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Student dies from heart failure over weekend

◆ An N.C. State sophomore was taken to WakeMed after he was found unconscious by a passing motorist.

Blair Parker
Assistant News Editor

A N.C. State student died Saturday from heart failure.

Josh Kilburn, a 25-year-old sophomore in business management, was found unconscious in his car off the side of a road in Garner.

A passing motorist stopped to call the police between 10:30 and 11 p.m. when, at that time, Kilburn was still breathing. Kilburn was taken to WakeMed where attempts to restart his heart failed.

Kilburn had played golf Saturday morning with a friend from work. He was last seen by a friend, at dinner around 9 p.m. and was not seen again until he was found off the side of the road.

His friend, Jonathan Seelbinder, a junior in industrial engineering, was

the first of his friends to hear the news. Seelbinder, who works as a bartender in downtown Raleigh, stopped by Kilburn's house Sunday morning only to find Kilburn's mother's car in the driveway, where she delivered the news.

"Josh was well-respected by his friends; he would do anything for them," said Seelbinder. Seelbinder's brother, Daniel, who was Kilburn's roommate, also learned of his death on Sunday. Daniel Seelbinder is a bartender downtown as well and had

not seen Kilburn since Friday afternoon.

"Josh enjoyed the simple things in life; he liked hanging out with friends, whether it was watching TV or playing video games," said Daniel Seelbinder.

Bill Lewis, Kilburn's stepfather, said that Kilburn was in perfect health and a tremendous athlete, making his death a surprise to the family.

Kilburn was an honor student and worked at Carolina Custom Golf. He attended Millbrook High School in Raleigh and had enrolled in college two

years ago after working several jobs following graduation.

Lewis described him as "a sports fanatic... very bright student, just an all-American kid."

Kilburn's visitation was held Tuesday, and his funeral was held Wednesday at Brown Wind Funeral Home. He is buried at Oakwood Cemetery, located in the historical district of downtown Raleigh. Three of his four pallbearers were NCSU students, including Jonathan and Daniel Seelbinder.

Senate amends, passes 'good standing' bill

◆ Assistant Parking Director Melissa Harden also shared system changes for the upcoming year.

Kara Rowland
Assistant News Editor

In a meeting on Wednesday, the Student Senate debated bills regarding seat reappointment and the definition of "good standing" with respect to candidates for Student Government office.

Despite the controversial nature of the aforementioned issues, senators adopted all bills that were up for second reading, in contrast to the last meeting, which was cut short after an argument became too heated.

Guest speaker Melissa Harden first discussed the need to change the parking system. Harden, assistant director for parking at N.C. State, cited several factors prompting these changes.

"We're operating on a deficit for 2002-03," said Harden.

She explained that, as a result of a December court order, NCSU is required to turn over all revenue raised from parking fines to Wake County Public Schools. Although the order is being appealed, the university is subject to lose \$800,000 collected in tickets this year. Even more striking, because the court order is retroactive to 1995, the total amount owed nears six million dollars.

According to Harden, the price of parking permits will be raised by nine percent in order to compensate for the loss of revenue.

"Basically, all we are trying to do is give you the service you are paying for," she said.

Emphasizing that park fines are designed to function merely as a deterrent and not a method of raising money, Harden added that, "Eliminating enforcement is not an option."

Also influencing decisions is the fact that 345 spaces in the Coliseum Deck will be lost during construction that is scheduled to begin in September and last a little over a year. However, the new parking deck will result in a net increase of 800 spaces.

Among the resulting changes described by Harden are the extension of Student Computer Parking to the Varsity Drive lot, a park-and-ride lot on Centennial Campus and the incorporation of some 75 parallel spaces on Fayette Drive. Additional proposals include extended hours of permit enforcement to 7 p.m. on the main campus and to midnight in residential zones.

The Board of Trustees will officially vote on the proposals in April.

Reterating the critical nature of next week's vote on tuition by the Board of Governors, Association of Student Government President Andrew Payne motivated senators to contribute to the fight by attending the meeting.

"For the first time in a long time, students have a fighting chance," he said, citing that the BOG is split "right down the middle."

Although admitting an increase in tuition is inevitable, Payne emphasized the possibility of containing it to around \$100 as opposed to upwards of \$500.

"I want to irritate you into thinking that if you don't come out next Wednesday, we will have a larger increase than is necessary," he said, urging senators to swing the vote in their favor through a large turnout.

"Someone's got to be the deciding factor—I'll tell you right now, that factor is the students," added Payne.

The senate then resumed debate on the Corrective Reappointment Act (GB 47), the bill that resulted in an early adjournment two weeks ago.

Asserting that graduate students are

underrepresented, authors of the bill sought to increase the number of seats in accordance to the proportion of graduate students enrolled.

Proponents argued that because the Student Body Constitution states that "senators shall be apportioned among the schools, colleges and recognized programs according to percentage of enrollment," graduate students deserve more of a voice.

"We pay the fees just like you do," said graduate Sen. Gary Palm, who jokingly termed the current representation as a result of "voodoo apportionment."

However, other senators maintained that raising the five seats to the proposed fourteen in one step was too dramatic. In addition, other seats would have to be taken away to provide for the graduate senator allocation.

"I don't care if it's unconstitutional; it's OK to feel that way," said Sen. Natalie Duggins, whose version of the bill supported "a gradual shift" resulting in the initial increase of three seats.

Sen. Erich Fabricius presented the body with a mathematical explanation of his reappointment proposal, which would double the amount of graduate senators. Subsequently, these full-time equivalency calculations were added to the formal bill.

After securing a provision requiring the body to reexamine the apportionment of graduate senate seats next year, senators passed Duggins' version of the bill.

Spring Appropriations (AB 72) were adopted next, allocating approximately \$32,000 to various student organizations. The Wolfpack Student Initiative Donation (FB 73) followed.

Created by former Student Body President Harold Pettigrew, the Wolfpack Student Initiative (WSI) is an endowment aimed at alleviating unmet financial need by awarding scholarships. The WSI has already reached its phase-one goal of \$30,000 and looks toward raising a total of \$100,000 over the next five years.

"The Student Government started this initiative, and we need to give it money to get off the ground," said Sen. Jonathan Ducoie.

The bill was passed, authorizing a combined total of \$5,000 in general senate funds to be donated to the WSI.

The Committee Reorganization Act (GB 01) was also adopted, clarifying the responsibilities of certain senate committees, namely the Committee on Campus Life, which was renamed Campus Community.

Highly controversial, the Good Standing Interpretation Act (GB 33) was the last bill debated. In its initial form, the act proposed to lessen restrictions on classes of sanctions so that more students could qualify to run for Student Government office.

Currently, any student under academic penalty or probation, academic suspension, judicial probation, suspension or expulsion is deemed not eligible.

"This is too restrictive," said Sen. Eva Feucht, one of the authors.

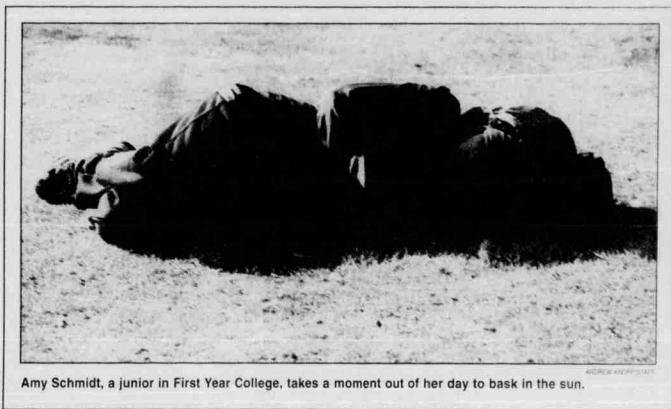
"What makes a person a good senator does not have to do with what sanctions the university has against them—it has to do with what they do for students."

Under the proposal, students under academic integrity probation, residence hall probation and academic warning and disciplinary probation would be allowed to run for office.

"In all of these cases, these are first offenses," said Feucht. "The whole point of this is to make our rules better."

Many senators disagreed.

Sen. Duggins maintained that disallowing students under certain sanctions does not make the senate "elitist," adding that "we are the only people



Amy Schmidt, a junior in First Year College, takes a moment out of her day to bask in the sun.

'The Vagina Monologues' playing second straight year

◆ This year, 550 colleges and universities worldwide will perform "The Vagina Monologues."

Ayren Jackson
News Editor

The anticipation and excitement within N.C. State's Women's Center is higher than usual.

Around this same time last year, the Women's Center debuted their version of "The Vagina Monologues" to a sold-out crowd.

And now the Women's Center is back at it again for a second go-around.

Written by acclaimed playwright Eve Ensler, "The Vagina Monologues," a play that has phenomenally changed the way some women think, feel and talk about sexuality, will be performed in Stewart Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

"Our campus has matured from last year, and this year we [the Women's Center] really want to focus on education," said Annie Winfield, special projects coordinator at the Women's Center.

"The Vagina Monologues" is about doing something positive for

the campus and the community."

Auditions for this year's "The Vagina Monologues" were held in December. The cast will consist of NCSU students, faculty and staff members.

The two performances of the "Vagina Monologues" are just one facet of the V-Day College Campaign, which is an international movement to stop all forms of violence against women and girls.

V-Day, which is usually on or around Valentine's Day, uses performances and other creative events to help increase awareness of violence against women and to raise money for anti-violence organizations and programs.

At NCSU, the Women's Center will be, in addition to performing "The Vagina Monologues," visiting classes and setting up an information booth in the Brickyard.

According to Campus Outreach Services, there is — on average — a rape every 21 hours on each college campus in the United States. In addition, 2000 statistics by the U.S. Department of Justice state that somewhere in America, a woman is raped every 90 seconds.

"If the statistics are accurate, a woman will be attacked at N.C. State

every day," said Winfield. "This really is a problem in the U.S. and in a global context."

The V-Day College Campaign welcomes universities around the world to perform their own benefit productions of "The Vagina Monologues." Though the College Campaign began with participation from only 65 schools worldwide in 1999 (the campaign's first year), the campaign has grown to include nearly 550 universities this year.

There are 10 colleges and universities in North Carolina that are participating in the V-Day College Campaign.

Though "The Vagina Monologues" deals with women's issues, "this performance is really appropriate for men to see," said Winfield.

"Last year, the feedback we received from men said that they were moved by the performance. The common phrase that we heard from the men who attended the performance was, 'I had no idea.'"

Tickets for "The Vagina Monologues" are \$7 for students and \$10 for faculty, staff and the general public. Tickets are available through Ticket Central in Talley Student Center or by calling 515-1100.

SMA elections to decide media heads

◆ Student Media Authority elections on Monday will determine media heads for the 2002-2003 school year.

News Staff Report

The Student Media Authority will meet on Monday to vote to determine the publication editors and general managers for all student publications for the 2002-2003 school year.

The election will take place at 6 p.m., and elected media heads will take their positions beginning April 1.

To qualify for a position, according to the SMA statutes 2.72-2.724, a candidate must meet the following requirements: must have been a member of that media for at least two full semesters; must have at least a 2.25 grade point average; must have at least two semesters remaining as an N.C. State student; and must be a full-time student unless in final semester of course of study.

To apply for a position, candidates had to submit a position paper by last Sunday

and will be required to appear before the SMA at Monday's meeting to answer questions about their qualifications in a closed session.

Following interviews and discussion, members of the SMA will cast their votes, and the election winner is determined by a majority vote.

If a majority vote is not reached, a runoff will occur between the two candidates or the two candidates with the most votes until a majority winner is determined.

The SMA is made up of media representatives, student body representatives, advisors and faculty.

Media representatives include the editors/managers of each study body publication or another designated permanent appointment from that staff. Each publication has one voting member on the SMA.

Student body representatives are elected from all eligible students at NCSU and are considered unpaid, executive-level employees of SMA. In addition, the stu-

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Israel launches assault on Palestinian camps

◆ Israeli forces launch attacks on refugee camps in a mission to break Palestinian militant strongholds.

Tracy Wilkinson
Los Angeles Times

BALATA REFUGEE CAMP. West Bank—Backed by tanks and helicopters, Israeli forces launched a major, risky assault on two Palestinian refugee camps Thursday, conducting house-to-house searches and battling gunmen who vowed to fight to the death.

The mission to break Palestinian militant strongholds marked the first time in 17 months of warfare that Israel had invaded a refugee camp, and it triggered some of the fiercest combat yet.

Israel said the densely populated Balata camp in the West Bank city of Nablus and the nearby Jenin camp are "hotbeds of terrorism" where Palestinian militants train, make weapons, take shelter and plot dozens of murderous attacks on Israelis.

For Israel, entering Balata, a teeming warren of cramped cinder-block homes and narrow streets where at least 20,000 Palestinians live, was always a red line, a threshold that few would have predicted Israel would cross. The layout inside the decades-old camp is suitable to the guerrilla warfare that the Palestinian militants wage, not the conventional operations of

Israel's mechanized army. The risk of heavy losses has always been considered high.

The offensive began late Wednesday, and fighting continued to rage early Friday in Balata, where Israeli forces had seized control of many of the buildings. Palestinian fighters vowed revenge and carried out shooting attacks on numerous Jewish communities throughout the West Bank and near Jerusalem, followed by further Israeli retaliation.

At least 13 Palestinians were killed in Balata and Jenin and more than 100 wounded. One Israeli soldier, a member of an elite paratrooper reconnaissance squad, was also killed in Balata. Scores of Palestinian civilians fled the camps or hunkered down, stockpiling food and bracing for worse.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher urged that "the utmost restraint be exercised to avoid harm to the civilian population. These are heavily populated areas."

The upsurge in violence sidelined a fledgling Saudi peace initiative that had been gaining momentum. Palestinians accused Israel of attacking the camps now to undermine the land-for-peace initiative.

On Thursday afternoon, Balata was ringed by tanks and engulfed in clouds of black smoke from the burning tires that camp residents placed in the roads alongside concrete chunks, hulks of

cars and other makeshift barricades. The main Market Road was pitted with grapefruit-sized holes, apparently from Israeli helicopter fire. Palestinian gunmen crouched around corners. Every storefront was shuttered.

"The camp is effectively under (Israeli military) control," Israeli Col. Avi Kochavi, head of the paratrooper brigade carrying out the operation, told reporters in a briefing at a command post west of Nablus. "It's completely surrounded, and we are in commanding positions."

The well-armed Balata camp, the largest in the West Bank, has long been a bastion of Palestinian militancy — so tough and independent that even Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat has had trouble asserting his authority over camp leaders.

Israeli forces first began taking up positions near Balata last week, when they cut off the main road into the city. Late Wednesday night, tanks were bearing down on the camp, and around midnight, helicopter gunships fired two missiles into an electrical transformer, plunging the area into darkness.

The invasion began. In a blaze of gunfire, elite special forces dressed in black swept into several apartment buildings and a U.N.-run boys school. Helicopters continued to fire from above. Palestinian gunmen answered with bursts of automatic weapons and explosives.

Hospitals were overwhelmed with scores of casualties.

"Anyone who left his home could get shot," said Ghassan Awad, a 36-year-old ambulance driver who had hauled six of the wounded to safety by 8:30 in the morning. One died later. The wounded included women and children as well as gunmen, he said.

The soldiers set up an observation post at the U.N. school, perched on high ground with a vantage point over the entire camp. Palestinians tried to lay siege to the school, and they and the Israelis traded fire for hours.

"We will not surrender," said Maged al Masri, a leader of the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, a militia affiliated with Arafat's Fatah movement that essentially runs Balata. "We will fight until death. We will send the soldiers to Sharon in coffins."

Throughout the day, soldiers conducted house-to-house searches. But to avoid exposure to enemy fire, they blew out holes in the walls of homes so they could move from one to the next without going outside.

"Everyone is leaving," said Shifa Smajil, her two daughters and her husband's other wife in tow. "There's been shooting all night, and we really don't know what's happening. I'm very afraid."

But Mohammed and Jamila Ibrahim, and their 11 children, were having none of it. "Where would we go?" Jamila asked, tucked in an alley. "We left in '48, we left in '67," she said, referring to Israel's War of

Independence and the Middle East War, when huge numbers of Palestinians fled their homes. "We will die in our home. We will not leave again."

Hostilities between Israel and Balata militants trace back to the early days of the current conflict, when Israeli troops were forced to retreat from Joseph's Tomb, a religious shrine, under almost constant attack by the militants and one of their men bled to death when his comrades could not rescue him.

Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said Thursday that Balata militants were launching suicide bombings "every day" and had to be stopped. "The Palestinians must not think that the camps are safe havens," he said.

The Israeli military clearly had Thursday's operation on the drawing boards for some time. The tactics are classic Sharon, reminiscent of the steps he took to "cleanse" the Gaza Strip of Palestinians he judged to be terrorists in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

"This is complete madness," said opposition leader Yossi Sarid of the leftist Meretz Party. "Someone burnt badly in the past in Sabra and Chatila must be very careful in the present in Balata and Jenin. Nothing good can come from yet another escalation. ... This is bad, very bad."

SENATE

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who are lowering our standards."

After extended debate however, the bill was amended and its most controversial provisions removed. The adopted version serves only to clarify the current requirements.

Melanie Zink was approved as a freshmen senator, and senior Vanita Kalra was appointed to the Elections Commission.

SMA

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dent body president is also a voting member of the board.

Four non-voting representatives are chosen to serve as advisors of the SMA, including at least one advisor from the Department of Student Development, up to three representatives from the faculty and one budget consultant from the administration. These representatives are present to counsel the members with advice and managerial support.

In order for the vote to take place, the meeting must meet quorum, meaning that at least three-fourths of voting members must be present. In that three-fourths, half must be media heads and two must be student body representatives.

Without quorum, discussions may be held, but no official decisions may be made.

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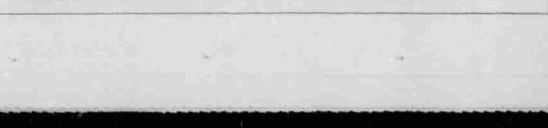
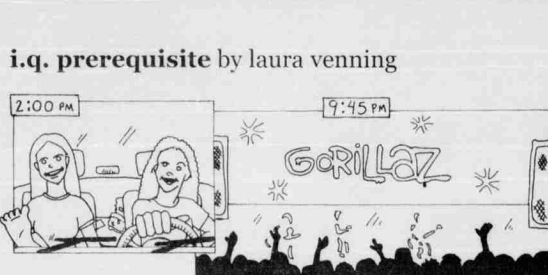
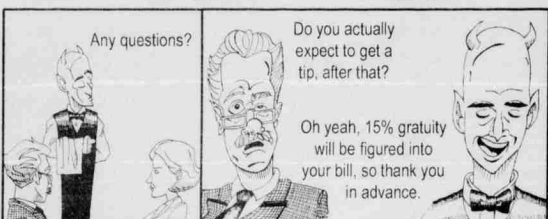
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Maxine and the samurai cat Matajuro have dealt a blow to their enemies in the wasteland of the once proud city of Achillia. Maxine has decided to read the mind of the evil demon spirit who she has now defeated. Matajuro looks on as she practices her psychic handwork on the conquered soul.

Meanwhile, Chalkhydry and Mekat Oscar have collected the body of the cigar-smoking feline Oskar and are now having a conversation with the shell-shocked young soldier, Zathael, who is as confused and depressed as ever. Seems though, Zathael has lost his shadow, so they hop into their bug-shaped space craft and go looking for it.



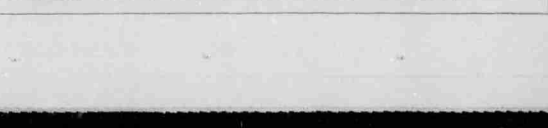
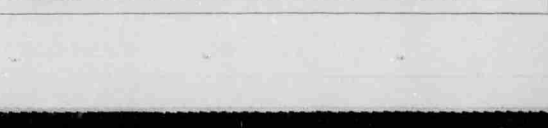
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

New campout could be new tradition

WHILE AVOIDING THE PROBLEMS OF THE CAMPOUT TWO YEARS AGO, NEW CAMPOUT RULES SHOULD BE TWEAKED TO BE FAVORABLE TO STUDENTS.

A Wednesday Technician article, "Campout ends with complaints, future improvements," reports that after being held for the first time since its cancellation two years ago, students are a bit disappointed over the new incarnation.

Campout was canceled for the 2000-2001 school year in response to significant problems that occurred during the Feb. 7, 2000 campout for a N.C. State-UNC-Chapel Hill men's basketball game. A variety of violations contributed to the cancellation of the event. Largely intoxicated campers ruined bathroom facilities in Thompson Theater, urinated in front of buildings and smashed liquor bottles in front of the theater while a theater event was being held. Additionally, surrounding Turlington and Alexander students were disrupted by loud noise and music produced by campers and were later affected when excessive use of their bathroom facilities caused the sewage system to back up into some suites.

In addition, campers took any available surrounding items such as tree limbs and wooden pallets and burned them in uncontrolled fires. Furniture was stolen and a street lamp, a Thompson Theater marquee and newspaper vending machines were damaged or destroyed. In the chaos, police officers and firemen had been called on them and were generally harassed while performing their duties. The repair bill for the night's vandalism totaled \$16,000.

This year's campout defied avoided the problems from two years ago. Among the new rules are prohibition of alcohol, fires and generators. Along with changes in rules for how students can campout, there were new rules covering ticket distribution policy. Mainly, student tickets for each section, with the exception of one sideline, were split evenly between those who obtained tickets through vouchers and those who camped out. The sideline opposite the one reserved for Wolfpack Club members was reserved for campers.

Some of the criticisms leveled at this year's campout are meritless. Police presence was not excessive, especially when considering the events of two years ago, and the new restrictions on campout are not part of an administration conspiracy to kill campout. (If this were the case, it would never have been brought back in such a short time.)

However, a few sensible revisions need to be made to the current rules to establish a campout that is acceptable to both administration and students. First, fires need to be allowed at campout for simple health considerations more than anything else. The current policy, which effectively dictates that students must wait in the cold to be assured tickets, is unreasonable. To address fears of fires becoming out of control, Campus Police should be allowed to create and manage all fires at campout.

With regards to ticket policy, campers should get strict priority on the best seats. Alternatively, campers should be notified if they will not receive desirable seats. The impetus of making such changes is to make campout a tradition in which students will want to participate. If chances of getting a good seat are the same for those who campout and those who get vouchers, there really is no reason to go through the trouble of camping in the cold. Indeed, there weren't many complaints after the Duke campout, where campers largely received good seats.

It's more or less clear that a campout with alcohol is not possible or desirable to those who want a campout free of the problems of two years ago. Thus, the university's goal should be to implement an alcohol-free campout that will become a respected tradition among students. This year, administration achieved a campout that completely met its goals of avoiding vandalism and rioting. Next year, it should work to make campout enjoyable and worthwhile for students.

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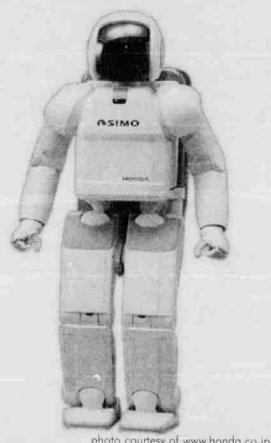


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Violence runs deeper than Hollywood



Karl Smith
STAFF COLUMNIST

joined forces across this evil. Hollywood must be held accountable; schools must be forced to enforce peace; this plague cannot continue.

Their goals are noble and understandable, however, they have thus far met with little success. Violence is becoming more, not less, intertwined with popular culture. The harder one tries to dig it out, the deeper its roots sink.

The problem is that, at its core, violence, particularly between children, is a not a cultural, but an evolutionary phenomenon. Human beings are social mammals, and young social mammals fight. It is in their nature to do so. In our children's nature to do so, and when we suppress that natural desire, it becomes a fantasy, and that fantasy fuels the production of violent movies, games and websites.

This instinct should not be repressed, but channeled. Young people need to be trained in a martial art or fighting sport. They should learn how, why and when to fight. They should experience the self-

confidence that comes from knowing that they can stick-up for themselves, even if they pick up a few scrapes and bruises in the process.

More than anything, however, the fantasy and mythological character of violence needs to be destroyed. They need to learn what it feels like to hurt and be hurt. They need to learn that their body can be a weapon, and if not used properly, it can get out of control. They need to learn respect for their ability to hurt others.

Most people who lash out with violence do so because they feel that they are victims. They feel that the world is against them and they must do something to protect themselves. They never stop to think about what it is like to hurt other people because they are too busy being afraid of getting hurt themselves.

In order to prevent that, children must learn that they more than just victims. They are not simply adrift in a sea of monsters, but they have the potential to become monsters themselves if they are not careful. When combined with the repressed, induced fantasy, this can become a dangerous, if not lethal, combination.

The movie "Fight Club" was a hit precisely because it resonated with this repression. I was personally horrified at the notion of men beating each other senseless without any type of training or supervision. However, dozens of guys came to me expressing the wish that such a club existed in real-life.

I tried to explain to them that it took years of training, preferably from childhood, before someone was ready to fight Vale-Tudo (few or no rules). However, they seemed completely unphased by this

and were ready to start kicking some ass right now.

This is the type of rabid obsession and complete lack of respect for violence that leads to people getting hurt fighting. However, it's the worst consequence of repression. The worst examples are kids and even adults who become ultra-violent.

Tragedies like Columbine are partially, if not completely, caused by the inability for kids to channel their violence productively. First and foremost, if those kids were allowed to have it out after school with the other students who were bullying and taunting them, then most of that anger could have been extinguished.

The future trench coat mafia may have won, but even if they lost, at least they would have gained the self-respect from having stood up for themselves, and their bullies would have learned that taunting them came with a price. Most importantly, they wouldn't have been forced into a fantasy world where they were larger than life killing machines and no one could touch them.

They would have had real self-confidence and real understanding of what happens when you break someone else's nose, let alone blow them away. They would have known that in the real world, your opponent doesn't just exist stage right, but that you have to stand there and hear him cry and watch him bleed.

Karl is still looking for the guys that took his lunch money in the 3rd grade. Let him know: fighting won't heal the pain at ksmith2@unity.ncsu.edu

Watch out for the robots



Holly Bezent
STAFF COLUMNIST

I always watched "The Jetsons" with a bit of skepticism. There was no way that we would ever see an era in which robots would do every bit of dirty work for humans.

Then I saw "A.I." Now, I could look at the possibility of robotic children skeptically. However, I do have a Tekno Newborn Pup that I admit has drawn me into petting and talking to it as though it were a real puppy, so who's to say a robotic child wouldn't be feasible?

I do not look forward to a period of robots. The world, with the exception of a few people and countries, is lazy. The onslaught of technological advances has made laziness even more dominant than ever as it keeps growing and growing. For instance, the Japanese are so hooked to their TVs (via interactive and eccentric television shows) that it is commonplace there to own a mobile phone that has a TV built into it. These phones will soon debut here in America, so it will only be a matter of time before people can say they weren't talking on their cell phones — only watching "The Price is Right" as they rear-ended the SUV in front of them.

Robots are used in several factories and industries, already such as health and entertainment in the form of prostheses and animatronics. But these do not compare to robots that are being developed right now with minds and human characteristics.

Honda has experienced a breakthrough in robotics after 15 years of research and development. This is in the form of ASIMO, a robot with

human-like abilities.

ASIMO walks forward and backward, turns corners and goes up and down stairs. It has the potential to respond to simple voice commands, carry loads and push wheeled objects.

Honda's advertisement statement about ASIMO is this: "All of this represents the steps we're taking to develop products that make our world a better place. And in ASIMO's case, it's a giant step in the right direction."

This statement may seem haughty to some, matter-of-fact to others. As a skeptic of this sort of thing and a rather conventional person (I have only now begun to explore the notion of purchasing a DVD player at some point in the future), I'm not rushing to agree with the concept that developing humanistic robots to do everything for us is a big step toward the right.

On the other hand, I can see tremendous good come out of ASIMO and the ones to follow. If Honda is able to program ASIMO to recognize people and carry on tasks, then it could become an important tool in helping the blind, deaf, elderly and disabled with their needs. Robots will not replace guide dogs because some people still need their independence and don't want to rely on something to do everything for them (and dogs have abilities to sense things a robot can't).

Thankfully, I probably won't live to the age of robots that is inevitable at this point. So I'll just settle into my old, worn sofa and watch a movie on my VCR.

E-mail questions, comments and tales if you wish you could cook real food, but are stuck with just a microwave, to paz_rata@yahoo.com.

Myths aside, death row not filled with innocents

Joshua Marquis
STAFF COLUMNIST

rows are packed with innocent men and women is dead wrong. This "innocents in danger of execution" assertion comes from a warmed-over study issued in 1995 by defense lawyer and Columbia University professor James S. Liebman. In his study — reissued with new conclusions in 2000 and again this year as part of a campaign to discredit the death penalty — Liebman claims that the high rate of reversal in death penalty cases means a high likelihood of innocence.

It turns out, however, that the states with the highest reversal rates are also among the states that seek the death penalty the least and spend the most defending accused murderers. Oregon, with only 25 inmates on death row, is a good example. The Oregon Supreme Court has overturned a whopping 68 percent of death verdicts in the 18 years since Oregonians reauthorized the death penalty. Yet, not a single reversal was for anything to do with innocence, police misconduct, prosecutorial misconduct or coerced confessions. Most were for "factual jury instructions" or other hyper-procedural errors. One death sentence has been overturned twice solely because the victim's family was allowed to describe the murder victims during the penalty phase of the trial.

The conventional wisdom also claims that Americans have had a major change of heart on the death penalty. Although a 2000 Gallup Poll claimed support for the death penalty had slipped from 77 percent to 63 percent, another poll, commissioned by Parade magazine in summer 2000 using more than 2,000 respondents, showed (before Sept. 11) that 82 percent of Americans supported capital punishment in some cases. It's all in how the

question is asked.

The conventional wisdom has the bloodthirsty prosecutor recklessly hurrying innocent men onto death row, stopped only by the threadbare but plucky defense lawyer. Maybe in the alternate universe populated by David E. Kelley's characters in "The Practice," but not in real life. In the last quarter of a century, almost 500,000 murders have been committed in the United States. Slightly more than 7,000 of the murderers received death sentences and fewer than 800 have been executed. The death penalty is properly reserved for the worst of the worst.

When Liebman's study was recycled in June 2000, it was met with healthy skepticism by many scholars who pointed to fuzzy math and counterintuitive conclusions. Liebman's study shows the state with the "best" or lowest reversal rate to be Virginia, a state reviled by those who want the death penalty abolished because of the large number of people on its death row.

Last month, the study was again trotted

out, with new data or research, just inflammatory assertions intended to further undermine confidence that the death penalty is being administered fairly. Meanwhile, the so-called Innocence Protection Act proposed by Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., has failed to gain traction because, despite its catchy name, it contains provisions that would effectively prevent states from ever seeking the death penalty.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., has introduced a much better piece of legislation, the Criminal Justice Integrity and Innocence Protection Act of 2001, which has received relatively little notice. Although Leahy's bill would allow virtually anyone convicted of a crime to demand a DNA test, Feinstein's bill would restrict DNA testing to those for whom tests could establish innocence.

We have far more to fear from guilty people wrongly freed by the courts than from that tiny number wrongfully imprisoned and the even smaller number of them who actually are innocent.

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C A M P U S F O R U M

Clarification on meningitis article

I am writing to clarify an article that appeared in the Feb. 27 Technician entitled, "Student carries meningitis bacteria; Student Health offers vaccinations." The N.C. State student who developed pneumonia caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* is recovering well with antibiotics and did not develop meningitis. All close contacts of the student have already taken prophylactic antibiotics, and Wake County Human Services agrees that all that needs to be done within the campus community for this one case has already been done. A message is available at 513-3512 summarizing the case.

There is no requirement to receive the meningococcal vaccine because of the recent student pneumonia case, but students may reduce their risk of meningococcal disease should there be future exposure by receiving vaccine at a clinic for N.C. State students on March 5 from 1-5:30 p.m. in room 2301 of Student Health. Vaccine is \$75. Call 515-7107 by 4 p.m. Friday to reserve your dose of vaccine. This clinic is not for faculty and staff. Information about meningococcal vaccine and the bacteria is available at www.fis.ncsu.edu/health.

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R U L E O F T H U M B
Grammy extravaganza

O'brother, where art the real musicians? The audience, confusing Wednesday's show with the Oscars, did an astounding job acting like they didn't already know who was going to win and as if they cared.

Jayson Williams

The basketball player was charged for murder in the shooting death of a limousine driver this week. Coach K has yet to comment on whether he'll be out on bail in time for the ACC tournament. Oh, wait. Wrong "Jayson Williams." Sorry.

**Economic recovery**

Chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, said Wednesday that the economy is bouncing back from recession, but that it will take a while for full recovery. Greenspan plans to celebrate by purchasing a personality, or maybe just some smaller glasses.

Turkey (the country)

Turkey repealed its controversial law allowing virginity tests for high school girls suspected of having premarital sex. The law drew criticism from human rights and women's groups. Oh, and high school girls suspected of having premarital sex didn't like it too much either.

**Nixon tapes released**

On Thursday, the National Archives released the next series of taped conversations from the Nixon-Watergate era. The release of 500 minutes is accompanied by a far-reaching marketing plan and a soundtrack featuring Ja Rule, Blink 182 and Linkin Park.

Falling tobacco prices

The World Health Organization said Wednesday that a decade of falling tobacco prices is hurting the poor in areas of the world where cigarettes are cheaper than bread or rice. Officials are investigating a bizarre correlation between high cigarette prices and the obesity rate of a country.

**Morning sickness treatment**

A study released this week suggests that acupuncture may help treat morning sickness for pregnant women. Researchers warn, however, that although morning sickness symptoms are "eliminated," there is certain pins-and-needles-sensation as a side effect.

Starbucks Coffee Co.

In the most aggressive expansion program since Manifest Destiny, the trendy coffee shop giant announced plans to extend operations to foreign markets while maintaining a stranglehold in the states. People worldwide will soon be able to enjoy a refreshing Mocha Frappuccino with their U.N. food ration packet.

**Wolfpacker in space**

N.C. State professor Dr. Richard M. Linnehan is set to go on an 11-day NASA mission to repair the Hubble Telescope. Having been to space before, Linnehan is not nervous about going to space, but rather what he'll say to Justin Timberlake if he sees him there. (Linnehan's a big fan.)

Record lows

As college students nationwide are trying to speed up the skin cancer process in time for spring break, temperatures this week have been bitter. A record 18 degrees was recorded at RDU International Airport Thursday. Damned al-Quida is up to it again.



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Track earns two automatic times for NCAAs

◆ In preparation for the upcoming NCAAs, N.C. State track athletes participated in one last meet.

Sports Staff Report

In an effort to gain more automatic and provisional marks for the upcoming NCAA Indoor Championships, the N.C. State track team competed at the Carolina Last Chance Meet Wednesday night.

The Wolfpack came away with two NCAA automatic times in the women's 3,000-meter run and added two NCAA provisional marks in field events.

Senior Katie Sabino and junior Megan Coombs will both be going to the NCAA Championships after meeting the NCAA's automatic time in the 3,000. Sabino placed second with a time of 9:23.2, and Coombs was third with a time of 9:23.78. Also in that race, freshman Abigail Nelkie took

fifth, running a 10:28.01.

Kristen Pace recorded her first NCAA provisional mark in the high jump this season, an event in which she was an All-American in 2000. Pace was first in the event with a season-best mark of 5-10.3/4.

Other events for the women saw Renae Robinson win the 400, running a time of 56.87, and Ebony Foster took third in the 60 (7.72). Shannon Alston was sixth in the 200 (27.06) and ninth in the 60 (8.23).

Janette Vadnais was second in the mile, running a 5:10.29, and Leslie Jimison was seventh (5:19.46). In the 800, Karen Medlin was seventh (2:20.88), and Karen Sykes was ninth (2:24.72).

For the second straight meet, sophomore James Rowell notched a NCAA provisional mark in the weight throw. Rowell took second in the weight throw with a season-best throw of 63-8 3/4. In the pole vault, Eric Horvstad

was third with a mark of 15-1, and David Kessler took fifth (14-7). Also in the field events, Derrick Harris was seventh in the long jump (20-6 1/4), and Jason Vieira was eighth in the triple jump (46-4 3/4).

In the 60, Joseph Brent took fifth in the finals, running a 6.91, and Troy Graham was ninth (7.11).

The men placed three runners in the top 10 in the 800. Adam McGugan was fifth (2:00.08), Andrew Kerins was eighth (2:02.36) and Jonathan Willis was 10th (2:03.60).

Neil Pettijohn was the only runner in the 3,000, running a time of 9:12.85.

State will be sending athletes to both Nebraska and Notre Dame this weekend to try to earn more qualifying marks for the NCAA Championships, which will be held March 8-9.

Sabino receives prestigious scholarship award

◆ N.C. State track athlete Katie Sabino is one of 19 athletes to receive recognition from the ACC.

Sports Staff Report

Nineteen ACC scholar-athletes have been named recipients of the 2002 Weaver-James-Corrigan Postgraduate Awards, as announced by conference Commissioner John Swafford. Katie Sabino of N.C. State, a four-time All-ACC performer in cross country, is among the scholarship recipients. Sabino earned All-American honors in 2001 by placing 21st at the NCAA Championships. She also helped the Wolfpack to a second-place finish at nationals.

The scholarships are given to selected student-athletes who perform academic work as full-time graduate students. Recipients will receive \$5,000 to use toward their graduate education. Each student-athlete has performed with distinction in the classroom and in their respective sport and demonstrated exemplary conduct in the community.

The awards are named in honor of Jim Weaver, Bob James and Gene Corrigan, all past ACC commissioners.

The league's first commissioner,

James H. Weaver, served the conference from 1954-70 after serving as the director of athletics at Wake Forest. His early leadership and uncompromising integrity is largely responsible for the excellent reputation enjoyed by the ACC today.

Bob James, a former Maryland football player, was named commissioner in 1971 and served for 16 years. During his tenure, the league continued to grow in stature and became recognized as a national leader in academics and athletics, winning 23 national championships while maintaining excellence in the classroom.

Eugene F. Corrigan assumed his role as the third full-time commissioner on Sept. 1, 1987, and served until August of 1997. During Corrigan's tenure, ACC schools captured 30 NCAA championships and two national football titles. In the fall of 1990, Corrigan engineered the successful addition of the league's newest member, Florida State.

Prior to 1994, the Weaver-James postgraduate scholarships had been given as separate honors. The Jim Weaver Award originated in 1954 to honor exceptional achievement on the playing field and in the classroom, while the Bob James Award started in 1987, also to honor outstanding student-athletes.

strengthened out a little bit, that can be a positive for your team," the coach said. "Sometimes you play well the next game, and sometimes you don't. I don't know that that's necessarily a function of whether you had a bye or not and how many days you had in between. You just have to be ready to play whenever the schedule falls and do your best."

In the team's first meeting of the year, Wake trailed by five at intermission, only to comeback and take a double-digit lead late in the second half. A furious Pack rally had the Entertainment and Sports Arena rocking, but Archie Miller's runner, with seconds left, missed as the Deacs escaped with a one-point victory.

Wake's Darius Songalia and Josh Howard combined for 41 points in that first game, and the Pack can expect to see a lot from both again on Saturday. Songalia, along with fellow seniors Broderick Hicks, Craig Dawson, Antwan Scott, Brett Hickman and Ervin Murray, will be playing for the last time at Joel Coliseum.

Handling Songalia, which State didn't have much success with in round one, will be key for the Pack.

"Darius has been a really good player ever since he's been a freshman,"

On the other hand, both Yow's and Weller's teams were niddled with key injury problems and came into the tournament having to win the championship in order to qualify for the NCAA Tournament. Yow and Weller combined have won exactly half of the 24 titles in league history.

Despite being seeded eighth and facing the prospect of having to win four games in four days — if her team wishes to punch its dance card, Weller is still excited about a weekend when, among other things, her 1978 inaugural conference championship team will be honored.

"This tournament means a lot to me because they are inviting our '78 team back," said Weller, whose Terapins have an opening round matchup with Wake Forest. "We've got an awful lot of alumni coming back, and I'm excited to see them."

"It's just going to be fun to see so many



N.C. State's Katie Sabino is one of 19 ACC scholar-athletes who will receive the 2002 Weaver-James-Corrigan Postgraduate Awards.



Kaayla Chones (50) was a second-team All-ACC selection for the Wolfpack, averaging 12.3 points per game.

ACC

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Last year, Yow's team advanced to its first conference final since 1991, but lost to Duke.

This year, the Blue Devils are the team to beat again, but thus far, no ACC squad has succeeded in upending them. Duke brings a perfect 16-0 conference record and a 15-game overall winning streak into Greensboro.

Every other team has at least five ACC losses. The Devils are obviously the odds-on favorite to repeat as league champions.

"The tournament is the ultimate challenge," Yow said. "Duke won the regular season and went undefeated, but if they don't win the tournament, they're never thought of as the champions. So much weight is put on it. I guess it

comes from the good old days when that was the only team that went to the NCAAs."

For what it's worth, State came the closest to beating this team that features the likely ACC Player (Alana Beard) and Coach (Gail Goetsenkos) of the Year. The Pack lost to the Devils by only five in Reynolds Coliseum.

"You can't make mistakes when you play them," Yow said. "They get a lot of easy baskets off of steals. They get fast breaks and push the ball. You have to stop the easy baskets and then play strong halfcourt defense. Then you have to shoot a high percentage and might have a chance."

But before the Pack can worry about Duke or any other team, it must get past Clemson, something that hasn't happened in two 11-point losses to the Tigers this year. If the third time isn't a charm for Yow and her team, the season will come to an end.

WolfpackNotes

Women's tennis receives ITA ranking

The women's tennis team debuted in the Omni Hotels Intercollegiate Tennis Association polls this week at No. 75 after a convincing win over a strong Princeton team last weekend. Senior captain Katrina Gildemister led the way with a win over No. 50 Kavitha Krishnamurthy.

"I'm very excited that the team is getting respect for their hard work," said State head coach Hans Olsen. "The ITA is a highly respected organization and to receive recognition for our efforts is an extreme honor."

The ITA team rankings are released every Wednesday throughout the season and can be accessed on the web at www.italennis.com. The committee uses a point system that considers strong wins over both ranked and non-ranked teams, as well as losses to ranked teams and the strength of schedule.

Baseball reschedules today's game

Faced with the possibility of a rainy weekend, the N.C. State baseball team has rescheduled Friday's single game against George Mason as a double-header beginning at 2 p.m. today at Doak Field.

The original schedule had called for

single games on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The decision was made to play two games on Friday and then try to play the remaining game of the series on Saturday as scheduled or on Sunday if the weather precludes it on Saturday.

Men's tennis alters schedule

Due to likely inclement weather this weekend, men's tennis head coach Eric Hayes has announced that the squad's match with William and Mary originally scheduled for 9 a.m. on Sunday will be postponed and rescheduled at a later date.

If there is bad weather on Saturday, the Wolfpack will move its 2 p.m. match with Rice to 7 p.m. and play the match indoors on North Carolina's campus. Otherwise, the match will go on as planned.

Women's tennis to play UNCW today

The nationally ranked N.C. State women's tennis team will face UNC-Wilmington Friday on the courts of the Wolfpack Tennis Complex at 2 p.m. The teams were originally scheduled to meet in Wilmington on Saturday, but with the threat of inclement weather the teams will take to the courts in Raleigh a day early.

WAKE

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third place in the ACC will be hanging in the balance. Due to the Demon Deacons' loss at Georgia Tech Wednesday, however, a Wake win would only mean a third-place tie for the two teams. Wake would win the No. 3 seed in the upcoming ACC Tournament, though, given their season sweep of the Pack.

While State enjoyed a week off from the rigors of ACC play, Wake has remained in the midst of a late-season swoon. Since beating Carolina on Feb. 6, the Deacs have only won one game — a home thumping of slumping UVA — and dropped five, including last weekend's heartbreaking one-point loss at Maryland.

Meanwhile, the Pack awoke from the doldrums of a horrid first half Sunday and outscored Carolina by 32 points in a second-half rout of the visiting rivals. Sendek believes the long layoff won't have a negative effect come game time.

"Any time you have a chance to regroup a little and get some guys who have been bumped and bruised

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ago. The landscape of the tournament has changed significantly in the last 25 years. It's now played at a neutral site, the ACC has added two teams — Georgia Tech and Florida State — and five of the eight games will be broadcast on television.

"It's an amazing thing to me that the three of us have coached in all 25 tournaments," said Ryan. "It's an incredible feat in a lot of ways."

In a year in that Weller and Yow failed to meet somewhat lofty preseason expectations, it was Ryan who had one of her best coaching efforts ever, leading a team picked to finish eighth in the league to nine conference wins and the third seed in the tournament.

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Gymnastics, Wolfpack Invit., 3/1, 7
W. Tennis vs. UNCW, 3/1, 2
M. Tennis vs. Rice, 3/2, 2

Pack's hopes hinge on ACCs



No. 1

Records: 24-3, 16-0 ACC

Key Players: Alton Beard, a five-time ACC Player of the Week, leads the conference in scoring (19.1), field-goal percentage (57.9) and steals (3.3). Kirt Tillis ranks in the top 10 in six different categories, including scoring (15.5), rebounds (8.4) and blocks (1.0).
Key Game: After scoring 21 points in the first half against N.C. State Jan. 13, Beard was shut down by the Wolfpack's defense. Tillis took over in the second half, however, scoring 16 of her 18 points to keep the Blue Devils perfect in conference play with a 73-68 win.

North Carolina

Records: 22-7, 11-5 ACC

Key Players: The Tar Heels feature two All-ACC first-team members, Conita Brown and Nikki Teasley. Brown leads Carolina in scoring with 16.8 points per game and shoots 39.9 percent behind the 3-point arc. Teasley dishes out a conference-best 5.2 assists a game while scoring 15.4 points a night.

Key Game: Able to fight off a late run by N.C. State, Carolina pulled out its first in Reynolds Coliseum since 1994, an 80-71 win over the Wolfpack Feb. 10. The Heels' defense held Kayla Chones to only four points, while Brown and Teasley combined for 46.



No. 2



No. 3

Records: 17-10, 9-7 ACC

Key Players: The Tigers had two players who received All-ACC honors. Christy Floyd, a first-team selection, is averaging 17.4 points a contest. Third-team selection Mary Greeney averages 12.8 points against conference foes and is a 52.8 percent 3-point shooter.
Key Game: Clemson emerged on earlier loss to Georgia Tech Feb. 21, beating the Yellow Jackets 48-45 in Littlejohn Coliseum. Floyd finished with 20 points, including two free throws in the closing seconds to seal the victory and assure the Tigers third place.

Clemson

Virginia

Records: 13-11, 9-7 ACC

Key Players: Averaging 14.8 points and 9.1 rebounds a night, freshman Brandi Teamer leads the Cavaliers into tournament play after being selected to the All-ACC second team. Telisha Quables, also a second-team selection, leads Virginia in scoring with 15.5 points a game.

Key Game: After splitting with Georgia Tech, the Cavaliers rebounded from a loss to North Carolina to close out the regular season with a 57-54 win over Florida State. The victory enabled Virginia to claim the fourth spot over Tech.



No. 4



No. 5

Records: 15-12, 7-9 ACC

Key Players: Sonja Mollory and Milli Martinez lead a group of four Yellow Jackets who earned All-ACC honors, the most in school history. Mollory is the team's leading scorer with 14.1 points, while Martinez averages 12.1 a game.
Key Game: Led by Fyllon Stokes' 23-point effort, Tech rolled into Chapel Hill Jan. 17 and left with an 81-62 upset win over then-No. 17 North Carolina. The Jackets managed to hold the often-hot Tar Heels to 33.3-percent shooting for the game.



No. 6

N.C. State

Records: 13-14, 7-9 ACC

Key Players: Second-team All-ACC selection Kayla Chones anchors the Wolfpack in the paint, averaging a team-high 12.3 points and seven boards a game. On the outside, All-ACC freshman Joanne Ricketts Stockdale averages 7.4 points per game and has racked up 38.3 points on the season.

Key Game: Talisha Stokes scored four points in the final 9.3 seconds to clinch a 64-63 upset win for the Pack at then-No. 17 North Carolina Jan. 10. State's defense held the Tar Heels to 26-percent shooting from the field, while out-rebounding Carolina by 19.



No. 6



No. 7

Records: 12-15, 5-11 ACC

Key Players: Sophomore guard Tonia Brown was an All-ACC third-team selection. In conference play, Brown ranked in the top 10 in five categories: seventh in scoring (15.2), ninth in field-goal percentage (.380), and second in 3-point percentage (.362), 3-pointers per game (2.88) and steals (2.38).

Key Game: In their biggest win over an ACC opponent in 13 years, the Demon Deacons finished the 2001-2002 season off with a 65-47 win over Maryland. With the victory, Wake assumed itself a higher ranking in the tournament than the Terrapins.

Wake Forest



No. 8

Records: 12-16, 4-12 ACC

Key Players: After averaging 13.2 points, Marsha Strickland was named to the All-ACC third team. Deedee Watley received honorable mention accolades for her 12.2 points and 6.6 rebounds per game.

Key Game: In the final game at Cole Field House, the Terrapins didn't get what they hoped for, losing 66-54 to N.C. State Jan. 21. The Wolfpack's Carisse Moody and Kayla Chones played the spoiler roles, combining for 30 points.



No. 8



No. 9

Records: 13-14, 4-12 ACC

Key Players: Tashika Morris earned All-ACC third-team honors after leading the Seminoles in scoring (13.5) and rebounding (5.8) and collecting 19 double-doubles. Senior April Trayler earned honorable mention All-ACC honors after averaging 13 points per game.

Key Game: Despite trailing by nine midway through the second half, the Seminoles upset a 16-2 run to take the lead away from N.C. State and win 80-74 Jan. 17. FSU shot 60 percent in the second half and had five players finish with double figures in scoring.

Florida State

◆ N.C. State opens this weekend's ACC Women's Basketball Tournament in Greensboro as the sixth seed.

Jerry Moore
Assistant Sports Editor

For the first time since 1988, the N.C. State women's basketball team heads into the ACC Tournament with a losing record. Needless to say, the season hasn't gone exactly as planned.

After winning its first six games, the Wolfpack (13-14, 7-9 ACC) has struggled to stay afloat. But this weekend's tournament, the 25th in ACC women's basketball history, gives State a glimmer of hope, albeit faint, to pull off something miraculous.

As the sixth seed, Kay Yow's team will face No. 3 Clemson (17-10, 9-7) in the first round on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Greensboro. In the most recent game for both teams, the Tigers beat the Pack 63-52 Monday to close out the regular season.

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◆ In an ironic scheduling quirk, State will face the same ACC opponent in the last regular-season game as in the first round of the tournament for the third consecutive season. In 2000, State faced Georgia Tech twice in a row, and last year, it was Maryland.
◆ "We've done this a number of times, and I don't know why it always happens to us," Yow said. "I don't know if it's an advantage or not. It's what you make it. We set the stage in our own minds."
◆ "But it is much easier for us to prepare for this first game. We just prepared for this team, and they just prepared for us. We know exactly what we need to work on."

One of the biggest factors in State's loss Monday was turnovers. The Tigers' pressure defense forced 22 Pack giveaways, and they held a 26-7 advantage in points off turnovers.

"Going into Saturday night's game, if we can take better care of the ball, we will give ourselves an excellent chance to win," Yow said. "We don't have to do a lot of things. We just have to play hard on defense, go to the boards strongly and take better care of the ball."

Last season, the Pack won seven of its last eight conference games to finish third in the league. Yow's team couldn't muster that kind of run this year, managing only a 3-5 record in the second half of 2002.

Carisse Moody, a first-team All-ACC performer last year, suffered a sprained ankle and was forced to miss three weeks in the middle of this season. She has yet to completely recover, and her playing time has decreased dramatically as a result. In her absence, center Kayla Chones found her spot under the basket. She is among the league leaders in scoring and rebounding, averaging 12.3 and 7.0 per game, respectively. Last week, she was named to the All-ACC second team.

Freshman Rachel Stockdale has become State's most capa-



Rachel Stockdale (2) earned a spot on the ACC All-Freshman team earlier in the week.

ble outside threat. She leads the team with 38 made 3-pointers and was selected for the ACC All-Freshman squad.

Despite the emergence of Chones and Stockdale, the Pack has struggled to find consistency and rhythm. Yow has used 11 different starting lineups this season, and player injuries and departures have made it difficult for the team to string together any significant wins. The Pack has not won more than two in a row since November.

If State has any aspirations of playing past the ACC Tournament, it needs to find some answers — and quickly. For the Pack to have a mathematical chance to make either the NCAA Tournament or the NIT, it must reach the ACC final. If State was to progress to and lose in the championship game, it would finish with a .500 record, the minimum required for postseason play.

For the Pack to have a realistic chance to make the NCAA Tournament, it must win the ACC championship and get the conference's automatic bid. The last time State failed to receive an invitation to a national tournament was in 1994.

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Trio back for 25th time

◆ Kay Yow, Chris Weller and Debbie Ryan have coached their teams in every single ACC Tournament.

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Senior Staff Writer

One factor that has stood the test of time, amidst 25 years of heart-stopping endings, legendary performances and six different champions, is the trinity of ACC coaches that have led their respective schools into every single ACC Women's Tournament.

When the nation's oldest women's conference tournament was first played in 1978, Chris Weller of Maryland, Debbie Ryan of Virginia and Kay Yow of N.C. State were roaming the sidelines of the tournament's first venue, Charlottesville, Va.

And sure enough, when the tournament tips off tonight and celebrates its 25th anniversary, all three coaches find themselves exactly where they were 25 years



N.C. State's Kay Yow is one of three coaches who will be participating for the 25th consecutive year in the ACC Tournament, the nation's oldest women's conference tournament.

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Pack far from the last dance

◆ N.C. State travels to Wake Forest in search of redemption and third place in the ACC.

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Ask anyone who has ever been to a big dance, and that person will tell you the worst part is the wait.

While it may be true that getting the invitation takes the most work, the pre-dance festivities — the pictures, the dinner ... all the general details — always seem to get in the way. Yet, as painful as they can be, those details have to be done.

Before N.C. State can go dancing in this year's NCAA Tournament, it too

has some loose ends to wrap up.

For one, there's still third-place to be won in the ACC, which would be a monumental achievement, given the Wolfpack's projected seventh-place finish. There's still the possibility of a 10-win conference record, something that State hasn't seen since the 1988-1989 season, and there is still some individual honors that can be solidified, such as the Pack's Anthony Grady sealing a spot on the All-ACC first team.

Namely, though, State (20-8, 9-6 ACC) would like to end its successful regular season Saturday at Wake Forest (18-11, 8-7) in the same fashion it has ended 20 other games this year — with a win. Do that, and everything else should take care of itself.

"Everybody wants to finish as high as

they can in the standings," said State coach Herb Sendek. "Everybody wants to win each time they compete. I think both teams will approach it with that mind-set."

When this season's ACC schedule was released, few could have predicted that State's showdown with Wake at Lawrence Joel Coliseum would be the marquee matchup during the final weekend of regular-season competition. Not with Maryland hosting Virginia on Sunday, and surely not with North Carolina visiting Cameron Indoor Stadium to take on Duke.

But none of those games have the significance that the State-Wake battle brings Saturday. When the ball is tossed in the air at the 2 p.m. tip-off,



Archie Miller (11) and the Pack can claim sole possession of third place in the ACC Saturday.

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N.C. State vs. Wake Forest
Saturday, 2 p.m. live
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N.C. State leads 122-89
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