latin American countries.

Fidel Castro has indeed established a well-oiled, efficient communist machine on the tiny island of Cuba. The problem with Cuba is not that the people are starving, that they have no medical care, or that there is no potential for economic growth. Those are all half-truths. The problem in Cuba is that the people have no freedom. In 1999, President Clinton liberalized American travel to Cuba, which strengthened an already flourishing tourist economy in cities like Havana. Many of these tourists see five-star hotels, fancy restaurants and a thriving nightlife. They leave with the impression of a happy, not-so-different Cuba. They do not, however, take time to look past the Partido's carefully constructed veneer to see that Cubans can't legally visit any of these tourist hotels, restaurants or attractions. They don't take time to consider what would make people climb onto a rickety raft and attempt the 90-mile journey to Florida. It isn't a desire to earn a few more dollars, it is a desire to earn something far more precious, personal freedom.

Are we as a nation going to allow the pressure of groups who want to lift the embargo simply to make a bigger profit influence our stand for human rights against a tyrannical and unjust government, as we have in China? Does a bully ever stop being a bully because people give up their lunch money? The United States can continue its long-held stance against Fidel Castro's regime while still being sensitive to the needs of the Cuban people. The Cuban people are in no danger of starvation, but they are in danger of losing any chance of true freedom.

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## An open and shut case?



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Are you open-minded? Sure you are. Who isn't? I mean, you wouldn't want to be labeled as some backwards, traditional throwback to the days of Before Open-Mindedness, when everyone was racist and sexist and just generally narrow-

Minded, right? Wrong. The great tragedy of people claiming to be open-minded is their total lack of challenge to the authority who defines openness and closedness. Why can't open-minded people embrace abortion? Embrace racism? When did open-minded and liberal (in the political sense) become synonymous?

But are you really? Are you open-minded about open-mindedness itself? Dr. Timothy Leary was perhaps the first American advocate of open-mindedness. A Harvard psychologist, Leary was kicked out of the Ivory Tower for running experiments using then-legal LSD. It was the Psychedelic Movement that Leary would help found and fight that was America's first taste of open-mindedness — real open-mindedness — that necessitated the use of psychedelic drugs.

"Open-mindedness" is not part and parcel with the Liberal Truth. Open-mindedness is an acceptance of others, not necessarily their beliefs. People cannot become open-minded simply by getting buddy-buddy with stereotypical open-minded concepts like drug legalization, abortion defense, gay rights or multiculturalism. In fact, by doing so, they accomplish nothing more than participation in the ironic folly of dogmatic open-mindedness.

Of course, as is inevitable in the hippie-turned-yuppie course of American progress, Leary's vision was bought and sold and re-packaged to the public. It's a euphemistic cliché, like "nice personality" (translation: ugly, but funny); it's peddled in free personal ads through phrases like "seeking open-minded couple" (translation: I'll bring the whipped cream).

The concept of open-mindedness today lacks any of the deep philosophical issues of its infancy. It is nothing more than a political tool.

Open-mindedness is always in danger of becoming an end unto itself rather than a means toward Something More, a thought, an opinion and — dare I say it? (dare! dare!) — a judgment.

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# Antimovie

Joel Isaac Frady  
Assistant Features Editor

"Antitrust" has the title it has for many reasons. The first being the obvious; the film's "plot" deals with a computer genius whose company is violating antitrust laws. The second reason is that the makers and stars are all going to get quite a bit of "anti-trust" with this one; such talented people as Claire Forlani ("Mallrats"), director Peter Howitt ("Sliding Doors") and Tim Robbins ("The Hudsucker Proxy") all losing much of the credibility they've established with audiences.

The plot is rather familiar; Robbins plays Bill Gates ... oops. I mean Gary Winston, the multi-billionaire owner of the largest and most successful computer company in the world. Despite rumors of controlling the market, he insists that it wouldn't take much of anyone to overtake his empire. Now we meet Milo Hoffman (Ryan Phillippe, "Playing by Heart") a programmer working out of his garage with his best friends. They are on the verge of the same technology as Gates' company ... I mean Winston's company, and with this Winston flies Hoffman to his headquarters and offers him a job working on his side. From here the plot and film make way for horrible acting, continuity problems, stupid scenes and everyone's personal favorite, product placement!

It's been a while since so many goof actors were so bad. Starting at the top, Ryan Phillippe seems a bit like a mix between Ethan Hunt and Forrest Gump here. Like Hunt he is a master of gadgets and technology and knows how to hide out and be all sneaky-like while on his "missions." Like Gump, he never can quite see the problems around him, and he keeps going on mindlessly as if

everything were normal. That is, until someone tries to kill him. The girlfriend is Alice, played by Claire Forlani. Why a gorgeous, sweet lady like Alice would be living with a paraoid computer nerd seriously makes one question the underlying messages here (computer nerds get hot women?), but her performance here seems fake and contrived. Even when the big plot twist breaks and she has a chance to redeem herself in several different scenes, she still displays the talent and charm equivalent to that displayed in slasher films.

What really hurts is Tim Robbins in a film this bad. An actor with as much range as he has (from "The Shawshank Redemption" to "Nothing to Lose") has been pulled off every type of role possible, but here plays out the "I'm getting louder so I must be getting meaner, too" stereotype. He's also the poster boy of the film, surprisingly. In his first few scenes one might wonder if he was a cast member or part of a commercial. In subsequent scenes he is shown opening a Mug Root Beer, holding a short conversation about Pepsi, and enters the scene for no reason at all to open a container of Pringles and then leave again. Even without products though, he still maintains that poster-boy feel, and

toward the end one question arises. How did he study for this film? Many actors spend time with the people of type of people they're portraying, so is it possible he spent some time around Bill Gates?

With a plot as contrived and silly as this one, director Howitt keeps the film on its downward spiral with many twists that are just plain dumb. One could take seriously a scene in which a character is deathly ill to

### Antitrust

★ ★  
Director:  
Peter Howitt  
Starring:  
Ryan Phillippe  
Tim Robbins



Vitamin E or Beef and someone is trying to feed him that food. But when a person is super-allergic to sesame seeds and they're about to die that's just stupid. Unfortunately, that's only one of many stupid twists that are added to this one.

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# STATE AND MAIN

Zack Smith  
Senior Staff Writer

"State and Main" deserves a place alongside such films as "The Player" and "Swimming With Sharks" as one of the best anti-Hollywood comedies ever made. Coming from writer/director David Mamet, it goes without saying that it's going to be lacerating, sharp-tongued and profanity-filled. But it's also a surprisingly sweet, good-hearted movie - the kind of film that

Hollywood used to make. "State and Main" opens with a film crew invading the small town of Waterford, VT, a place so Frank Capra-esque that even the town's mayor (Charles Durning) is "George Bailey."

The crew is desperate to start shooting as soon as possible, as they were forced out of their previous location in New Hampshire under mysterious circumstances. Whatever the case, they're in Waterford because their old mill set is being "held for ransom" by the people back in New Hampshire, and they've heard that Waterford's main claim to fame is its old mill. Unfortunately, the said mill burned down back in 1960. Even more unfortunately, the film they're making is entitled "The Old Mill."

With the film's budget already stretched to its limits, the crew is stuck in Waterford. So, the only option left is to get

the good-hearted screenwriter Joseph Turner White (Philip Seymour Hoffman) to rewrite his entire mill-centered script in three days. This isn't the only problem.

The film's star, Bob Barringer (Alec Baldwin, also one of the film's executive producers), has a taste for young (really young) women, and a local teenager (Julia Stiles, also on screen this week with "Save the Last Dance") has her eye on him. The film's leading lady, Claire Wellesley (Sarah Jessica Parker) has just "found religion" and refuses to do a crucial nude scene, at least not unless she gets a sufficient pay increase. The film's most important shot is blocked by a hideous stained-glass window of a dalmanite. The film's producer (David Paymer), threatens everyone in sight and is trying to figure out how to get a product placement for a dot-com company into a film set in the 1800s. And an ambitious local politician (Clark Gregg) is determined to shut down the production in an effort to advance his career ... and the fact that White is starting a romance with his winsome fiancée (Rebecca Pidgeon) isn't helping matters any.

"State and Main," like many of David Mamet's other films, is an exercise in deception and trickery. It excels in making the viewer think they're seeing one thing, while something else is really going on, and there is a particularly clever plot twist towards the end that will catch most viewers by surprise. Unlike most David Mamet films, though, "State and Main" possesses a certain degree of sweetness beneath its cynicism, certainly in its depiction of the romance between Hoffman and Pidgeon, who have a nice, easy chemistry between them.

The film is particularly good at defying the audience's preconceptions about the actors; not only does Hoffman make a convincing leading man, but matinee idol Baldwin is hilarious as the sleazy Barringer, Macy Paymer is even nastier in his best role ever (his threats, while hilarious, cannot be reprinted here, alas). It's also amusing to see "Sex and the City" star Parker playing a prude (or is she?) and teen movie favorite Stiles as an underage seductress (although in another film, Stiles might actually have been cast as Baldwin's love interest, given the way most modern films work).

The film also gets a lot of laughs from small details about films are made. Whether it's Hoffman explaining how his new version of the script is all about "purity" (while the camera pans over storyboards of the film's graphic sex scene), or the explanation of what an "Associate Producer" credit really is (watch the end credits for a clever follow-up to this gag).

"State and Main" may have a few too many inside jokes about Hollywood for most viewers' tastes, but it's a smart, likable, very funny movie that manages to keep a nice balance between being good-hearted and cold-hearted. A warning, though: For anyone who's ever seen a film crew down in Wilmington, you may never be able to look at them the same way again.

### State and Main

★ ★ ★ ★  
Director:  
David Mamet  
Starring:  
Alec Baldwin  
Sarah Jessica Parker



# Oh Brother!

**Joel Isaac Frady**  
Assistant Features Editor

Out of the hundreds of filmmakers out there, none of them make films that are as awkward, strange and original as those made by the Coen Brothers. With each new film they seem to start afresh with new, crazy ideas, each new film is as different from the others as it can possibly be. Directly before "O Brother" they made "The Big Lebowski" and laughter to the point of tears followed as we followed a guy named "The Dude" in his quest to get his rug back. Before that they were in Minnesota with the intensely dark comedy "Fargo," a murder mystery spun with funny accents up north. With "O Brother" they take on especially strange material: Homer's "Odyssey" and adapt it to the late 1800s. While the plot of the epic poem is visible, the feel is much different, the heroes of the poem being replaced by a sarcastic leader and his dimwitted companions.

George Clooney stars as Ulysses Everett McGill, a father of six and man who has to break out of jail upon receiving news about his wife. With him on the escape are Pete (John Turturro, "Barton Fink") and Delmar (Tim Blake Nelson, "Hamlet"). The three then set out on a quest to get to the \$1.2 million in treasure that Everett has hidden a long ways off, a quest that will prove to be much harder and more eventful than they could ever imagine.

Rounding out the cast are many other familiar faces: John Goodman plays Big Dan T (the Cyclops) as a bible salesman, Holly Hunter as

Penelope (the wife who's getting remarried, having told her kids their father was "hit by a train") and Charles Durning as the governor. Just like in the other Coen films, the large cast works perfectly together, no individual person of the cast calling too much attention to himself, but each person is unique enough to be remembered.

The scenes are just as unique, the three men truly go the ultimate adventure here. A lot of the bizarre plot twists from Homer's tale are here, as well as a few new ones. The best of them is one that takes the three and a guitar player named Tommy (who tells them that he sold his soul to the devil for the ability to play the guitar) to a radio station to make a few bucks for the road. As "The Soggy Bottom Boys," they perform one of the most enjoyable musical numbers in the history of film, which also creates a subplot that comes back much later in the film. Another highlight musical number is from the Sirens at the river, a sequence as strange a sit is beautiful.

More than anything though, what elevates this film is the unique feel and humor of the film. In it's own strange way it works. Maybe it's the smart, witty humor that seeps out of every scene. Maybe it's the genuine performances that Clooney, Turturro and Blake give. Or maybe it's just seeing Mafia members shoot cows. What really makes this film, like all Coen films, is somewhat of a mystery. What's not a mystery is that this is one of the funniest and unique films made in a long time.

**Oh Brother,  
Where Art  
Thou?**

★★★★

Director:  
*The Coen Brothers*  
Starring:  
*George Clooney  
John Turturro*

## ANTI

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Also annoying is when characters solve a problem and the film blows it off as if it was happened were completely normal, but if a person thinks about it something's a little wrong. Take for example one scene where they track the character down by pulling his fingerprints off a computer keyboard. After

noticing the scene though, they remove the prints days after he was on the machine, and in the time between there were countless other people who had to be in contact with the computers as well (especially in the location that they are located). And for a busy billionaire executive, Robbins has a lot of time to spare! He seems to stop by and sees Milo three and four times a day for absolutely no reason at all. Shouldn't he be off making money or something?

The final product here can only be called just that, a product. Nothing here seems real at all, and it feels like something that was slapped together (in partnership with the Pepsi Company) to make a few bucks. This lacks any heart or inspiration and is an absolute agony to sit through. On an up note, when a year starts off this bad you know that it can only get better.

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## UNC women top State, Pack falls to 2-4 in ACC

◆ Amy Simpson's free throws sent the game to overtime, but the Wolfpack couldn't hold off the Tar Heels.

Sports Staff Report

Coretta Brown scored six of her 22 points in overtime as North Carolina beat No. 19 N.C. State 83-77 on Sunday.

Brown hit a jumper in the lane and a free throw to put North Carolina (9-6, 3-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) up 73-71 with six seconds left. State's

Amy Simpson made two free throws with no time left to send the game into overtime.

Brown's driving one-hander from the lane with 1:25 left in overtime was her third straight basket in the extra period and gave the Tar Heels a 79-75 lead.

State (11-5, 2-4) made just two of seven shots in overtime, the last coming with 1:11 left on a pull-up jumper by Tynasha Lewis to cut the lead to 79-77.

The Wolfpack missed its last two attempts in overtime, while North Carolina's Leah Sharp made four straight free throws in the final 15.1 seconds.

LaQuanda Barksdale had 21 points

and 15 rebounds for North Carolina. Brown also had seven assists, four rebounds and three steals.

Lewis had 23 points, eight rebounds and five assists. Carisse Moody and Adeola Olanrewaju added 14 each.

State took the game's biggest lead at 53-46 with 12:22 left in regulation on a jumper by Olanrewaju. After North Carolina tied it at 53 on a jumper by Chrystal Baptist, neither team led by more than a basket until overtime.

State will next see action Thursday when it visits No. 5 Duke at 7 p.m.

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Afterward, Brown admitted that the referee was not to blame.

"I had my chances to take him down," Brown admitted. "You can't rely on the ref to make the call in those situations."

UNC middleweight JohnMark Bentley, ranked No. 8 nationally, put the Heels up 16-11 with a 4-0 blanking of Tommy Davis.

Pierre Pryor (157) needed a technical fall to tie the match but could only manage a 2-0 minor decision over Chris DiGuespe.

"I liked our kids' effort tonight," head coach Bob Guzzo said after the match. "They have some tough guys who win some big decisions. I thought Dustin wrestled well against Corey Bell. It was a tough loss."

The Pack gets its chance for revenge Feb. 15 at Chapel Hill.

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[well]. I don't think it would be a stretch to say, 'Yes, he is hungrier.'"

For the Yellow Jackets (10-6, 2-3), Alvin Jones led the way with 21 points. Tech's 60 points was its lowest total of the season. The previous low was 66 against Stanford.

Tech's Shaun Fein had only eight points for the Yellow Jackets. Entering the game, Fein had been averaging 15.7 points per game, eighth in the ACC.

"We were lethargic," said Georgia Tech head coach Paul Hewitt. "We didn't run the floor and weren't aggressive. I give N.C. State a lot of credit. That wasn't us out there for the last 15 minutes of the game."

After State took its 36-23 lead, the game meandered along with the teams trading baskets for the next five minutes. Tech cut the lead to seven points after Jones converted a three-point play to make the score 40-33 at the 11:49 mark, but the Pack took complete control shortly thereafter.

Wilkins and

Crawford hit back-to-back three-pointers, and Inge made a pair of free throws to give State a 48-33 advantage with 10:27 to go. Tech wouldn't get closer than 11 points the rest of the way.

State's largest lead of the evening was 18 points when it led 72-54.

Sloppy play and poor shooting were the themes for the first half. State shot a measly 31 percent from the field, but the Yellow Jackets didn't manage much better with 36 percent shooting. Both teams had nine turnovers at the break.

State did manage a 24-21 half-time lead through all the wreck age, thanks in large part to 11 points from Grundy.

State got off to a quick 9-7 lead, but the Yellow Jackets responded by scoring 10 straight points over a four-minute stretch. The resulting 17-9 Tech lead was its largest of the contest.

With the win, State has won eight of its last nine against Georgia Tech. The Pack had won seven in a row before last season's 66-63 Yellow Jacket win in Atlanta.

Staff writer Justin Sellers contributed to this story.

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event following Langendorf's injury. She placed in a tie for third on vault with a 9.725 and tied for fourth on floor with a 9.85.

"She did a beautiful vault, double-back dismount on floor today, layout-layout on beam," Stevenson said. "Those are things she didn't have four months ago when she walked in the door. So we're really proud of her work ethic and the things that she's accomplished just in this short period of time."

Like Bundy, sophomore Cara Dougherty and freshman Molly Pennington found themselves in the lineup for the first time in their college careers Sunday. Their debut performances impressed their coach and teammates.

"Considering some of them were just thrown into the lineup at the last second, they stepped up and did an absolutely amazing job, and I'm very proud of them," Brown said.

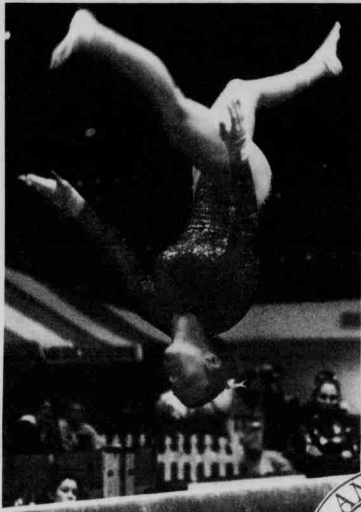
In addition to getting their first

competitive experience of the year, State and the other teams at the meet also got their first look at a new NCAA rule. In the past, a gymnast got two attempts on the vault, with the better of the two counting as her score for the event. This season, each gymnast receives just one shot on the vault, significantly reducing the margin for error.

"It's like every other event now; you only get one shot at it," Brown said. "It's a little different, considering what we were used to."

The Pack travels to George Washington on Sunday for its first road meet of the young season. State will be one of seven teams in action at next weekend's competition.

**Kara Charles and the N.C. State gymnastics team posted the highest opening meet score in school history Sunday with a final total of 193.375. The No. 19 Wolfpack finished third at the four-team meet behind New Hampshire and 20th-ranked Arizona.**



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grabbed 12 rebounds.

Inge didn't find the ball in his hands down low often, but when he did he wasn't afraid to use his strength to add points, while also drawing fouls on several Clemson defenders. He continued his strong performance from the foul line, where he only missed one foul shot out of five.

But in the end, it was the outstanding play of Tiger guard Will Solomon teamed up with good defense that would send the Wolfpack to its third loss in a row.

"He's a great player, and great players always come to play," said Damien Wilkins of Solomon. "The first half we shut him down; the second half was a dif-

ferent story."

Solomon, whose average of 21.4 points a game leads the ACC, started off slowly, scoring only four points in the first half. When Clemson needed him the most, however, Solomon answered, scoring 25 of his 29 points in the second half, including 14 of the Tigers' last 18.

Both teams got off to a slow start and showed little signs of dominance, whether it was on the offensive or defensive side of the ball.

Inge scored the first points of the game for the Pack on a put-back off of a Ron Kelley miss. Two plays later with State down by two, Inge pulled up at the top of the arc and found himself wide open, so he took the shot and connected to give the Wolfpack an early lead.

That lead grew as high as only four points when the Tigers started an offensive attack of their own. Up by one with almost 12 minutes left in the first half,

Clemson went on a 7-3 run.

But after a television timeout, State battled back with a three-point basket by Grundy and a bucket by Scooter Sherrill to tie the game at 19 apiece.

The game began to look like a tennis match with both teams running up and down the court and every now and then managing a point or two.

With the first half coming to an end, Edward Scott made a basket just inside the three-point arc to send the Tigers into the locker room up by the score of 29-27.

"They just really played it close to the basket against us and if we were going to be effective we were going to have to beat them over top," said Sendek. "We weren't able to do that tonight. Our guys played as hard as possible in each of our first three ACC games."



## AROUND THE ACC

### Standings:

Team	ACC Record	Overall
Duke	4-0	16-1
North Carolina	3-0	13-2
Maryland	3-1	12-4
Wake Forest	2-2	13-2
Virginia	2-3	12-3
Georgia Tech	2-3	10-6
Clemson	1-2	10-6
N.C. State	1-3	9-6
Florida State	0-4	5-12

### Tuesday's games

#### No. 2 Duke 97, No. 25 Boston College 75

Jason Williams scored a career-high 34 points and dished out nine assists to lead Duke to its sixth consecutive win. Boston College was as close as 44-42 less than a minute into the second half, but the Blue Devils used an 11-0 run to blow the game open.

#### No. 13 Virginia 89, Florida State 71

Five Virginia players scored in double figures, led by Keith Friel's 22 points, in the Cavaliers' victory. Florida State trailed by just six at halftime, but Virginia hit 4-of-7 three-pointers on its first nine possessions of the second half to pull away.

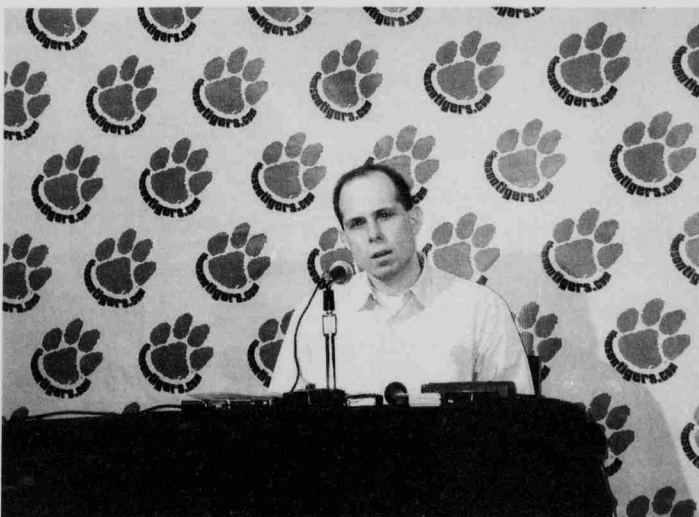
### Wednesday's games

#### Clemson at No. 6 North Carolina, 7:00 p.m., ESPN

Clemson will try to end the Carolina curse tonight after going 0-for-the-millennium in Chapel Hill. The Tigers could have a difficult time pulling off the upset, as the Tar Heels enter the matchup on a 10-game winning streak.

#### No. 10 Wake Forest at No. 12 Maryland, 9:00 p.m., ESPN

After winning its first 12 games, Wake Forest has lost two of its last three, including an overtime loss at Georgia Tech on Saturday. Maryland also came back down to earth recently after running off a 10-game winning streak with an 86-83 loss to UNC. The Terrapins recovered quickly, however, with a 76-55 win over Florida State on Sunday.



Herb Sendek appeared rather dejected following Saturday's 72-69 loss at Clemson. The Wolfpack shot just 29.9 percent from the floor for the game.

**SCORES**

UNC 83, W. basketball 77 (OT)  
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 UNC 16, Wrestling 14  
 Gymnastics, 3rd, 193.375



Wednesday  
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**SCHEDULE**

M. basketball vs. Maryland, 1/21, 3:30  
 W. basketball @ Duke, 1/18, 7:00  
 Wrestling vs. Maryland, 1/20, 2:00  
 Gymnastics @ Geo. Washington, 1/21  
 Swimming vs. Va. Tech, 1/20, 1:00

# Heels "top dawg" in wrestling for now

◆ The wrestling team fell to North Carolina 16-14 on Tuesday night in the annual "Backyard Brawl."

**Wes Putnam**  
 Staff Writer

The first half of the season series between N.C. State and North Carolina, nicknamed "The Backyard Brawl," went in the Tar Heels Tuesday evening in Reynolds Coliseum. The Heels were presented with the "Top Dawg" trophy after winning a 16-14 decision over the Wolfpack.

After No. 12 Scott Garren (165 pounds) won the

opening match 8-6 for the Pack. State's Dustin Kawa (174) lost a hard-fought decision to No. 14 Corey Bell 5-3. Kawa appeared in command with a 3-2 lead late in the third period when Bell gained a point for an escape and two points for a takedown.

This tied the match at three points apiece, the closest the Pack would get the rest of the way.

The decisive match came next with Jason Gore (184) losing a major decision 14-5, worth four points, to No. 15 Nick Richmond to put the Heels ahead 7-3.

The Pack won four of the next seven matches, all minor decisions.

Orafeo Brown (141) came closest to a major decision when he defeated Mike Booth 7-2 in what was the most controversial match of the

night.

Down 13-9 overall with only two matches left after Brown's, the Pack had an excellent opportunity to make up a point when Brown led Mike Booth 7-2 early in the third period.

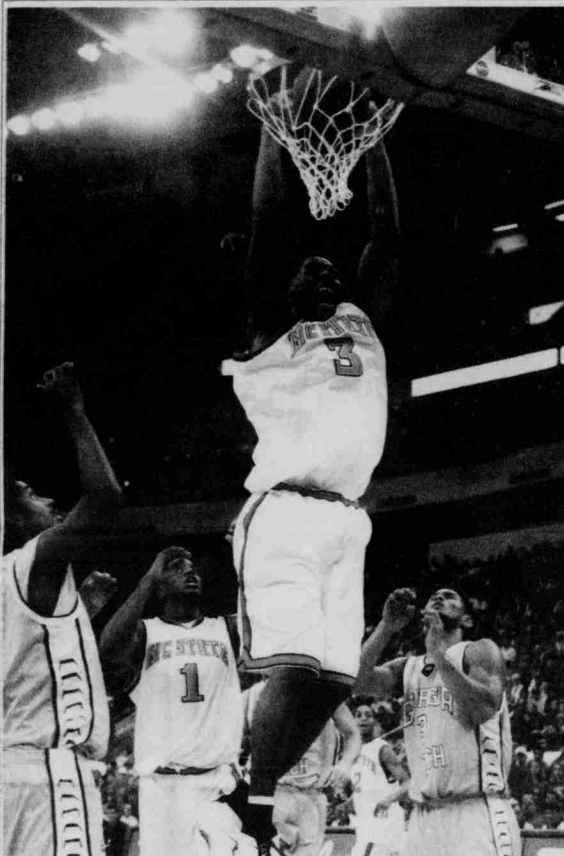
Two more points and Brown would have scored a major decision over Booth, and pulled State even with UNC at 13-13. This fact was not lost on Booth, who held out for the rest of the match in an apparent attempt to "stall," which is illegal and should have cost the grappler points.

The referee made no call, much to the chagrin of Brown, who complained about the call after the match. The referee deducted a point from the overall team score because of Brown's arguing, making it 13-11 instead of 13-12.



THE N.C. State wrestling team dropped a tight match to archrival North Carolina on Tuesday night at Reynolds Coliseum. The Wolfpack returns to action Saturday at Reynolds at 2 p.m. against Maryland.

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Damon Thornton dunks while everyone else looks on during N.C. State's 72-60 win at the ESA.

# State splits

## Pack snaps ACC streak against Tech

**Jack Daly**  
 Sports Editor

For one night anyway, Herb Sendek and his Wolfpack team can sleep a bit easier.

N.C. State picked up its first Atlantic Coast Conference win of the season and escaped the conference cellar with a 72-60 win over Georgia Tech at the Entertainment and Sports Arena Tuesday night.

And, at least until Sunday when No. 12 Maryland comes to Raleigh, all is well in the Wolfpack nation, where the grumbling of the State faithful had become deafening in the wake of three straight losses to open the conference season.

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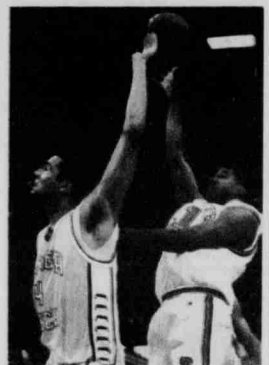
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The Wolfpack (9-6, 1-3 ACC) used a 24-4 run over the closing minutes of the first half and the opening of the second to take control of the contest, bulging what had been a seven-point deficit into a 13-point lead at 36-23.

Anthony Grundy rebounded from a horrific performance in Clemson (6-of-27 from the floor) to lead the Pack with 17 points on 6-of-12 shooting.

"Anthony's a good shooter," Sendek said. "He's been hovering around 50 percent field-goal percentage for the year. Against Clemson, he had one of those days we all have. No matter what our occupation is, we can't do our best



Kenny Inge shoots over Alvin Jones.

every day."

Kenny Inge scored 15 for State while Wilkins added 14 and Clifford Crawford tallied 13 points.

Damon Thornton had a career-high 15 rebounds for the Pack. Thornton has averaged 8.2 rebounds per contest since his return from suspension.

"Damon's been through a lot," Sendek said. "He's someone who wants to do extremely

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# Another year, another woeful shooting performance at Clemson

**Justin Sellers**  
 Staff Writer

CLEMSON, S.C. — With a road trip down to Clemson, S.C., on Saturday, the N.C. State men's basketball team found itself looking to obtain its first Atlantic Coast Conference win.

But what the Wolfpack (8-6, 0-3 ACC) found was a tough Tiger team that instead of laying down, fought hard the entire game and in the end,

handed State its third loss in the conference 72-69.

Trailing by two late in the game, State had an opportunity to tie the game.

Guard Anthony Grundy went up for a shot inside but collided with a Clemson player in the lane and was called for traveling.

"I thought they were going to call a

foul, but unfortunately they didn't," Grundy said.

State struggled offensively the whole game shooting only 29.9 percent from the field and 25 percent from three-point range.

"I thought our problems tonight were more on the offensive end than anything else," said State head coach Herb Sendek. "I certainly credit Clemson with an outstanding defensive job, holding us to 30 percent from the field.

But from our own standpoint, we missed free throws and open shots and didn't have a good night from the field at all."

Throughout the game, the Pack turned to Grundy, who shot the ball 27 times while only connecting on six of those for 17 points. Grundy, who missed several times off of drives to the basket, took 40 percent of the Wolfpack's shots in the game.

"They did a great job of packing the

lane," said Grundy. "I took a lot of shots in the lane and they did a good job of it. And we just couldn't knock down the shots we needed."

The only thing that seemed to go well for State was the performance of forward Kenny Inge, who ended the game with a double-double. Inge shot 7-of-9 from the field, with one basket from three-point range. By the end of the game, he had scored 19 points and

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# Wolfpack gymnasts jump out to strong start

◆ N.C. State put up its best season-opening score ever but lost two gymnasts to injury in the process.

**Jeremy Ashton**  
 Sports Editor

The gymnastics season began for N.C. State this weekend with a few unexpected twists, some of the better and some the team could have done without.

The 19th-ranked Wolfpack (1-2) finished third behind New Hampshire and Arizona in its first meet of the year at Reynolds Coliseum. But

State earned its highest score ever for a season-opening meet with a final mark of 193.375, finishing within .425 points of first-place New Hampshire.

"Absolutely wonderful," head coach Mark Stevenson said of the team's effort. "The kids busted their butt."

The final outcome of the meet wasn't completely good for State, however, as two more key gymnasts went down with injuries.

During warm-ups, Cheryl Potacco, the only freshman State has on scholarship, tore the anterior or cruciate ligament in one of her knees. Potacco will miss the entire season without ever getting the opportunity to compete.

The injury bug appeared again on State's first rotation of the afternoon, the vault. Senior Amy

Langendorf, who competed in every event of every meet last season, landed awkwardly on her vault, injuring her knee. Langendorf was set to meet with doctors Monday to determine the extent of her injury.

Despite losing two of their teammates, the State gymnasts pressed on and managed to put together a strong start to the season.

"I think we came together as a team exactly the way we need to," junior Kelli Brown said.

Several gymnast helped take up the slack after the injuries to Potacco and Langendorf, especially Brown. The junior co-captain took second in the all-around with a new personal best of 39.025 to finish .025 points behind Arizona's Kara Fry. Brown won the floor competition, as well, posting a score of 9.925.

"Kelli did a good job," Stevenson said. "She was a little short for Kelli on vaulting, but that was her first event, first meet, and that's sort of acceptable at this point. And she did a really nice job on the other events, and I was real proud of her."

The Pack also got significant contributions from its seniors. Monica Berry tied with Arizona's Randi Liljenquist for first on beam with a score of 9.850 and added a 9.675 on the uneven bars to match a personal best. Kara Charles posted a 9.75 on bars and a 9.775 on floor. And Sara Dolan chipped in with a 9.725 on beam.

In her first collegiate meet, freshman Allison Bundy competed in three events, successfully nailing each one. Bundy scored a 9.55 on balance beam after being pressed into service on that

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