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Educators, politicians, scholars gather at NCSU

◆ The 2001 Emerging Issues Forum closed Tuesday with an address from syndicated columnist William Raspberry.

James Gorman and
Jimmy Ryals
Staff Reporters

The 2001 Emerging Issues Forum concluded Tuesday afternoon with an hour-long presentation on education reform by nationally syndicated columnist William Raspberry.

Raspberry, whose Pulitzer Prize-winning commentary appears in 225 newspapers nationwide, likened recent attempts at educational reform, both at the state and national level, to popular weight-loss plans.

"All diet programs work for a while," Raspberry said. "They fail when we get tired of doing whatever it is we do to keep the weight off. I believe we've witnessed a string of 'diets' when it comes to recent programs to improve our schools."

Over the course of the hour, Raspberry outlined a number of important changes educators need to motivate and prepare students for an increasingly competitive job market.

"The world is no longer a place where you can not know much, work hard and make a living," Raspberry said, referring to high school graduates who don't pursue a college degree.

Encouraging students to excel, according to Raspberry, is the key to ensuring that students have a broad knowledge base with which to succeed. Students need to have a broad enough basis in grammar, math and science to be able to compete on an increasingly academic job market.

This means focusing resources on all students, especially those typically neglected because of race, financial background or low scores on placement tests.

"If tests determine that, say, Michael and Lakesha are slow, we can't simply expect them to fail at whatever we put in front of them," Raspberry said. "We have to encourage them to exceed their bounds."

"We have to teach our children that intelligence isn't what you are, it's what you get with hard work."

Convincing children that they can succeed is only half the matter, according to Raspberry. The other half is convincing students that success matters. Parents, along with teachers, have to help their kids understand this concept.

"Parents and teachers need to teach kids the value of opportunity," Raspberry said. After the speech, former Gov. Jim Hunt offered a few closing remarks, and Raspberry stayed around to shake hands and socialize with audience members.

Raspberry's speech wrapped up two days of panels and workshops promoting discussion of education reform in North

Carolina. The forum began Monday, with three speakers, a pair of panel discussions and a dinner address from U.S. Education Secretary Roderick Page.

Former Colorado Gov. and current Superintendent of Schools of the Los Angeles Unified School District Roy Romer was the forum's Monday afternoon speaker. Romer addressed the importance of focusing on teacher-student interactions in improving public education.

"We need to focus very, very hard on what happens in the classroom," Romer said.

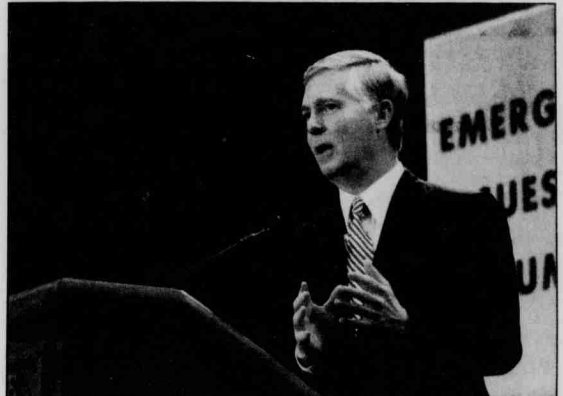
Romer believes that one of the keys to improving those classroom interactions is making educators comfortable with acknowledging that there are things about educating that they do not necessarily know.

"We need to enable teachers to become a community of learners," Romer said.

The forum's first speaker Monday was David Mathews, president and chief executive officer of the Kettering Foundation.

Mathews addressed forum attendees on his foundation's research on the gap between the public and public education.

For the last 15 years, the Kettering Foundation has researched public education and performed interviews with people about public schools. Mathews said they found that most people see public schools as the government's schools, rather than as their own.



Gov. Mike Easley introduced Secretary of Education Rod Page Monday night at the forum.

That is a problem.

"The life of the community, the life that we hope to have together, is intimately tied to the school," Mathews said.

In addition to Raspberry's speech, Tuesday's programming included a presentation on maintaining school safety by Tom Vander Ark, executive director of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, along with a panel discussion on "Quality Teachers and Administrators."

The latter event focused on

improving teaching methods and the importance of establishing a "language" for the teaching profession.

"When we ask teachers to describe what they're doing in the classroom, they all end up talking about the same actions using different words," said James Stigler, panel member and director of the Third International Mathematics and Science Study.

Several audience members criticized the panel's lack of dis-

cussion about improvements in administration. The seven-member panel included several teachers and district superintendents, but no principals.

"Principals have an extreme amount of influence on teachers and policy," said Douglas Williams, a professor emeritus at East Carolina University. "A lot of people felt the panel failed to address the role of the principal in education, and I think that's a perfectly valid complaint."

U.S. head educator addresses forum

◆ Roderick Page, newly appointed U.S. Secretary of Education, gave the dinner address Monday at the 2001 Emerging Issues Forum.

Tim Clark
Staff Reporter

New U.S. Secretary of Education Roderick Page applauded North Carolina schools at a banquet Monday.

The dinner closed the first day of this year's Emerging Issues Forum, the title of which was "First in America: Charting the Course for Excellent Schools."

"I've only been in office a short time, but I've already decided that this was a double thing," said Page in reference to the forum's title.

Page pointed to the work that has been done in North Carolina, especially by former Gov. Jim Hunt, as evidence that public education improvements can be accomplished.

Hunt and current Gov. Mike Easley, who missed

his son's 16th birthday to attend the event, introduced Page.

Hunt, who created the Emerging Issues Forum during his tenure as a governor, personally invited Page to speak at the event.

Page's speech was one of the first given outside Washington D.C. to highlight President George W. Bush's "No Child Shall Be Left Behind" plan.

"President Bush has decided to make [education] a presidential priority," said Page.

Page said Bush's plan focuses on increasing accountability in public school systems, both by increased testing and setting high standards.

"We must expect more from students, from our administrators and from our teachers," said Page.

Page also addressed the so-called "achievement gap" that affects disadvantaged and minority students. The Bush plan would attack this gap with resources, initially providing money to schools.

Under the Bush plan, schools that perform poorly will receive federal grant money for three consecutive years. Beyond those three years, grant money would go to students' families, either to send them to

another school or to pay for tutoring.

Page justified the school-choice vouchers by comparing them to the federal Pell grants received by college students.

"On the front page of the [Department of Education's] budget there's a line-item that says Title I, and ... there's a line-item that says Title I, so these dollars are essentially coming from the same place," said Page.

Title I is the federal program that currently provides for flexible education grants in schools.

Page pointed to the American work ethic as a factor working in the favor of education improvements.

"Americans are great at working for something they've decided to do ... Americans have only to decide that they want better schools," said Page.

Hunt echoed these sentiments in his closing remarks.

"It is a matter of will, and that will has to come from us ... We've got to remind [people] that these are their schools and ask for their ideas and involve them in them," said Hunt.

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BYU to cancel classes during Olympics week two

◆ Administrators encourage students to get caught up in the Games.

Natalie Roach

The Daily Universe (Brigham Young Univ.)

(U-WIRE) PROVO, Utah — President Merrill J. Bateman announced Friday that Brigham Young University will cancel classes for four days during the second week of the Winter Olympics, allowing students to volunteer in the 2002 Games.

To make up for the cancelled days, Feb. 19-22, the university will adjust the schedule for win-

ter semester 2002, according to a news release.

BYU will open Winter Semester 2002 on Thurs. Jan. 3 instead of Jan. 7. To make up the remaining two days, BYU will cancel two reading days — April 17 and April 18. April 19 will become a reading day, with finals beginning April 20.

Bateman asked faculty to allow students who are volunteering in the Olympics to make up classes missed during the first week of the Games.

"In keeping with President Gordon B. Hinckley's conviction that the Winter Games provide a great opportunity to serve, we believe that members

of the BYU community have much to contribute to this effort," Bateman said in a news release issued Feb. 9.

Lee Bartlett, the university's Olympic coordinator, said the decision to cancel classes came as the result of the administration and deans' willingness to work together and compromise to reach a solution that would work for everyone.

Those who participate and volunteer for the entire two weeks of the Winter Olympics will be allowed to make up classes and work missed during the first week of the Games, Bartlett said.

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Junior Brian Wisemann works on a project for transportation design.

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The university's schedule is such that it was impossible to arrange classes and semesters to allow for two entire weeks of cancelled classes, Bartlett said. "It just seemed insurmountable, trying to find two whole weeks. We don't have a spring break to use for that purpose," he said.

Bartlett also said it was not feasible to ask faculty or students to try and make up two weeks of work.

Bartlett said members of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC) are ecstatic about this decision. They are anxious to have a representation of BYU students participating in the Winter Games.

"They were thrilled that we were able to make these changes," Bartlett said.

This decision to cancel classes allows for a host of other initia-

tives across campus, Bartlett said.

For example, Bill Eggington, associate chair of the English Department, is actively involved in organizing student volunteer programs for the Winter Olympics.

Eggington was involved with the Olympics in Atlanta, Ga., Nagano, Japan, and Sydney, Australia.

He is developing a program for BYU students to volunteer as translators during the Olympics.

"We are encouraging people who have a language proficiency to become volunteers for SLOC," Eggington said.

"Students can also offer their services through the church and other government agencies."

Eggington encouraged all students, whether they speak a language or not, to volunteer.

"I'm caught up in the excitement of the games. It will provide memories that last for the rest of your life," Eggington said.

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In his introduction, Easley pointed out the strong points in North Carolina's education system: the state boasts the first state-supported college system in America, a renowned community college system and North Carolina's early childhood development initiative, the Smart Start program.

"Jim Hunt made the promise to be first in America ... and we're going to work as a team to get it done," said Easley.

Easley spoke to Page before the speech regarding the next steps to be taken toward improving North Carolina's education system.

"We're lagging behind in K-12 ... and we know that the keys to making that the best are teacher quality, pre-K for four-year-olds and lower class sizes," said Easley.

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TEN MOVIES
FOR
VALENTINE'S DAYJoel Isaac Frady
Assistant Features Editor

Some people have a hard time deciding what to do for Valentine's Day. Here is a list of 10 movies that are perfect for couples and singles alike to watch on Feb. 14.

10. There's Something About Mary (1998) Yes, it's really gross. Yes, it has many scenes that shouldn't be shown to human audiences. But it also has some of the most side-splitting circumstances thought up as well as several romantic plots involving many people chasing after the same thing: Mary. Great performances from Ben Stiller and Cameron Diaz highlight this gross-out.

9. The Shop Around the Corner (1940) Not to be mistaken for the hideous remake "You've Got Mail," this black and white film still lives as one of the best romances ever made. James Stewart stars as a man who stays busy with managing a small gift shop and has fallen in love with a woman through the mail. What he doesn't realize is that the new clerk at the store (Margaret Sullivan), whom he argues with constantly, is the woman he's been writing to.

8. Wedding Singer (1998) This romantic comedy is aimed as much at the guys as it is the ladies. Yes, it has two leads with great chemistry and a few scenes to bring a tear to the eye (Song, "I'll Grow Old With You"). On the other hand, there's Adam Sandler humor to keep everyone laughing for well after the film ends (Song, "Somebody Kill Me"). It's also a really good group movie.

7. Benny & Joon (1993) Two things that should be mixed more often are romance and insanity. "Benny and Joon" follows Benny (Aidan Quinn), a mechanic who is trying to keep himself and his crazy sister Joon (a marvelous Mary Stuart Masterson) alive. When he loses a hand of poker, he gets stuck with Sam (Johnny Depp), a quiet man who has shaped himself after Buster Keaton. A great cast (of then unknowns Julianne Moore, William H. Macy and Oliver Platt) and hilarious yet touching scenes between Depp and Masterson. The finale is hilarious (and you might even try the ironing technique yourself).

6. Starman (1984) Everyone needs a change of pace, and this was just that for "Halloween" and "The Thing" director John Carpenter. Jeff Bridges gives an excellent performance as an alien that crash lands in rural Wisconsin and takes the form of a woman's (Karen Allen) dead husband. The two then set out across the country in a unique road trip to get him home before he dies, and along the way both learn about life and love. It has an excellent blend of humor, romance and action accompanied by a beautiful music score from Jack Nitzsche.

5. Outside Providence (1999) A coming of age comedy based on the novel by Peter Farrelly ("Dumb and Dumber") that keeps a healthy blend of witty humor (and not so witty drug-related humor), teenage pains and young love. Shawn Hatosy and Amy Smart are convincing and funny as the leads, but the film's real strength comes in the honesty that it's made with.

4. A Walk in the Clouds (1995) This great film has an obstacle that many people weren't able to get past: Keanu Reeves. He plays a man returning from World War II who comes home to find his wife has lacked fidelity in his absence, then he meets a beautiful woman with a problem of her own: she's pregnant and has no husband. He agrees to go with her and "play husband" for the family. What results is an amazingly beautiful, surreal film as he falls in love with not only her, but the life that is lived on a large plantation. The wine-making scene stands out as well as Aitana Sánchez-Gijón as Victoria.

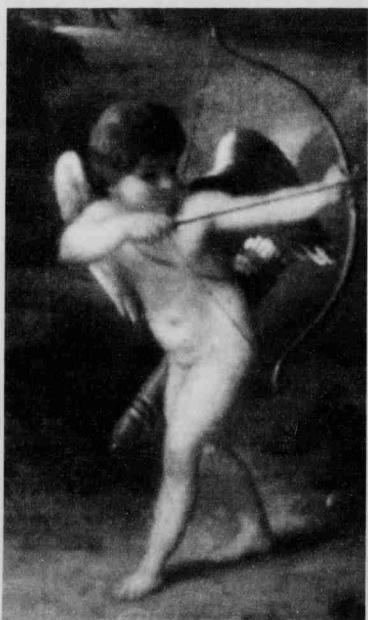
3. Chilly Scenes of Winter (1979) Originally released as "Head Over Heels" (not to be confused with the recently released Freddie Prinze, Jr. film), this movie stars John Heard (the dad in "Home Alone") as Charles, a man who falls in love with a married co-worker, Laura (Mary Beth Hurt). The title captures the feel of the film, as Charles learns to live both with and without Laura and struggles to understand his own self and feelings. The version released as "Head" has a happier ending, but the "Chilly" ending feels more proper with the rest of the film. The hallway scene contains one of the most romantic monologues caught on film.

2. Witness (1985) From director Peter Weir ("The Truman Show"), "Witness" successfully works as many different films. It's a top-class murder mystery and detective story, a story about the mixing of two totally different cultures (the United States policeman with the Amish), but above all it's a well-crafted and painful love story. Harrison Ford plays the policeman that has to hide out with the Amish



after a murder and falls in love with his witness's mother, Rachel (Kelly McGillis, "Top Gun"). Despite the fact that their societies stand in the way, they begin a love affair that has no easy way out. This much passion is only captured on film every time Haley's Comet visits.

1. Pretty Woman (1990) On this list are quite a few odder choices, so if necessary you can always stick with the basics, and what romantic film is more basic than "Pretty Woman". It puts an odd twist on the fairy tale, considering that the damsel in distress is an L.A. hooker. Great performances from crowd favorites Julia Roberts and Richard Gere.



Stories that make you swoon

Katie Kelley
Staff Writer

Guys and gals, get ready to do some serious note taking! The three following stories are guaranteed to make you believe in love. Try some of these ideas with your honey tonight and watch as the sparks fly.

If you've got money to burn, perhaps you should follow in the footsteps of Carlo Martini. Amy Palmer, a junior majoring in communication, returned to school Monday feeling refreshed, pampered and deeply in love. For Amy's 25th birthday and as an early Valentine's Day present, Carlo swept Amy away from the daily grind and took her to the romantic town of Charleston, SC for the weekend.

The couple stayed in historical downtown Charleston at the luxurious Vendue Inn. The suite was equipped with a fireplace, a Jacuzzi and a stacked bar. If that is not enough to turn you green with envy, the story doesn't end there. On Saturday afternoon, Carlo took Amy shopping at

The Market, where he bought her a beautiful print. The couple later dined on fish and filet at Magnolia's, a nationally renowned restaurant. When this happy couple wasn't snacking on cheese and sipping sherry (provided by Vendue Inn), they could be found enjoying the romance of a carriage tour ride.

Carlo topped the weekend off by taking Amy bike riding along the harbor on Sunday afternoon. Amy replied that it was the perfect weekend for a couple who really "needed to get away."

This story definitely ranks way up there in the romance department. If money is not your game, perhaps this idea will suit your fancy. Kathryn Hall, a N.C. State sophomore and her boyfriend, David Garrett, have been dating for close to five years. Although Kathryn says that David always surprises her with sweet nothings, she still giggles when she recalls the following story.

Kathryn and her family spent a week at the beach a few summers ago. Kathryn and David,

who don't get to see much of each other since they live in different cities, really treasure the time they spend together. Lovesick for Kathryn, David spent two hours on the day of Kathryn's arrival collecting over 100 pinecones. Why? As Kathryn and her family neared their house, they saw "I love you, Kate" clearly spelled out in pinecones across their front lawn. Kathryn was completely surprised and she admits crying for hours (tears of joy, of course). The thing that touched her most was that David turned "nothing" into something extraordinary. Kathryn swears that as long as she lives, she'll never forget the day David literally spelled out his love for her!

Make some tissues handy; this one's a true tearjerker. For the sake of not ruining a carefully planned surprise, the names of the following two lovebirds are going to remain anonymous. This boyfriend and his girlfriend have been in love for more than 6 years. Although the couple has discussed their plans for marriage, they always come

back to the fact that they must finish school first.

Well, what this girlfriend doesn't know is that her boyfriend, 22, just can't wait any longer. He plans to take his beloved to Myrtle Beach this weekend where he will finally pop the question. Three months ago, this lovesick guy hired a sign company to construct a huge banner. The banner, over 30 feet long, reads: "I loved you then. I love you now. I'll love you forever. (Her name), will you please marry me?" The banner will be attached to a plane and flown over the ocean just as they arrive on the beach for a picnic late Saturday afternoon.

The surprise won't be complete until she looks into her champagne glass and finds her sparkling diamond ring! With an offer as enticing as that, there's no way she can say no!

Keeping these lovely stories in mind, go out there and make this Valentine's Day one to remember! These testimonials have certainly proven that love makes anything possible.

sheets of empty canvas

Chandler Carriker

Senior Staff Writer

"The unhappiest people I know, romantically speaking, are the ones who like pop music the most." John Cusack, "High Fidelity"

Writing really good, happy songs about love is about as difficult as cold fusion or finding parking spaces on campus right before an exam. Miserable love songs, on the other hand, are overflowing in the racks of any local record store and most of us, whether in love or romantically deficient, find them strangely comforting. So here are the top five all-time "pissed off at love" songs:

5. Tom Waits, "I Hope That I Don't Fall in Love with You"

It's a story that takes place nearly every night, in almost every bar: boy sees girl across the bar, thinks about going over to talk, decides not to, thinks again, decides not to, finally works up the courage and then girl is gone. "I search the place for your lost face! I guess I'll have another round."

4. Pearl Jam, "Black"

Junior-high sentimentality at its best. Eddie Vedder's closing rant: "I hope someday you'll have a beautiful life/ I hope you'll be a star in somebody else's sky/ But why not mine?" could easily take many of us back to that first grade school crush, when we thought being ignored by that girl (or guy) in our algebra class meant we were going to end up dying alone.

3. Whiskeytown, "Excuse Me While I Break My Own Heart Tonight"

"As if the title doesn't capture it well enough, acidic lines like 'After all it's mine/ Can I have it back sometime?' and 'Is this some sort of joke to you?' will. At first listen it will feel like songwriter Ryan Adams has been listening in on your worst break-ups.

2. R.E.M., "The One I Love"

"A simple prop, to occupy my time," Michael Stipe is rumored to have said that he hates love songs, and this song is

proof-positive. "Another prop has occupied my time." With this song REM paints a naked picture of the monster most of us hope we really aren't in relationships. If there ever was a theme song for superficial and shallow relationships, this has to be it.

1. Ben Folds Five, "Song For The Dumped"

If you're going to be distraught and disillusioned about love, you've got to have a sense of humor, and this late Chapel Hill trio had that. "Wish I hadn't bought you dinner/ Right before you dumped me on your front porch/ Give me my money back/ As unromantic as it is, break-ups naturally bring about two reactions: one, 'Crap, I really need to get back my stuff!' and two, 'Crap, I spent a lot of money on her/him.' Ben Folds captures both of those and throws in a few choice words for good measure.

Want good love songs?

Go for an Otis Redding,

Al Green, or Marvin Gaye album and you're bound to score, but if you're wading through the oceans of songs of melancholy and lost love, hopefully this little list will point you in the right direction.

IMAGES OF RUDDY VALENTINE FROM THE B&E

Valentine's: Roses or Thorns

Rachael Rogers

Staff Writer

Ah, Valentine's Day, a day full of roses, chocolate and lots of love. A day all people look forward to sharing with that special someone. Candlelight dinner, romantic movie, a little mood music... but is Valentine's Day always so sweet?

Freshman Kelly Fowler basically sums up the general attitude towards Valentine's day. Fowler states: "It's a day for candy and flowers and for guys to get pumpeared. It's definitely a girl's day."

Basically guys don't care if Valentine's comes or not. For guys who are in a relationship and must please the girl, it becomes an important day. "Unless I'm in a relationship, I don't care about Valentine's Day," says freshman Michael Fogleman.

It's easy for guys to have such a nonchalant attitude, but what about girls who aren't in a relationship? Is it so easy to forget about Valentine's Day?

For some you'll wake up at around noon today, turn on the television, pour a

bowl of cereal that will become soggy as you wallow in your depression and you'll lay around the house all evening, loathing every happy couple that you know.

Valentine's Day isn't all sugar and spice. Some spend an entire 364 days looking for someone that they can spend Valentine's with. They assume Valentine's Day just isn't the same without that special someone. "Valentine's Day doesn't suck if you have someone to spend it with," sophomore Janine Lounis said. Most people hold this attitude, believing that if you can go out and share it with someone, then you'll be just fine.

So what do these proclaimed couples do? There is no universal recipe. Different people have a different idea of romance. Some like the traditional roses and dinner, others prefer those heart-shaped candy boxes and an oh-so-sweet Hallmark card. Maybe go on a picnic (weather permitting) or a trip. The only ingredient that a Valentine's celebration requires is that whoever it is that's together cares

for one another and wishes to spend time being thankful for the other. Freshman Diane Cordova says, "I think Valentine's is a nice holiday. With all the stress, it's nice to reserve one day to focus on all types of love, whether it be familial, friendship or romantic."

Other's contest that Valentine's Day isn't rotten if you don't have that special someone. You'll save money and time. "Valentine's day sucks. Singles get together and pretend to enjoy being single, but there is this unspoken knowledge that everyone wishes they had someone special to spend it with," freshman Karen Meyers said.

With that said, Valentine's is not a day for couples exclusively. Though fellow singles may be sulking deep down inside as they sit around some table with their buds, but they are still enjoying one another's company and are thankful for one another. Without those few other single people in the world, who would you spend your Valentine's Day with if there were no special guy or girl?



TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Can't buy me love

MATERIALISM DOESN'T HELP ANY.

According to a study of college students published by the American Psychological Association (APA) in the February issue of the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, money ranks low on the list of life's desires.

Instead of money or power, the study found college students found happiness best through feelings of independence, competence, self-esteem and closeness with others.

Least likely to bring happiness to college students were money, luxury, popularity and influence.

"People who value money, beauty and popularity more so than they value intimacy, growth and community contribution really look a lot less mentally healthy and are a lot more unhappy," Kennon Sheldon, a psychologist at the University of Missouri-Columbia and co-author of the study, told ABCNews. "If you really are [financially] broke and don't have what you need, you really should take care of that. But a lot of us, we keep look-

ing for more and more when we really already have enough and it should be more meaningful."

In the survey, American and South Korean students were asked to list their most satisfying experiences over varying time periods and then describe the nature and emotions of those experiences.

Undoubtedly, the "green-eyed monster" of Valentine's Day may be jealousy. But the academic evidence suggests money is by yet another green scourge.

No one would seriously propose love can be bought. Still, many Westerners — especially Americans — maintain the myth that, while money cannot buy long-term joy or love or satisfaction, it can somehow provide short-term boosts in happiness or excitement. The APA's study is important for pointing out that young people across the globe recognize that true love cannot be bought or sold or given and taken in material senses; some times, love included, were not meant to be handled in such ways. Indeed, love is never meant to be held at all, only felt.

Using your head: Oral sex and STDs



Richard Morgan
STAFF COLUMNIST

It's a cultural taboo we're just not willing to swallow: "sex" isn't limited to the penis-to-vagina insertion of tab A into slot B. Men and women engage in anal, oral and masturbatory sex with each other all the time.

Yes, fear of AIDS and pregnancy — as well as a reaction to the national "moral crisis" — has lowered people's indulgence in traditional sex. But that's only increased indulgence in nontraditional sex as an alternative outlet for sexual appetite (oral sex is the most common form of unprotected sex). And, because non-traditional (noncoital) sex acts carry social stigmas, both researchers and the general public remain largely unaware as to the nature of STD transmission in these circumstances.

Nearly half of 15-to-19-year-old U.S. men admitted receiving oral sex in 1995, up from 44 percent in 1988. In addition, 53 percent admitted being "masstrubated" by a female in 1995, up from 1988's 40 percent. The results are part of a larger study in the November/December issue of *Family Planning Perspectives*, published by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, which declared, "our society's narrow focus in policy and research is missing a major component: noncoital, sexual activity."

Furthermore, the report indicates many people immaturely and irresponsibly view oral sex as "something you can do with someone you're not as intimate with, while intercourse is reserved for that special person." In a speed-dating culture, Americans can enjoy nearly instant gratification through oral or masturbatory sex without any of the clutter and time-mismanagement of foreplay or extensive undressing. Wham! Bam! Thank you, ma'am — or sir.

There is also a prevailing word-of-mouth myth that oral sex is safe from STD transmission.

A recent laboratory study, however, published in the *Journal of Infectious Diseases* (2000:181:498-504), explored the oral transmission of HIV by seminal fluid and colostrum (also called "foremilk"). In the experiment, normal donor samples of human milk, colostrum, seminal fluid and blood were separately combined with samples of saliva and HIV-infected white blood cells. All samples, in normal physiologic volumes, prevented saliva from inactivating the HIV-infected blood cells, leading the researchers to conclude that successful oral transmission of the HIV by seminal fluid, milk and colostrum can happen. And it's not just that it can happen; it does happen.

At the recent 7th National Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic

Infections, which was funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the most comprehensive study on oral sex admitted, "The risk of becoming infected with the HIV through unprotected oral sex is lower than that of unprotected oral or vaginal sex. However, even a lower risk activity can become an important way people get infected if it is done often enough."

The Options Project, a joint venture between the CDC and the University of California at San Francisco, found roughly 10 percent of HIV-infected people received the disease through oral sex.

As oral sex relates to non-HIV STDs, the STD Education Unit of the San Francisco Department of Public Health reports:

* STDs that cause sores and blisters (like syphilis and herpes) are easy to get from all types of oral sex — getting or giving.

* With gonorrhea, and NGU (nongonorrheic genital urinary) infection is possible from sucking and getting sucked.

* Hepatitis A, Intestinal Parasites and Herpes can be easily passed through rimming without a barrier.

* It is easier to pass STDs when sores, blisters or discharge (drip) are present.

So what's the safest way to have oral sex? The STD Education Unit encourages:

For maximum protection against infection — whether giving or receiving — use dental dams or non-lubricated condoms without spermicide.

* If you have dams or condoms, avoid taking semen in your mouth or ejaculating in someone's mouth. If you get semen in your mouth, spit it out.

* Avoid sucking if you have just gone to the dentist.

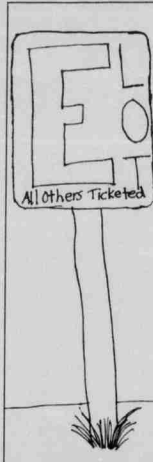
* Do not brush or floss your teeth right before or after having sex.

* Look closely for sores or blisters on the genitals, mouth or lips. If sores or blisters are visible, avoid oral sex. Remember: It's not always possible to see sores or blisters.

* Avoid deep throating. This may irritate the lining of the throat, making it easier for the HIV and STDs to enter the body.

We must speak up about this issue. Everyone's just afraid to open their mouth and actually do it. Let's give the lip service to the Puritan propaganda that the penis and vagina have a monopoly on sex. We may have to grit our teeth a bit through some uncomfortable in-your-face discussion, but it beats just standing around, grinning and bearing it, as more and more unsuspecting people become infected with sexually transmitted diseases — including the HIV.

Did you like the puns? Richard finishes himself a cunning linguist. What do you think about what he has to say? Tell him at ncsu_writer@yahoo.com



The 'Erroneous Zone



Valentine 'memories'



Josh Humphrey
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Imagine my surprise when I looked up this weekend and noticed the proliferation of heart-shaped knick-knacks in every store I went into. Not only is it already the middle of February, the big V-day is once again upon us.

So what is the purpose of this whole Valentine's thing? There are those who will say it is just an opportunity for Hallmark and Cadbury to make a quick buck off of us poor saps that will go any length to one-up the next guy when it comes to making our significant other feel special. Others say it is a time to celebrate the person who you've chosen to swap bodily fluids with.

I think the answer lies somewhere in between, but what it all comes down to is just another step in that mating dance that, because we live in a Judeo-Christian culture, usually leads to a trip down the much-dreaded aisle. Make no mistake about it, guys: Valentine's Day is a spectacular chance for her to whip out the mate-o-meter and figure out if you score Mr. Right or just Mr. Right Now. Remember that innocent remark she made in January about her most favorite restaurant? If you don't have reservations there for tonight, you'd better call the manager right now if you plan on getting anywhere past first base after dinner. Forget that she gushed

over those earrings you saw in that funky little store at the mall? Better hope they still have 'em in stock, because you can guarantee that was the only place in the universe that carries them, and you'd be much better off spending the afternoon practicing your excuses ("I swear, it's the only store in the mall that burned down. All those Guatemalan alpaca wool sweaters insulated the walls") than looking for another pair.

If you manage to survive the memory minefield and do other important stuff like bathe occasionally and hide your porn collection when she comes over, you may ultimately be rewarded with her hand in matrimony. As someone who took that plunge over three years ago, let me be the first to say congratulations and also tell you your work has only merely begun. A word of advice: keep the engagement short. A long engagement may sound like a good idea at first. You can spend time planning the "perfect wedding," maybe even move in together to see what that's like, but in a year when you realize if you have to look at one more set of flatware you are going to use one of the dessert spoons to gouge out your eyes, you will thank me. Alternatively, you can do what I did: marry a foreigner in their home country and make them plan the whole thing. That way you just fly in at the last minute, say "I do" and never have to miss the State-Carolina game to meet with your third caterer to decide whether you want crab puffs or finger sandwiches at the reception.

You may not realize it, but soon after the getting engaged you will come to

one of the most important choices you have ever had to make. Your selection of a University, your decision about your major, all pale in comparison to picking your best man. This is, after all, the person who will determine whether your last days of precious bachelorhood are spent in glorious debauchery or winding up at Denny's at 2 a.m. wondering what you saw in this guy in the first place. Keep in mind this is most likely your last chance to get breasts. Soon after the wedding you will find that while you are still expected to keep up your end, she will forget that you really wanted a DVD player, especially after she decides you need new shirts because she hates the ones you have. And that thing that got you all excited after you saw it in the book she made you throw out? She remembers; it just isn't going to happen.

I sadly must report the memory responsibility is yours for a lifetime and is not a door that swings both ways. Soon after the wedding you will find that while you are still expected to keep up your end, she will forget that you really wanted a DVD player, especially after she decides you need new shirts because she hates the ones you have. And that thing that got you all excited after you saw it in the book she made you throw out? She remembers; it just isn't going to happen.

Josh did not choose his best man wisely, and had the All-American Slam rather than the lap dance he wanted. Email your laughter to j_hyle@yahoo.com

Househusband? Sounds hot!



Decker Ngongang
STAFF COLUMNIST

I don't want to talk about Valentines' Day; unfortunately, I have no girl this year so I shall drop one of my life missions on you. I want to be a househusband. That's right; I want to stay at home while my independent woman of a wife goes out and earns the bacon. I am here in college as a back-up plan and, if the need ever arises, I will get a job. This has been in my mind for a while and, after some thought, I realized it wouldn't be that bad of a life. In the day when the rights for women are slowly but hopefully getting better, what better way to show my support to the women's equality movement than to let my woman do her thing while I take care of the home?

I look at the media and see the degradation of women in music videos, television shows and even on the radio, and I say, "How will women ever gain ground in this country if we continue to perpetuate subconsciously the stereotypes that have been holding them back?"

I know women can work as hard or even better than I can. That's why I want to be a househusband. I will stand by my wife as she seeks to destroy the labels that have held many before her. I

think about college and the girls here. Many of them will sometime have to make the choice between career and family. That is a great burden to undertake and even to think about as they try to gain their education. That's why I want to be a househusband. I will take the worry away from my wife and she will prosper and love me for it. Then, when all is said and done, I will go on "Oprah" to tell my story to the world. I will be a voice for all the househusbands in the world; together we can help to create a balanced work environment. I will mark a trend in American households and maybe even pave the way for the America's first "First Husband" in the White House. Who knows; it might be me. If I am blessed enough to become what I strive for I plan one day to write a book about it. I think I will call it, "Daddy make my lunch now."

Many of you are asking what type of househusband I'll be and how exactly do I plan on carrying my goals out. I will be a good stay-at-home dad. I figure it will be like a football game; ya know, my wife is the quarterback and as she has the babies she will just hand them off to me. I am the running back, the one who really does the work, and my wife as the QB will bring home the cheese. I will play games with the kids and whatever I need to do to make their childhood the best possible. I know I can't breast feed or any of that, but I can learn to cook and I will learn to clean as well. Later, when the kids

are in school and my wife is at work, I will hit the country club to play golf and tennis with all the other househusbands. Or even hit the Y to ball some cats at the gym. Even better: I might join a bridge club; the possibilities are endless.

To be a househusband I will need certain accessories to complete my daily tasks. One of the most important is vehicular transportation. Let me tell you about my car: I know most guys like the Jeeps and the sports cars. As a househusband, I would have many duties including the kids and groceries and etc... Well I would need a van, but not just any van; I would need a kit on this here van. I will be driving a limited edition Dodge Caravan with the Corinthian two-tone leather, the 20-inch chromed out blades, and the kids need to have high quality sound for their harem, so the Rockford system needs to be fully equipped with the Playstation II. They'll love it.

You might be saying to yourself, "What the hell is he talking about?" Well don't count me out just yet. The way the world is now, many husbands will take on the responsibilities at home and I plan to be a flagship member. As a future househusband to someone out there, I bid all the ladies of campus a Happy Valentines Day.

Decker misses his ex-gf: If you know her or look like her email him at dmgongang@univ.ncsu.edu

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VALENTINE'S DAY

Love is priceless



Miller Jones
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I consider myself a dying breed, a species on the verge of certain extinction. Nope, there certainly aren't many of "me" left. I, Miller Jones, am a hopeless romantic. I believe there is a person out there I am meant to be with. I believe you are a falling star, you should make a wish on it. I believe the things that happen in movies really do happen in real life. I also believe in Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is a wonderful day in which you let out your giddy elementary schoolish side and reveal to that special someone you have a crush on them or let your long-term loved one know they are the only one for you.

Everyone remembers growing up with Valentine's Day being a regimented holiday in which you waited until the night before to go into Eckerd or Wal-Mart with your mom and buy one of the last remaining packs of cheap, perforated cards glorified by such adoring and loving characters as G.I. Joe or She-Ra. Then would come the day when it was time to exchange them. I could always tell which girl liked me the most depending on the

amount of candy that was in the tiny, see-through envelope. It also helped if the girl dotted the "i" in her name with a heart. That meant you were forced to go steady with her, whether you wanted to or not.

Still today, Valentine's Day is a viable holiday that allows you to express exactly how you feel toward someone you have feelings for. It is a yearly reminder for both people involved that the other person loves him or her very much. However, there are those who oppose its philanthropic offerings.

A common argument for the lazy and uncaring is that this special day is nothing more than a hassle and waste of money. If you forget only one of the five major necessities for every Valentine's celebration (roses, candy, a card, dinner and good breath), you could be in very hot water. And with roses currently priced more than it costs to personally fly round trip to Florence, Italy, and hand-pick them yourself, many have become disgruntled toward this romantic day's intentions.

In addition, my aggressor is going to argue that Valentine's Day is a useless, marketable holiday in which money is spent on materialistic expressions of love that could be expressed better with the heart instead. This is the contention of the loner, the defenseless harp of St. Valentine. Sure, February 14th is a reminder to some that their life is a miserably hell filled with weeks of pre-

ceding torture and hopeless failure. But so is finding a gift for Mother's Day, so get over it.

But consider the alternative. Let's say you have a special partner and you conveniently decide to forget Valentine's Day this year. For whatever reason, whether it be monetary, time constraints, or lack of brain cells in current functioning order, you have stupidly decided to skip a holiday that your partner is no doubt in high anticipation of. To put it mildly, you will wake up the next morning either alone or with a large welt on your forehead that mysteriously resembles the size and shape of the rather large frying pan you keep in your cupboard.

The message is simple: don't forget Valentine's Day this year! The holiday is in strategic place to remind us to show the other person you care a great deal (and by strategic, I mean once a year). It's a memorable day that allows a girl to be swept off her feet and showered with gifts, surprises and kisses. Without it, guys would be clueless and girls would be, well...girls would be what they are best: mad. And trust me, you don't want that.

Miller is currently in "Valentine negotiations" with a very cute girl just down the road. Email him at MillerWrote@aol.com

Love is \$19.99



Larisa Yasinovskaya
STAFF COLUMNIST

Aaaah! The "day of love." Good old Valentine's day. (Is she gonna die? Valentine's day? But she's a girl. Girls love flowers and candy and all that crap.) There is so much wrong with this pseudo-love holiday, but I'm going to shoot for a logical progression of thoughts.

First, there are several possible accounts of who exactly Valentine was and what he did to deserve the centuries of revelry in his honor. One says he was a Roman priest who was martyred during the persecution of Claudius, while another account relates the story of a youth, Valentine, helping Christians during a time of persecution. He was caught and put in jail, and later clubbed to death on February 14, 296. The love part comes from him having sent messages to his friends saying "Remember your Valentine" and "I love you."

Well, that is all nice and sweet, or kind of depressing, depending on which way you look at it. In any case, even the idea of dedicating a special day to your loved ones has been perverted somewhere along the way (of commercialism).

Before I get to the obvious commercialism argument, let's think about what Valentine's Day really is. It's

fake. It's superficial and artificial. My point is that it forces people (primarily guys) to be "romantic." This goes back to my whole belief that people should be honest and present themselves for what they are, and some people are just not romantic. I see no reason, beyond some ridiculous socially imposed construction, why people should be forced to behave, as they normally would not. Some people would say, "Well, this is a special day, the one day of the year you can be romantic..." But that's my point exactly, why should you bother? If an individual is not romantic by nature, he/she should not attempt to be just to please his/her mate. And who wants to be with a heart-shaped candy and teddy bears as representations of romance and love? Could we be any more cliché? Whatever happened to tulips? And what about those poor souls who are diabetic, or don't like candy? I, myself, would much rather prefer a steak to a box of nauseating Valentine. But enough about...

Contrary to popular agreement, Valentine's day does not make people and relationships more romantic; it actually sucks the romance right out of them. I will explain. Instead of being romantic randomly, or just for the sake of it, one would wait for Valentine's day to be so. And with all the anticipation that it brings, if anyone comes just a bit short of the enormous expectations it's a total bust for everyone. There is nothing like mandatory candy/stuffed animal giving to say "I love you."

Okay, to the commercialism. The

most appalling advertisement on TV is "Every kiss begins with KAY." Think about that! It implies, nay, flat out says that if you want to be loved and kissed you need to buy your girlfriend a pair of diamond earrings. Great, why didn't we tell you guys it was that easy, right? And what about all those poor people who can't afford to buy all these "love tokens." We have had the idea of materialistic love beaten into our heads for so long that I doubt anyone would settle for a macaroni necklace nowadays.

Watching people scramble to make this "the best Valentines ever" just makes me sad. I mean, what are we really trying to do? We are vainly in search of a time long gone, the prince riding up on a white horse, sweeping you up into a whirlwind world of romance. Sure, in a time where your marriage would have really been arranged to the highest bidder and you would spend your fairytale days in a tower embroiling your handkerchief. We watch too much TV.

Turn off the tube. Return the candy. And instead of putting on this ridiculous fiasco rent "Gladiator," order some Pokey Stix and I guarantee you will have a better time than at some overpriced restaurant wasting \$50 on a bouquet of roses that will wither in a day.

Larisa is just bitter because no one loves her. Send her tulips and a macaroni necklace to prove her wrong, and email her at larisa@opinion@hotmail.com

'Blatant misinterpretation'

I read Bryan Proffitt's column ("A piece of the auction," 12 Feb.) and I have to ask whether the editor considers whether or not columns have touch with reality.

My problem with Proffitt's column was his blatant misinterpretation of what occurred at the auction. I did not attend the auction but my understanding of the events was that you were not buying the person, you were buying the pleasure of his or her company. I figured that most college students saw Road Trip last year. Let's be honest... I am willing to bet any person "purchased" last week has not had to clean somebody's apartment or perform as a servant at any point. I am also willing to bet those individuals "purchased" last week had no further obligation to the person who bought them, unless that person is his or her significant other.

Now for the meat and potatoes of the argument. I do not condone slavery. I spent six years of my life ensuring all Americans continue to enjoy the rights and freedoms that are a privilege of being a citizen of this nation. Yes, the freedoms we enjoy are a privilege not a right. I raised my right hand and swore to defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Slavery is part of our history. I don't deny that. But why are white Americans still being condemned for it? All races, at one point or another, in their history have enslaved people. It may have been members of their own race or another.

Proffitt mentioned the two million "slaves" that are misleadingly called prisoners that exist in our nation today on plantations. I can only assume he means American convicts who broke a law of our nation. Those "plantations" provide better living conditions than armed services' living in military post or their families in prison housing.

Lastly, I hardly think you can compare what happened last week to the events of Auschwitz. How can you compare the systematic extermination of a group of people to a handful of college students attempting to raise money?

I am a regular reader of Proffitt's column but I was stunned by the ridiculousness of this column. I rarely agree with Proffitt but I respect his opinion and his right to express it. I thank Technician for providing me with an opportunity to express mine.

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Auction helps 'preppy faces' stereotypes

Members of the dance team have it rough. Their schedules are crammed with workouts, practices, performances and school. They must schedule their class around a season that lasts all year. They are also subject to missing class because of their performance schedule. For all of the work they put into dance, they are amazingly underappreciated and rarely (if ever) get the recognition of collegiate athletes, as they should.

With all of this in mind, their recent fundraising "auction" at Kelly's will be a time when dancers are respected as athletes for a long time to come. While

I'm sure their fund-raiser was huge, the damage it has done to their image was equally (if not more so) big. As long as the dance team treats their bodies as their big selling item, they will never be respected as athletes. Why couldn't the dance team be known for their talent by having a dance performance other than the measly couple of minutes during half time? Why not be known as the dance team who knows how to have a good time by having a fund-raiser at Kelly's without the "auction"? Why not do what you love most and have a dance-a-thon? By selling yourselves on an auction block, you only perpetuate the stereotype that the dance team is a group of preppy faces. You have to respect yourself before anyone else can respect you. When you treat yourself as more than an attractive body for sale, the community will give you the respect you deserve.

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Technician guilty of racial 'venom'

This response is a retort to Technician's View on reparations ("A Reparation Proclamation," 06 Feb.) and its recent airing of hostile views to the honor of Black History Month. As a preliminary, I was wondering first of all, when a view says "Technician's" does that speak for everyone at the paper (the ad people, sports, etc.)? Who's to prevent your media from misrepresenting the views of others? The recent diatribe shocked me that you said the Nubian Museum was race baiting with its "Great White Hype" piece of Dec. 2000. I thought that was water under the bridge. Recently, the "tone" taken towards a deserving Black History month sounded like the Technician's view was that blacks didn't deserve Black History Month. I'm talking "tone" from your viewpoint on reparations and your selecting certain "key" pieces to run during black history month that were blatant disregard for Black History Month. Does Technician want national attention? The venom was moribund towards any "racial" reconciliation, which will never happen until our country "apologizes" for slavery in this country. If the right wing in this country wants a realist view of "taking care of America first," then the rest of the world, then let's not worry who had slaves in other parts of the Earth - let's take of our own business - relative to America and reparations. Personally, I wouldn't want any reparations that wasn't preceded by an apology! If we never get one (it'll never be any reconciliation), you heard it from me first, I'm giving you the civilized view! An apology would be peaceful and in return would be honored. So stop the negative campaign against the Nubian under the guise of publishing editorials!

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Missile Defense: A snot in the dark?



Justin Greene
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In the early days of the new administration, President George W. Bush has stepped up to the plate with a new and controversial proposal for national missile defense (NMD). Bush's proposal, backed up by national security experts Colin Powell and Donald Rumsfeld, calls for an extensive shield of missiles to defend the United States and its allies against nuclear coercion by what are considered to be rogue states: Iraq, Iran and North Korea. Bush's plan differs from previous approaches in that the language used by him and his advisors explicitly includes the development of defenses for our allies, not just the 50 states.

While the more expensive aspect of the plan is new, the basic foundations of NMD have a long and intensely debated history. Beginning in the 1960's, the defense and intelligence communities began to seriously consider the idea of a missile defense shield. The idea was soon tabled; how-

ever, it became clear the cost and technology needed to defend the United States against 9,000 Soviet missiles was extremely preventative. In addition, the threat of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) gained steam as U.S. leaders decided the best defense for both America and the Soviet Union was to threaten each other with eminent nuclear holocaust if someone stepped out of line.

The NMD debate exploded again in the 1980's when Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, which was labeled "Star Wars" by opposing Senator Ted Kennedy, proposed the idea of satellite-based technology and armed conflict above the atmosphere. Once again, U.S. leaders chose to stick with the prevailing MAD philosophy.

All these factors changed enormously with the fall of the Soviet Union. The world was no longer saddled by gigantic superpowers engaged in an epic arms race. In place of the USSR was a defunct collaboration of struggling nations with a whole lot of firepower and no clear way to keep track of it all. Indeed, the United States was faced with developing a new state of foreign policy and defense agendas aimed at combating rogue nations and idealistic terrorists instead of a Russian military juggernaut.

Unfortunately, many observers continue to weigh the merits of a NMD system based on the old U.S.-Soviet relations, with any change in mutual vulnerability being viewed as destabilizing. In 1993, senior Clinton appointee Jan Lodal held a news conference saying, "Nuclear deterrence worked throughout the Cold War; it continues to work now; it will work into the future. The exact same kinds of nuclear deterrence calculations that have always worked will continue to work." This assessment may certainly be true in a bi-lateral scenario between the United States and a China or Russia, but it completely ignores the basic rules of the MAD scenario when applied to potentially new nuclear powers such as North Korea or Iraq. In order for mutual vulnerability to be a deterrent, both countries must have informed decision makers, a high degree of rationality on both sides, a degree of familiarity, effective channels of communication, and leaders who are sensitive to cost and risk. None of these aspects is present in either case.

To add more fuel to the fire, in 1998 the independent Rumsfeld Report assessed the current nuclear situation

as very dangerous and advised future U.S. leaders to either deploy a NMD system, substantially alter our current nuclear treaties, or both. Shortly after the report was issued, North Korea fired a three-stage rocket over Japanese airspace, serving to confirm the intelligence community's worst fears. The choice now seems clearer than ever before. While the system will be an investment in the tens of billions of dollars and will take time to develop, it is important for the United States to be firm in its advocacy of nuclear defense. Critics point to two failed interception tests as proof that the idea won't work, but any invention takes time to test and perfect.

President Bush has taken the right step in mandating NMD. At the same time, he has shown a keen awareness of international concerns by pursuing a system that helps our allies as well. At a time when murderous terrorists such as Osama bin-Laden are seeking out stores of uranium, America must look past the smoking embers of the Cold War and chart an efficient and cautious course through the minefields ahead.

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ly good job of defending us and we would be the first ones to give them credit," said Sendek. "Then there is a certain part of that that when we look in the mirror, we say to ourselves we have to make this kind of shot or that shot. There are always some shots in retrospective that you probably shouldn't take, but that we have."

State still likely not have the services of its best shooter, Archie Miller, who remains sidelined with a stress fracture in his left leg. Miller practiced Monday for 20 minutes but is out indefinitely.

"He's in the very first stages of trying to come back," Sendek said.

Clemson, like State, is having a discouraging 2000-01 season and is coming off of a home loss to Duke last Wednesday night.

The Tigers, however, haven't had another game since, allowing it one week to prepare for its game against the Pack. Clemson sports a record of 3-0 this season in games that it has had at least a week to prepare.

Senior Will Solomon is the heart and soul of this Clemson team. He is the Tigers' primary offensive threat, averaging 21.9 points a contest, which also leads the ACC.

Joining Solomon will be the big threesome of Ray Henderson, Dawn Clifton and freshman Chris Hobbs, who has stepped up with the injury to senior center Adam Allenspach. The three combine for 16.6 points and 13.5 rebounds per game.

Damien Wilkins has leaped over Anthony Grundy for the right to be known as the Wolfpack's leading scorer. Wilkins, who has by and large played well in the past six games, is averaging 14.6 points and 6.3 rebounds in conference play.

As for Grundy, his production has tailed off. Grundy's average has dropped to only 13.9 points per contest. But since Clemson is a physical team, the Pack can't rest on the shoulders of these two players.

State will have to capitalize on the strength of its three big men down low in the paint to put points on the board, as well as allow second and third chance opportunities for the rest of the team.

Earlier this season, Clemson beat the Pack by a score of 72-69 down in Littlejohn Coliseum. The Tigers have beaten State three games in a row and 13 of the last 17 times the two have matched up.

"We really were ice cold from the field against Clemson [referring to State's earlier meeting with the Tigers]," said Sendek.



Brian Keeter did play against Duke, but he isn't a lock to play tonight against Clemson.

"We really have been the past three times we've played them.

We have to do a better job of making shots."



AROUND THE ACC

Standings:

Team	ACC Record	Overall
North Carolina	11-0	21-2
Duke	10-1	22-2
Maryland	6-5	15-8
Georgia Tech	6-5	14-8
Virginia	5-6	16-6
Wake Forest	5-6	16-7
N.C. State	3-7	11-11
Florida State	1-9	6-17
Clemson	1-9	10-13

Wednesday's games:

No. 3 Duke at No. 12 Virginia, 7:00 p.m., ESPN

Duke looks to continue rolling after it demolished N.C. State Sunday. The Wahoos could use a win but UVa has lost to Duke 12 straight times.

Georgia Tech at No. 23 Wake Forest, 7:30 p.m.

Georgia Tech is on a serious roll after beating Maryland and Virginia last weekend. Paul Hewitt could do in one year what Herb Sendek hasn't been able to do in five: make the NCAA tournament. Wake Forest, on the other hand, will be looking to exact revenge for an earlier loss to the Yellow Jackets.

Florida State at No. 17 Maryland, 9:00 p.m., RJ

Think things aren't getting testy in College Park, where the Terps have been in a tailspin since losing to Duke. Check out this portion of Gary Williams' chat on ESPN.com Monday.

Roy H at 12:17pm ET

What would cause you to retire?

Gary Williams at 12:17pm ET

If I ever let idiots like yourself get to me, then I would retire.

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from Mary Mittenfior, Natalie Jones, and Annamaria Gadza and then also get a strong showing from its diving contingent.

Mittenfior specializes in the

200-yard individual medley yet also has posted the top Pack time in the 500-yard freestyle in addition to swimming key legs on two Wolfpack freestyle relay teams. In the 200-yard IM, she has posted the ninth highest time in the ACC this year (2:05.73), which puts her on the cusp of reaching the ACC finals.

Jones is the Pack's top breaststroke swimmer, swimming both the 100 and 200-yard events. She has a top-ten time in the ACC in both events as well, placing ninth in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:04.78) and 10th in the 200-yard event (2:20.68).

Gadza has come on strong during the winter portion of the season and is now swimming the 200-yard backstroke almost as well as the top swimmers in the ACC. Her time of 2:04.05 is not within striking distance of the ACC's best, UNC's Summer Mack, however it is the fourth best time overall in that event.

Perhaps the strongest faction of the women's team is the diving program. Divers Erin Bailey and Erin Lambie enter the event among the ACC leaders. Both have a chance to place in the top five of the ACC and Bailey could take the ACC title in either event with a particularly strong showing. Other divers Nicole Vanderbeke and Amber O'Reilly may also have a chance to earn State some points.

Recently the Pack has cut down on its practice and laps in order to conserve energy for this vital meet. State hopes some swimmers can post times fast enough to qualify for the NCAA

Championships in March.

"Everyone's really psyched and prepared for the meets and I think we're going to do awesome," said Mittenfior after the final meet of the season.

In order to do achieve its goal of fifth place or better, the Pack will have to sneak up on a team that it lost to during the regular season. Luckily for State, the once one looks past the upper echelon, the ACC weakens considerably.

No. 20 Maryland (9-3, 2-2) is a strong number-three team in the ACC, yet fourth place and beyond is up for grabs. Clemson (4-4, 1-2), Duke (6-3, 0-3) and Florida State (8-5, 1-0) will be the teams fighting along with State for fourth place.

While Clemson recently defeated State, it was near the beginning of the season when State lost to Maryland and Florida State. The Pack will look to exact its revenge this week.

The Championships will be broken down into three days, with the morning of each day reserved for preliminaries and the afternoons for the final events. The tournament beings on February 15 and runs through February 17.



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Tango with the Tigers

◆ N.C. State men's basketball looks to trap Clemson for its 4th ACC win of the season

Justin Sellers
Staff Writer

With a struggling season on its shoulders, a hungry N.C. State men's basketball team returns to the friendly confines of the Entertainment and Sports Arena Wednesday night. The Wolfpack (11-11, 3-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) is coming off of a 101-75 spanking over the weekend courtesy of the Duke Blue Devils. In that game, the Pack turned the ball over 16 times and shot only 37 percent from the field in the first half, allowing the Devils to jump out to a convincing 51-31 halftime lead.

After that, there was no looking back for Duke, who became the first team to cross the century mark against State head coach Herb Sendek.

WHAT: Kenny Inge, Damon Thornton and Ron Kelley seemed to be the only thing working for the Wolfpack against Duke. Inge led the team in scoring and rebounds with 16 points and nine boards. **WHEN:** TONIGHT, 9:00 P.M. **WHERE/TV:** ESA/RJ. Meanwhile, Thornton and Kelley contributed by adding 12 points apiece and combining for six rebounds. The game against Clemson (10-13,

1-9) marks the first time in six games (since State traveled to Florida State) that the Pack hasn't taken on a team ranked in the top 15. With games ahead against Clemson, Georgia Tech, Maryland and FSU, State has an opportunity to pick up some wins to become eligible for postseason play.

"There's always an important storyline with an upcoming game or segment of games," Sendek said. State hasn't played particularly well against the Tigers in the past couple of seasons, losing four of the last five games in the series. Those games have been close, however, as eight of the last 11 games have been dogfights with the victors winning by no more than eight points.

"Clemson certainly has done a real-

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basketball

The Refs, Right?

Atlantic Coast Conference referees all deserve to be fired. Those black-and-white-striped bums befuddle ACC basketball fans as they engage in a vast conspiracy against all teams that don't wear two distinct shades of blue.

Rob Godfrey

From Larry Rose to Dick Papparo, they all need prescription bifocals.

It's nothing new. They were under the spell of Dean Smith for some 20 years. He could do no wrong. Just ask Lefty Driesell, formerly the Maryland head coach, who went on record any number of times during his career to voice his dissatisfaction with the not-so-impartial legion ACC refs.

If you don't believe Lefty, now at Georgia State, Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski once insisted that there existed a double standard for officiating in the ACC.

Krzyzewski? Does he have room to talk?

That vile man, master of appealing to the sensitivities of those zebras, fosters discourse with referees from the tip of every game he coaches. He deserves two technical fouls just for showing up to the gym.

But this season, with the consolidated Southeastern Conference/ACC referees overseeing games, it's gotten so much worse.

Referees this season never whistle Brendan Haywood for anything in the lane. Game after game, the 7-foot-1 center from you-know-where camps out down low. Three in the key? Furious. He gets six, seven, eight seconds.

Haywood, as he lags in the lane, travels whenever he gets the ball. It's just that the referee turns turn the other cheek. Then, after Brendan misses a shot, he's allowed to play leaping for rebounds. For any other player it's an over-the-back foul; for Haywood, it's a good rebound.

Shane Battier, or "the golden boy" to Kris Lang, is another ref favorite. Forget that he's two-time national defensive player of the year. Forget that he picks up a couple of blocks and a couple of steals every night. He makes a living off his drama skills. For Dennis Songaila or Damon Thornton, a flip's a block; for Battier, it's a charge-taken. Ludicrous.

Talk of Battier is a segue into how ACC officials miss every call against Jason Williams. Surely he can't be athletic enough to lock up opposing point guards with smothering defense. Williams can hand-check, chest-up, push off, forearm, spit, moan, sing, sign, taunt and tarry, all unbeknownst to, you guessed it, ACC officials.

Poor Gary. Poor Davey. Poor humble Herb.

Who else does this blatant favoritism disturb? Clearly, before Maryland's Coach Williams addresses Terrance Morris and his (lack of) initiative, before he worries about how focused his teams aren't, he should berate conference officials, reporters and administrators about how he perceives officiating in the ACC the calls it the "All Carolina Conference."

Clearly, before N.C. State fans consider how tight the Wolfpack is entering each game, how inconsistently the Pack makes jumpshots, they must realize that the issue is how refs obviously engage in the aforesaid conspiracy.

Such debate is important. Such debate is productive.

Rob's column runs on Wednesdays. And he wonders whether his real point sunk in today. Email him at DieWhirlie@aol.com or call him at 515-2411.

ACC championships await

◆ N.C. State's women's swimming and diving team is looking to finish higher than sixth place in the ACC.

Steve Thompson
Staff Writer

A stern test awaits the N.C. State women's swimming and diving program as it heads to the Aquatic and Fitness Center in Charlottesville, Va., for the Atlantic Coast Conference Championships.

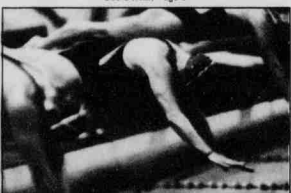
Last year's team finished sixth, and the goal this year for the Pack (6-5, 0-5 ACC) has been to improve upon that mark. In a year's time, however, the ACC has strengthened and the women will have to swim well to finish sixth or better.

"We want the women to finish better than they did last year, that's the only team goal we have set this year," said State head coach Brooks Teal earlier in the year. "Besides that, all of our other goals are for individual performances."

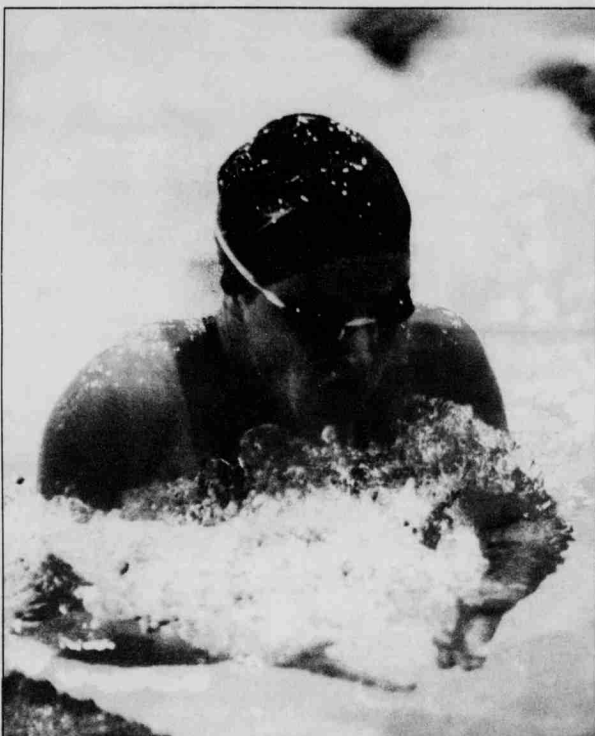
There will be seven ACC schools swimming in the event, as Georgia Tech and Wake Forest don't have swimming and diving teams. No. 8 North Carolina (8-1, 5-0) and No. 14 Virginia (7-1, 4-1) enter as the strong favorites. The Tar Heels defeated the Cavaliers 175-125 earlier in the year in the same pool.

The strongest chances for the Wolfpack to score well in the tournament will be to have good performances

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ACC's begin Thursday in the pool.



State hopes to improve its sixth place finish last year at the ACC championships this weekend.

Bailey could take home diving crown

◆ N.C. State diver Erin Bailey has a legitimate shot at taking home an ACC title in the divn.

Steve Thompson
Staff Writer

When Erin Bailey quit gymnastics, she had no idea that seven years later she would be competing for an Atlantic Coast Conference diving championship.

This weekend however, Bailey will be among the favorites in both the one-meter and the three-meter boards at the ACC Championships in

Charlottesville, Va.

"That's definitely one of my long-term goals, winning the ACC championship," said Bailey. "This year we'll just have to see how it goes."

Since giving up gymnastics, Bailey has had a successful seven years in diving. Under the tutelage of Wolfpack diving coach John Candler, Bailey won the regional and state championships all four years at Fuquay-Varina High School in Holly Springs. Twice the Raleigh Sports Clubs named her Women's Swimmer/Diver of the Year.

Since coming to N.C. State,

Bailey has continued to excel.

In her freshman season, she set a Wolfpack record with a 305.04 six-dive score on the one-meter boards in a meet against UNC-Wilmington. She later finished 10th at the ACC Championships in the three-meter competition and qualified for the NCAA Zone B Championships on both boards.

"I just really wanted to be consistent," said Bailey. "That was my main goal for the year."

In a rebuilding year for the State swimming programs, the

diving squad has been the anchor of the team.

In ACC competition, either Bailey or teammate Erin Lambie won at least one of the board competitions every meet. At the Georgia Diving Invite in the fall, Bailey finished 17th in the one-meter boards and 22nd in the three-meter competition.

"Diving is just mainly something I do for fun," Bailey said. "I think I've come a long ways this year, however, and this weekend will be a real challenge."

Since winter break, Bailey has been on a tear. Lambie has been the only diver to beat Bailey in competition over this stretch, as Bailey emerged victorious in seven out of the eight competitions. Bailey won both boards in meets against Virginia, Clemson and North Carolina in addition to winning the one-meter contest against Virginia Tech.

While she claims not to have a favorite dive, Bailey does

have a dream rotation.

"The most challenging dives are doing a back-snap, gainer two and a half and inward two and a half," said Bailey. "If I could pull off all three of those, that'd be something."

Featuring a wide array of dives, Bailey should be a force for the Pack at the ACC Championships. She is State's best chance to bring home an ACC Championship on the women's side.

Bailey enters the competition with the highest score of any diver on the one-meter board and with the second highest tally on the three-meter. In addition to Lambie, her main competition will come from Chelsea Lerew from Florida State and Ashley Brenner from North Carolina.

The ACC Championships are set to begin on February 15 and will conclude on February 17. It will be held in the Aquatic and Fitness Center on the Virginia campus.

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