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## Nuclear engineering department holds open house

◆ Students from across the globe interested in graduate school visited N.C. State's nuclear engineering department over the weekend.

Carlton Newsome  
Staff Reporter

It was the renowned reputation of N.C. State's nuclear engineering department that brought Miguel Marquez to Raleigh on Jan. 19. An engineering student from Notre Dame, Marquez was interested in witnessing the program that he had heard so much about for himself.

And he was not alone. Faculty and students from across the country and the world came to NCSU Saturday to visit the nuclear engineering open house. The open house served as an opportunity to gain insight into the program and research opportunities within the department for prospective graduate students.

The open house began with breakfast and a brief series of lectures from various nuclear engineering department professors. These lectures focused on opportunities in research that exist within the department and uses for progressive nuclear research.

Some of these uses include nuclear technology work involving the manufacturing of better fabric at a better cost margin, improving the monitoring of larger nuclear facilities, medical research and waste management. Professors were on hand to discuss the ongoing research in these, and other fields.

Some of the showcased professors included, Robin Gardner, professor of nuclear engineering at NCSU. Gardner is developing new medical technologies dealing with the detection of lead in the body.

In addition, research is ongoing by Paul Turinsky, the nuclear engineering department head and Paul Keller, an associate professor, to work on cutting the cost of nuclear fuel.

"The annual fuel cost of a 1,000 MWe nuclear power plant is about \$45 million" said Turinsky. This is a staggering figure that the pair hopes to cut.

There are many facilities for research within the nuclear engineering field at NCSU.

The Center for Engineering Applications of Radio Isotopes was established in 1980. There, graduate students get the opportunity to work with professors in research related to measurement applications of radiation and radio isotopes and the effects these have on industry.

Another facility is the Electric Power Research Center. This center serves as a cooperative research program between the university and industry representatives.

The Nuclear Reactor Program is a program that provides specialized nuclear facilities to students and industry. Experimental facilities include the PULSTAR nuclear reactor, neutron radiography facility, neutron activation analysis facility, prompt gamma facility,

instrumentation and control laboratory, and many others.

Lastly, the Nuclear Services Laboratory is a laboratory that makes use of a procedure called neutron activation analysis. This procedure is one of the most sensitive analytical techniques and can be used for the analysis of major, minor or trace elements. It is a technique capable of determining the presence of 65 elements in many materials.

Scott Laselle, the manager of the Nuclear Services Laboratory, highlighted one project that the Laboratory is currently working on. This project would analyze ash samples from the World Trade Center to find any possible medical risk involved with the cleanup effort at Ground Zero.

Ryan Lipsky, a current graduate student and president of the NCSU student chapter of the American Nuclear Society, gave participants a tour of the nuclear reactor in Burlington Hall and a look at its history.

He stated that the reactor, built in

1955, was the first to be built for research by private and industrial funding. It is also the first that was not pulled together by U.S. government actions.

Lipsky, who is also a student reactor operator, told visitors about a new program for incoming freshmen whose sole intent is to learn to be nuclear reactor operators.

The graduates, after being pummeled with information about the program had lunch and were shuttled to the NCSU-Georgia Tech men's basketball game. A dinner with nuclear engineering program faculty and industry professionals followed the game.

Mun-Sung Yim, Director of the Graduate School, said that the graduate students are involved in the research at every possible step and are generally the ones doing the work with our supervision. This allows them to gain as much experience as possible.



Deborah Griffith is the vice chancellor for public affairs.

## N.C. State's storyteller

◆ The new associate vice chancellor for public affairs has 'big plans' for the future of the campus community.

Aniesha Felton  
Staff Reporter

She's no Susan Klein, or Zora Neale Hurston, or even Mother Goose, but Deborah Griffith, the new associate Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs, does have a great story to tell.

"I have to tell the story of N.C. State," she says. "I have to make known that State is one of the leading institutions in science engineering and technology, that we work with North Carolinians to solve problems and, last but not least,

[that] we work to make [State] students career-ready."

Recently, Griffith was promoted from director of public affairs to associate vice chancellor. Only a few days into her promotion, Griffith already has big plans.

"My, as well as my awesome co-workers', plan is to market N.C. State superbly," says Griffith. "I want to take N.C. State's stories and messages and refine them into a brand."

Griffith sees public affairs as an umbrella for all promotional vehicles and media. A technique that Griffith has come up with to start the wheels of such vehicles rolling is an e-mail newsletter, which will be a digest of

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Runners took advantage of comfortable temperatures Tuesday at Lake Johnson.

## A breath of fresh air

◆ North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service received a \$22,000 grant to combat asthma.

Rahee Sullivan  
Staff Reporter

The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service a \$22,000 grant to jumpstart its Asthma Intervention and Referral Education Program.

The Program was developed to raise awareness for the fight against asthma, the No. 1 children's environmental health issue in the world. Asthma is a chronic respiratory condition that affects 15 million Americans, 5 million of whom are children.

With the funds awarded, the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service, an N.C. State-based organization, will provide intensive training on asthma and allergen triggers found in homes and schools during a one-year pilot project.

"Once we carry out this project, then we'll take results from that to develop programming throughout the state in the next two years," said Wiggins.

Within the next two months, training will be conducted in three North Carolina counties: Cleveland, Beaufort and another that has not yet been decided.

Each county was chosen to represent a different region of the state in order to accommodate possible environmental conditions.

The project's focus will be on families with young children, schools, minorities and extension and community association members, to name a few.

Family and consumer extension agents in each of those counties will be trained on asthma, its triggers and how it can be prevented. Each agent will be asked to bring a partner from his or her local health department to the training exercise.

The training will be broken up into two sessions; one will last one day and the other will last two and a half days. After completing the training, the agents will conduct workshops on asthma prevention and awareness and will also provide information via mass media to their respective counties.

The agents will also have the ability to establish community health coalitions consisting of agencies, organizations and other interested parties in order to support the ongoing education-

al efforts. "Once a health issue surfaces within their county they'll have the coalition in place to address those issues," said Cassandra Wiggins, the project manager and extension associate specialist in health and environment issues.

Wiggins' long-term goals for the project are to "reduce the triggers of asthma and reduce the number of children and adults developing asthma."

Wiggins anticipates the outreach efforts will reach nearly 9,000 children by year's end.

The EPA has also awarded grants for similar programs in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi.

Asthma occurs when the muscles surrounding the airways in the lungs contract and become inflamed. This constriction and inflammation causes the airways to become narrow, thus inducing wheezing, coughing, chest tightness or shortness of breath.

Asthma attacks are caused by various triggers known as allergens. Allergies, infections and strong fumes or odors found both indoors and outdoors may trigger asthma.

The N.C. Cooperative Extension Service contributes to other health concerns as well. They plan on implementing programs over the next several years that will address more environmental health issues of children, such as lead poisoning, pesticides and carbon-monoxide poisoning.

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## Recognizing the dream

◆ After a U.S. Senate vote in 1983, Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday became the 10th federal holiday and only the second federal holiday for an American.

Justin Noel Shimko  
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(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — When the U.S. Senate finished voting on the bill Oct. 19, 1983, the total read 78-22 in a somewhat quiet floor. The lack of any sense of victory or defeat was no surprise after then-Vice President George Bush warned against any emotional response. Coretta Scott King, Martin Luther King Jr.'s widow, watched from the gallery as the Senate did what seemed like an impossible task.

Two weeks later, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill that was 15 years in the making. The bill made the third Monday in January Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"We owe this special recognition to black Americans who have suffered so much," said then-Majority Leader Howard Baker Jr., R-Tenn., to the Senate during debate of the bill. With the vote, King's birthday became the 10th federal holiday and only the second federal holiday for an American.

On Aug. 2, 1983, the House cast its 15th vote on the bill. The vote ended years of work Rep. John Conyers did to make his dream of his a reality.

"I thought it was appropriate to do the highest government act to remember the leader of the most important issue of the 20th century," Conyers, D-Mich., said, recalling why he submitted the legislation originally on April 8, 1968.

On April 4, 1968, King was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn. He was in town to help lead a protest for sanitation workers to raise wages and improve work conditions. James Earl Ray shot and killed King from a nearby hotel. Four days later, Conyers appeared before the

House to establish King's birthday as a federal holiday. Conyers did not want to present this legislation until he had permission from Coretta Scott King.

"I called her originally to make sure she approved of making the holiday," Conyers said. "She didn't think it could

pass, but she said OK."

From that day until Aug. 2, 1983, Conyers fought to establish the holiday. He fought against criticism about the economic implications and supposed connections of Martin Luther King Jr. to the Communist party. Allegations

about King's involvement with the Communist party existed while King was alive. They grew more when Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., used the allegations as a reason to reject the bill.

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The Health Center received its accreditation award at a luncheon Tuesday in Fountain Dining Hall.

## DREAM

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Nothing was found to prove these allegations because all of King's FBI files were sealed.

Other congressmen brought up economic problems connected with the making of the federal holiday. The figure of \$18 million a year echoed around the House floor from the Congressional Budget Office. Conyers said he wanted to look at the holiday as more than just dollars lost.

"A holiday always affects the economic system when businesses are closed and you have to look at whether the significance of the holiday is important enough to do that," Conyers said.

Despite efforts at the time, the House rejected the bill. With each new session, Conyers, with the support of Rep. Shirley Chisholm, D-N.Y., would present the bill to the House. On March 25, 1970, Conyers and Chisholm presented six million signatures on a petition to start hearings to study the possibility of the King holiday.

Later that year, California became the first state to pass legislation making King's birthday a holiday. By the time the federal government voted on the measure in 1983, a number of states, including Oklahoma, had already declared it a state holiday. Those who voted for it at the state level said they felt the need for a holiday to honor the slain civil rights advocate.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., served in the Connecticut Senate in 1973, when the state approved King's birthday a holiday. Lieberman said that it is necessary to look at it in both the context of

King's life and at what he represents.

"He was a symbol of nonviolent change to achieve civil rights for African Americans in this country," Lieberman said. "In some ways, his nonviolent movement moved America toward a full realization of the idea of the Declaration of Independence that we are all created equal by our creator."

On Jan. 25, 1983, Conyers presented the legislation once again. In June, the Census and Population subcommittee heard the bill. They referred it to the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service in July. On Aug. 2, the House voted in favor of the measure, 338-90, with seven not voting. On the House floor, former House Speaker Thomas O'Neill, D-Mass., praised King.

"As I sat there in the sweltering August sun, I watched a great man change the course of history," O'Neill said. "Martin Luther King changed America — all of America."

Despite the victory in the house, there still was opposition from the Senate. Helms was the main opponent of a King holiday because of the allegations of Communist involvement.

Members of the Senate considered the bill on Oct. 5. It was later withdrawn from the Senate. Two weeks later, on Oct. 18, the Senate considered the bill again. After two days of debate, and 13 amendment proposals, including one by then-Sen. David Boren of Oklahoma, the Senate voted. When the tally was announced, the chamber remained quiet. For Conyers, his 15 years of work had finally paid off.

"Many consider that the most important thing I have done in my career," Conyers said. "This was important, and it merited

the time it took to make it a holiday."

While Coretta Scott King and her family were celebrating on Capitol Hill, people in Oklahoma were angry.

Disappointment came because of the divided Oklahoma senators. While Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., voted against the bill, Boren voted in favor.

"It was a hard decision," said Boren, now president of the University of Oklahoma. "My mail was running decidedly against it."

After the vote, Boren wrote a seven-page letter to each person who expressed negative opinions by calling his office in Oklahoma. He said that a lot of the responses were from people who said he changed their minds, while others respected his decision, despite disagreeing with him. Still, there were others that did not like the idea or his vote.

"I thought the vote was less about Martin Luther King as a person," Boren said. "But more about the inclusive nature of the American Society that is a place of equal opportunity for all."

Nickles disagreed with Boren

and Conyers. He said he strongly favored a day on the calendar for King, but not a paid holiday.

"We don't have a paid holiday for a lot of our heroes," Nickles said. "I think you can honor someone without giving everyone a day off."

On Nov. 2, Reagan signed the bill into law.

"I think it's a statement," Lieberman said. "Making it a federal holiday is not only a statement of honoring Dr. King, it's honoring and upholding the principle of equal opportunity and tolerance, which is right at the heart of what it means to be an American."

Boren said he felt the statement signified what America is supposed to be.

"It was an important statement that we are one American community and one American family," Boren said.

On Jan. 20, 1986, the federal government closed down to honor King's birthday for the first time. Since then, government workers have had the third Monday of January off.

So you  
 want to  
 throw me  
 away?



Forget about it!!  
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things occurring on campus.

"We want to reach the public more effectively," said Tim Lucas, Griffith's replacement as director of public affairs. "People check their e-mails many times a day, so it would only make sense to have an online newsletter. It will make it easier for us to promote N.C. State and easier for the public to gain access to N.C. State news."

As well as this e-mail newsletter, Griffith hopes to create a speaker's bureau, through which distinguished faculty members would promote their research. She is also looking at plans for a possible cable TV news show called "Focus: N.C.

State."

"All these projects will be challenging, but if it will develop or enhance a better relationship with the public, legislature, perspective students, and parents, it will be well worth it," said Griffith.

Griffith, who is a native North Carolinian, a Wake Forest alumna and former journalist, just hopes to increase long-term relationships with the public while showcasing NCSU, Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill as research schools worthy of recognition. She wants to narrate the tale of NCSU's progress, projects, productivity and prominence.

"I feel a real kinship and have a real love for NC State," said Griffith. "I want so deeply to see it be more successful."

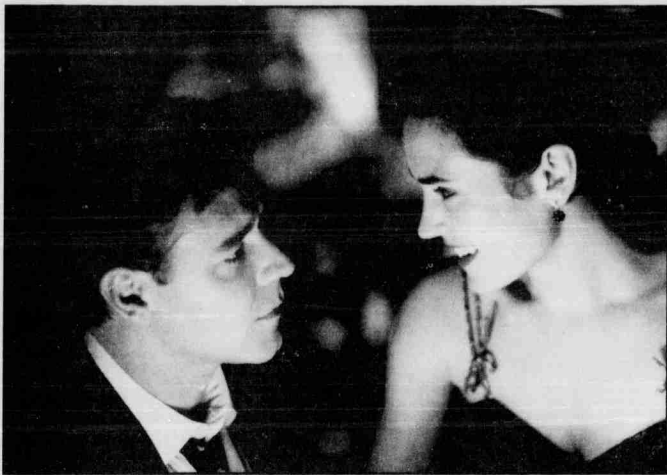


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## Golden Globes a 'Beautiful' night for Crowe & company

Features staff report

"A Beautiful Mind" proved to be just as strong as the man it was about on Sunday, taking home four of the six awards it was nominated for at the 59th annual Golden Globe awards. It won Best Actor in a Drama (Russell Crowe, who lost for "Gladiator" at last year's event), Best Screenplay (Akiva Goldsman, a big surprise for the man who wrote "Batman and Robin"), Best Supporting Actress (Jennifer Connelly) and Best Picture-Drama. It's only major loss was in the Best Director category ... that prize went to veteran Robert Altman for "Gosford Park."

The night's second big winner was the musical "Moulin Rouge," a film that had a love-hate relationship with critics and won three of the six awards it was nominated for. It won for Best Actress in a Musical/Comedy (Nicole Kidman, who was also nominated for "The Others"), Best Original Score (Craig Armstrong) and Best Picture-Musical/Comedy.

On a related note, Jim Broadbent won Best Supporting Actor for his work in "Iris," even though many people thought his work in "Rouge" deserved credit as well.

The television awards were a bit surprising, especially in the TV Series-Drama category. Everyone had bets on either "The West Wing" or "The Sopranos," the two frontrunners last year as well, but it was another HBO show, "Six Feet Under," that took home the award. It also won for Best Supporting Actress (Rachel Griffiths), only losing in the Best Actor-Drama category, where "Under's" Peter Krause lost to Keifer Sutherland for "24."

In the TV comedy realm "Sex and the City" was a big winner again, taking both the Best Actress-Comedy (Sarah Jessica Parker) and Best Comedy Series status.

The other TV lead actress who won big was Jennifer Garner for "Alias," a win that surprised her more than anyone else, it seemed.

No other winner was more enjoyable, or more surprising to see up there, than Charlie Sheen, who won Best Actor in a Comedy Series for "Spin City" (an award the previous star, Michael J. Fox, won three times). It was his speech that shocked everyone more than the award, as he held the award and said, "This is so surreal, it's like a sober acid trip."

Other winners were Gene Hackman for Best Actor in a Comedy ("The Royal Tenenbaums"), Sissy Spacek for Best Actress in a Drama ("In the Bedroom"), and Sting surprised with a win for Best Song ("Lullaby" from "Kate and Leopold"). "No Man's Land" beat "Amelie" for Best Foreign Language Film, James Franco won Best Actor in a Miniseries or TV Movie for "James Dean" and Judy Davis won Best Actress in a Miniseries or TV-movie for "LIFE with Judy Garland: Me and My Shadows." Finally, Stanley Tucci also won Best Supporting actor in a TV-movie for "Conspiracy."

## "Black Hawk Down" soars above

**Black Hawk Down**  
Starring: Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor  
Directed By: Ridley Scott

★★★★ 1/2

Ryan Hill  
Features Editor

Ever since "Saving Private Ryan" was released, war films have almost been obligated to include a long, harrowing and violent war sequence: "Enemy at the Gates" had one, "Pearl Harbor" had one, too. This time around, it's "Black Hawk Down" that fulfills that obligation, while at the same time raising the bar.

Josh Hartnett stars as Sgt. Matt Eversmann, an Army Ranger who wants to make a difference. Stationed near Mogadishu, Somalia, in 1993, the Rangers, as well as the Army's elite Delta Force, are trying to restore peace in the famished, war-torn country. After six weeks, they have achieved little success, but things are about to change.

With information gathered from Somali informants, the Rangers get word that two members of the most powerful clan's army, led by Mohammed Faraj Aidid, are going to a meeting in the Bakara marketplace.



image from Revolution Studios

The Army decides to go in and abduct the two men, during daylight, with the Delta Force and Rangers. Everything seems to be going to plan until one of the choppers, a Black Hawk, gets shot down.

What ensues is a 12-hour ordeal in which a few hundred Rangers and Delta Force members have to fight off more than 5,000 Somalis. Based on a true story, the film captures this ordeal in almost all of its brutality.

The most noticeable thing the filmmakers did was leave out the point of view of the Somalis, which is well represented in the Mark Bowden book of the same name. Probably done to save time, because the film already runs longer than two and a half hours. The filmmakers have drawn some flack for omitting the Somali view ... but that doesn't hurt the movie.

Once the mission begins, "Black Hawk Down" is nothing but some of the most harrowing action ever caught on film. Director Ridley Scott ("Gladiator") refuses to let up on the fighting for more than a few minutes, and when he does it's usually to show something else that makes us squamish. The fighting in the film is bloody,

brutal and just what you'd expect war to be like.

The two major problems with the film are that, for starters, the characters aren't fleshed out at all. Credit screenwriter Ken Nolan for keeping such a massive ensemble from spinning out of control, but, as in any film that focuses on firepower, the characters themselves tend to get forgotten. Some great actors, like Ewan McGregor, Tom Sizemore and Jeremy Piven, star, but most of them, especially McGregor, let their talents get squandered.

The other major problem is that the Rangers and Delta Force, in the actual event, were fighting more than 5,000 Somalis. The film doesn't do a great job of showing that, probably because it was hard to find enough extras.

"Black Hawk Down" is a tour de force of violence. Some have said it's better than "Saving Private Ryan," and there's even talk of a Best Picture nomination. It may not be that good, but the film is one of the best films of 2001 and deserves any accolades that come its way. Few films can have the honor of saying nothing better could be done with them, and that's almost the case with "Black Hawk Down." Almost.

## Desaparecidos hard to say, easy to listen to

**Desaparecidos**  
"Read Music/Speak Spanish" ★★ ★

Ghassan Hamra  
Staff Writer

What's worse than bands with really long names?



No, it's not bands that suck ... that's a given. It's bands that have names that are a pain to spell and pronounce, and we can call that **Conor Oberst & Company** for presenting us with the newest in the line of annoying band names: **Desaparecidos**.

Sure, if you can speak Spanish it's really easy. Otherwise, forget it. Maybe the album's name is related. "Read Music/Speak Spanish." Luckily for us, the band's name is the only thing worth getting bothered by.

You may be familiar with Mr. Oberst's work from his solo project "Bright Eyes," but for those unfamiliar with the project, it's a lot of acoustic guitar and flutes. Kind of flowery if you ask me, but good nonetheless. It seems that the lack of rock has finally driven Oberst to the point of wanting to rock, because that's exactly what Desaparecidos set out to do. You may ask, "Did they accomplish their mission?" Well, let's take a look.

The album starts off with a girl who is clearly headed nowhere, stating, "I like a man that has money, that has gold." Shortly after, the Weezeresque rock begins. Once the second track begins, you almost get annoyed at how similar the music is to that of Weezer.

Luckily, this trend doesn't last too long, as the third track begins with a guitar riff that Rivers Cuomo is probably incapable of thinking up at this point (yes, I'm still bitter about the Green Album).

Complementing the rock are lyrics that, *gasp*, have a message! To quote the whining Oberst: "They're widening Easy St. to fit more S.U.V.s ... we are not giving back until the community repents, 'cause we can't afford to be generous."

Track four's narrator is a woman discussing her husband's viewing her as a commodity, rather than as a person. The music and message stay pretty rockin' throughout, with Oberst screaming at the top of his lungs at times, definitely a change from his previous work. The goal when listening to this album is to accept the fact that it's not "Bright Eyes."

Yes, the vocals are especially similar to those of "Bright Eyes," but that's to be expected when you have the same vocalist. As music goes, hardcore fans are going to have to accept the fact that this is a completely different band with a completely different sound. Once you do that, you can begin to enjoy the album.

The album is slated for release on Feb. 11, but you won't have to wait that long to hear Desaparecidos. The band is coming to Cats Cradle Friday. Opening up are locals and labelmates Sorry About Dresden. Also, the band has an EP out right now for purchase.

If you just don't have the money to spend or aren't sure you can make such a huge investment, feel free to go to [www.sadde-creek.com](http://www.sadde-creek.com) for free downloads of songs from the album.

images from Saddle Creek Records



# Opinion

## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

### More than a warning needed from Easley

#### GOV. EASLEY ISSUED A WARNING ABOUT HURRICANE FLOYD RELIEF MONEY BEING REVOKED IF IT ISN'T USED SOON, BUT A DISTRIBUTION PLAN IS REQUIRED FIRST.

If Hurricane Floyd relief money is not used, it could be swept away with hurricane-like rapidity. Gov. Mike Easley warned local government officials in southeastern North Carolina Friday. Easley wants the money to get where it needs to be, but predicts that the unused balance of the \$836 million allotted for hurricane relief over two years ago could be taken back when the General Assembly reconvenes this summer.

At first, thoughts of taking the money back sound cruel and atrocious, but then again, only 22 percent of the homes eligible to be repaired with relief money have been worked on during the 2 1/2 years since the hurricane. The money should not be taken away, but it must be determined that all who are eligible for and desiring of the money are appraised.

This is where Easley must walk the walk he has been talking. The reasons such a small percentage of the money has been used are many and are complex. There has been no official infrastructure to aid and regulate the distribution of money. Local officials in southeastern North Carolina have been dragging their feet, complaining of red tape and lack of available contractors for the work.

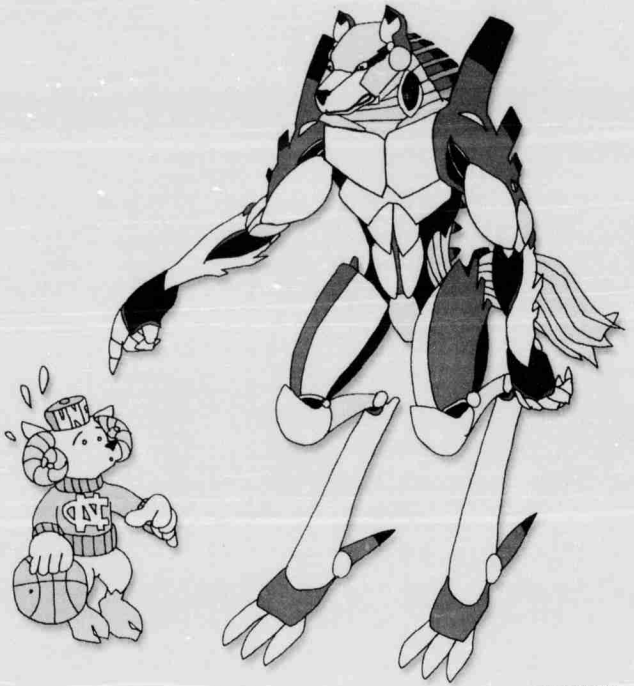
The other side of the problem is that of the needy. Many damaged homes are in rural, relatively undeveloped areas where sufficient communication

between the needs of residents and the opportunities that exist does not go on. This miscommunication, however, is only part of the problem. Wilmington, one of the larger cities in the state, has yet to complete work on a single of their 57 eligible homes.

Our current hurricane relief conundrum is not unlike the problems the American Red Cross faced in their Sept. 11 relief efforts—the channels for relief distribution and an accountability for doing are nonexistent. Easley should spend the extra little bit of money it would cost to create a task force that would conduct a county-by-county assessment of the discrepancy between identified need and completed work. Easley must ensure that all who are entitled to the relief are made aware of this and are informed of how to acquire help.

If this is done, there will be no excuse for unclaimed relief money. This two and a half year game of bureaucratic chicken has gone on long enough. The state is currently experiencing around a \$900 million deficit.

The money must be delivered in a timely fashion to those who have need. Having millions of state dollars lying unused and having residents in need going without help are equally unacceptable. The time has come to finalize this relief project. We are fortunate there has not been a similar disaster in these 2 1/2 years.



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## King's birthday the true MLK Jr. Day

### Remembering the dream



Shawn Barnes  
STAFF COLUMNIST

Coming out of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday made me think. What should we have done for the holiday honoring a great man? Should we have used January 21st as a day to march for the still-needed equality here in the United States? Should we have broadened our scope to try to make the entire world a level playing field?

I don't know. I don't have all the answers. I'm just an opinion columnist. There are multiple aspects of the great Dr. King's movement that we could focus on when determining how to honor the hero. We could look at what is probably the most famous snippet of speech taken from the "I Have a Dream" speech where Dr. King talks about people not being judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

We could all strive to avoid stereotyping individuals and to instead take the time to get to know individuals. We could bite our tongues the next time an off-color comment is about to slip from our mouths. We could inform our friends, family, and co-worker's that those whispered "jokes" wouldn't have to be whispered if they were really funny. Actually, that would be a great way to celebrate Dr. King's legacy everyday and not just on his birthday. I think Dr. King felt strongly about kindness and lending a helping hand. Being helped feels good.

(Here comes the true story that may or may not tie this all together.) One night I went to the grocery store to redeem a coupon for two dollars

worth of free Pepsi products. I grabbed two three-liters because they were two for three dollars with my MVP card and proceeded with my dollar and six cents to the register.

The scanner would not scan my coupon, and there was nothing the cashier could do. I don't have a money tree in my back yard. I don't have two extra dollars.

I had been purposefully saving my free two-dollar coupon for hard times, and that particular day had been a rough time for the records. I was thirsty, hungry, cold, my boyfriend was tripping on me. It felt like I didn't have a friend in the world. I was about to walk out of Food Lion empty-handed and defeated.

That's when the complete stranger behind me offered to pay for my sodas. I'm sure my kind he thought he was just getting a broke college girl some soda so she and her friends could mix it with some alcohol and get wasted. (The thought had briefly crossed my mind.) But that wasn't even the case.

My day had been awful. That simple act of kindness changed my whole night—look, I'm still thinking about it today. When you do something to help someone, when you give not to receive, but just to give, you're often helping in ways you never knew. I think that's a good way to honor Dr. King's memory, lending and helping hand not just on Thanksgiving or Christmas, but on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ... well, you get the picture.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day has passed for 2002 but there are still 343 good days left in the year to remember a man who wanted peace and equality for all.



Greg Volk  
STAFF COLUMNIST

As the four-day weekend provided us by the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday wraps up, I have been thinking about how and whether we truly celebrate this holiday or if it's more for show than anything else. It would be silly for me to think that I could compose something sufficiently laudatory for such a great man, so I'll simply offer my thoughts and allow you to decide their pertinence. During this reflection, last week's words from Chuck D keeping ring in my head: Martin Luther King Jr. Day should be on his birthday.

The more I think about this, the truer it becomes. In his speech in the Talley Student Center Ballroom last Tuesday, Chuck D put forth the idea that the true honor for King would be to have "his" day on his birthday. The late Rev. King was born on Jan. 15, 1929. Currently, we celebrate MLK Jr. day on the third Monday of January, which could coincide with King's birthday but rarely does.

If we truly want MLK Jr. Day to be a day of homage to the single greatest figure of the American civil rights movement, it should be observed like the Sabbath used to be—set aside for meditation, prayer and family. But, corporate, bureaucratic America says it does not make good sense to place a

holiday like this on a fixed day each year, because that means it might fall on, say, a Tuesday or a Wednesday.

This would be a twofold problem of enormous proportions: it would be in the middle of the week, so it would completely screw up productivity. Breaks in the middle of the week are asinine business practices. In addition to that, what good is a holiday in the middle of the week? It's not even like you can take an extra day off to make it a four-day mini-break.

Of course, I say all the above with facetiousness. The best way to honor Dr. King (if that's what we were solely concerned with) would be with a fixed holiday on his birthday. It is incredibly sad that such a decision will never be made (for King or others of like stature) because it "just doesn't make sense."

Since there is little we can do about the date of this national holiday, let's consider more specifically how this discussion applies to N.C. State. The committee that makes out our university's calendar, in a highly disputed and publicized meeting, considered eliminating Good Friday as a day off from school in the spring semester. The committee's argument was that Good Friday is a Christian holiday that was prolonging the already extended (because of spring break, Easter weekend and MLK Jr. weekend) spring semester.

My personal opinion is that it is absurd to eliminate Good Friday (because the holiday is more cultural than religious) as a holiday, but what I find even more absurd is that there was

no mention of considering eliminating the Tuesday after MLK Jr. Day as a holiday.

We all know the importance of MLK Jr. Day, but if we're complaining about how long the spring semester is, why the heck do we need two days off instead of one when we've only been in school for two weeks? Even our politically correct "friends" on Highway 54 don't have two days off.

If all this were up to me (which it isn't, but it's fun to speculate), MLK Jr. Day would be on his birthday. We would eliminate the extra day off on this weekend, and we would keep Good Friday.

One of the scariest aspects of our society is that we are forgetting the difference between reverent and religious. We should not necessarily have the same religious sentiments, but we all should have reverence for some sort of life force or higher power, be that reverence for one God, many gods or an understanding of the chaotic lack of a higher power.

This is the kind of reverence days like MLK Jr. Day should be devoted to. A three- or four-day weekend would mean nothing to Dr. King. Using his birthday to reflect on where we are and where we need to go with his dream would. Many times, what we see as the secularization of "holy days" serves only as a trivialization.

Freshmen, e-mail Greg at [diestash@hotmail.com](mailto:diestash@hotmail.com) to thank him when you end up with just a three-day MLK Jr. weekend your senior year.

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Abbie Byrom  
STAFF COLUMNIST

Religious persecution. It happened in the Bible. It happened with the Holocaust. It has been going on in Ireland between the Protestants and Catholics for years. As if these past events have not been enough, we have one more to add to the mix. I am talking about the case of John Walker, the 20-year-old American who left our country to journey to Afghanistan to follow his religious beliefs. I want to make it clear that do not advocate anything he has done -

I'm far from it. What I do support, however, is the original goal he went after.

At the age of 16, John Walker left school and converted to Islam. After years of studying this religion here in the United States, he decided it was for him. Therefore, he did what many before him have done. He traveled to another country in search of more knowledge about his new religion. The aftermath: a CIA agent died in a revolt of prisoners he was part of.

My source of irritation comes from this. If you noticed in recent news, there was talk about him being tried for treason. For whatever reason, our country felt it could have been our right to try him for treason. I do not. Yes, he is a Taliban supporter, and yes, he knew of the bombings. This makes me, along with many others, hate him, whether he

was brainwashed or not.

I do not believe however that our country had the right to even think about trying him for treason. To my knowledge, he did not go over to Afghanistan waving an American flag in their faces, nor did he show loyalty to us. It seems to me he was pretty much leaving his American roots behind. Maybe he was just tired of the good of U.S. and was looking for something new. Maybe not. Who knows?

Unfortunately, Walker is a U.S. citizen, which is the whole reason talk of treason charges came up. Furthermore, the other people involved in the bombings who are currently U.S. citizens are going to be punished the same way. Yet I still have a hard time believing a treat

## TRAITOR

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son charge would even stick. Apparently the government realized their mistake too and moved on to some other type of charge. This is because they also realized that the charges would not last; they would not prove that he was guilty of treason.

Walker is currently being held on a U.S. submarine along with many of the other Taliban members and officials who have been caught while they await their punishment. John Walker deserves the same treatment as the rest of the lot that was caught. If he were to be tried for "conspiring to kill U.S. citizens", then every person in Osama bin Laden's ranks should get the same punishment. But you can bet that they will not.

If he had been tried for treason, and did not get the same verdict as all the others, I can not see how it would be anything other than a new form of religious persecution. It will look as if he is being punished for following his religious beliefs not for being a member of Osama's army.

He has done something wrong and deserves to have the book thrown at him - even if it is going to be a death sentence - just not the one entitled religious persecution. I was thinking more along the lines of "Justice for the Pain Caused by Members of the Taliban and Osama bin Laden".

We cannot punish Walker because he followed his religious beliefs to Afghanistan and acted on them. We can punish him because he is a part of a major terrorist organization that has caused massive heartache and pain we cannot even imagine unless we lost a loved one in the tragedy.

*If you share Abbie's view on John Walker's case, and even if you do not ... email her at [pabvrom@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:pabvrom@unity.ncsu.edu)*



**Decker Ngongang**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

As a junior here at N.C. State, I haven't had the pleasure of viewing a game in the much heralded Reynolds Coliseum, but I have been able to take part in the atmosphere of the Entertainment and Sports Arena. Today I want to say that the ESA is the best thing to happen to our basketball program, and more importantly the fans, and can help to fuel many years of excellence to come.

Since I have been here I have seen our basketball team grow in both exposure and in popularity. In high school I watched as N.C. State continuously provided mediocre teams as well and had little national press except for when Valvano was mentioned. When the ESA was built it sent a message to the nation that N. C. State was not going to

lay down as simply a football school. We are in the ACC, the number one basketball conference in the nation, and as a school if we wanted to be the best, why not start with the best arena in the ACC? I have been studying the television coverage of the ACC in basketball and noticed something very special.

We have our chance right now to take the reigns in the battle for fans in the ACC. Carolina's games have become sad sights as they are ill-populated and lack the noise and crowd participation. Everyone in America knows the Cameron crazies and their blue painted bodies. I think though that America is growing tired of seeing 5000 brainiacs jumping up and down for a bunch of three pointers. Every kid there looks the same. They bring their books to the game, and maybe Matt Dougherty was right - the cheerleaders aren't all that.

We are in probably the best basketball state in the nation. We have the best facility, and we can be the best fans. We have the opportunity this year for the triangle of excellence: the fans, the facility and the team.

Of course it is the fans who are the true patrons of ACC basketball, and as a freshman it was hard for me to view the games so far away from campus. The university helped some with buses to ESA, which I think would help in the future. I as a fan, I like the ESA much better because I have better chances of getting tickets.

As a freshman, I was able to view games at the ESA I know I wouldn't have gotten tickets to in Reynolds. I remember my sophomore year as my friends and I got tickets for four straight games on the second row of the stadium. I remember seeing the Student Wolfpack Club across from the student section as well as behind each goal and thinking how cool this atmosphere was. I don't know if this was better or worse than Reynolds, but I know that we wouldn't have as many numbers as we do in the ESA.

I am a large man, and I often get hot. The times I have been in Reynolds I have sweated like a hog ready for slaughter. One of the most important things for me in a game setting is comfort, and Reynolds isn't comfortable. The chairs are so tightly spaced; there

isn't a cushion to be found, and the smell when it was crowded is a little less than pleasant.

The ESA makes for a better viewing environment. With basketball games, I rarely sit down, and when I do decide to take a seat, I like some comfort and space just like the amenities provided by the ESA. My friends and I can jump and sit back down without unintentionally bludgeoning each other. In Reynolds I was viewing a girl's game and happened to jump up and thought I was going to fall off the balcony. It was scary.

The ESA is only a building, but I have since my freshman year seen it as a representation of the excellence and diversity our university can offer. Academically, athletically and socially we need to strive for excellence.

On any given game day in the ESA, we see this in some form or fashion. From the kids watching with their parents to the granddad who stays loyal to the Pack. We have the best building, we are trying to build a great team, and now we just have to show them who the best fans are. Long live the ESA - we have to be the ones to solidify it as our house.

## PRO

### ESA - the start of an improved era

## CON

### ESA not in the best interest of NCSU fans



**Kate Lingerfelt**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

My earliest childhood memory was when I was 3-years-old, and the year was 1983. My father and I were in a stuffy, hot gym with people screaming and yelling. It was complete chaos, and people were passing around a giant wolf's head made out of foam and plastic. Then the place around a giant wolf's head made out of foam and plastic. Then the place around a giant wolf's head made out of foam and plastic. Then the place around a giant wolf's head made out of foam and plastic.

That scene, however, was not a one-time event. Those crowds did not just show up for the championships; the same crowds were present before and after that Cinderella story. Almost every game played in Reynolds Coliseum had the intensity, the energy, and the insanity many places only experience during the really big games. The fans were

part of the game and affected the visiting teams' performance with their stomping and jeering. A person could feel the little hairs on the back of his neck stand up with the electricity that flowed through the air.

Now that is all in the past. N.C. State basketball has moved into a new era with its switch to the bigger, more sterile Entertainment and Sports Arena. We now have a larger seating capacity, a big board that shows instant replays and comfortable chairs. Just because something is bigger, however, does not make it better.

While the ESA is better for the basketball program, especially with recruiting, it isn't the best for NCSU fans. When it comes to the fans, Reynolds Coliseum was hands down, and the saddest part is, much of the student body has never seen a men's basketball game in Reynolds.

One of the best parts about Reynolds is its location right in the middle of campus. More freshmen could attend games since they didn't have to search around for rides, and it made the games feel more student-oriented rather than alumni-oriented. Also, the location made celebrating victories easier.

Students could carry the victory with them all over campus, and the entire campus became involved in the celebrations since they had been hearing the yells from Reynolds all night.

Yes, location is important to fans, but attendance isn't lacking at the ESA even though it is off campus. The one thing Reynolds has that the ESA will take decades to possess is history. If you don't understand what I am talking about, go visit Reynolds Coliseum sometime and just walk around the court. The history remains long after the players, coaches and fans are gone. You can feel the hard-won victories and the agonizing defeats. You can see the ghosts of Everett Case, Jim Valvano and the two national championship teams playing on the court still. It's a magic that the ESA doesn't possess, no matter how many banners or retired jerseys hang from the ceiling.

Many times, visiting teams complained of how hard it was to play in Reynolds Coliseum. The fans were only one row away from the benches, unlike the ESA which has three or four rows devoted to the players, friends or recruits. Since Reynolds is more

compact and has a lower roof, the cheers and yells are ten times louder than in the ESA and have more of an impact on the game. Fans had a much bigger part in games played in Reynolds Coliseum, and they took more pride in being NCSU fans because of this fact.

Eventually all things must pass and become nothing more than a distant memory. We all hope to move forward in life, to a bigger and better future. Perhaps the ESA is a step forward in the right direction to get our basketball program back to the glory it has experienced in the last few decades, and who knows? Maybe sometime, in the not too distant future, NCSU fans will experience a National Championship team playing in the ESA.

A new era will emerge, new history will be created and new fans will make their voices heard. The ESA will never be Reynolds Coliseum, however. It can never have the same impact that Reynolds did because once the fans started cheering and the seats started shaking it was magic. Reynolds Coliseum will always be the true home of the Wolfpack.

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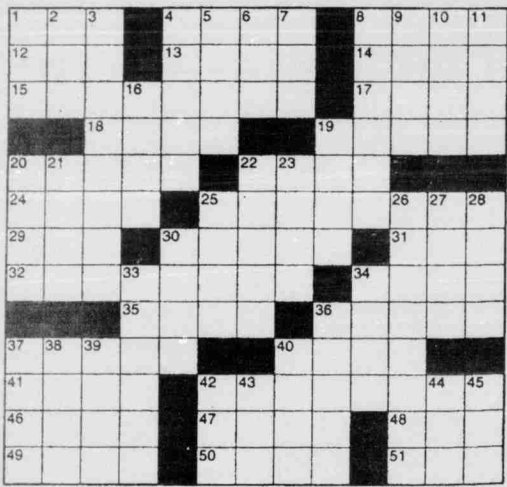
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 13 Durante

**trademark**  
 14 Bygone times  
 15 Back-and-forth battle  
 17 Booby  
 18 Sans lumps  
 19 Rags  
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**purchase**  
 22 Implement  
 24 It shows what's left  
 25 Favorite activity  
 29 Rhoda's mom  
 30 Broken bread

**31 Urban music style**  
**32 Priest, e.g.**  
**34 Levitate**  
**35 Antiquing apparatus**  
**36 Queues**  
**37 Translation of "Pravda"**  
**40 Stereo**

**setup**  
 41 Firetruck need  
 42 Wynken, Blynken and Nod's milieu  
 46 Incessantly  
 47 Not "fer"  
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**locale**  
 10 Pull an all-nighter  
 11 Bar supply  
 16 Office shape  
 19 Benefit  
 20 Make like a fish  
 21 Radames' love  
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 23 Newspaper page  
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 26 Island of Venezuela  
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 28 Unoriginal types  
 30 I will follow these  
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 34 Fragment of music  
 36 They have their pride  
 37 Joyce Carol Oates novel

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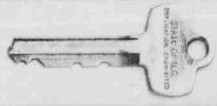


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MB - Men's Basketball  
WB - Women's Basketball  
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SD - Swimming & Diving  
W - Wrestling

MT - Men's Tennis  
TF - Track & Field  
R - Rifle

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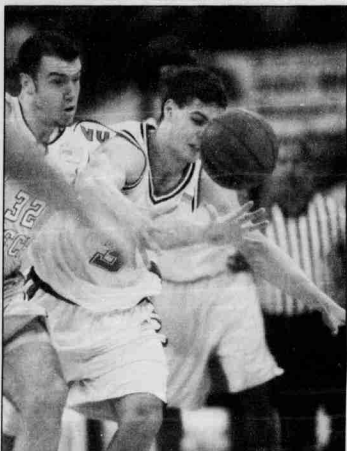
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scoring contributions from Julius Hodge (10.2), Josh Powell (10.1), Marcus Melvin (9.9) and Archie Miller (8.1).

While the Pack holds the numbers advantage, everyone is aware that numbers have meant little in this series history. In 1998, the Pack, which finished 17-15, stormed into Chapel Hill and knocked off No. 1 Carolina. With this storied rivalry, nothing can be assumed or taken for granted.

"You have to anticipate not only going 40 minutes, but maybe going 40-plus minutes," said Sendek. "It's going to be a war."



KYLE RODDEN/STAFF

Ilian Evtimov received ACC Rookie of the Week honors after averaging 10 points and three assists in victories over Clemson and Georgia Tech.



### WRESTLE

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Maryland is a pretty good team," said Guzzo. "Then we made some changes in our line-up against Ohio, and we knew that we were going to have some trouble. We had a couple of matches where we had to win, and we didn't win those."

In an exciting heavyweight match that wasn't decided until the final minute, Collins won 5-4 against Jeremiah Beltran, which swung the momentum back into State's corner.

"Ngozi has been wrestling very well," said Guzzo. "He won at Oklahoma, and every match that he has been involved in has been very, very close and has gone into overtime or come down to the last couple seconds in regulation."

"He showed a lot of courage and heart and determination, and we hope that some of that rubs off on some of our other people."

Cntron then won his second match of the day, defeating Michael Caruso 11-5. His win put the Pack on top 12-6. With four matches to go, however, the Bobcats dug their heels in

and swept State to finish the match.

Davis was again pinned 4:07 into the match by Anthony Carrizales. Jon Spiros of Ohio then won a closely contested match 4-3 over Giamoni.

The Bobcats then finished up the match with their two ranked wrestlers winning convincingly. No. 7 Jake Percival had a technical fall over Reuben Ledbetter 24-8. Gabrielson was then pinned at the 2:45 mark in his match against No. 16 Ryan Smith.

The Pack returns to action Friday at 8 p.m. against Iowa State in Ames, Iowa.

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Lucas and McGregor split the first two sets and battled to 5-4 in the third with Lucas serving for the match. McGregor broke Lucas's serve, however, and went on to capture the set and the match 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

Tulsa swept the doubles matches and also picked up wins from No. 2 to No. 6. Pavel Sebastiyanski beat Valor 6-1, 6-3; Ryan Livesay defeated Bryce McGrory 7-5, 6-3; Dustin Taylor toppled Boward 6-2, 6-2; Ale Tejerina cruised past Murray 6-1, 6-2; and Shri Sudhakar overcame Sealy 6-2, 6-2.

State's season continues on the road with a Feb. 2 against South Carolina at 1 p.m.

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Former ran the 3,000 in 9:58.98 for a fifth-place finish, while Josie Lauber was sixth (10:02.13) and Kara Price was eighth (10:07.88).

Sophomore Felicia Fant posted a 12th-place finish in the 60 (7.73) and was 17th in the 200 (25.35). Fellow sprinter Renae Robinson was 16th in the 400-meter dash in a time of 57.48 and fifth in the 600-meter run (1:36.80).

In the jumps, senior Katie Bolte finished second in the pole vault with a top mark of 11-11.3/4, and April Golsby took sixth in the high jump.

State will compete next weekend at the Carolina Invitational hosted by North Carolina.

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Gymnastics @ Governor's Cup, 2/2

Wrestling splits weekend matches

The Wolfpack got its first conference win but remains at 500 overall.

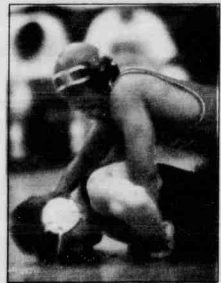
Jay Kohler Staff Writer

For most students, this past weekend was a chance to kick back and relax. The N.C. State wrestling team, however, had its work cut out for it with two matches Saturday.

Against Maryland, State came out strong with Pierre Pryor getting an 8-2 decision over Josh Weidman. Dustin Kawa scored a 19-3, a technical fall, in the second match against Mark Reid. State also got decisions from Jason Gore and Ngozi Collins, and George Cintron had a major decision against Matt Pandullo, winning 19-5.

Terps later won two straight matches, as Joe Guzzio pinned Clarence Davis at 4:26. Brandon York followed up by defeating Jonathan Williams 11-5. That victory brought Maryland within five points at 18-13. With two matches to go, the Terrapins had a chance to win. The Pack wouldn't relinquish the lead, as Jake Giamoni handed Adam James a 15-9 loss, sealing the match for State. Kevin Gabrielson then ended the match on a good note, winning 8-1 over John Antonelli of Maryland.

"I was very pleased with the effort that everyone put out today against Maryland," said head coach Bob Guzzo. "It was difficult coming back after an emotional win like we had against Maryland to suit up again and go against Ohio. They're a very formidable team; they're very good. We're on the right track, and I'm really pleased that we got a conference win today."



The wrestling team split with Maryland and Ohio on Saturday.

Gymnastics falters on the road

N.C. State gymnasts won two events, but it wasn't enough to top reigning Mid-American Conference champion Kent State.

Sports Staff Report

KENT, Ohio — The N.C. State gymnastics team was downed at Kent State Sunday afternoon 194.3-193.05 in the Wolfpack's second straight road meet to start the 2002 season.

With the loss, the Pack tumbled from 25th to 30th in the national team rankings. Senior Kelli Brown, recently named Co-East Atlantic Gymnastics League Gymnast of the Week, paced the Pack (2-1) with another strong showing. Brown won the bars with a score of 9.85 and tied for second on the vault with a 9.8. She finished third in the all-around with a score of 38.85.

Fellow senior Laura Jazab finished in a tie for first on beam with a score of 9.8, earning the first event title of her career. Sophomore Alison Bundy looked strong on floor, finishing tied for third with a score of 9.825.

The Pack looked sharper on the vault, notching a team score of 48.775. Along with Brown's second place finish, Stephanie Southard and Molly Pennington tied for fourth place, each scoring a 9.775, and senior Aimee Pantom was seventh with a 9.75.

Any Langendorf posted a 9.75 on bars, and Cori Goldstein garnered the same score on the beam.

Senior Heather Langham paced the Golden Flashes (3-0), as she nabbed top honors in the all-around with a score of 39.150. Langham also won floor with a score of 9.9 and took second on bars with a 9.8.

Langham was named the Mid-American Conference Co-Gymnast of the Week after her performance in the week ending Jan. 20.

Junior Jenny Eckel posted two first-place finishes for Kent, winning on vault with a 9.875 and tying for first on beam with a 9.8. Senior Meredith Fazio notched a career-high 9.675 on bars.

The Pack's season will resume when it travels to Maryland to compete in the Governor's Cup Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.

ROLE REVERSAL AT THE DEAN DOME

N.C. State heads to Chapel Hill with hopes of knocking off UNC for the first time in seven games.

Steve Thompson Assistant Sports Editor

When N.C. State makes its yearly trek to Chapel Hill, people often expect one team to dominate. Rarely, however, is State the favored team.

This year, the tables may have turned. State seems in the midst of a renaissance season, while North Carolina is struggling through its worst season in modern history.

INSIDE ■ Wolfpack Week 07 Wolfpack is cautious heading to the Dean Dome, where UNC has won 12 times in 15 total meetings.

"Well, I guess this is one of those rivalries you can pretty much throw everything out the window," said State guard Anthony Grundy. "I've always known the rivalry to be a great one. You have to throw it out the window. 'We've been doing a great job. We've had a couple teams that we haven't beat in a while and we beat them this year, and we're hoping that we get the job done there this year.'"

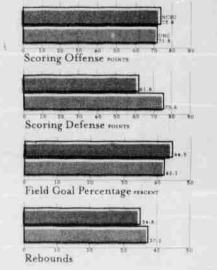
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N.C. State vs. North Carolina men's basketball. Wednesday, 9 p.m., UNC Chapel Hill. Raycom TV. North Carolina leads 128-70.



State enters the game on a hot streak, having won four of its last five ACC games. The Pack has also won four straight road games — its longest such streak since the 1973-74 season.

Carolina enters on the other end of the spectrum, losing four of its first five ACC games and five straight overall. In the history of UNC basketball, the Tar Heels have never lost six consecutive games.

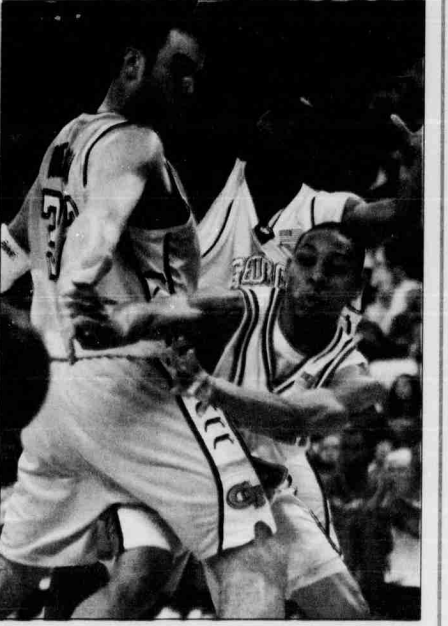
"We're just looking forward to the game," said Cliff Crawford. "It's another ACC road game, and the teams are going to be at each other's throat."

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Anthony Grundy led N.C. State in points, steals, assists and rebounds in the Wolfpack's 84-71 win over Georgia Tech on Saturday. With the win, State moved to 4-2 in the ACC.

head coach Herb Sendek. "Our guys showed tremendous resiliency and grit, especially in the second half." Carolina traveled to Storrs, Conn., last weekend to take on Connecticut. The game was a microcosm of the Tar Heels' season, as UNC was totally outmatched, falling 86-54 to the Huskies.

Even with Carolina's struggles, the rivalry — not the Tar Heel's record — is at the forefront of the State player's minds.

"I hear about the rivalry all the time," said Ilian Estivmo. "I go to class and hear about it. I read it in the paper. I hear people talking about it. They're a good team. Just because they're having a bad season doesn't mean we're going to come out there and kill them."

To compound Carolina's woes, however, the Heels will be without at least one of their players. Freshman Jackie Manuel, who is averaging 6.1 points, 3.7 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game, will not play. Senior captain Jason Capel is questionable for the game, having missed Carolina's

last two games with a mild concussion.

If Capel is unable to play, senior Kris Lang will become the center of UNC's offense. Lang is averaging 13.5 points for the Heels, although injuries and foul trouble have limited him to under 25 minutes of playing time per game.

In Capel's absence, freshman Jawad Williams has increased his production for Carolina. He scored 14 points against UConn and is currently averaging 9.7 points per game.

State continues to have a well-balanced attack. Against Georgia Tech, seven Pack players scored at least seven points. State also had its third different player pick up the ACC Rookie of the Week award, as Estivmo garnered the award for his play against Clemson and Georgia Tech.

Grundy continues to be the go-to guy for the Pack, leading State in points (15.5) and assists (3.7) while ranking second on the team in rebounds (5.2). State also gets solid

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Tennis wins one, loses one

The N.C. State men's tennis team opened the season with matches against Oral Roberts and Tulsa.

Sports Staff Report

TULSA, Okla. — The N.C. State men's tennis team walloped homesteading Oral Roberts Sunday afternoon 6-1 in nonconference action.

The victory evened the Wolfpack's record at 1-1 after it opened the season with a loss to Tulsa. Oral Roberts fell to 0-2

on the season. The Pack started the match by capturing the doubles point. Senior Matt Lucas and sophomore Rinaldo Valor defeated Josh Hixon and Matt Munson at No. 1 doubles by a score of 8-3. Freshman R.J. Murray and senior Ryan Boward paired to knock off Jared Welch and Duncan

Fourier 9-8(6) at No. 3. In singles, State recorded wins by Lucas at No. 1 (6-4, 6-1), Valor at No. 2 (6-0, 6-4), Boward at No. 4 (6-1, 6-4), Murray at No. 5 (6-3, 6-1) and Shane Sealy at No. 6 (6-2, 6-1). The Pack struggled as it kicked off its 2002 schedule with a trip to Tulsa Saturday evening to face the 48th-ranked Golden Hurricane. State lost 7-0, but Lucas fought valiantly against Dane McGregor, the 79th-ranked player in the nation.

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Distance runners tops for track

David Patterson and Katie Sabino won events for the N.C. State track team at the Kroger Invitational.

Sports Staff Report

BLACKSBURG, Va. — After more than a month off, the N.C. State track and field team got back to its indoor schedule and competed in the Kroger Invitational this weekend.

State's David Patterson won the 5,000-meter run in a time of 14:32.74. Dean Bowker was

close behind in fourth, running a 14:51.52.

In the 3,000-meter run, David Christian took third in a time of 8:17.62. Chad Pearson placed fifth (8:26.32), followed by Andy Smith in sixth (8:28.73).

In the sprints, Tyrone Dozier finished fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.65. Also in that race, Joseph Brent took 15th (22.32) and Monterrio Adams was 20th (22.57). Brent also took 17th in the 60-meter dash (7.00), and Dozier was 20th (7.06).

In the throws, Ryan Furlough was fifth in the weight throw, and Randy Cass brought home sev-

enth-place finishes in the shot put and weight throw.

The Pack women dominated in the mile run, claiming four of the top five spots. Senior Katie Sabino finished first in a time of 4:52.85, followed by Megan Coombs in third (4:53.15), Kristin Price in fourth (4:53.23) and Amy Beykirch in fifth (4:53.47). Price also placed 15th in the 800-meter run in a time of 2:15.94.

The distance runners also performed well in the 3,000, taking three spots in the top 10. Beth

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