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IN THE KNOW

Chinese American charged for Falun Gong broadcasts

According to the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, Chuck Li of Menlo Park, Calif., was arrested in the Chinese city of Guangzhou for his use of messages from the banned Falun Gong sect on hijacked Chinese television and radio broadcasts.

Falun Gong, which incorporates aspects of Buddhism and Taoism, is a form of breathing exercises that seeks to improve the mind and body through exercises and meditation.

The practice and its main group of adherents, the Falun Dafa, were outlawed in China in 1999.

Irish company develops new cancer treatment technique

A new noninvasive technique to kill cancer cells has been successfully developed to destroy cancer cells in mice.

While the current cancer treatments include surgery, drugs, radiation treatment or a combination of each, the researchers at the biotech company in Ireland

used an electric field and ultrasound to destroy the cancerous cells found in tumors of 50 mice.

While the scientists report that the development is still in its early stages and typically won't go on human trials for another two years, they believe that the treatment might one day be used to treat head and neck tumors.

NATION

Gas truck explodes on Michigan overpass

In Flint, Mich., early Thursday, a truck carrying propane gas fell from an overpass, caught fire and exploded several minutes later, killing the driver. The effects of the explosion were felt a mile away. As a result of the crash, a high-voltage power line was cut.

Police officials said that shortly after midnight, the truck was traveling west on Interstate 69 when it skidded, rolled on its side over the overpass guardrails, and then fell 35 feet onto railroad tracks below.

According to Arnold, the cause of the crash is unknown and no other vehicles were involved. The truck driver's identity could not be immediately ascertained.

Bush administration begins lobbying campaign for war against Iraq

After Tuesday night's State of the Union address, Bush and his administration began a full-force lobbying campaign in hopes of gaining global support for the war against Iraq.

In his address, President Bush proclaimed that it was critical to disarm Iraq and fight the war on terror. In addition, he said that Iraq does have ties with al-Qaeda and he noted that Saddam Hussein has the capabilities to provide chemical and biological weapons to terrorists.

STATE

Investigators examine Kinston blast

After an explosion at West Pharmaceutical Services in Kinston, N.C., killed 3 people and injured 35 others yesterday, investigators have now begun to comb the site for answers to its cause.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the FBI and the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board are all participating in the investigation.

Plant workers who were inside the plant during its explosion were interviewed by federal and local investigators in hopes of finding out what events occurred before the explosion.

According to FBI officials, the investigation is not being treated as a criminal investigation.

N.C. House remains deadlocked over speaker election

The N.C. House of Representatives remained divided about who its new speaker would be as late as 6 p.m. Thursday.

After their first vote on Thursday, 60 Democrats remained rallied around Rep. Jim Black, and 55 Republicans backed their nominee, Rep. George Holmes. In addition, there were five dissident Republicans who voted for Rep. Richard Morgan.

With a majority of 61 votes needed in the 120-member seated House, the House met again at 6 p.m. in hopes of concluding with a decision.

Student Senate decides against rebuke of Fox

Student senators soundly defeated a reprimand of Chancellor Marye Anne Fox Wednesday night.

LaWanda Ray
Staff Reporter

The Student Senate voted 35-7 Wednesday to decline Resolution 65, an act which would have formally rebuked Chancellor Marye Anne Fox.

The senate came to its decision after Fox addressed the body to explain the firings of former Senior Vice Provost Frank Abrams and former Vice Provost Bruce Mallette earlier this month.

Passionate senators on both sides of the issue debated the act for several hours Wednesday night. Some demanded more information than the chancellor was able to provide, and others voiced their opinions that her actions prove she has N.C. State's best interests in mind and she should be trusted.

By the end of the night, student leaders—including Student Body President Michael Anthony, Student Senate President Josh Cox and Student Chief Justice Brent Rowe—had all expressed their support for the chancellor and their desire to move forward with the business of the university.

"Most people realize that the chancellor knows she needs to go about such an action in a different way the next time," Cox remarked. "And after seeing that, we felt there was no need to go any further with this. Instead, we felt that we need to go further in working with the chancellor in making a [provost's] office that we could be proud of."

Other important topics discussed by the senate Wednesday included "Student Day at the Capital." Emphasized by both Cox and Anthony, Student Day will take place on



Chancellor Fox talks to the Student Senate, which later voted not to formally reprimand her. Staff photo by Matt Huffman

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Josh Cox

Student Senate President

SENATE SPOTLIGHT



Christina Mischinski
Junior, PAMS

Christina Mischinski, a junior in PAMS, has been involved with Student Senate for two years and now serves on the finance committee.

"[I would like] to see Student Senate represented and available to constituents at many more campus activities," said Mischinski. "Students [need to be] aware of who represents them."

To her constituents, she says, "Get involved in the NCSU community by getting involved in issues that [you] are concerned or curious about." Mischinski also encourages student participation and attendance at college council and government meetings.

Tuesday, with the main event lasting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vans will leave Witherspoon Student Center at 10:30 a.m. for student transportation, and organizers ask all students who plan to attend to wear red. Cox is also trying to arrange the event as an ex-

posed absence for those who participate.

Anthony informed the senators of a challenge issued by UNC-Chapel Hill to see which school can raise more food for the N.C. Food Bank. The winning school will be announced on Feb. 25, and

the losing school's chancellor will have to dress in the rival school's colors.

In response to a proposed housing ordinance, Student Senate declared W*A*R (Wolfpack Against Raleigh) on the city of Raleigh. This action aims to respond to the city's efforts to pass an ordinance to reduce the number of nonrelated occupants who may live in a residential home from four to two.

According to Cox, the W*A*R action will shift the focus of student-related activities that have traditionally been geared toward improving the city of Raleigh to other areas of North Carolina instead.

All students are welcome to voice opinions about the housing ordinance and other issues that concern student life at a forum to be held Wednesday in the Witherspoon Student Center Cinema at 7 p.m.

Student Senate committees gave reports on their projects, including efforts to work with the Association of Student Governments (ASG) to get UNC-System universities to unify the way they accept transfer credits. The Student Senate has also begun speaking with visually impaired students about their concerns of software incompatibility in many of NCSU's computing facilities. In addition, committees discussed student group appropriations with organizations across campus.

The senate also appointed the following students to their respective positions: Brian Carty, elections committee; Anthony Exum, election committee; Nichole Hall, College of Management junior senator; Andrew Kovalcin, elections committee; Erin Meager, elections committee; and Sarah Schafer, elections committee.

Body found near campus

Officers discovered a woman's body off Western Boulevard.

The recent discovery of a woman's body off Western Boulevard has prompted an investigation by Raleigh police.

A Raleigh police officer discovered the woman's body in the woods along Bilyeu Street, right across from Pullen Park, while combing the area for evidence from an earlier assault that occurred on Monday night near the Circle K.

After the incident Monday night, the police had been looking for someone in the same wooded area, with a Highway Patrol helicopter joining the search.

A police perimeter had been set up around Western Boulevard, including the old Cardinal Gibbons School area and the western part of the Dorothea Dix campus.

According to police, it is unknown if the Monday night assault, the body and the search are connected.

U.S. has more international support for force against Iraq

Officials say 21 countries have pledged to give U.S. forces "access en route" to Iraq.

Richard Whittle

The Dallas Morning News

(KRT) WASHINGTON—Nine nations will commit troops and nearly two dozen will let U.S. forces use their territory and airspace for a war with Iraq, a top State Department official said Thursday.

"I do not desire to announce the names publicly," Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. But he said 21 countries have pledged to give U.S. forces "access en route" to Iraq, up to 23 will allow basing and 22 countries have promised overflight rights.

"We've got a total of nine countries who have either fully committed or partially committed some troops," he added, disputing warnings that the United States and Britain will be alone if they decide to attack Iraq without U.N. backing.

Echoing a statement President Bush made earlier in the day, Armitage also said Iraq had "a matter of weeks, and not months" to comply with the U.N. demand that it disarm.

The leaders of Germany and France have declared themselves against going to war and rebuked the United States for threatening military action. But the leaders of Britain, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Portugal and Spain signed an article on the opinion page in Thursday's Wall Street Journal calling on the international community to back the U.S. position.

"Our governments have a common responsibility to face this threat," the article said. "Failure to do so would be nothing less than negligent to our own citizens and to the wider world."

Armitage said Secretary of State Colin Powell was working "24/7" on the statement he is to make to the U.N. Security Council next week aimed at per-

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N.C. State's ASME chapter receives perfect scores in national competition

The N.C. State chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers won the Interregional Student Section Contest.

News Staff Report

The N.C. State student chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) has brought home first place in the 2001-2002 ASME Interregional Student Section Contest.

The contest, which is a two-part, point-driven contest, is based on year-long technical activities and service projects. In addition, the contest is an annual event that includes the participation from stu-

dents at universities across the nation.

The first part of the contest is intraregional and is based on 1,000 points, which can be earned throughout the year. NCSU's ASME chapter, which was the first section to integrate multiple-day workshops on industry software to students, was one of six sections to receive a perfect score of 1,000.

The second part of the contest is the interregional part and has no point maximum.

NCSU accumulated a total of 4,535 points, outscoring the second place team, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, by 760 points.

ASME, founded in 1880, is a nonprof-

it organization that dedicates itself to enhancing the art, science and practice of mechanical engineering everywhere.

According to the organization's official website, www.asme.org, its main mission is to "promote ... the technical competency and professional well-being of our members, and through quality programs and activities in mechanical engineering, better enable its practitioners to contribute to the well-being of humankind."

"One reason our section has done so well is because of our unique technical sessions," said Elizabeth Baldwin, chapter chair in 2001-2002 and current vice chair, in a press release.

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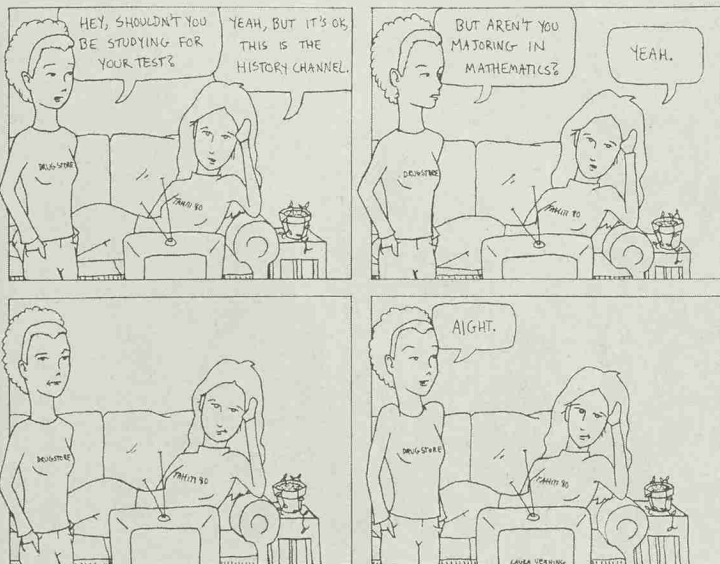


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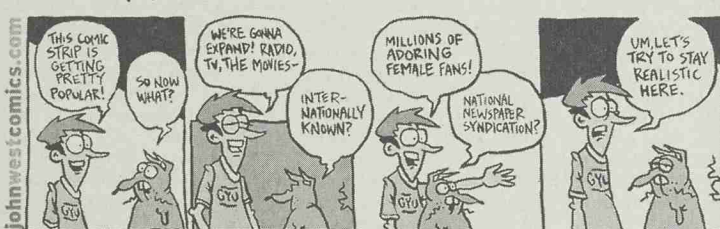
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The electric lady opened a book to read to Chalkhydry and Maxine. Staff illustration by Mark McLawhorn

We'll make our home water-tight
Work all day, play all night
And hope we're not washed away
By deceit or tragedy
And Joan of Arc rules Northeast
Where the poor and the hipsters meet
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And if you wanna be a friend of mine
Cross the river to the east side
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Tell me the city is no place to hide
Take me out into a sunny day
Through the grotto or the promenade
You came to me in the nick of time
Thankful for the things I left behind

Oh dirty river, come let me in

-Corin Tucker, "Light Rail Coyote"

The electric woman opened up the book and began to read to Chalkhydry and Maxine about the history of Achillia, the city that had been destroyed by a doomsday comet. She turned to page one and recited the prologue as the three sat under a beautiful stone porch, surrounded by lightly howling trees and a blue sky.

THE HISTORY OF THE
METROPOLIS OF ACHILLIA
AND ITS FIVE NEIGHBORING
CITY-STATES
PROLOGUE

No one seemed to remember exactly how the ancestors arrived in the

land that became the city of Achillia and its five neighboring territories. There was something about the land that seemed simultaneously ancient and new. Achillia's citizens had various theories and religions that explained how they came to be. Four of the most prominent religions even shared a notion that a giant bird "flew to the planet and carried the infant children of the land on its back." They asserted "the ancient people of Achillia were raised by the bird and given sacred laws to begin a society that would eventually bring fruit and maturity to this world." Many hoped "the great bird would come back one day and see the city and smile."

Some believed in a woman, who lived in the ocean, rushed to shore one day, and her body exploded into a thousand pieces and these shaped into the first inhabitants of Achillia. The residue of her sea foam formed their primordial thoughts and gave them knowledge to pass on to their children. The winds caused by her current formed the lands for these people to dwell.

A few believed in a being of pure energy that continually existed among them. This entity had little to do with their creation but was always wondering around

"tinkering with reality in an effort to amuse itself." The followers of this religion were rather odd and secret and bared more resemblance to a club and less a theological belief.

Then, of course, there were those who believed in nothing.

But religion aside, none of the Achillians could actually prove where the ancestors had come from so they just accepted the fact that they were there and decided to go about their lives and make a present and future about it. The city and its five surrounding regions existed rather harmoniously for quite some time. The land was primarily agrarian, and its people were too busy concentrating on growing enough food to survive the winters to worry about the affairs of others. Eventually, new technology developed and trade began to occur between the territories. Achillia became a favored hub of exchange because it was located in the center of the region and evolved into a crossroads. It wasn't until Achillia began to industrialize and grow did problems begin to arise between it and its five neighbors.

The electric woman then turned to chapter one and continued to read aloud.

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Divided House sets scene for deadlock

Since Wednesday, six votes have been cast to elect the leader of the N.C. House of Representatives, but each result has been the same. With a 60-55-5 vote respectively split among Democrat Jim Black (current Speaker of the House), Republican George Holmes and Republican Richard Morgan, the House is making little progress toward electing a leader and setting the tone for what could be a long two years of deadlock.

On Thursday night, representatives voted to adjourn until Monday at 7 p.m. to discuss the manner, according to a House spokesperson. Postponing another vote may be best for now, in order to allow both sides the opportunity to lobby among members and possibly swing votes, but a final decision must be reached that results in just one speaker of the House.

The possible outcomes are either to continue voting until a member sways his or her decision, creating a 61-vote majority, or to nominate co-speakers. While nominating co-speakers would allow the House to move past this debate and begin tackling the pressing issues concerning this year's legislature — especially creating a budget for our financially strapped state — the arrangement gives no real control to either party and is a potentially risky plan for North Carolina.

Other states have tried the co-speaker arrangement before. In 1986 Indiana chose to alternate speakers of the evenly divided House, and then-governor Evan Bayh said the power-sharing arrangement worked very well, surpris-

ing many people. However, in 1998 leaders in the state of Washington also voted to elect co-speakers for a 49-49 split House, and the results were a stressful and frustrating tie, leaving bills passed in the Democratic Senate merely lying dead on the floor of a split House.

Taking a chance like this with a shaky power-sharing agreement could have devastating results for the House, leading to gridlock and an ineffective session at a time when the state needs a sense of governmental unity. North Carolina's economy is struggling and the state has had difficulty managing the budget, which now sits \$2 billion in debt, and the possibility of a war with Iraq grows stronger each day. For the legislature to work most efficiently, one true leader must emerge.

If electing a speaker has proven to be this difficult, the House is sending an ominous message about the future of debates during the next two years. Holding six votes during two days and then adjourning until Monday, when more votes are likely to occur, wastes valuable time in the House and accomplishes little.

The constant voting along party lines is more a sign of supporting political sides than the merit of any candidate. The state's parties must unite behind their two candidates, and at some point over the weekend both sides will need to work at finagling a vote from the opposite group. At a critical time for the struggling economy of North Carolina, power sharing is not a reasonable option and one party should have leadership of the House.

Gender roles still exist

Staff

Editorial

Daily O'Collegian
Oklahoma State U.

(U-WIRE) STILL-WATER, Okla. — Recently, a trend has been noticed among female college students nationwide. Relatively few of them tend to choose majors in colleges of math and science. Compared to men, women are less likely to choose a career in engineering or computer science. Even our own university, with its nearly equal distribution of gender in the student body, shows evidence of this pattern.

The men in the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology greatly outnumber women even here at Oklahoma State University.

When asking ourselves why this is happening, we first thought the problem might be that people are unfamiliar with what a career in engineering actually entails. Perhaps counselors should make the information more available to females instead of merely assuming that they wouldn't be interested. If more people knew about the pros of becoming an engineer or technician, maybe more people of both sexes might enter into such positions.

The concept of gender roles should

also deserve consideration. Many women, perhaps not even consciously, might think of such careers as being more centered on physical labor and monotonous computer programming. The idea of certain occupations as being "a man's job" or "women's work" is dying hard. The national trend seems to be slowing down as more and more women enter fields that require a degree in math and science.

However, plenty of women are enrolling in public relations, premed, and secondary education classes. Theoretically, women are supposed to be more skilled in areas that require spatial skills and abstract thinking, while men are supposedly more wired for numbers and quantitative problems. These numbers seem to back that theory, whether you believe it or not.

One thing is certain; now is an excellent time for women to enter such fields. Employers will likely be looking to hire women with the same skills as their male counterparts. The job market for female engineers and programmers may have never been more open. Gender roles will change naturally; we just need to wait out the change.



Bush proposes AIDS prevention program



Zack Medford
Staff Columnist

every instrument we have available to stop the spread of AIDS.

AIDS is obviously not just America's problem — it's a worldwide epidemic. Until recently, the federal government seemed content to just fight the war against AIDS on local grounds, spending only about \$5 billion overseas. Countries were expected to use their own local means to come up with programs for battling the epidemic and use most of the funding for education purposes. President Bush's new AIDS plan will triple this amount in order to help Africa and Haiti more effectively stop the spread of AIDS.

The greatest part of Bush's plan is that

it is not naive. The plan calls for abstinence teaching and generic AIDS medication. But the plan also goes a step further and dedicates aid toward condom education and distribution. According to Bush, this plan will help save the lives of more than 2 million people currently diagnosed with HIV in Africa and Haiti, not to mention prevent 7 million new HIV infections from ever happening.

The plan is a landmark for more than just the massive amount of aid being sent overseas to combat AIDS. It demonstrates that Bush acknowledges condoms save lives. Reasonably, if 7 million people are prevented from being infected with AIDS by using condoms, this will also help keep 7 million people from becoming pregnant by accident.

Condoms are 99 percent effective and clearly a great solution to the dangers of sexual intercourse. The plan understands the fact that people are going to have sex, and they are not going to consider the repercussions.

But wait a minute ... we're teaching abstinence overseas, as well as distributing condoms and teaching the population how to use them. What are we doing at home? Oh yeah, that's right. "Abstinence

only." Open your eyes America. Sure, it would be great to live in a perfect world. People would wait until marriage to risk having sex with each other, everyone would work very hard at their jobs, and no one would drink or smoke pot — but it's not going to happen any time soon.

Politicians are fooling themselves into thinking that abstinence teaching alone will save our nation from the evils of STDs and premarital births. Until we start leveling with our nation's youth — who are getting smarter by the year — and drop our abstinence-only policies, we are not going to solve the problem. Instead, we are wasting our money.

If abstinence plus condom education can save 7 million lives in a country where American aid only reaches a tiny fraction of the population, maybe it can save a lot on our native soil too. Abstinence and condom education is clearly going to be a reality, so we must stop wasting time on a program that has been proven to do nothing.

Zack is all for waiting until marriage. E-mail him with your proposals at zack@zack.com.

A permanent solution to a temporary problem



Heather Cutchin
Staff Columnist

For teens and young adults who have attempted suicide, the worst feeling in the world is failure. It is waking up the morning after and still being alive. This feeling is one that many college students have, and 95 percent of all suicide attempts

are because of depression. How can college students be depressed? Most operate at a high stress level. There is school, homework, jobs, fraternities/sororities, clubs and many other things that take up time and energy. Some students get sucked into all of these things, and before they realize what is happening, they are leading a life by their calendar instead of just relaxing and having fun. Worries begin to take over, and a student will spend most of his or her time thinking about what project is due, if there's enough money to pay the bills or if he or she will have a job after graduation.

Family problems also cause depression. Most students who attempt suicide are having difficulties with their parents; sometimes, it's because the parents are fighting and the child feels caught in the middle or the parents are constantly nagging their child about school, work or countless other things.

Relationships cause problems, too. Col-

lege is a wonderful time to meet people and date around; however, it is very easy to get hurt. While some are ready to be in a serious relationship at this age, others definitely are not, which can cause both sides to get hurt. Also, relationships between friends can be severed and cause depression. Human nature causes us to say and do things that we do not mean, and sometimes, it is hard to forgive and forget.

Is it possible to heal from depression and not attempt suicide? Unfortunately, I do not have any miracle answer. There are many forms of depression and people have their own ways of getting out of it. The Student Health Center at N.C. State tends to think that depression is similar to a disease and that it is something that can be treated with medication. Also, counseling is offered so students can call and talk to someone about their problems. Everything is confidential, and the counselors seem to be very nice and helpful.

Some feel very uncomfortable going to a health center to talk to someone about depression, which is fine, but if you are having suicidal thoughts or actions, you need to get some help. Talking to a trusted family member or friend can work better than talking to any stranger. Simply writing down what is going on in your mind can help you sort through your issues and determine that death is not the best choice. Most problems that seem so horrible at the moment turn out to be really insignificant when looked at later. Try focusing on the good things in

your life instead of all of the bad. So, your dog died, your mom cut off the money flow until your grades come up, your job sucks and you hate math class. Things will get better: that sore spot from your dog dying will heal with much time, at least you have a job and because you are taking that required math class, you will be able to graduate with a degree. See, not all things are as bad as they seem at first.

Many students turn to alcohol or drugs when they get depressed. This is just a temporary solution: The alcohol buzz will wear off, and everything that goes up must come down. Some even get more depressed after drinking or doing drugs, which does not help the matter any at all. Getting drunk is not a cure for depression, as alcohol is a depressant.

There are plenty of reasons to stick around on this earth just a little while longer. If you are depressed and contemplating suicide, I urge you to seek help, because your life is definitely worth saving.

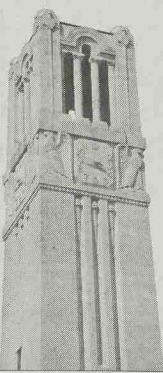
The Counseling Center can be reached at 515-2423 or at its Web site http://www.ncsu.edu/student_affairs/counseling_center/. After 5 p.m., a counselor can be reached by calling Public Safety at 515-3333.

Heather is now on her way to Lake Johnson, where she runs to get rid of pent-up anger and depression. If you would like to join her, send her an e-mail at hrcutchi@unity.ncsu.edu.

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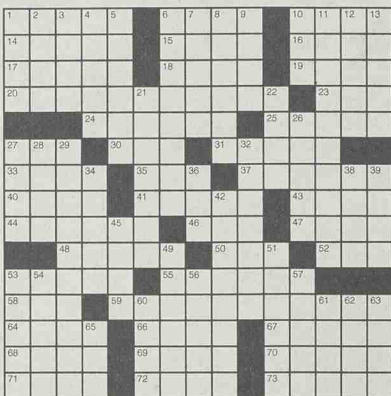
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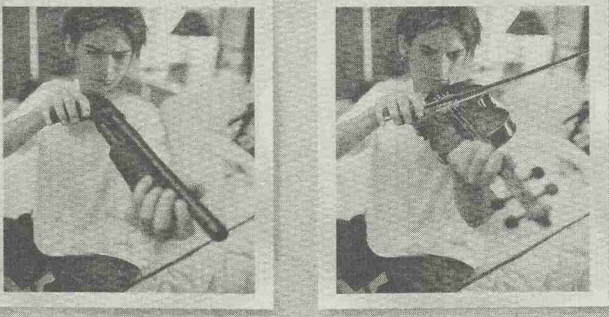
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Aries

March 21-April 19

Today is a 9. If there's something you don't want to talk about, don't. If it won't further the action, keep it to yourself. There's no time, anyway. Things are moving too fast.

Libra

Sept. 23-Oct 22

Today is an 8. The day gets more fun as you go along, and not just because it's a Friday. The weekend will be awesome for romance, starting tonight. Set it up.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Today is a 5. It's not a great idea to try to argue the minority opinion now. You could be right, but that won't get you far with a person whose mind has slammed shut. Save your breath.

Scorpio

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 5. When you focus your attention, you're awesome. That's liable to happen this weekend. Your home and/or something in it will never be the same. Unleash your creative powers.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

Gemini

May 21-June 21

Today is a 7. You're not quite done with the homework yet, even if you think you are. Try one or two other tricks to cut costs even more. That'll impress your friends and loved ones.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is an 8. Put every penny you can into the best educational materials. You should also find a way to write them off, since you'll eventually use them to benefit others.

Cancer

June 22-July 22

Today is a 6. Let a spokesperson explain your plans. That might be more effective. Besides, it's good for others to know you're not out there all by yourself.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 6. You may have to holler to be heard above the din. Don't be shy. Your income will go up along with your volume. Let people know what you've got.

Leo

July 23-Aug. 22

Today is an 8. An expert can help alleviate the pressure you're under at work. Don't feel bad. There's no way you'd ever have thought of this all by yourself.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Today is an 8. Your planning phase should be nearing completion. New, brilliant ideas come tonight and over the weekend. A gathering of like-minded souls could be the perfect environment, and also a lot of fun.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 6. A few choice words are necessary to have the job go the way you want. Don't be afraid to say those words when the moment is right. You'll know when.

Pisces

Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 6. It's good to spend some time by yourself in quiet contemplation. Schedule more of that for this weekend. It'll help get you ready for new responsibilities.

GYMNASTICS

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gymnasts who will return from injuries that kept them out of the season's initial meets. Most will not be back for the Auburn meet but the next meet on Feb. 2.

- "Stephanie Southard, who never missed a meet last year, sprained her ankle early this year, but she will be back next weekend," Stevenson said. "Freshman Kylah Bachman will soon be back to doing all-around, and we hope to have Andrea Petrocilli and Alison Bundy back for Governor's Cup."

Two transfer gymnasts, junior

Leah Sabo and sophomore Kelley Kello, have effectively contributed to the performance of the team this year. Sabo took first in the all-around at the Pack's first home meet. She then followed with a second-place finish in the all-around at last week's home meet.

Kello has been the Pack's top bar performer, posting scores of 9.925 and 9.875 in her last two meets. She also took third place in the all-around at State's first home meet.

"We get seven routines out of those two gymnasts, and they are doing an awesome job. They are consistent and have a great mind-

set within them, and that is something that they bring to the team," Stevenson said. "I think their mindset has been a key to why we have been successful so early this year."

Stevenson believes his team's goal heading to Auburn is achieving mental toughness.

"It's our second away meet, but this is our first meet that we feel really good about ourselves," Stevenson said. "We had a good meet last week, so we hope to go in and, win or lose, stay right with Auburn and get a score that will help us get into the NCAA championships."

Virginia pep band may have to face the music

Ed Miller

The Virginian-Pilot (KRT)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — An older, well-dressed man made his way down the steps at University Hall recently, intent on telling the director of the Virginia pep band what he thought of its controversial performance at the Continental Tire Bowl last month.

He stopped in front of a young man sporting a scruffy goatee, his hair in a ponytail.

"Are you Adam?" the man asked.

"Yes," Adam Lorentson said a bit warily. The third-year student studying international relations and neuroscience directs the band and has caught his share of flak recently.

"I got a lot of threats," he said.

Not this time. The man was John P. Ackerly III, rector of U.Va.'s Board of Visitors. He smiled, shook Lorentson's hand and asked, "How you holding up?"

Lorentson looked relieved. Ackerly told him to hang in there. He said that instead of apologizing for the band's performance that lampooned the state of West Virginia, U.Va. President John T. Casteen should have sent West Virginia Gov. Bob Wise a one-line letter.

"Virginia 48, West Virginia 22," Ackerly said. "Signed, John Casteen."

Lorentson laughed and thanked Ackerly for his support.

These days, the band can use it.

The band's full name is the "Award-Winning Virginia Fighting Cavalier Indoor/Outdoor Precision (?) Marching Pep Band and Chowder Society Revue, Unlimited!!!!" And it already is a shadow of its formerly irreverent self, Lorentson said.

This past season, it was limited to two halftime football performances, not counting the Tire Bowl. The school elected to bring in outside bands for the other games. An athletic department administrator heavily censors each of the pep band's scripts.

Lorentson contends the band is a victim of political correctness and says the censorship it experiences runs counter to the principles of free expression espoused by U.Va.'s founder, Thomas Jefferson.

University officials say the issue is sportsmanship, not free speech. The Atlantic Coast Conference, of which Virginia is a member, has made sportsmanship a front-and-center issue in recent years.

There may be more than just sportsmanship concerns driving the debate over the pep band, as an editorial in Virginia's student newspaper suggested this month.

The band was founded in 1974, and in its early years, seemed a good fit at an academically strong regional university that didn't take its football too seriously. In recent years, Virginia has worked to make itself one of those rare universities that can have both big-time football and a sparkling academic reputation.

In the past five years, Virginia

has poured millions into its football program. Scott Stadium has been expanded to 65,000 seats. Al Groh, a former NFL coach, was hired for the express purpose of bringing the Cavaliers a national championship.

Academically, Virginia is regarded as one of the nation's top public universities.

Is a ragtag pep band the image Virginia wants to present to the world? Some voices at the student newspaper, the Cavalier Daily, don't think so.

"With the University entrenched as one of the nation's best, it's about time we began to act like it," one editorial stated.

That's one argument against the band. Another one heard often is just as damaging: The band's just not funny anymore.

"The university needs a real band," the editorial stated. "You know, one with uniforms and a bit of restraint."

The pep band has never been a typical marching band, and couldn't be prouder of that fact.

It was created as a scramble band, one of a handful in the country. Most are found in the Ivy League, where every school but Cornell has one. Stanford and Rice also have them.

Scramble bands are the anti-marching bands. They don't even march. They don't wear snazzy uniforms or play big, brassy songs, either. No drum major or majorettes accompany them, although they may be accompanied by someone banging on a trash can lid, or a pink flamingo. "Serious, regimented, uncreative and dull," is how the Virginia band's Web site describes traditional marching bands.

On the other hand, a scramble band taking the field looks like a cross between "a riot, a fire drill and a half-off sale at Macy's," according to the Princeton University band Web site. While the scrambling is taking place, an announcer reads from a script that is intended to be funny.

Funny, of course, is highly subjective. Some people find the scramble band humor offensive.

That was the case Dec. 28, when Virginia faced West Virginia at the Continental Tire Bowl in Charlotte, N.C. The pep band's show, a takeoff on the television series "The Bachelor," featured a young man who was asked to choose between two women. One was a Virginia student. The other, supposedly from West Virginia, had blue overalls, pigtailed, a talent for square dancing and a dream to move to Beverly Hills, Calif., just like "The Beverly Hillbillies."

West Virginia fans booed the performance and chanted for the band to leave the field. Within days, Virginia was deluged with calls and e-mails. West Virginia's governor demanded an apology and Casteen provided one.

The incident was in keeping with pep band tradition. In 1977, it poked fun at former Maryland Gov. Marvin Mandel, who had been convicted of a felony, by playing "Jailhouse Rock." In 1985, the band outraged West Virginians with jokes about indoor plumbing and birth control. At

the 1991 Sugar Bowl, in a skit titled "Elvis Is Still Dead," band members piled on an Elvis impersonator. Fans of the University of Tennessee, Virginia's opponent, were not amused.

Still, the Virginia band is tame compared to some. The Stanford band once hacked up a stuffed spotted owl during a halftime show at the University of Oregon. At a game at Notre Dame, music was conducted by a member wearing a nun's habit and waving a cross, which got the band barred from performing there again.

When Notre Dame visited Stanford six years later, the band landed in hot water again for suggesting that Irish culture consisted only of fighting and starving.

The Columbia University band, which calls itself the "Cleverest Band in the World," created a stir in September when an announcer made a joke about altar boys during halftime of a game against Fordham, a Jesuit university.

Not every band seeks to shock. At Princeton, much of the humor is political satire, said Pat Miller, whose term as band president expired in November.

"We do a lot of self-censoring," Miller said. "We won't be offensive just to be offensive."

He said the band submits scripts to an athletic department administrator, but few topics are off-limits.

"Really, we're given pretty free reign," Miller said.

That's not the case at Virginia, Lorentson said.

"As far as I can tell, we are the most restricted band in the country," he said.

Among the topics off-limits to the U.Va. pep band: President Bush, Ralph Nader, any corporate sponsor of Virginia athletics, the Virginia honor system, fan support of athletic teams, and the very fact that the band is censored.

"It's hard to be funny with such a limited range of topics to work with," Lorentson said.

A recent Cavalier Daily editorial wasn't the first calling for the banishment of the pep band. The newspaper called for the creation of a marching band two years ago.

A search of the athletic department's archives turned up some photos of a more-traditional band from the early 1950s, but no one could say exactly when the group disbanded or why.

Wood said a group is being formed to talk about the university's music needs and that everything is on the table, including formation of a marching band.

Money is the key sticking point. At Virginia Tech, the marching band's annual budget is \$114,000. That's a modest figure for a band of Tech's size, because the school does not award scholarships and has a small staff, director Dave McKee said.

Start-up costs would be higher. McKee said that in his 17 years at Virginia Tech, he's been approached more than once by University of Virginia administrators seeking information about start-up costs.

BASKETBALL

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last six minutes of the game with a lower-back injury. His status for Sunday's game is uncertain.

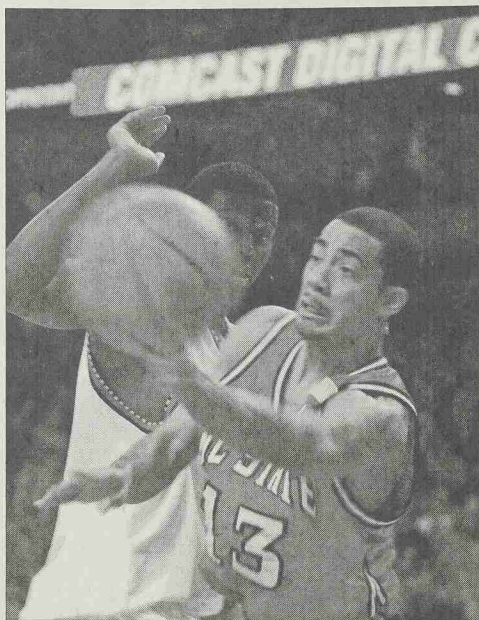
"He has a bruise of some degree," said Sendek. "But I haven't had a chance to talk with anybody."

State got out to a quick start, with Melvin hitting a 3-pointer on State's first possession of the game. The Pack extended its lead to 5-0 on a Powell layup.

Maryland responded with a 10-5 run to tie the game. Maryland utilized its size in grabbing a number of offensive rebounds during the stretch. Offensive rebounding kept the Terps in game early, as they finished the first half with eight offensive rebounds and nine second-chance points.

With its 3-point shots not falling, the Pack began working the ball inside using a number of cuts. Powell hit a layup and Hodge followed with an old-fashioned three-point play to match State's biggest lead at 15-10.

Once again, Maryland responded with a run of its own — scoring six straight points to give the Terps its first lead with 8-12 re-



Freshman Cameron Bennerman reaches past the defense for a pass in the second half. Staff photo by Kevin Ritter

maining in the first half.

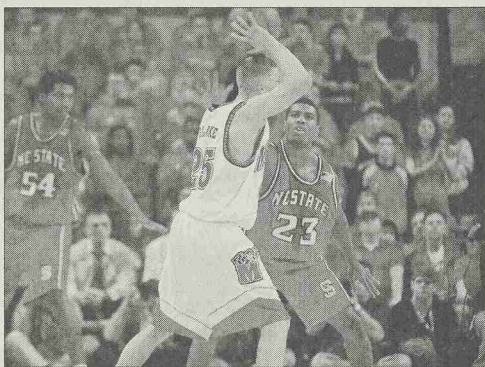
The rest of the first half would prove to be a back-and-forth af-

fair between the ACC leaders, with no team amassing a lead of more than two points for the rest of the half.

With State up 22-20, Blake hit his first 3-pointer of the night. After two Hodge free throws, Blake hit another 3 to give Maryland a 26-24 lead. State closed the half with a 4-1 run to lead 28-27.

"State really controlled the tempo of the game in the first half," said Williams. "The second half, I thought we got it going pretty well — scoring 48 points. At halftime we just talked about executing better."

Maryland returns to action Sunday against Loyola-Marymount. State hosts Clemson at 1 p.m. on Sunday at home at the RBC Center.



Facing many Pack defenders, Maryland's Steve Blake was perfect from 3-point range and led all scorers with 20. Staff photo by Kevin Ritter

AUSTIN

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is the group of older guys who sit there keeping score, yelling at the umpires and cheering. They know everything there is to know about State baseball, and they really enjoy coming out to the games. I would highly recom-

mend sitting down next to them and just listening to what they have to say.

On top of that, they are hilarious — really, nothing beats old guys getting up and yelling at umpires. They're not quite as vulgar as the student section of a basketball game, but they are fun to listen to nonetheless. My personal favorite is the guy who blows the

duck call when opposing batters are up and also just randomly on occasion. Nothing is quite as confusing as the first time you hear a duck call during a baseball game.

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WRESTLING

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had words with the referee, drawing an unsportsmanlike conduct call and a deduction of one point from the team's total.

"The call was a questionable call, and he's been real frustrated," Guzzo said of McCallum. "He really should have won that match, he felt."

Freshman Leroy Harris (2-2) wrestled his third and fourth matches of the season in place of

Fowler, going 1-1 with a dramatic 4-3 win over Campbell's Steve Cashman. Harris trailed 3-1 late in the final period before landing a two-point takedown with just over 30 seconds left. Harris got the decisive point for riding time.

Harris has only been with the team for two weeks after completing his season as a center on the football team.

"I'm a little rusty right now, but I'm trying to get back into it," Harris said.

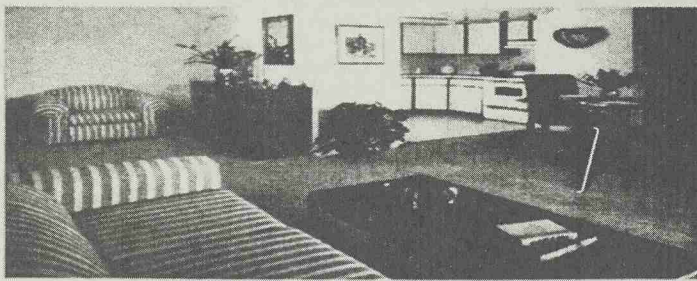
Guzzo believes the concurrent-

match format is good preparation for national competition down the road.

"At the national tournaments, sometimes ... you've got to be prepared to turn right around and wrestle again [after a match]," Guzzo said. "This kind of gets you thinking in that direction."

State travels to Norfolk, Va., Saturday to face Old Dominion at 2 p.m., the first of six consecutive road matches. The Pack will next be at home Feb. 18 to face Duke.

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Scores

Maryland 75, M. basketball 60
Wrestling 38, Campbell 6
Wrestling 34, UNC-G 9
Princeton 5, M. tennis 2

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BASEBALL

Travel for the team



Austin Johnson

As crazy as it sounds, college baseball season is less than two weeks away. Unfortunately, N.C. State is at a disadvantage this year as far as home-field advantage goes. You know that huge construction mud pit beside Sullivan Hall? That's supposed to be Doak Field, where the Wolfpack usually plays baseball.

Doak Field was supposed to be ready by the beginning of March, but in a turn of events as surprising as Rasheed Wallace getting caught with pot, it's not finished on time. The Pack will have to play at least its first month of games at remote locations.

At this point, State looks like it will play most of its games at Five County Stadium in Zebulon, home of the Carolina Mudcats. So it seems it could be a pain to drive all the way out there when last year the games were played on campus. But hear me out on this one — it's worth the drive and time.

First of all, the team will need some support this year, especially playing so far from campus. But if supporting the team isn't enough incentive, I present the top five reasons to attend N.C. State baseball games this year:

5. Stadium food: There is nothing like ballpark food; it's a delicious heart attack waiting to happen. It's about the only place a guy can get those fried dough things with the sugar and chocolate sauce on top — I think they are called funnel cakes. Regardless, the only other place I've seen them is at the fair, which isn't exactly around for a while. So even people who hate baseball have a reason to go.

4. David Hicks and Colt Morton: These two will be State's most entertaining hitters. Hicks had the second-best batting average on the team last year at .372 and was also second in hits (83), doubles (24) and total bases (125). Expect him to step up this year and become State's best overall hitter.

Colt Morton is a prototypical power hitter; this guy isn't much of a threat to lay down a bunt so to speak. He had the lowest batting average of any player who started more than 40 games and also led the team in strikeouts. That being said, he can crush a ball when he gets a hold of it, hitting 13 home runs last year. He may not be the best hitter on the team, but he will be the most exciting to watch. Morton is also an excellent defensive catcher — the kind of guy who really makes his pitchers better.

3. Relaxation factor: One of the great things about baseball is that it's quite relaxing to watch. Someone can go to a game and just sit there, not have to think about anything for a couple of hours and enjoy. Baseball is called the national pastime for a reason — and not just because it was around before any of the other big sports.

2. Michael Rogers: This is only his second year playing college baseball, but Rogers is probably already the best pitcher on State's roster. Last year he made seven starts before fracturing his leg. In those appearances, he posted an ERA of only 3.63, the best of any starting pitcher a season ago. He also struck out 41 batters in only 39.2 innings, meaning this guy can bring it.

He threw back-to-back shutouts on Feb. 23 and March 1 against Coppin State and George Mason, respectively. In his senior year of high school, Rogers threw a perfect game, so this is the kind of guy that could go out and throw a no-hitter on any given day.

1. The Diehards: By far the most entertaining thing at a State baseball game

Second-half surge propels Maryland to win

Turnovers plagued N.C. State against the No. 10 Terrapins, as Maryland emerged with a 75-60 win.

Steve Thompson
Sports Editor

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — A narrow first half lead for the N.C. State couldn't survive a barrage of Maryland 3-pointers and a slew of Wolfpack miscues.

The Terrapins used a 17-3 run in the second half to change the game from a back-and-forth duel to a convincing 75-60 Maryland victory on Thursday night.

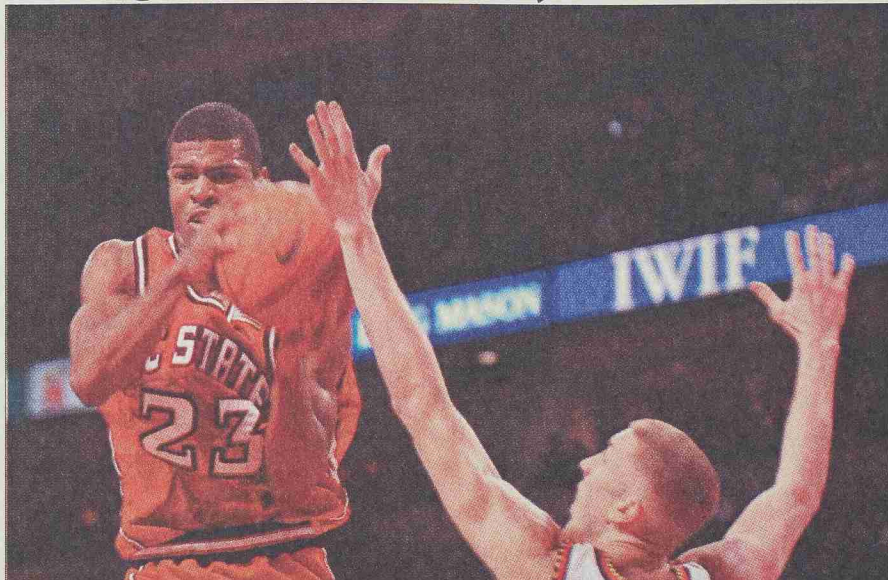
Maryland (13-4, 6-1 ACC) now is the only ACC team that has lost only one conference game. State (11-5, 4-2) moves into a tie with Duke and Wake Forest for second place in the league.

"They're an outstanding team," said Wolfpack head coach Herb Sendek. "It's obvious why they're one of the best teams in the country."

Maryland's defense forced the Pack to make a number of costly turnovers that greatly hurt State. After averaging only 11.5 turnovers in home wins against Duke and North Carolina, the Wolfpack couldn't hold on to the ball against the Terps, committing a staggering 21 turnovers.

"I thought one of the big differences in the game was our turnovers," said Sendek. "It's tough to win when you commit 21 turnovers."

With State holding a slim 28-27 lead at the half, Maryland came out fast in the first minutes of the second half. Steve Blake hit a 3-pointer out of the gate and a Wolfpack turnover led directly to a Tajh Holden 3. Maryland had turned a one-



Nothing came easy for Scooter Sherrill and N.C. State in a loss to Maryland Thursday night. Staff photo by Kevin Ritter

point deficit to a five point-lead. State would never lead again.

With the score tied at 38, a Ryan Randle jump-hook ignited a 22-6 run that would build Maryland a 60-44 lead. After being held scoreless in the first half, Maryland's leading scorer Drew Nicholas responded with 13 second-half points, including three 3-point baskets during Maryland's decisive run. Maryland scored nine points off turnovers during the stretch.

"I think many of our turnovers during that stretch were just mental errors,"

said the Pack's Julius Hodge. "Guys were passing the ball when they weren't supposed to. We're going to learn from this."

Despite the run, the Pack wouldn't go away. State responded with a 10-0 run of its own to pull within six at 60-54, but the Pack would get no closer. With 3:49 remaining, Clifford Crawford picked up his fifth foul and Blake hit the two subsequent free throws to push the lead to eight points.

With Crawford out of the game, Maryland iced the victory down the stretch.

"State made a good run when we got it

up to 16, they cut it to six," said Maryland head coach Gary Williams. "We just had to hang tough."

For the game, Maryland shot an efficient 8-of-11 from behind the 3-point arc, and a cool 50 percent from the field overall. Blake, who hit all four of his 3-pointers en route to scoring 20 points, led the Terps.

Marcus Melvin led State with 15 points. Hodge and Josh Powell added 13 and 12 points, respectively. Powell missed the

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Wrestling picks up wins over UNCG, Campbell

Finally getting healthy, the wrestling team beat UNC-Greensboro and Campbell in simultaneous matches Thursday night.

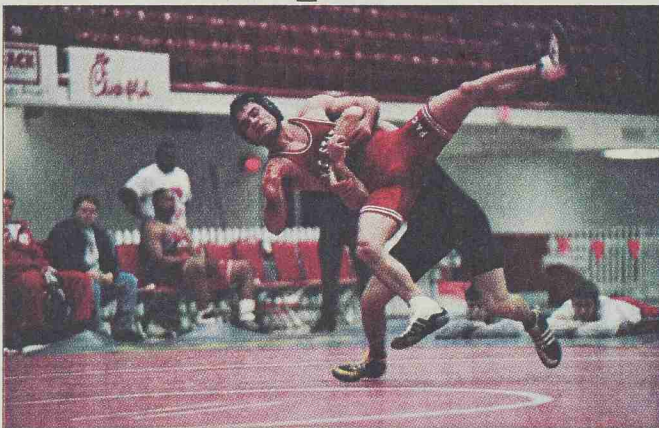
Jimmy Ryals
Staff Writer

N.C. State's wrestlers didn't beat anybody with their hands tied behind their backs Thursday night, but the Pack did pull off a feat worthy of some schoolyard respect, overpowering two teams at the same time.

The Pack grapplers simultaneously faced UNC-Greensboro on one mat and Campbell on another, defeating the former 34-9 and the latter 36-6.

The Pack (4-5, 1-1 ACC) had a relatively healthy lineup. Restoring the team's health is more important for head coach Bob Guzzo than improving the won-loss record.

"When we don't have our



Ryan McCallum may have been turned upside down, but it was N.C. State that wound up on top of two nonconference foes. Staff photo by Josh Michel

full lineup, we're just not very good," Guzzo said. "But when we get all our guys in there, we put together a pretty good team. And tonight, we were starting to get our team back."

Injuries still loom for the Pack, however. Heavyweight Ricky Fowler sat out with a

rib injury again and 157-pounder Scott Garren sustained a knee injury against UNCG's Ryan Tripp. Garren did finish the match, taking a 6-3 win.

State's murderer's row in the middle weight classes of Jake Giamoni (149 pounds), Garren (ranked 15th nationally), Dustin Kawa (165 pounds) and Kevin Gabrielson (174 pounds) led the way Thursday, combining for an 8-0 record and 38 total points, 20 against UNCG and 18 against Campbell.

Kawa picked up a forfeit and a 23-7 technical fall over UNCG's Nate Parmenter. Giamoni pinned UNCG's Tony Stewart at the 1:58 mark of their match and won a technical fall 22-5 over Campbell freshman Elliot Berger.

Gabrielson notched a pin in

his match against UNCG's Charles Jones and a 4-2 win over Campbell's Jon Carlisle. In addition to the match in which he was injured, Garren took a 12-2 major decision over Campbell's Vic Arena.

"When we're losing matches, one of those guys is always out of the lineup," Guzzo said. "We're very fortunate to have those guys and more or less count in wins [in their classes]."

Junior Ryan McCallum (141 pounds) had a frustrating night, losing his first match 3-1 in overtime to Campbell's Adam Bricker and a heart-breaking 6-5 decision to UNCG's Wes Gibson. A late point awarded to Gibson decided the match; McCallum took issue with the call and

Gymnastics to tango with Tigers

In its second away meet of the season, N.C. State will try to upend No. 15 Auburn.

Memie Ezike
Staff Writer

After two consecutive wins in the first two home meets of the season, the N.C. State gymnastics team will travel to Auburn to take on the Tigers tonight.

State has fared very well in its recent home meets, posting scores of 193.850 and 195.050. Although the wins were satisfying and the scores high, head coach Mark Stevenson knows if his gymnasts want to go deep into the season, they must hit all their routines.

"We love to see our score go up, but that's not really our goal," Stevenson said. "If we hit 22-24 of our 24 routines, our score should go up. Each time we do a better job of hitting our routines number-wise, the better our score should become."

State will face a tough challenge in the Tigers. Auburn, ranked No. 15 in the GymInfo top-25 poll, averages a score of 195.033. Stevenson noted earlier in the season that an average score of 195 or better is a key for getting into the NCAA championships.

Auburn head coach Jeff Thompson has taken a young program and turned it into one of the top teams in the nation. The Tigers are coming off a win over No. 10 LSU, its first over that program in 10 years.

"[Auburn is] new. The school just built the team a \$5 million facility. They fund that program like N.C. State funds its women's basketball team, which is saying a lot," Stevenson said. "They are a little young, but we feel like a comparable team to them."

State will soon get a boost from four

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George Cintron (top) puts Campbell's Andy Bricker in an uncomfortable position. Staff photo by Josh Michel

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