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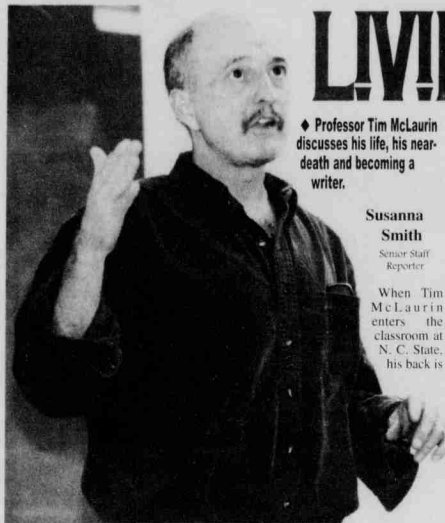
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◆ Professor Tim McLaurin discusses his life, his near-death and becoming a writer.

Susanna Smith
Senior Staff Reporter

When Tim McLaurin enters the classroom at N. C. State, his back is

slightly hunched. He does not hobble, but gingerly places his feet on the ground as if his bones might crumble beneath his own weight.

His fiction writing class is small, with only six students present. Starting the class with a relaxed air, McLaurin encourages conversation and healthy criticism, melting in among the students rather than dominating the room. He tells his students, "I can't teach you to write. Writing is real egotistical. It's real outspoken."

Rather than lecture on the technicalities of writing, McLaurin takes a looser approach. He seems to try to teach his students how to live first, write second.

"Tim is really good at letting students develop their own writing style," student Ken Dobyns said.

"The more you merge yourself into the world the more you have to write about. You have to be sure of your own beliefs because otherwise, how can you write?" McLaurin asks.

Over the years McLaurin has put together his own beliefs into a hodge-podge, drawing from different religions.

"I have very strong spiritual beliefs," McLaurin attests. "They range from

Baptist to Buddhist. I very much believe in the spiritual world and an afterlife. This life is just a phase of existence. I basically go by the Christian faith but I don't disavow anything."

Not only has McLaurin allowed his experiences to shape his life but a few valuable people have also profoundly affected him.

He tells the class about his Marine Corps recruiter he ran into at a recent book reading. Having joined the Marines out of high school, the recruiter made an early and lasting impression on McLaurin.

"He was a really important person to me when I was going to join," McLaurin tells the class. "I was gone hook, line and sinker. If they had a thirty-year plan I would have signed on for thirty years."

The recruiter convinced McLaurin to join for only two years.

"He took a personal interest in me. He was a friend. He actually wrote me a letter while I was in boot camp and told me to hang in there. Boot camp is a shock to your system."

Like so many other experiences, McLaurin insists on the value of his stint in the Marines.

"I got a college education and a bone marrow transplant out of it," McLaurin says. "It was the best two-year investment."

Born in Fayetteville in 1953, one of six children, McLaurin has followed a path meandering across professions and interests, coloring his life with a certain richness that can be cultivated only from undaunting exploration.

His two years in the Marines led him through Central America, specifically Panama and Venezuela. Back in the States he worked as a Coca-Cola salesman for a number of years before joining a traveling carnival as a snake showman.

It was as a snake-showman that McLaurin met a man he calls his greatest teacher, Earl Dockery.

"He never let anything beat him," McLaurin explains. "He taught me a lot about perseverance and not worrying about what other people think of you."

When asked how many times snakes have bitten him he said, "Not very many times." Pressed, he says he has been bitten five times by rattlesnakes, and three times by copperheads.

McLaurin's time as a snake-showman

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LIVING A LIFE IN PAGES

Emerging Issues to focus on opportunity

◆ The annual forum will observe the value of educational opportunities and the excellence of schools.

Ayren Jackson
Senior Staff Reporter

With the new \$3.1 billion education bond referendum beginning to show its effects

at many colleges and universities across North Carolina, the importance of quality education has become more significant than ever.

The 16th annual Emerging Issues Forum, which will be held on Feb. 12-13 at the McKinnon Center, plans to focus on the value of educational opportunities, positive school environments and excellence in teaching.

Adopted from Gov. James Hunt's campaign, the forum will be entitled, "First in America: Charting the Course for Excellent Schools."

Gov. Hunt, who is the Emerging Issues Forum's founding chairman stated, "Our intention is not to bemoan what is wrong with schools. We want to proclaim what we must do to chart a course for excellence."

The Emerging Issues Forum is a program dedicated to the public. The forum is intended for the people of North Carolina. Its goal is to bring discussion and debate regarding various important topics into one arena. In return, the forum hopes to bring about action and change. Top leaders, thinkers, analysts and decision-makers from around the country and the world are brought together within this forum to aid in the discussions.

"This particular forum series has gained the reputation as one of the best in the country," said Michael Roth, associate director of the forum said.

Past forum speakers and panel participants have included Bill and Hillary Clinton; Pulitzer Prize winner Hedrick Smith; and Italian Ambassador to the U.S., Ferdinando Sallero.

At this year's forum, many well-known educational experts from across the state and the country have been invited to participate. Betty Owen, forum director, said, "we would like to see North Carolina build upon its enviable reputation as a leader in education, and we are asking nationally recognized education leaders to assist us in this effort."

Headline speakers for this year's forum include Gov. Hunt, as well as Roy Romer who is the former governor of Colorado and who is presently the superintendent of schools in the Los Angeles Unified

◆ NCSU is implementing different cable sign-up and billing tactics this semester.

Diane Cordova
Staff Reporter

Starting this semester, a new cable sign up procedure will be implemented. The Communication Technologies (ComTech) office has changed the procedures for registering for cable service.

With the old cable sign up procedure, students encountered problems like billing errors. In an effort to avoid problems like these, which have occurred over the past year, ComTech is putting this new procedure into practice.

For the old cable sign up procedure, students registered once for the whole academic year, but that is about to change.

"We are asking students to sign up [for cable] every semester," said BJAttarian, the Student Services Supervisor/Marketing Specialist at the ComTech office.

Students who want to register for cable must do so at the beginning of the semester that they want the service.

Senior Pam Strayhorn, a cable user, said, "I think it's a good idea of billing [each semester] because financial situations roommate situations may change."

The cable charge is \$164 per room per semester. If both

roommates sign up for cable service, then the per room charge is split equally between the roommates.

Roommates are suggested to sign up for cable service at the same time.

Simultaneously signing up for cable eliminates the potential problem where one roommate pays the entire cable charge. Each semester, billing for the cable services will appear on the University Cashier's office bill.

In cases where only one roommate signs up for cable or there is only one person in a room, then that individual is responsible for the entire cable charge.

Another change, which has already taken place, concerning

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Stephanie Werts works on "Sugar and Cream Containers," an Industrial Design Project for the all freshman graphic design majors.

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New semester, new cable procedures

Lunch at Mann

◆ The Civil Engineering Department invites the NCSU community to dine and listen to experts speak about their professions.

Dominique Donato
Staff Reporter

As incredibly interesting as it may be to sit at the atrium and listen to the brickyard preachers during lunch, spending some time at Mann Hall for lunch could be even more interesting.

The Civil Engineering Department is inviting any interested students and faculty to join them for lunch and informative seminars. Student chapters of the Associated General Contractors, the National Association of Home Builders, the Air and Waste Management Association and the American Society of Civil Engineers are planning a series of professional speakers who have distinguished themselves within the industry of civil engineering.

"This is a good opportunity for civil engineers to make contact with people in the industry... We are excited about all of these speakers," said Edwin Weaver, faculty advisor to the NAHB and AGC. The lecturers have varied their topics to extend into issues that affect all students, not just civil engineers. Resource management, terrorism and smart growth are just a few of the topics that will be touched.

This is not just an educational seminar. Instead, it is a chance for students to learn about organi-

zations like the AGC and the NAHB. Scott Smart, the Publicity Chair for AGC and NAHB told us "We always need members... We try to participate in Habitat for Humanity at least twice a year." What is Habitat for Humanity like from the civil engineer's perspective? The AGC and NAHB invite you to come and find out.

Events are held in 216 Mann Hall. An optional lunch will be held for a fee of \$4.00. Lunch is

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did not last. In 1982 he enrolled in the University of North Carolina's school of journalism.

"After three years he was 'tired of sitting around in the classroom,'" McLaurin knew that experience was not only the greatest teacher but also the best agitator for the writing muse.

He joined the Peace Corps, which led him to Tunisia where he was posted as a dairy expert, a job he admits he was not qualified for. Yet he describes the experience as rewarding, bringing about the birth of his first child Meghan.

McLaurin's pursuit of his writing forced him to make sacrifices. He counts among his biggest mistakes two failed marriages.

"It had a lot to do with my writing and pursuit of art," reflects McLaurin. "I let writing take the place of a relationship with a woman. But I would probably do it over again."

After completing the last year of school towards his degree in Chapel Hill, McLaurin worked briefly for the "Orange-Alamance Enterprise" newspaper, quitting as soon as he found an "honorable out."

For two years he framed houses to pay the bills, writing fiction in his spare time. After the publication of his first book, "The Acorn Plan," in 1988, McLaurin seemed gliding into a

successful career in fiction writing.

Book reviewer, James Dickey, wrote of McLaurin's first book, "Tim McLaurin gives us the raw world of a southern mill town and a young man's passage through pity and terror to manhood. His is an extraordinary talent."

McLaurin followed his first book with Woodrow's Trumpet in 1993, and Lola in 1995. He was becoming known as a literary voice of the New South, pulling his fiction from the colorful characters he encountered growing up in rural North Carolina.

McLaurin also looks at the changing face of the South in books like his fourth book Cured by Fire, published in 1995, a story of a poor migrant worker, and a well-off contractor, and the problems they both encounter as their lives fall apart.

His experiences as part of the snake-show became the material for his fifth novel, The Last Great Snake Show, published in 1997. This novel was followed by "Keeper of the Moon," a southern boyhood, which recounts McLaurin's experience as a child in the rural south in the 1960s.

"Mr. McLaurin has real talent. He is a moving writer—never cute, nor overly colloquial—and his prose has a lyrical clarity that conveys with unusual dignity the integrity of his own experience. I find it hard to mourn the loss of the South that

Tim McLaurin describes, but I'm enormously grateful to him for giving me this unsparring portrait of a world I never knew," wrote Robb Forman of The New York Times Book Review.

Today McLaurin sits in his university office, in a chair with wheels on the bottom and a metal hinge to permit rocking. He has shrunk into his beige jacket, arms crossed like he is cold.

He rocks as he talks, the chair squeaks with every forward and backward motion. The rocking adds a slight air of insanity, the squeak a continual high-pitched rhythm, background for the conversation.

He has briefly recounted his life up until the last ten years. Yet it is the last ten years that are etched most deeply in his face.

The two bouts he has fought with cancer show in his pallid skin. His lips look dry and cracked, three black marks across the bottom lip, maybe where it split open and bled. From beneath a beige cap, covering a head of hair thinned from treatment, are deep brown eyes, the pupils barely distinguishable from the dark irises. His eyelids seem to be missing the eyelashes.

The first struggle was in 1990 with a rare form of bone cancer, multiple myeloma. A successful bone marrow transplant at the Veteran's Hospital in Seattle cured him of the disease.

"One of the main reasons I

lived through the bone marrow transplant was my son was very small and I knew he would not know me if I died," McLaurin explains.

Last winter, ten years after the bone marrow treatment, McLaurin was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. The cancer in his throat was a grape-size tumor invading his esophagus, making its way down into his chest.

The second time around, his desire to outlive the cancer was not so pressing. His two children were older, he had six published books and a seventh soon to be released. Maybe it was his time to die.

Yet McLaurin refused; in that swell of run-away cells, the small lump refusing apoptosis, he found focus.

A two-week trip to the Rocky Mountains shortly after diagnosis became the trigger to the recollections of the preceding year. In fourteen days McLaurin collected the memories that would make up his latest book, "A River Less Run," crystallizing them with the knowledge that it might be his last trip out West.

McLaurin refused to let his children watch him turn into a skeleton shrouded in dry, sawfly flesh. With resolution, McLaurin vowed that if the cold winds should come to get him, he would meet death head on.

In an article, "Alive and Well," published in the News and Observer, he wrote, "I'm not going to let the medical profession cut me and dice me and

endure one drug therapy after another for another month of life, only to die hooked to tubes, a living skeleton that defecates in bed. Not if I see death coming."

Last January, when the cancer treatment began, McLaurin approached it not with a burning hatred of the tumor, but rather with a vision of the cancer as an opportunity. Those run-away cells became the motivation to live life fully.

It was in February that a woman came to him with the power to heal. In falling in love with this woman, Carol, McLaurin found the desire to press forward.

With a form of non-conventional treatment, Carol convinced McLaurin that blank spots still shone through, beneath all the coloring experiences in the canvas of his life.

"Peoples' love for you is a very powerful force," McLaurin

insists. "Alternate forms of healing I think are also very legitimate."

In April of last year, McLaurin received the news that no malignancy could be found. Surgery would not be necessary; a cure was within reach.

"I consider myself a cancer scholar because I learned more from having cancer than I lost," McLaurin comments. "It was a hard bump in the road but life went on."

"Cancer taught me to appreciate a lot of things; not to take things for granted. Love and the will to survive is probably the most powerful force," McLaurin concedes.

It is from the unshed desire to survive he pulls his strength to write.

"I'm a big believer the more you live, the more you have to write about," McLaurin says.

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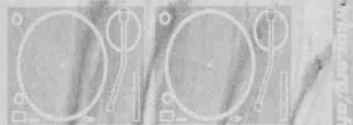
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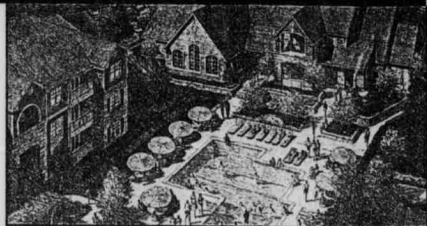
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cable service was the removal of the Tier I option from the Tier system. In the past, there were two cable service options available to students: Tier I or Tier II. Since this past summer, the Tier II cable service has been the only option available.

By providing only one cable option, this enabled ComTech to make their billing system more efficient. Altarian noted that if [ComTech] was having a problem where a lot of students signed up for Tier I, and they thought they signed up for cable correctly when they didn't."

Despite the removal of the Tier I option, the Tier II cable

service has stayed the same. Tier II offers 58 channels in total including HBO and the campus movie channel.

Regarding the online sign up for cable sophomore Darian Smith said, "It was easy and I had no problem with it."

Atarian added, "[students] thought they were charged incorrectly last semester, they can call us at the ComTech office—515-7099—and we can help them rectify that problem."

In addition, if students have questions, comments, or are interested in applying for cable service in the future, they can go online to the telecommunications website:

<http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/telecom/student.htm>.

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Other speakers include Sharon L. Kagan, who is the senior research scientist at the Bush Center in Child Development and Social Policy at Yale University; Tom Vander Ark who is the executive director of education at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; and John Merrow who is the former PBS education correspondent and current president of Learning Matters Inc.

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from 12:00-12:30 and the speaker's presentation runs from 12:30-1:00. The lecture itself is free, however.

So, if you still want to eat at

An award-winning teacher, an editor of an education magazine, area teachers and others will also be present to speak at the forum.

William Raspberry, a nationally syndicated columnist and Knight Professor of the Practice of Journalism at Duke University, is scheduled to give the closing address which is appropriately titled, "Education Renewal: A National Priority."

The forum is open to business and political leaders, parents, teachers and citizens at large. Registration information and forum updates are available at www.ncsu.edu/eif or by calling (919) 515-7741.

the Atrium, feel free to do so. And then, if you want to listen to something you have not heard everyday, come over to Mann Hall. Since this is a university-sponsored event, it is expected that members of the audience give the speakers the respect that they deserve.

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Citing information from the Presidential Inaugural Committee, an Associated Press reports the majority of the \$40 million raised came from \$100,000 sums provided by companies with vested interests in manipulating future government decisions. Among the contributors cited:

- American Airlines, which is awaiting federal approval to buy TWA.
- AT&T, which wants to expand the number of customers a single cable television company can serve.
- Citigroup, which supports legislation that would make filing for bankruptcy more difficult.
- General Electric, which is awaiting federal approval to buy Honeywell.
- Microsoft, which the Justice Department is suing for antitrust violations.
- Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News Corporation, who supports legislation to let television networks own more stations.
- Office of the Commissioner of Major League Baseball, which opposes legislation to block use of tax-exempt bonds to finance new sports facilities.
- Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association, which opposes legislation to add prescription drug benefits to Medicare.

Of course, it's the right of the compa-

nies under the First Amendment's freedom of expression guarantees to express their support for Bush and their patriotism for the next president through their wallets, but the connections between the inaugural festivities are symbolic of the connections this Big Business administration will have throughout its four years.

Money is a medium for trade. In this context, cheap (or rather, not so cheap) pomp and circumstance is being traded for invaluable political power — or, at least, political influence.

The notion that freedom means freedom from government bureaucracy ignores that fact that other large, powerful organizations — like corporations and special interest consortiums — can be just as detrimental if not more so thanks to their under-represented presence in mainstream politics.

As our capitol city inevitably becomes the hotbed of partisan bickering it has always been, this inauguration proves that we should tune out the loud, catchphrased hoopla and strain to hear the sweet million-dollar somethings Corporate America is whispering into the new administration's ear.



Who me? Liberal?



Robert Jaill
STAFF COLUMNIST

"Media" encompasses a lot of things so it is necessary to clarify exactly what part of the media is liberal. All forms of media could be divided into entertainment, opinion and news. A quick glance at programming on TV or print media shows that a majority of entertainment has a slant towards the left, pushing liberal ideals. The recent hit, NBC's "The West Wing" is a prime example of "the liberal media," if such a thing existed.

Opinion shows and articles are more ambiguous. Most credible TV shows and newspapers balance conservative and liberal opinions — even *Technician* tries this. If there is no balanced opinion, viewers or readers are usually well aware that they are about to receive a biased opinion (such as on talk shows). The only place notorious for hiding biased opinions is the Internet, but this is a domain where users should be skeptical anyway. So, overall, biased opinions in the media are usually clearly flagged.

According to conservatives, though, the greatest place for liberal chicanery is in news media. Supposedly, the people responsible for news choose whenever possible to run stories that are either pro-liberal or anti-conservative. However, such accusations are less than truthful when one realizes news is something that is more or less objective. Many news items are difficult to spin or most viewers can clearly see through the spin. This is because most actual news items and the facts behind them are so simple. Then there are those cases, such as election coverage, that can be spun. In the last election, most networks made an effort to balance their experts, choosing both conservative and liberal representatives, just like in opinion programming. But despite the uncomplicated nature of news and efforts to balance experts, conservatives still insist that news organizations conspire to air or write pro-left news.

If news media spin certain issues, it is not because of a conspiracy, but good old capitalism. Competition, not con-

spiracy, explains why many news outlets cover the same set of stories. If one news outlet reports on a story that generates the necessary attention (that is, enough to make money), others have to pick the story up also so that they too can benefit from the attention. News is ultimately a business, and newsmen have to compete for the same set of customers. By definition, competition means putting out a similar product to appeal to the same market. Thus, market forces explain why news media gravitate to a similar set of stories and interpretations; it's what consumers want.

Consumer want is almost completely determined by ratings. Ratings mean money. It is a simple economic concept that people express their wants through money. Indeed, the ultraconservative theory of market democracy relies solely on money to tell what people want and how they want to be governed. It is not surprising that the media have an abundance of liberal ideology, because people continue to vote via their wallets to support liberal shows. In entertainment, the competition for ratings is notoriously fierce. The fact that shows like "The West Wing" abound says more about viewers than networks. The same can be said for news and opinion content.

The truth of the situation is that liberal ideology sells; it is appealing to the widest audience because liberal ideology itself is inclusive in a way people like. If conservatives are offended, they don't show it; they are content to sit on their sofas and watch TV, whereas many liberal organizations such as gay-rights groups will protest over offensive programming or content. Indeed, the largest group of vocal conservatives I might see is at a Ku Klux Klan rally. Networks are usually responsive to protests because they want to reach the widest audience; if conservatives do protest and networks don't respond, it is because the networks know most "offended" protesters will say one thing and do another. The fact that most Americans are content to consume what the media supply shows how Americans affirm liberalism — assuming, of course, that the media represent liberalism.

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What does college really teach us?



Kelly Marks
STAFF COLUMNIST

This is my fifth year at N.C. State. When I got here, I had some set goals and a pretty clear idea of what I'd do after I walked across the platform. Yet, as the time approaches for me to leave this fair institution, that clear idea has transformed into a hazy nebulous thing. It's vague enough that it's begun to draw attention as well as some concern. When I saw my parents this past weekend, of course my father asked the eternal question again: "Have you decided what you're going to do after school?" I assumed my usual role in this charade, rolling my eyes and huffily saying "no." But this time, instead of that being the end of the joke, it was the beginning of a conversation I'm still thinking about.

"Why do people go to college?" He asked. "I mean, you're there for four years — or five (pointed glance in my direction) — and you leave with less idea of what you wanted in life than when you started. Or you work hard to be one thing and then suddenly change your mind."

I knew that this conversation was not just about me. It extended to my sister, a freshman athlete at another college who has expressed doubts as to whether she wants to be a sophomore one. For over half her life, she's been aimed down a set path, one lined with tennis shoes and ankle braces. Now she's suddenly expanded her list of possible career choices to include tattoo artist. But it was a conversation about my father, too. He studied history. He went to law school. Now he works in the garment industry. He got to a certain point in his academic career when he realized

the last thing he wanted was an academic career. And so he went to work and has worked ever since. It's about some of my friends here as well. I know graduates from last spring and this fall who got their education, tucked it in a drawer and went off in search of other ways to earn their livelihoods. And it's not because they couldn't find jobs with their designated degrees. They didn't want to.

So why do people go to college? Why put all that time and effort into something you don't use? My dad's question still hangs in the air. I want to have an answer. Several come to mind, but I want a good one, one that rings true. I'm assuming most of us are here at least in part because we feel we have to be. We were too smart not to go to college. Or we were convinced that there's no way to get a decent job without a degree. It was expected of us. It was paid for. Our friends were doing it. We needed more time to figure things out. We didn't have any better ideas. We wanted to make the big bucks. We wanted to find a spouse. We wanted to get really, really drunk while our bodies were young enough to recover. It sounded fun. It sounded easy. It wasn't a job. We wanted to learn.

ed and then gone. Can I honestly use the tests and the term papers to justify the last four years?

Perhaps the most important lessons in college come not from the textbooks or the teachers, but from simply being in college. There's something about so many young people together, everyone in the same hurry to figure things out, all of us grasping at the same tenuous threads that we'll weave into our adult selves. So what if I can't do a darn bit of calculus now? The ordeal that was calculus came with other lessons to learn. The most important tests didn't happen in the classroom.

I think that you learn things about yourself in school that it would take years to learn otherwise. Perhaps some of these lessons you'll never learn. College manages to get you outside your comfort zone without drop-kicking you into real world responsibility. It's a buffer. You continue to grow up some more, but from simply being to act like a snotty teenager for longer. Adolescence is prolonged. You have a few more years to be self-absorbed, to figure out who you are and then, hopefully, to figure out who you want to be.

Okay, so maybe it's not the person you had thought you were working to be. But chances are it's a person that you're better off being. And I guess, maybe without necessarily knowing it, that is why I came to college.

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CHANCELLOR'S COLUMN RULE OF THUMB

From the foxhole

Editor's note: The Chancellor answered every question she received.

Welcome back to campus. Spring 2001 is already well under way and the faculty, staff and my administrative team look forward to a challenging and eventful semester. I am pleased to continue to answer questions provided to *Technician*. You also may sign up online to talk with me one-on-one during my Student Hours at <http://chancellor.ncsu.edu/studenthour/>.

Q An article published in the Jan. 12th edition of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* mentions you as a leading candidate to take the job as director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. The article states that you have the "inside track for the position because of a stint as vice president for research at the University of Texas at Austin while Mr. Bush was governor."

Please comment on your interest in the position, whether or not you have received a call from the Bush transition team and how you feel the University would function with both an interim Provost and an interim Chancellor.

I have another (unrelated) question: I want to know if the University has any immediate plans to repave Cates Avenue, Dan Allen Drive or Sullivan Drive. It seems that years of patching holes coupled with high traffic volume has taken its toll on all three of the campus roads I have mentioned.

Paul Narula
Senior
Mathematics

A It is quite humbling even to be rumored as a candidate for the position of Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. But I am quite happy at N.C. State and have lots more things that I would like to accomplish. Part of the reason I am so enthusiastic about this position is the strong support I have received from students, faculty, staff and friends of NCSU across the state and nation.

In response to your question about repaving of campus streets, I assure you that the problems with these roads have been brought to our attention. The advertisement for bids to complete the Sullivan Drive work will be placed in this Sunday's (1/21/01) newspaper, so we are well on the way toward improving Sullivan. We expect the work to begin in the summer. Cates and Dan Allen are in the design stages of the process. We have completed or are in the process of completing the design work, which will involve sealing cracks, repaving, raising manholes, and minor curb repairs. The completion of these remaining two projects will depend on the availability of funding. We are hopeful that the funding for these improvements will be in place in 2002.

Q I have a question about parking policies. There is a parking lot called Riddick Stadium on East Campus that is designated a "B" lot, open only to faculty and administration. At any given daytime hour, I estimate approximately 30 percent of the parking spaces in this lot are vacant. My question is: would it not be a more efficient use of resources to open this lot to students?



dent parking? Faculty could still park there using their B permits and, with more student parking available, more student permits could be issued, making the student parking situation less oppressive than it is now. That seems more efficient than having so many unused spaces. Thank you for answering my question and for participating in this column.

Chuck Jones
Junior
Political Science

A The topic of parking is always of intense interest to faculty, staff and students. I would like to provide you with some information about the Riddick Stadium Parking Lot. Riddick serves two parking purposes: It is a "B" lot, reserved for faculty and staff parking. As you may know, our Transportation Department issues parking permits by zone. Many faculty and staff have "B" parking permits which allow them to park in Riddick or another "B" lot if they need to attend meetings in another area on campus. Transportation traditionally issues as many as 15 percent more "B" permits to faculty and staff than there are spaces in the "B" zone of North Campus. Every non-reserved parking area on campus has some level of oversell ratio. Space counts and historical data show us that not everyone with a permit comes on campus every day or stays all day. Therefore, unused parking spaces may appear to be available, especially in a large lot such as Riddick. Riddick Lot is also one of the primary parking areas for visitor and VIP parking. Its proximity to the Visitor Information Booth makes it a convenient location for providing visitor parking. On the average, we need to ensure there are around 100 spaces available for our visitors, who include prospective students and their families and guests of departments on North Campus.

All of our parking decisions are based on the parking policy that is formulated with the assistance of the Physical Environment Committee, which includes students, faculty, staff and

administrators. If you, as a student, are interested in serving on the committee, we welcome your participation and encourage you to contact the Student Body President, Harold Pettigrew at sbp@ncsu.edu, or visit the web site at www.ncsu.edu/transportation to get more information. Be sure to sign up on the "packparking" listserv to receive current information about parking issues and events on campus.

Everyone on campus would like to park in the most convenient parking areas. Unfortunately, we do not have enough spaces in the high demand areas to accommodate the requests. We have, however, a very established transit system, the Wolfline, and a menu of alternative transportation services to give our students, faculty and staff choices in traveling to campus and getting about campus. I encourage you to contact our Transportation Department at 515-3424, or visit the web site at www.ncsu.edu/transportation to get more information. Be sure to sign up on the "packparking" listserv to receive current information about parking issues and events on campus.

Q What are the plans for the renovations to Carter-Finley Stadium? And do you have plans to sell out its naming rights the same way you did for the ESA?

Tim LeCroy
Senior
Chemical Engineering

A The Athletics Department is close to finalizing plans for the Carter-Finley Stadium project, as well as other Athletics facilities. We recognize the high degree of interest in the plans to improve the stadium area and enhance the football facilities and program. We expect to publicly announce the plans for improvements in about one month, and will ensure that *Technician* is provided with an opportunity to inform the NCSU community about the plans.

Mary Anne Fox
Mary Anne Fox
Chancellor

Protesters beating around Bush



John Sico
STAFF COLUMNIST

Besides an excuse to construct elaborate floats, watch festive parades and gawk at exotic animals flown in fresh from the yellow rose of Texas, this year's inauguration celebration will also serve as a backdrop for the largest inauguration protests since Richard Nixon was sworn in, when 60,000 people showed up to protest the Vietnam War. This time, instead of having just one issue to unite them in remembrance, these malcontents are coming out against numerous concerns that they believe will arise during the approaching Bush administration. Some of the groups planning to be there in protest include civil rights groups heated over the Florida election results, opponents to the death penalty, and Bush's antagonists in the abortion debate. Because more than half of the voting population did not select Dubya as their next president, it is a given that huge numbers of people will have various grips with our new president-elect. The Rev. Al Sharpton is holding his

own march parallel to the official ceremonies. While Bush is sworn in as our next president, Sharpton is expected to take his own oath in which he calls for uniform voting policies throughout the country. In contrast to the 10 official inaugurations that are planned for after the inauguration, there are "counter-inaugural" balls planned for après-ceremony. Greenpeace has even gotten started early with a stunt that involved rappelling down the Interior Department's building with a huge banner in dispute to George W. Bush's energy policies and his appointment for Secretary of the Interior.

The police also got a premature start, as those members of Greenpeace involved in the rappelling exploits were the first arrested due to the inauguration protests, and fined up to \$50 for disorderly conduct. The police are ready for anything, with huge numbers of extra officers brought in to mill about the protests and quell any unnecessary disturbance. There is expected to be an officer every six to eight feet along the sixteen-block presidential parade route. Mailboxes have been removed, and manhole covers have been sealed to prevent planting of bombs. Bulletproof glass, barbed wire and rooftop sharpshooters also add to this security worry of Bush. Protesters are complaining that this seeming excess of security is

not so much to protect Bush from bodily harm, but more so to protect him from any embarrassment that may arise from the protests. Even the invited 70,000 guests must pass through metal detectors and checkpoints, having their luggage searched in an effort to further tighten security.

This is just the beginning of a tough four years for George W. With half of the country opposed to him enough to vote for someone else, he will have his work cut out for him in trying to convince the public that anything he does will be in their best interests. Starting with the first day of his reign as president, the American public is showing with protests that will undoubtedly continue throughout his command that they will not just sit idly with their discontent, but rather stand and be heard. Instead of just brushing these protesters aside as radicals, Bush must acknowledge — even embrace — these people because, whether they approve of him or not, he represents them as part of the American population. It is in his job description as president not to just follow his party's agenda, but to listen to what his opposition has to say and to make decisions keeping their words in mind.

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MTV



The pioneer for youth culture dedicated 17 hours of commercial-free programming to an Anti-Hate Marathon, explaining their need to promote social responsibility. The marathon was followed immediately with a special appearance by Tom Green on the Ten Spot's "Undressed" Marathon.

WRAZ



Raleigh's Fox affiliate dropped "Temptation Island" after its debut, citing moral concerns. In its time slot WRAZ will air reruns of "Melrose Place" and "Married With Children" — only the wholesome episodes, of course.

Iraq



At a meeting chaired by Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi government decided "on humanitarian grounds" to donate \$94 million to poor Americans. The money will be electronically transferred through the U.N. after the U.S. denied Hussein his hoped "Pennies From Heaven" air campaign.

Jesse Jackson



During his anti-Election protest of "moral outrage" between MLK Day and Dubya's Inauguration, the reverend admitted to fathering a child, now 20 months old, out of wedlock. In explanation, Jackson said, "I was a reprobate to consummate, but will not tolerate anyone to negate or desecrate my soul mate."

Monosodium glutamate (MSG)



A comprehensive study conducted by UCLA's School of Medicine found "neither persistent nor serious effects" from MSG consumption. The study also found "no link whatsoever" between traditional Chinese cuisine and the gum-bear-enhanced dessert stations at Chinese buffet restaurants.

Sleep



A Brigham Young University study of 184 freshmen suggests students lose 0.13 GPA points (on the 4.0 scale) for every hour they sleep in during late-riser mornings. The lesson: wake up at 2:00 a.m. and assure yourself a 4.78 GPA.

New York Gov. George Pataki



When new DMV Commissioner Raymond Martinez admitted to a 1989 DWI and a 1997 speeding ticket, the Republican governor replied, "I guess that qualifies you to be President of the United States then," according to a Reuters report. With a wink and a nudge, Pataki then added, "You'll need a few more executions, first, though."

Monkey Invaders



The *Los Angeles Times* reports, "at least 10,000 monkeys have occupied government offices in the Indian capital of New Delhi where they have threatened workers and shredded important documents. Defense Ministry officer I. K. Jha said, 'They are moving in very high security areas.' The apes arrived from the Forbidden Zone and may be armed."

Kay Wow



The N.C. State women's basketball legend garnered her 600th career win. Upon the victory, she received a call from Pat Robertson of "700 Club" fame, who said, simply: "Nice try. But I have seven hundred!"

Men



According to a British Medical Journal report, "The Fragile Male," men are more vulnerable — physically and psychologically — than women from birth. The research is especially proven in cases where young women marry old men for their money.

C A M P U S F O R U M

Life without fear

After reading the column written by Richard Morgan in the Jan. 10, 2001 issue of *Technician*, I wanted to write this letter in full support of Morgan.

I wish everyone would understand that, just because someone is gay, it does not make him/her any less of a person. Everyone, regardless of sexual orientation, deserves to live his or her life without fear that he/she will be ridiculed just because he/she is gay. It is not up to us to decide what is right and what is wrong, nor is it right to ridicule someone because we think that what they are doing is wrong. While we are free to believe whatever we want, we are not free to force our beliefs on anyone else.

My best friend happens to be gay, and he is one of the best people I know. Had I been one of the unfortunate people who suffer from homophobia, I would have missed out on a friendship that is priceless. I admire Morgan for the courage I know it took to write that article. I have seen my friend struggle with the decision to tell his family and friends and I know that being gay is not easy for him.

For those who think being gay is a choice: Why would someone choose a lifestyle where they run the risk of more than likely being ridiculed and sometimes even being killed (as in the

case of Matthew Shepard) just because they are attracted to members of the same sex?

Love is not something that can be dictated and controlled. It is not a right that can be taken away. It is a bond between two people (whether they be two men, two women, or a man and a woman) that should be respected. I'm not saying that everyone has to be pro-gay, because it's not up to me to tell people what to think or how to feel. What I am saying is that everyone has the right to love whomever he or she pleases and, just because a man might love another man, that does not give anyone the right to judge him solely on the basis of his homosexuality. We all need to look beyond that and find out what people are like on the inside, whether they are black, white, Hispanic, Native American, straight or gay.

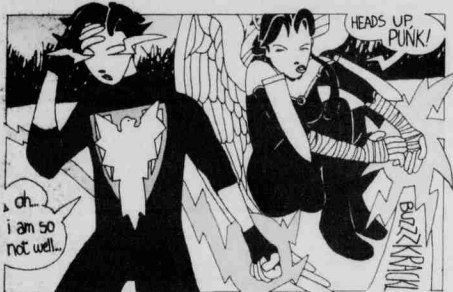
In closing, I want to applaud Morgan for having the courage to stand up for what he is and what he believes. No one deserves to live his or her life being denied one of life's most basic emotions (love) just because that love is directed at someone of the same sex. No one should be ashamed to love someone.

Cynthia Marks
Junior
Psychology

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ZATHAEL, GUILT-RIDDEN AND FEELING RESPONSIBLE FOR NOT SAVING THE CITY OF ACHILIA FROM A DOOMSDAY COMET, SITS AT THE FOOT OF AN UPROOTED TREE, A VICTIM OF HIS RAGING INSECURITIES... CHALKHYDRI, HEARING THE SOUND OF THE GREAT CRACKING BIRCH, SHOOPS DOWN TO OFFER CONSOLATION.



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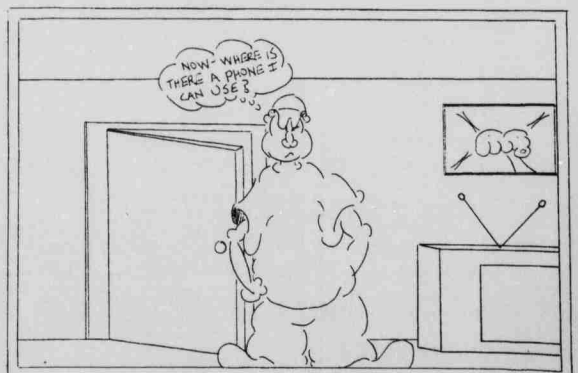
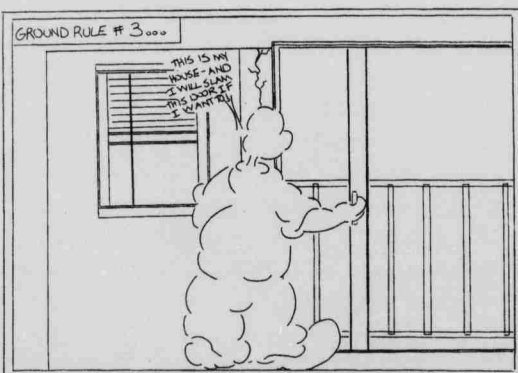
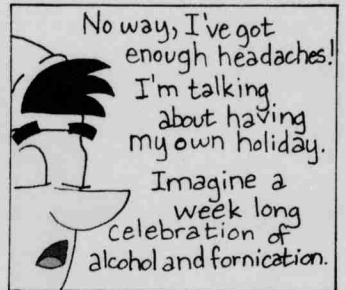


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IM/RecNotes

Extramurals

The State Officials Association will host the North Carolina Basketball Championships on Jan. 26-28 at Carmichael Gymnasium. Teams from across the state of North Carolina have been invited to participate. If your team is interested in participating, please contact the Intramural-Recreational Sports office at 515-3161.

Intramurals

Registration for men's and women's open bowling ends today. Registration for the swim meet for all divisions continues through Jan. 29.

Anyone interested in participating in intramural sports can call 515-3161 for more information.

Club sports - upcoming events

Initial organization meetings for club sports begin today and will last through Jan. 31. Contact the Intramural-Recreational Sports office at 515-3161 in 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium, or visit our website at www.fis.ncsu.edu/pe/im/imSPORTSNEW.html for more information.

Club sports - results

The 2001 Wolfpack/Carnes Invitational was a tremendous success for host N.C. State. Not only did more than 1,500 people witness the six games, but exciting college hockey was on display in the Raleigh-Durham area this past weekend.

The Wolfpack took the inaugural trophy, running up a perfect 3-0 record. North Carolina took second place at 2-1 on the strength of a 5-1 upset over Duke. Duke finished in third place at 1-2, while Wake Forest went 0-3.

The Pack began the tourney in dramatic fashion with a rousing 3-2 overtime win over archrival UNC. The score was tied at 2-2 entering OT with the Pack's goals scored by Nate

Finucane and Jeremy Bloom. The hard-hitting, emotion-packed game was brought to an end with a one-timer by Chuck Burch that was set up by nifty passes from Nick Sabo and Joe Sabo.

Next on the docket for State was Wake Forest. In only their second season of intercollegiate play, the Demon Deacons were outmatched by the league-leading Pack in a 12-4 rout. Shots on goal were just as lopsided with State holding a 50-9 edge. Leading scorers in the game for the Pack were Finucane (two goals), Eddie Chlanda (four goals, one assist) and Lucius House (three assists).

With the Canes Cup on the line and in front of a partisan crowd of 600 at the Raleigh Entertainment and Sports Arena, the Wolfpack did not disappoint. Led by two goals from Rob Baumgart, State defeated Duke 4-2 in the final game of the tourney to capture the inaugural championship. Chlanda and Alex Badia added goals for the Pack, and Will Roumans was stellar in goal. State remains unbeaten on the season with a 17-0-1 overall record.

Finucane, who was co-MVP of the tournament along with UNC goaltender Doug Schaubel, was one of four State players on the All-Tournament team. Baumgart, Nick Sabo and Brandon Zent also made their way on to the team.

State's season continues this weekend with a showdown against second-place Maryland on Friday at 10:30 p.m. at the Cary Ice House. State also takes on Liberty at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the ESA.

Fitness

Aerobics classes begin this week. All classes are drop-in, so come out and join us. Stop by the Intramural-Recreational Sports office or call 515-3161 for more information. Faculty/Staff aerobics is also underway and lasts from 12:10 to 1 p.m. in Room 1206.

Registration is still open for several upcoming fitness workshops. The

Group Exercise/Aerobic Leader In-Training workshop will be held today. Qigong Relaxation Techniques and Massage Techniques both take place Tuesday. Weight Training Basics occurs Jan. 25. The Nutrition: Food Pyramid: Helping You Eat Healthier will be held Jan. 29. And Anxiety: Part 1 takes place Jan. 31. Registration is also ongoing for Yoga, which will be held on two nights, one class on Tuesdays from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. and one on Thursdays from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. Class size will be limited to 40 participants per class.

Outdoor adventures

Get involved with Outdoor Adventures by registering for one of our trips.

Registration begins on Jan. 29 for Mountain Biking and Camping on March 3-4 in the Uwharrie National Forest. Come ride over twenty miles of single-track in this beautiful National Forest. To register, visit 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium.

Get ready for the outdoors through our Outdoor Adventure workshops. Registration is going on now for Rockclimbing Basics on Friday and Feb. 9. Winter Camping on Jan. 25 and Map/Compass on Feb. 22.

Job opportunities

Anyone interested in becoming an Aqua Aerobics leader for Intramural-Recreational Sports can call 515-3161 or visit 1000 Carmichael Gymnasium and complete an application.

Intramural-Recreational Sports is looking for scorekeepers for the upcoming basketball season. The shifts will be Monday through Thursday from 5 to 11 p.m. We will pay \$5.75 per hour. If you are interested, contact Randy Bechtolt before Friday at 515-3161.

We are also hiring marketing personnel along with a web designer. For more information, call 515-3161 or stop by our office to complete an application.



AROUND THE ACC

Standings:

Team	ACC Record	Overall
Duke	5-1	17-1
Clemson	5-2	14-4
Virginia	4-2	12-6
North Carolina	4-3	10-6
Florida State	3-3	11-5
Georgia Tech	2-4	10-6
Maryland	2-4	11-6
N.C. State	2-5	11-6
Wake Forest	2-5	9-7

Thursday's games:

No. 20 Clemson 72, Georgia Tech 64

North Carolina 75, Florida State 62

Maryland 71, Wake Forest 61

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 Gymnastics @ Geo. Washington, 1/21
 Swimming vs. Va. Tech, 1/20, 1:00

State swimmers prepare for stretch run

◆ The N.C. State swimming and diving teams meet Virginia Tech in their final non-conference meet of the regular season.

Steve Thompson
 Staff Writer

With the regular season coming to a close, the N.C. State swimming and diving programs step out of conference competition this Saturday as the Wolfpack hosts Virginia Tech. In last weekend's meets against Georgia Tech and Virginia, State was unable to

garner its first conference win. But Pack head coach Brooks Teal stresses that the dual-meet losses are not overly disconcerting.

"Considering how we ended up on the scoreboard, I was pretty pleased," said Teal. "The thing I was looking for is are we handling challenging situations well, and I think we did."

"We thought we had a chance to be in the race with Georgia Tech, but they were probably a little better than we expected. Against Virginia, the defending champions, ... it would have been really easy for our athletes to go in there with less focus than they did."

Despite the losses, the Wolfpack posted many of its best times of the year last weekend. The Pack hopes this bodes well for its goal of performing strongly at the ACC Championships.

The men's team had season-best times in the 400-yard med-

ley relay, the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 100-yard breaststroke. Freshman men's diver Pat Roberts also turned in his best performance of the year, qualifying for the NCAA Championships in both the 1-meter and the 3-meter diving events.

The Wolfpack women are coming off strong performances in many of the events from the weekend. The score of 136-107 was more than a respectable result for the Pack, considering the Cavaliers are a perennial power in ACC swimming.

"What we're trying to do is get better every week as we head down the stretch here in ACC play," said Teal. "We're trying to use every competitive opportunity to learn more about ourselves and test ourselves out, and I thought we did that with a lot of fast, season-best times."

This weekend's meet should feature some fierce competition. In last year's meet, the

Virginia Tech women upset the Pack, while the State men were able to top the Hokies to earn the split.

Virginia Tech has performed well this year, with its only losses coming against ACC competition. In addition to losing to the upper echelon teams of Virginia and North Carolina, the Hokies also recently dropped a meet with Clemson.

With the Tar Heels and the Tigers as State's remaining ACC dual meets, this weekend's match will likely help the Pack evaluate its strengths and weaknesses.

"I know Virginia Tech very well from my time [as head coach of] James Madison," said Teal. "I know they're going to be well prepared and excited to have a chance to swim here at N.C. State."

"We're definitely going to have our hands full. Although, I think both meets are winnable for us, but we have to go in pre-



N.C. State dives into the final portion of the regular season with a meet against Virginia Tech on Saturday.

pared and focused. We want to win but it's still more important to prepare ourselves for the ACC Championships."

Following the meet with Virginia Tech, the Wolfpack will have only three weeks remaining to prepare for the ACC Championships. Next

weekend, the Pack will travel to Clemson before returning home to close out the dual-meet portion of its schedule against the rival Heels.

This weekend's action is slated to begin at 1 p.m. at the Willis Casey Aquatics Center.

Devils outlast Pack in Cameron

◆ Pesky play by N.C. State kept the Wolfpack in the game until the closing seconds.

Justin Sellers
 Staff Writer

DURHAM — The three-point baskets were falling N.C. State's way throughout its game against the fifth-ranked Duke Blue Devils Thursday night until the final seconds.

With Duke's leading scorer and Atlantic Coast Conference player and rookie of the week, Alana Beard out of the game in the second half with an injured right thumb, State was able to hang with the Blue Devils. The Wolfpack (11-6, 2-5 ACC), led by Amy Simpson, shot 35 percent from downtown. Simpson, who hit nine of her 11 points from behind the arc, found herself open on several occasions and converted the opportunities.



Talisha Scates and the Pack dropped to 2-5 in ACC play with their loss at Duke.

Carisse Moody also came up big down the stretch for the Pack, especially with her presence in the paint. Moody finished the game with 15 points and six rebounds.

Duke led the majority of the game on the backs of Rochelle Parent and Sheana Mosch, but due to some good defensive effort by State, it could never pull away from the Pack. "I don't think we should've been in that situation," said Duke head coach Gail Goetseniors. "I have to give credit to N.C. State's defense. They played a very smart defensive game and we just stood around."

With the clock winding down and the Blue Devils only up by one, Goetseniors called timeout.

When the teams broke back onto the court, Mosch inbounded the ball. Her pass towards the goal was caught by a waiting Georgia Schweitzer, who easily scored on the backdoor play over Nanna Rivers, giving the Blue Devils a three-point lead with 20 seconds left. "I was screaming," said head coach Kay Yow. "She [Rivers] got it right at the end. She just started to make the cut. She tried. She tried to recover and get there, but if she could've just seen the ball, she was having to sprint so hard to get there, she never got a chance to turn and see the ball. Actually, Nanna can really leap and I think if she had gotten there one step sooner, she could've turned and leaped up and tipped it."

State then called timeout to talk over its last chance at the upset.

The Pack turned to none other than Simpson to win the game. Duke, however, switched 6-foot-4 Leiss Tillis on Simpson, making it even harder for her to make the long-range shot. Simpson's shot was partially blocked by Tillis, but the ball was recovered by Moody, who then passed back to Simpson again. Simpson's second shot rimmed out, and Duke escaped with the 62-59 win.

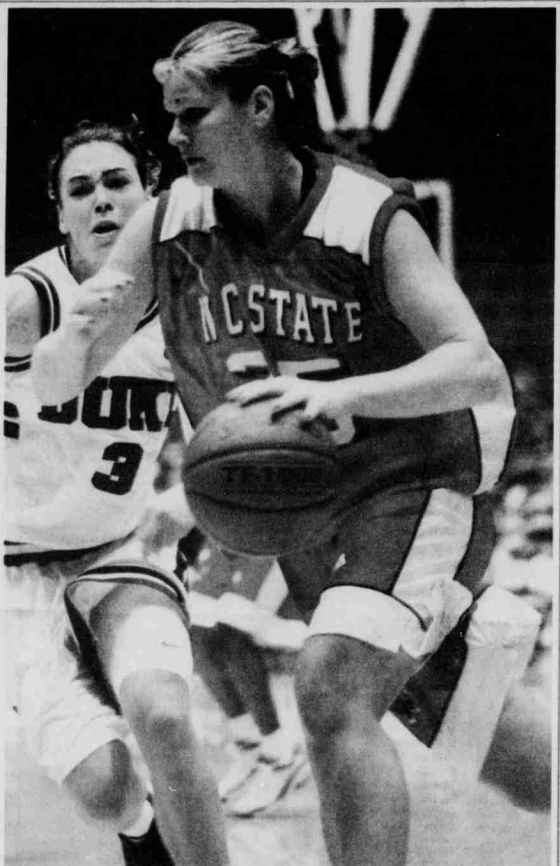
"They [Duke] switched on it, which put Tillis on Amy," said Yow. "Amy tried to get it off anyway. We got it back and we got a person [Rivers] standing wide open at the top, but Amy didn't see her."

In the first half, it was State that came out hot.

Guard Amelia Labador connected on two three-point shots in a row to give the Wolfpack an early 6-2 lead.

Duke, however, would come back and eventually take the lead on the duo performances of Mosch and Parent. Together, Mosch and Parent scored 16 of Duke's 34 first half points.

State forward Monica Bates was given the responsibility of covering Beard for the night.



Monica Bates and N.C. State pushed No. 5 Duke down to the final shot Thursday night in Cameron Indoor Stadium but fell just short by a final of 62-59.

Bates, however, proved herself more than responsible for such a difficult job, holding Beard to a mere seven points in the first half.

State's ability to hang with the Blue Devils on the boards, as well as create some key

turnovers was what allowed the Pack to keep the game close up until halftime, when the two teams headed into the locker room with the score 34-28 Duke.

WolfpackNotes

Men's tennis to compete in "Ice Volleys"

The N.C. State men's tennis team will travel to Minneapolis for the "Ice Volleys" this weekend. Also competing in the tournament will be 18th-ranked Minnesota, 30th-ranked Indiana State and 63rd-ranked Oregon. The Wolfpack is scheduled to face Minnesota on Friday at 6:30 p.m. The winners' and losers' bracket matches will be played Saturday afternoon at 6:30 p.m.

State will be without 2000 All-ACC

honor Eric Jackson, who will miss both matches this weekend due to a violation of team rules and policies. Jackson, a senior from Stone Mountain, Ga., was ranked as high as 73rd nationally by the International Tennis Association in its preseason rankings for the 2001 season. He compiled a 2-6 singles record during fall competition with his two wins coming against Jane Walton of East Carolina (6-1, 6-0) and Chris Chiu of Maryland (6-1, 6-4) in the Wolfpack Invitational. The Wolfpack's first home match will be Feb. 24 against American at 9:00 a.m.

Oglesby named ACC Performer of the Week

N.C. State's Isaiah Oglesby was named the ACC Indoor Track and Field Performer of the Week for his performance this past weekend. Oglesby, a sophomore from Granite Quarry, participated in two events for the Wolfpack at the New Year's Meet held at Virginia Tech on Saturday. In the weight throw, Oglesby registered a NCAA average throw of 63-1 1/2 to claim first place. It was Oglesby's second NCAA provisional mark in the

weight throw in as many meets. He also placed second in the shot put, with a toss of 49-5.

State returns to action this weekend, as the Pack travel back to Blacksburg, Va., to participate in the Virginia Tech Invitational.

Borum to play in Hula Bowl

N.C. State senior offensive tackle Jarvis Borum will participate in the Rivals.com Hula Bowl Maui on Saturday in Maui, Hawaii.

The 55th annual all-star game features many of the outstanding NCAA football players from around the country.

Borum will wear No. 69 and play on the South squad. The 6-foot-8, 323-pounder, appeared in all 12 games for the Pack, earning All-ACC Honorable Mention accolades from his left tackle position. Selected as one of the team captains, Borum graded out at better than 80 percent in all 12 contests.

Kick-off is scheduled for 8:06 p.m. EST prime time and can be seen live on ESPN.