

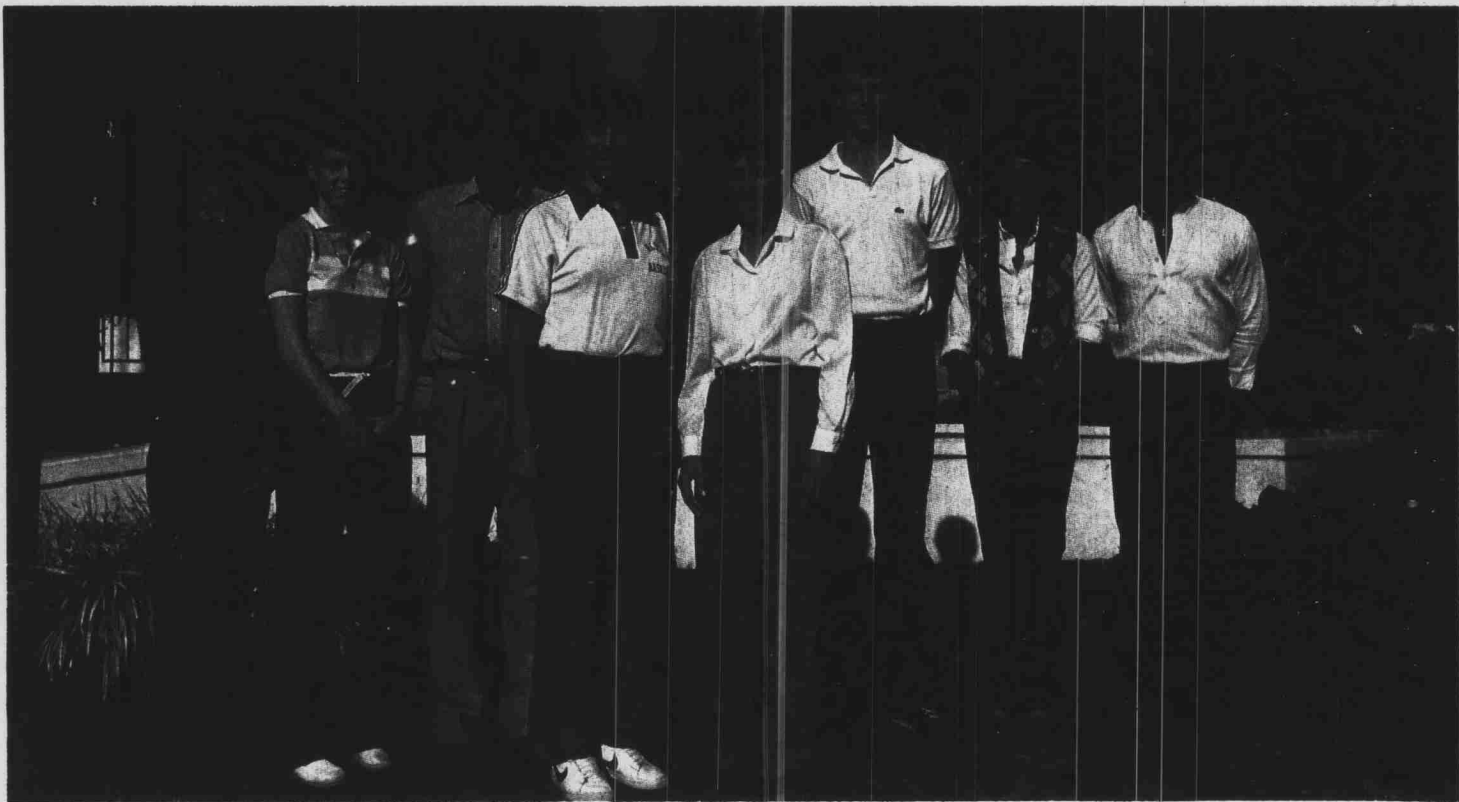
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Cavs first; Pack at their heels

Present the ACC with a problem and it answers with rapid vigor. Last year the league's excitement seemed to dwindle with the scores of its games. So, the league has some rules changes in store for its fans this season — the long-awaited 30-second clock and a 19-foot three-point play. There should also be a change at the top.

Sideline Insights

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As usual there is an absolute, unquestionable, definite frontrunner in the ACC basketball race. With the graduation of North Carolina's James Worthy to the Los Angeles Lakers, it appears that Virginia has the pre-season edge in the ACC.

The rest of the league could be split into two categories but the line would be very thin, and never is the top spot all that secure. Regardless of where the line is, the last seven teams represent a fairly well-balanced league and the Cavs will have someone breathing down their necks by season's end.

There will as usual be some knock down, drag out competition among foes this season. Here is how the conference race shapes up before the hoopball is thrown out, with each team's predicted finish and capsule summary:

•**Virginia:** Virginia head basketball coach Terry Holland may find out what pressure is really like before this season is finished. Most are picking him to win the ACC, the NCAA and the Charlottesville Lottery if they have one.

With Mr. all-World, Ralph Sampson, camping out for a fourth year in the paint, it appears the Cavs have a viable claim to the top spot. Sampson will be able to get the ball more easily this season with the new rules and it should mean more points for the big man.

Virginia's only loss was Jeff Jones. Holland hopes to replace that loss with transfer junior Rick Carlisle. Given Othell Wilson and Tim Mullen in the backcourt with Carlisle and a mixture of Craig Robinson, Jim Miller and Dan Merrifield at the forwards and the WaHoos may be giving the ACC an early war cry, although the non-league team's on their schedule are demanding. **Predicted finish: First.**

•**State:** The Wolfpack is coming off their first NCAA appearance under head coach Jim Valvano. The Pack, like Virgini, is faced with a very tough non-conference schedule.

State is blessed with one of the best backcourts in the nation in Sidney Lowe and Dereck Whittenburg. Lowe finds the open man while Whit usually finds the range — a great combo.

Joining that senior duo is big man Thurl Bailey. Bailey will be asked to roam into any of three positions this season to fill needs, but will, in the end, be State's top rebounder and scorer unless Whit makes it up in three-pointers.

The Pack is looking at a problem in the middle. With inexperienced Cozell McQueen at center, State may be vulnerable. Sophomore Lorenzo Charles and JUCO transfer Alvin Battle could help fill that void. **Predicted finish: Second.**

•**North Carolina:** The Tar Heels may find life after championship a little demanding, especially after losing Worthy. But Dean Smith's Heels always find a way to get there and you can bet the Tar Heels will be around when the gun sounds.

Junior Sam Perkins and sophomore Michael Jordan provide a wealth of experienced

1. Virginia
2. State
3. North Carolina
4. Maryland
5. Wake Forest
6. Duke
7. Clemson
8. Georgia Tech

talent to the starters while junior Matt Doherty will also be a returning starter. Jimmy Braddock will likely take the point guard spot and a host of candidates including freshmen Brad Daugherty and Curtis Hunter will vie for the vacated spot. No repeat of last year, but contention is unavoidable. Early season injuries have beset the Heels but recovery is imminent. So is a good finish. **Predicted finish: Third.**

•**Maryland:** Coach Lefty Driesell's Terps are gearing it up to jump back into contention after a couple of struggling years. Maryland does not have a senior on the team. The last time they had that type of youth they upset the field to win the regular season title.

A mixture of sophomores and juniors will spot the starting lineup including Jeff Adkins, Adrian Branch and newcomer transfer Ben Coleman. Others fighting for jobs will be Mark Fothergill, Pete Holbert and Herman Veal with freshman Len Bias in the hunt too. It's doubtful the Terps can keep up with the upper three but they can be a factor. **Predicted finish: Fourth.**

•**Wake Forest:** The Deacs have a problem. They lost three top seniors who had started for four years together. But they have somewhat of a pleasant solution. They were deep last year and

may have the personnel to replace the loss.

Returning to the crowd is Alvis Rogers, who started with the departed trio but was red-shirted last year. He has recently suffered another injury, but if he recovers he could play a big role on a team in which he is the only senior.

Danny Young heads the backcourt with John Toms, Scott Davis and Chuck Keyple going for the other backcourt slot. Anthony Teachey moves in to replace the departed Jim Johnstone and has the credentials to fill those big shoes. Up front Rogers, Sylveter Charles and newcomer Kenny Green will be looked to. It may not be the year of the Deac, but the Deacs could spoil somebody's year. **Predicted finish: Fifth.**

•**Duke:** The Blue Devils are still in a rebuilding stage, but the foundation is quickly being laid. Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski is taking the initiative in building with freshmen as he will likely start three in his opening lineup.

Chip Engelland is the probable lone senior starter and will be called on to give Duke a few extra points with his long-range shelling of the basket. Joining him as a returner will be Dan Meagher up front. Mark Alarie and Johnny Dawkins, both frosh, will join Meagher and Engelland, respectively in the lineup and another freshman Jay Bilas will anchor the middle. This team could come on strong in the end, but for now they will be relegated to an upset role. **Predicted finish: Sixth.**

•**Clemson:** The Tigs like so many teams in the league, are young. Fred Gilliam is the lone senior and the Tigers have seven freshmen on the way in. A starting lineup for the Tigs will have to include Vincent Hamilton but after that it's anybody's guess almost. Milan Belich, Clarke Bynum, Mike Eppley, Gilliam, David Shaffer and Raymond Jones will all compete for jobs.

Jones has a virtual hold on the center spot although he is only 6-8. Four freshmen will see time right off and eventually could find their way into the starting card. Clemson will be using a variety of these players, reminiscent of other "Foster" teams, although everybody will use a lot of players this year with the new rules. **Predicted finish: Seventh.**

•**Georgia Tech:** The Yellow Jackets are coming into a more respectable role in the ACC but head coach Bobby Cremins still has a ways to go. George Thomas, Maurice Bradford and Anthony Byrd head the list of five returnees while the Jackets have imported six new players.

The shallow cast of returnees will not be enough alone and the newcomers will of course need time to develop. A starting lineup would include probably the aforementioned returnees as well as freshman point guard Mark Price and another newcomer. The Jackets will push to win a league game this year but they will probably upset somebody. **Predicted finish: Last.**

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ON THE COVER: State's men and women seniors pose with their respective coaches Jim Valvano and Kay Yow on a sunny afternoon on the Student Center Plaza as they prepare for the upcoming basketball season.

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Three years of growth to pay off for Pack hoopball team

by William Terry Kelley
Sports Editor

When Dr. Joseph Naismith invented the old hoopball game using a peach basket so many years ago, he probably never dreamed that the game would some day be entangled with zone defenses, man-to-mans, box and ones, triangle and twos, illegal picks, give and goes and all those other funky plays, not to mention 30-second clocks and three-point plays.

But over the years, that simple game began to evolve, probably with that first innovative idea of cutting a hole in the bottom of the basket and discarding the ladder.

This year the big talk on the college hoop scene concerns the ACC's adoption of the clock and the 19-foot three-point shot.

But meanwhile, State basketball has done some evolving of its own. The Wolfpack program has evolved into a contender for the ACC title as it enters the 1982-83

season. That evolution involves the development of a trio of seniors that the Pack has built itself around for nearly three years — point guard Sidney Lowe, big guard Dereck Whittenburg

and forward-center Thurl Bailey. Those three players form the nucleus of one of the two teams picked to challenge Virginia for the ACC Championship this season. Defending NCAA Champion North Carolina is the other contender.

The Pack has one of the best backcourts in the country in Lowe and Whittenburg. Lowe has rewritten all assist records at State while Whit is about to write the first three-point records ever recorded here.

Meanwhile Bailey heads up an inside game that may be the best State has seen since the days of Hawkeye Whitney and Kenny Carr.

The atmosphere in Reynolds Coliseum has even done some evolving since last year. The drab green seats that have adorned the house that Case built since 1949 have, at the prodding of State head coach Jim Valvano, been painted a bright red. Fan involvement reached a five-year high at State last year with the help of a group called the HOZE squad, and with this year's prospectus, that should continue to grow.

Again this season the Pack has some new faces on the bench in freshmen Ernie Myers, George McClain and Walt Denmore, as well as Junior College all-America Alvin Battle and walk-on Tommy Dinardo. Those new faces will replace the lost ones of Pack favorites Scott Parzych, Chuck Nevitt, Max Perry and Emmett Lay.

With the deep backcourt, the main concern facing Valvano right now is in the middle of that inside game where sophomore center Cozell McQueen appears to lack the experience to dominate yet. But with Battle and the oncoming of sophomore Lorenzo Charles, McQueen will have plenty of help when needed.

Both Battle and McQueen have been impressive in pre-season skirmishes. Bailey will be moving around at three positions as the lineup inside is jockeyed to fill the current needs.

The new 19-foot three-point shot must have immediately brought a smile to the face of Whittenburg, who excites the crowd with his shots from the perimeter — the perimeter of Apex that is.

Depth is one thing the Pack may have an abundance of, especially in the backcourt where sophomores Terry Gannon and freshmen McClain and Myers provide help.

Off the bench up front, the Pack will be calling on Harold Thompson, Mike Warren, Walter "Dinky" Proctor, Denmore and senior Quentin Leonard.

The zone defense will more or less be a thing of the past in ACC games this year because of the three-pointer. But outside the league, the Pack will have to ad-

just to the regular style of play that has been the custom over the years. That could pose a problem to ACC coaches playing out of the league.

The Pack faces a tough schedule this season which will affect its record as opposed to last year when State played an easy slate. State plays six tough out of league opponents, plus defending national champ North Carolina and possible 1983 champ Virginia.

While the Pack offense will depend largely on how well the in-

side game develops, State's defensive scheme will have to change. The Pack will have to develop an effective man-to-man defense in lieu of its tough zone of recent years.

The maturing of the State inside game and how well the Pack can play off the bench will be the key factors for State this year. Definitely the senior trio gives the Pack a plus. The Pack newcomers, particularly Battle, Myers and McClain may be asked to be effective early, if only for depth.



Staff photo by Patrick Chapman

State senior guard Dereck Whittenburg has a good shot at setting the first ever ACC records for the most three-point goals. Whittenburg and the Wolfpack should benefit greatly from the new ACC rules.

Beasley tops Thompson in scoring

by Tom DeSchriver
Sports Writer

Most people think that David Thompson is the all-time leading scorer in Wolfpack history, but in fact, he is not; Genia Beasley is. Beasley amassed 2,367 points in her four-year career to surpass Thompson by 58 points.

Beasley played for the Wolfpack Women from 1977-80, and during that time she was a three-time all-ACC selection and a Kodak All-America in 1978. The only other Wolfpack woman named to the prestigious Kodak team was Susan Yow in 1976.

The only current Wolfpack Woman hooper in the top ten is point guard Angie Armstrong. In three years of wearing red and white, the Rocky Mount native has scored 946 points and currently ranks seventh on the list.

Barring injury, Armstrong should break the 1,000-point bar-

rier early this season and move up the list before her career at State ends.

Two of Armstrong's teammates have a chance at passing Susan Yow this season for tenth place on the list. Junior Claudia Kreicker and sophomore Linda Page have 296 and 261 points, respectively.

Career Scoring Leaders

1. 2,367 — Genia Beasley, 1977-80
2. 1,957 — Trudi Lacey, 1978-81
3. 1,509 — Ginger Rouse, 1978,79,81,82
4. 1,357 — Cristy Earnhardt, 1976-79
5. 1,140 — Connie Rogers, 1979-82
6. 1,126 — Ronnie Laughlin, 1978-80
7. 946 — Angie Armstrong, 1980-?
8. 873 — June Doby, 1977-80

9. 690 — Beth Fielden, 1978-80
10. 505 — Susan Yow, 1976

Cristy Earnhardt and Trudi Lacey share the school record for most points in one game. Earnhardt scored 41 against Norfolk State in the 1975-76 season, and Lacey duplicated that feat five seasons later.

Along with Beasley, Earnhardt and Lacey are the only Wolfpack Women to be finalists for the Wade Trophy — or listed in the top 30, nationally.

Of the top twelve single game scoring highs, former all-America Beasley accounted for half of them.

Beasley's highest production came her freshman season when she scored 35 points twice. One was against Immaculata and the other was against Old Dominion.

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Junior high rejection urges Bailey to make rebound

by William Terry Kelley
Sports Editor

In the first round of the 1980 NCAA playoffs, then State head coach Norm Sloan pulled a switch by inserting a pair of freshmen in his starting lineup — point guard Sidney Lowe and a 6-11 forward named Thurl Bailey.

That was the beginning of a long string of starts for Bailey, a Seat Pleasant, Md. native. He hasn't missed a start since that time. And during that time Bailey has become Mr. Steady for State.

Never exactly getting the ink he deserves, Bailey quietly led the Pack in scoring and rebounding last year with stats of 13.7 and 6.8, respectively. Pretty good for a guy who couldn't make his junior high school team.

"If I keep doing well I'll get the recognition in time," Bailey said. "There are so many good ballplayers in the country. Not all of them can be recognized."

If you see Bailey floating around in about three different positions on the floor this year, don't be surprised. State head coach Jim Valvano has his main man in the middle slated to fill in wherever he will make the team strongest. Thurl hopes that will help bring the team a return trip to the NCAA tournament, this time with a win or two.

But eight years ago, basketball was not something Thurl could brag about personally. He was cut from his junior high team two years in a row.

"My last year in junior high, I didn't play much," said Bailey. "I didn't play until high school. My coach, Ernie Welch, worked with me and taught me I could play as

much as I wanted to. I hadn't played much basketball. I was kind of sheltered in a way. I wasn't pushed into it, but I decided I wanted to play. Whatever I decide to do, I want to be the best I can."

In eight short years, Bailey has virtually accomplished that goal. No doubt he will be a high draft choice after his final campaign at State, and by his junior year in high school he was high on the list of four schools — State, Davidson and hometown schools Maryland and Georgetown.

"I worked and worked, and I played JV ball my first year in high school and kept progressing," the soft-spoken Bailey said. "I kept getting better. I was real proud of myself. Right now I feel good to be playing for a school of this calibre and knowing people like Coach 'V' and the other players."

"My junior year in high school, I came to camp here. State showed some interest in me and touched base with me to see how I was progressing. My coach asked me if I would be interested in going to camp. I was and I sold raffle tickets to make money to come down. From that point on, as I progressed I heard from the area schools, Maryland and Georgetown."

It was a heated race for the services of the sleek scorer-rebounder.

"The deciding factor was whether I want to stay in the area of home or not," said Bailey. "I enjoyed the people and enjoyed the coaching staff and the players here. It was really a tough decision. I weighed all the factors and wrote them down on paper. I considered almost

the racial degree of the students, the curricula, the coaches, the players everything."

With rapid progress during his junior and senior seasons it was not a tough decision for State to accept Bailey's decision.

But at the end of Bailey's first year he was shocked by Sloan's flight to Florida.

"It was disappointing," Bailey said. "You never expect that. The coaches tell you they're going to be there four years, and then he decided to leave. But knowing what I know now and knowing Coach 'V' and the type program we have now, I really

have to say it couldn't have worked out better because of the type coach that Coach 'V' is and the type person he is."

Bailey received an added boost by signing with the Wolfpack in that two players from his area also inked with State the same year — Lowe and Derek Whittenburg.



Bailey has had the privilege of playing four years against the nation's best player, Ralph Sampson. That fact brings mixed feelings from Bailey.

"It's a privilege to play against a player of his calibre," Bailey said. "But then he's only human. He's just a player like me. We've done a fairly good job against him in my three years, and we've come close to beating Virginia."

Several people come to mind for Bailey as having been influential, among them are Hawkeye Whitney and Clyde Austin, as well as Valvano, Dereck and Sidney.

"I think the biggest influence is first of all God and my parents," Bailey said. "You've always got to have that spiritual development. That really helps me a lot."

Bailey was able to cut down the nets in Madison Square Gardens as a sophomore in a holiday tournament but he's aiming bigger this year.

"Everybody wants a national championship," he said. "I'd like to cut down the nets somewhere. Hopefully we'll win the ACC championship and maybe progress even further."

Bailey has progressed a lot in the last eight years, and the Pack has been privileged to be part of that progression the last four years. Coach 'V' will undoubtedly be looking for another Thurl to fill his big shoes, but it's doubtful he'll find one, 'cause he's one of a kind.

Thirty-second clock, three-point play adds more excitement to ACC

by Pete Elmore
Sports Writer

When the 1982-83 Atlantic Coast Conference basketball season opens, fans from College Park to Atlanta will see a new and improved style of play. ACC coaches made sweeping rule changes during the off-season designed to speed up the pace of the game.

Those changes are a 19-foot three-point goal and a 30-second shot-clock. The 30-second clock will be turned off during the final four minutes of regulation play and the final four minutes of an overtime.

The new rules will be in effect for every game with two ACC schools competing, but will not be in effect for non-conference contests.

What would cause the coaches of the most successful basketball conference in the country to radically change the rules? Without a doubt last year's conference championship game between Virginia and North Carolina played before a nation-

wide audience had something to do with it. With 12 minutes left in the game, both teams put the ball in the deep-freeze, waiting for the final shot.

But to be fair to the Cavaliers and the Tar Heels, their game was just the straw that broke the camel's back. Last season, every team in the league held the ball at one time or another. The coaches were all aware the scoring average per game had dropped every year since State averaged 92.7 points a game in 1975. Virginia led the ACC last season with an all-time low of 70.2 points a game.

"The coaches met in Myrtle Beach with one goal in mind, and that was to improve the game," State head basketball coach Jim Valvano said. "We were not thinking of what is best for the ACC or TV, we were thinking of the overall game."

There was a virtual consensus from the coaches on the new rules, which passed by a 7-1 vote. Duke head basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski was the only dissenting voice, and he was

against any kind of shot clock in the college game.

Even with the reduced scoring trend in the NCAA last season, attendance and revenue earned was at an all-time high. But the future of the game worried the coaches.

"We were alarmed enough to make what we think are very innovative rules," Valvano said, "not just a three-point shot that is so far out that the only time it is a factor is when a team is trying to catch up near the end of a game."

"We wanted a three-point shot that was a part of every offensive time down the floor, because if you have a 30-second clock without a reasonable three-point shot, then all you're going to see is zones."

"With a 19-foot three-point shot you'll see more man-to-man defense, and that will lead to a more exciting brand of basketball."

What will all this mean for the individual players and teams in the ACC? Well, for Wolfpack guard Derek Whittenburg the

three-point goal must seem like the answer to a prayer. Last year at least 63 of the baskets he scored came from outside the 19-foot range. If you consider that this year he may be looked to for even more outside shots, his potential is unlimited.

Other players who should be licking their chops over the new rules include Michael Jordan of North Carolina, Chip England of Duke, Danny Young of Wake Forest and Othell Wilson of Virginia just to name a few.

Guards will not be the only ones to benefit from the new rules. Since each team has at least one or two players that can hit the three-pointer the inside will have to open up. Imagine Ralph Sampson going one-on-one against another center instead of the standard double and triple-teaming he has seen for the last two years.

Players like Sam Perkins of North Carolina and Thurl Bailey, who have the nice combination of a good shooting touch and good size, will have an entirely new dimension added to their game

since both have the ability to step back a couple of feet and hit a three-point shot.

The quicker pace may also help point guards play a bigger role in ACC games this season. Players like State's Sidney Lowe are at their best when they're directing a fastbreak. Without the slow-down style of play this season, everyone will be off and running.

Having the clock turned off the last four minutes of the game also serves an important purpose. It will allow a coach to try to protect a lead without having to shoot every 30 seconds. It basically lets a coach do some coaching.

After seeing State's first Red-White game, it was apparent that there was a much faster tempo played, but 30 seconds is long enough that the clock is hardly noticed as someone watches the flow of the game. The Pack only took too long to shoot once, and that was in the early

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Rapping about favorite sport

Yow puts philosophy into practice to build national power

by Devin Steele
Assistant Sports Editor

Editor's note: The following is an interview with State women's basketball coach Kay Yow conducted on Oct. 29, by Assistant Sports Editor Devin Steele concerning various aspects of the women's basketball program.

Technician: Since women's basketball polls were begun six years ago, your State teams have been ranked in the top 20 and held the second longest consecutive ranking of all teams. What do you attribute most to

Finch and (assistant coach) Rita Wiggs.

"When you put all of those things together, things just continued to grow step by step. Some things went right back to the very beginning. We always ate in the athletic training cafeteria. We were always in the training room for injuries and a part of the sports medicine program. All of those things, I think, are the reasons that we've been able to have a national ranking.

"Another thing is that we've never been a team to build around one person. We've tried to have a solid team. Though we've had some outstanding

where you're ranked at the beginning, it's the end that counts. That's an understatement. Heavens, I would never say if I could be pre-seasonally ranked No. 1 every year, I would want that. That just says the respect that people have for your program. If you're only ranked one year, and then not again for another eight years, it's the type of pressure that you'll have to deal with that year. But when you can establish a program and be ranked year in and year out, you learn how to deal with those types of pressures, and you just handle it better."

Technician: How do you attract a player to State?

Yow: "First of all, I think our academic reputation is superb. Anybody that we're going against — if we have the degree, if we have the curriculum then I know that academics are not going to keep us from getting a person.

"Then I think that we can show that we have a solid athletic program. We can show how many players we've had play on international teams, how many years we have been ranked and how many tournaments our team has played in post-season. We have a solid academic program and a solid athletic program. Those two things are very, very important. We can sell those two things to the utmost. We just have a quality product to sell.

"When people come, they can see how our backing has been here. They can talk to former players. They can talk to present players and know that it is a solid program.

"But, above everything I think the people are the most important. I think that any place that you go, I've never thought the criteria for student-athletes' selection should be based on the beauty of the campus or something as superficial as that. But when it comes right down to that, there are a lot of schools that may have a solid academic



State coach Kay Yow

State's program's consistency as a national power.

Yow: "I think there are a lot of factors that have enabled us to be ranked and to be ranked in the beginning and to maintain that ranking. Such things as we had a great foundation — the financial backing, the administrative support from this university. That was the very beginning.

"Then, we had some quality players come into our program. Not only quality athletes, but quality people. I don't think you can over-estimate what the people did for the program as well as what the athletes did for the program. I sort of separate those two because I think it takes good people and the fact that they have good athletic ability as well.

"Then, when we've had graduate assistants, we've had great people here helping me. Then we added such quality staff in (associate coach) Nora Lynn

players within the team concept, the team has always come first. And I think that enables you to maintain a more steady program.

"Perhaps not to have been really up for a few years, lose one player and go down for a few years, but to know that you have a system and within that system, individuals can stand out. But the system is sound and will hold itself. Each player that is recruited can fit into your system.

Technician: How significant is a national ranking?

Yow: I think it instills a lot within your program. A lot of people say sometimes I'd rather not be ranked and not have people waiting for me. I've never been one to feel that way about being ranked.

"When you're ranked, people vote on that, and that says what they think about your program. People say it doesn't matter

program and a solid athletic program, so then what makes the difference?

"And then I think the style of ball that we play, we play an exciting brand of ball. We're not a half-court team. We play baseline to baseline. We like to push the ball down the court. We're not a run-and-gun team, but we're a controlled, fast-breaking team. We have a lot of movement within our offensive system. We play a number of defenses within our defensive systems. You have a chance to develop as a solid player and not just develop one area of your game. I think it's a fun style that we play.

Technician: What concepts about your players have you and your coaching staff laid down?

Yow: "Our philosophy is the person first, the student second and the athlete third. That's not just saying that; we try to put that into practice and make it a reality. I think we have a pretty good track record for doing that.

"The fact is when you go to a college, you're going to spend four years. It's the people that make the difference. North Carolina State, after a person's been here four years, will have been a great place, if the person's been happy here and free to develop into the best that they can become as a person, as an athlete and as a student.

"We try to provide that kind of atmosphere, that kind of environment. We demand a real effort and a real hustle from the person. They have responsibilities. If they're striving to meet their responsibilities, they can count on us to help them in any way that we can to reach the goals that they've set.

"We meet a lot of recruits when they come on campus, and we want them to get to know us as well as they can, and we want to get to know them. We have to be honest and open and frank about the whole situation. We're never playing games, saying you

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Rules changes to benefit Wolfpack

by Bruce Winkworth
Sports Writer

The new rules in Atlantic Coast Conference basketball will have a major impact all over the floor in 1982-83. That's what they were designed for — change. But of all the phases of the game, the play of the little men, the guards, will be affected the most.

The new rules, which call for a 30-second shot clock and a three-point basket from outside 19 feet, should place a premium on quality backcourt play. The rules make it a must for a team to have guards who can push the ball downcourt quickly and who can take the 19-foot shot.

For those reasons, the N.C. State Wolfpack stands to benefit greatly from the new rules. The Wolfpack returns seniors Sidney Lowe and Derek Whittenburg, the starting backcourt of a year ago, while two very talented freshmen, Ernie Myers and George McClain, have been added to provide depth.

State head coach Jim Valvano, who was one of the more vocal proponents of the rules changes, believes his current backcourt players will provide both the quality and depth necessary to succeed under the new rules.

"I believe, and I've said it before, that Sidney is one of the most underrated point guards in the country," said Valvano. "I pick up magazines all the time, and they list the top point guards and don't even mention him. I don't understand that. Sidney very rarely turns it over, and he

does good things with the ball. I think an up-tempo game will help his game and make each possession less important. That makes him more valuable."

With the anticipated faster pace of conference games this season, Lowe will need help at the point, and Valvano is not afraid to call on his bench.

"The backup there will be handled very well there by either (sophomore) Terry Gannon or George McClain," he said. "Terry has a little more experience. He's been through the wars once. George gives us a little more quickness and a little more defensive ability. Terry just seems to get things done, though."

Neither Gannon or McClain will provide the experience at the position that Lowe will, but that will very definitely come.

"This year, we have to play them," said Valvano. "Last year, we didn't have to play anyone behind Sidney because of the rules, but this year they definitely will play."

At the other guard spot is Whittenburg, a second-team all-conference performer last year, and one of the players being counted on to hit the three-point shot. Behind Whittenburg is Myers, a highly recruited player in high school last year who possesses tremendous scoring ability. According to Valvano, this position may be the Pack's strongest.

"As for the two-guard spot, you tell me who's better in the conference," said Valvano after

the Red-White game. "I think Whittenburg and Myers are really good. Again, the only problem I see is experience. Ernie isn't going to be able to get off 24 shots like he did today, because Whit's going to be in there."

Playing time for Myers and McClain will come, according to Whittenburg, however, because of the changes in the rules.

"We'll be playing a lot of man-to-man this year," he said. "The zone we played last year is not the kind you can get a lot of rest in, but it's nothing like man-to-man. Having those two, we can really play it tough, full blast. We can go for ten minutes, and they can come in and give us a blow."

Lowe and Whittenburg have been fixtures at State since coming here four years ago from the fabled DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Maryland. Last season, Lowe broke the school career assist record and finished the year with 491 for his three years at State. In his career at State, however, Lowe has only scored 7.6 points per game and realizes the need to improve his shooting touch.

"I've worked hard on my whole game this summer," he said. "I shot the ball a lot, and I've been shooting it pretty well. I'm hoping to take some of those three-pointers if I can get some. I definitely need to shoot the ball more and make the defenses play me honest this year."

Shooting, or lack of shooting, has never been a problem for Whittenburg, and according to



Staff photo by Jim Fri
Reserve point guard Terry Gannon will be called upon to offer backup help to Sidney Lowe.

the team's shot charts from a year ago, the three-point shot won't be any trouble for him. A year ago, while scoring 13.4 points per game, Whittenburg connected on 156 shots from the floor, with at least 63 of them from beyond the 19-foot line. The Wolfpack's chief bomber is ready for the three-point shot, but insists that he isn't the only one.

"I like the three-point line," he said. "It has its good points and bad points. I think we have a lot

of guys on our team who can stick it from there. It's going to be exciting, though, because the other teams all have guys who can shoot the 19-foot shot too."

There seems to be little doubt about it — the rule changes will make for an interesting game. While it would seem that the new rules would favor the guards, Lowe isn't anticipating a radical change.

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State finds power at forward

by Bruce Winkworth
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Ever since Jim Valvano came to State in 1980, there is one element which has been missing from his teams — power up front. It's not that the Wolfpack hasn't had some good players up front, it's just that the ones who have played those positions have been finesse-type players, not power-types.

That could all change this year, with the addition of junior college transfer Alvin Battle and the maturing of sophomore Lorenzo Charles. Both Battle and Charles stand 6-7 and weigh in at around 225 pounds.

One of those two will team with holdover Thurl Bailey in what should be the Wolfpack's most versatile forward combination in years. Particularly unusual is that Bailey, at 6-11, will be playing what is usually called "small" forward.

"The three-spot is an odd position for us," said Valvano, "because we have the largest three-man in the United States of America in Thurl Bailey. He's not a four man, he's a three man for us. I think Thurl is the type of player who doesn't get the type of publicity that I think he deserves, but, needless to say, I think he's one of the best forwards in the country."

Bailey enters his senior year with a career scoring

average of 10.3, and finished near the top in almost all of the conference's statistical categories. He was ninth in scoring at 13.7, fifth in rebounding with 216, fifth in field goal percentage at 548 and third in free-throw percentage at 814. Despite his all around talents, Bailey is one of the team's hardest workers, always trying to improve, and has improved statistically in every category each season at State.

"I'm still working on going to the hole a little bit more," he said. "I'm also trying to get out on the break as fast as I can, because playing mostly man-to-man, we're going to wear other teams down. If I can get back on the break, I can get the open shot."

Bailey is a constant. Much is expected from him, because he has always delivered in the past. The other forward spot is manned by untested players, but much will be expected there as well. If that spot delivers, the 1982-83 Wolfpack should be much improved over last year.

"People asked me last year how we could play so bad against (U-Tennessee) Chattanooga," said Valvano. "Our team last year was on such a fine line of playing very well and being horrible. We couldn't go inside, and if we weren't shooting well outside and didn't have the lead where we could pick away, what could we do?"

Due to the lack of a power game, Valvano said the Pack had to rely on a very restricted attack.

"People would sit back on us and say go ahead and shoot," he said. "So we had a lot of those games. Rice, Chattanooga, Southern Mississippi here and Campbell, where we couldn't overpower them. We were at the mercy of Whittenburg's J (jump shot), Bailey's J and the lead."

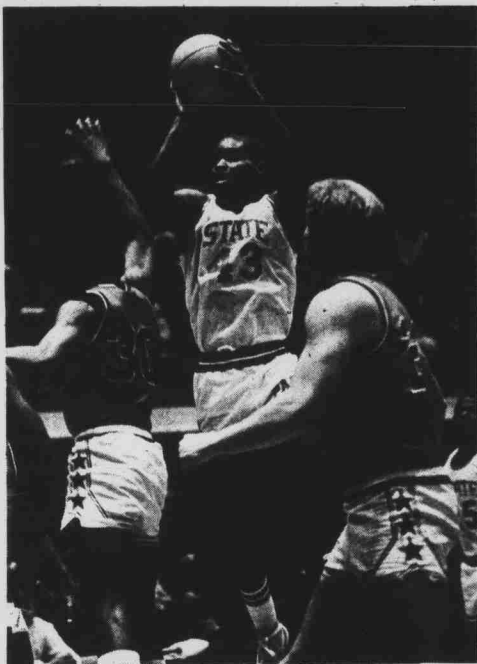
For all of that to change, either Charles or Battle must come through, and possibly both, for as Valvano knows, when the ball goes inside to the right man, good things can happen.

"What happens when you get it inside," said Valvano, "is you either score, you get fouled, or get a high percentage shot. Over a 40 minute game, that wears down an opponent."

And so the burden falls on the shoulders of two relatively unknown quantities. In the Red-White game, Charles took the game by the neck and shook it until it was dead, a new sight for the paying customer, but just old hat to Valvano.

"Lorenzo is our man-child," he said. "He's got that marvelous body without the benefit of weight-training. He's strong, and he's always had a very nice touch. What he did today

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Staff photo by Patrick Chapman
Muscle-bound sophomore Lorenzo Charles may get the starting nod at the power forward position.

Improves offensive skills

Armstrong steals show on both ends of hardwood

by Devin Steele
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Four years ago, Angie Armstrong was having what every high school player would call a super season.

She was leading her team in scoring with a lofty average, while leading Wilson Fike High to the state championship. She was a heavily-recruited player, but not by State.

when we saw Angie, we knew we had found one," State coach Kay Yow says.

Armstrong, a 5-5, 125-pounder, is State's only returnee who averaged in double-figures with a 19.8 clip. She needs but 54 points to become the first point guard ever to be a member of the Wolfpack's 1,000 Point Club. While quarterbacking action on the court, she has been a key to the Pack's success over the past

sperous in the red and white.

"By being a senior, I will have to show a lot of leadership," says Armstrong, an honorable mention all-America last year.

Though a big gun in high school, Armstrong wasn't needed to handle huge scoring chores when she first stepped into the Pack's starting rotation. She was needed to operate the offensive scheme and to offer her unenviable skill as a defensive intimidator.

With an uncanny ability to pull off the big steal for the quick layup and to race up and down the court, she slowly progressed into the total player that she is today for State — the defensive gem and the offensive pearl.

Armstrong will again lead the Pack's transition-oriented team, which finished 11th in the nation a year ago and received an NCAA Tournament bid.

"I think this year I'll be used as an all-around player again — offensively and defensively — except probably rebounding," she says. "Mostly, I'm needed for my ball-handling and defensive skills."

The shortest player in the ACC this season, Armstrong has never let her height hold her back.

"I don't let my size get me down," says Armstrong, who is the record holder in the long jump (17'7") for State's women's track team. "I still take the ball in towards the basket against anybody."

She believes she makes up for her small size when playing defense by stooping low to the floor.

"I watched (former North Carolina point guard) Jimmy Black as a freshman, and he used to stand up a lot. My coach told me that was the wrong way to play defense," says the 21-year-old, who intimidates her foes verbally with the word "hey" in addition to physically. "Then, his senior year, I noticed that he was lower to the floor. I learned how to play defense by watching other small point guards like him."

Armstrong describes her methods of defending a player: "Our coach emphasizes using our hands and our feet. Mainly we use our feet for quickness, and if they put a ball in your face, we use our hands."

The past two summers, Armstrong has improved not only her basketball skills, but her physical skills, too, by attending camps and participating in foreign leagues. This past summer, she attended the prestigious BC All-Star Camp in Georgia and a strenuous Army ROTC training camp. In the summer of 1980, she played in Venezuela's summer league and also attended a six-week course of ROTC Basic Camp in Ft. Knox, Ky., where she was awarded a Certificate of High Achievement.

"I became interested in ROTC because my major is Criminal Justice, and they offer a lot of options in the field," she says.

State also has the tallest player in the ACC's women's program in 6-7, 200-pound Ronda Falkena, returning as the starter at the pivot. Her size makes the team's offense slower, but Armstrong believes the transition will speed up this year with

says. "Last year, I think she was a little tense coming off the bench. She's coming back and pushing me, and I'm pushing her."

Armstrong is excited about the 1982-83 season and believes the team can better last year's effort.

"I think we've got a real good chance of making it to the Final Four this year if we just play



Staff photos by Jim Frei

Angie Armstrong, a 5-5 point guard, became State's all-time career assist leader in just three years.

That's when coincidence stepped into the picture and directed Armstrong to a major college where she could start and offer immediate help.

"My high school coach came up to me one day and said, 'Angie, we're going up to North Carolina State for a tryout,'" says Armstrong, who is beginning her fourth year as the Wolfpack's starting point guard. "He said, 'You have nothing to lose, but you can gain a scholarship.'"

And Armstrong, with just one tryout day, did just that.

"We weren't looking for a point guard at the time, but

three seasons, proven by her school assists records for a season (182) and for a career (468).

By witnessing her thievery on the hardwood, one wouldn't guess that Armstrong, a Gulliver to most of the players who surround her, is majoring in Criminal Justice or is pursuing a career in the military police force. She needs only nine steals to crack Trudi Lacey's career mark of 237 steals.

As all the numbers fall into place again this season, Armstrong foresees her senior season to be her most pro-



Armstrong's excellent ball-handling ability has earned her respect throughout the ACC.

Falkena's improvement. "Ronda has improved a great deal," Armstrong says. "We're going to be quicker than ever because of her improvement. She's going to surprise a lot of people."

"Last year, we had a lot of problems trying to lob the ball into her. Now, we're more experienced at that, so she'll be easier to get the ball to."

For the first time since she's been at State, Armstrong will have a reliable backup at the point in sophomore Robyn Mayo. "I think me and Robyn will split a lot of time this year," she

together as a team." Armstrong says. "We've got shooters, rebounders: we've got it all this year."

She will carry an avengeful mind into a particular game this year with Maryland, which defeated the Pack last year in the semifinals of the ACC Tournament. In that game, she set a school record for most assists (11) in a game.

Armstrong, with a blend of quickness, defensive intimidation and offensive prowess, will be the all-around player that will keep State's women's basketball team ticking.

McQueen, Battle, Proctor lead Wolfpack's power game in middle

by Tom DeSchrive
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The center position remains the big question mark for the 1982-83 basketball season. Last year, the center play was split between Chuck Nevitt, the tallest man playing Division One basketball, and freshman Cozell McQueen. Nevitt and his 5.5 points and 4.4 rebounds per game are gone, and with no recruits at the pivot position, rising sophomore McQueen is the man coach Jim Valvano will be relying on there.

Although Nevitt's numbers weren't staggering last season, the 7-5 Marzetta, Ga. native will be missed at the defensive end of the court where he blocked a team leading 63 shots.

Along with blocking 15 shots last season, McQueen contributed 2.3 points and 2.4 rebounds per contest, helping the Pack to a 22-10 record.

This season, the Bennettsville, S.C. native will be asked to do a lot more things for coach Valvano's squad.

"My job will be playing defense and reaching in double figures in both categories (scoring and rebounding)," he said.

During the off-season, McQueen worked on getting stronger and improving his overall game.

"I lifted during the off-season, and I feel stronger," he said. "I also played ball all year long to stay in shape."

McQueen will have to be in excellent shape as the 1982-83 basketball season is expected to be the season of the jackrabbit, with the addition of the 30-second clock.

"I like the running game, and I think that we're a good running club," McQueen said.

Although McQueen was penciled as the starting center from the first day of classes, the 6-11, 204-pounder feels there is no chance that he will sit back and relax.

"We have five or six really good big guys, and I have to come to play every day," he said.

McQueen had foul problems last season as a freshman, but explains that his foul problems were linked to his role as a backup player.

"Last year was different," he said. "I was told to foul. This season I'll play straight up."

Being State's only center, does McQueen feel any pressure?

"I never consider playing under pressure," he said. "I just go out and play."

It would be nice if McQueen never got in foul trouble the whole season, but Coach Jim Valvano isn't planning on it and feels the Pack must have capable players coming off the bench.

"We have to develop more depth," said the 36-year-old New York City native, "because Cozell's gonna get in foul trouble."

"Remember when Chuck Nevitt used to play, and he'd get five fouls in four minutes. All of a

sudden Cozell's gotten gotta go in there. As a sophomore, he's gonna get in foul trouble."

When McQueen finds his way to the bench, Valvano sees two options he can turn to.

"We only have two options," he said. "The first is to put one of the power forwards in the middle, so that we don't put Thurl Bailey there and get him in foul trouble. The other is to put Thurl Bailey there."

Chances are that Valvano will go with someone else besides Bailey in the middle.

"Thurl Bailey is so comfortable where he is now," Valvano said, "and he does it so well that I don't want to mess with that. If I take Thurl out of position and put him somewhere, and then put someone in his position, that'd give me two guys out of position."

"I might rather take the strongest guy we have and stick him in the middle of the floor, and hope he can play the center position adequately, as opposed to making two position changes."

Two names being mentioned to fill the void when McQueen gets into foul trouble are Alvin Battle and Dinky Proctor.

Although a junior in school, Battle is in his first year wearing Red and White after two years at Merced Community College in California.

At 6-7, 225 pounds, Battle's usual position will be power forward this season, but when called upon to play the pivot he feels his strength.

"I'll compensate for my lack of height with strength if the refs will let us play," Battle said.

Because of his past experience, Battle isn't too worried about facing taller players.

"When I was at Merced, I played forward and center," the Rocky Mount native said. "I had to guard guys 6-11 at times."

With the Pack's newfound talent up front, Battle expects it to help his game.

"I can work hard at all times because I know that we can keep alternating and bring in fresh guys," Battle said.

When Battle moves into the pivot spot, he sees his role as taking over where McQueen left off.

"My main roles will be to play good hard defense and take the ball to the hoop," Battle said. "My game is the power game."

When McQueen and Battle aren't in the game, Valvano will call on Proctor to take control in the middle.

Proctor is an exceptional ball handler for a big man and that can be traced to his high school days.

"My first year in school, I played guard," he said. "Then my junior year, I played forward; then as a senior, I played guard, forward, and center."

When McQueen gets into foul trouble, Proctor sees his role as multi-faceted.

"My role will be to stay active in the middle, not clog it up," he said. "Set some picks for the guys on the other side, grab

some rebounds and score some points."

At 6-8, 212 pounds, the former guard likes being underneath with the big boys.

"I love it (the middle)," he said. "I like contact. I like to be physical. That's what basketball is all about."

As much as Valvano will hate to do it, there will be situations when Bailey will be called on to play the pivot. When the time comes, Bailey will be ready.

"I really don't prefer any of the three positions," Bailey said. "I like to run and get out on the break."

"Defensively, I have to do a job wherever I'm assigned."

Bailey feels that when he's asked to play the middle, the change won't be that different.

"A position change really isn't that different, and it'll benefit me now and in the future," the Seat Pleasant, Md. native said.

With the addition of the shot-clock in the ACC, Bailey sees the makeup of teams changing.

"It will be very important to have depth at every position," he said. "The suits have to do as good a job as the regulars."

With Bailey's picture-perfect turn-around jumper, the 6-11 senior feels he can do the job when called on down low.

"I can post-up and take the 10-foot jumper, he said. "I just have to feel comfortable shooting the baseline shot."

There are backups for the front line, but McQueen will be there when the ball is thrown up for the opening tap against Western Carolina tonight.

For the Pack to be very successful this season, McQueen must show a vast amount of improvement underneath.

"Cozell has to give us more scoring this year," Valvano said.

"He also has to be more cautious with the ball. He turns it over too much. He also has to play much more solid defense."



Staff photo by Clayton Brinkley
Sophomore Cozell McQueen must dominate play inside this year for State to be a strong front-line team.



Staff photo by Clayton Brinkley
Even Wolfpack figures like the mascot take time out for an autograph.

Jimmy V. instrumental in prompting ACC rules changes

by William Terry Kelley
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For State head basketball coach Jim Valvano, it has been an eventful and progressive two years at State.

The colorful Wolfpack coach has established ground in the ACC, particularly with his 22-10 season a year ago, which included an NCAA bid in just his second year.

One of the most interesting and maybe coincidental things to come out of the vocal coach's first two years is that most of the things he lobbied for a year ago, he and the rest of the ACC got in the off-season. Maybe it just took somebody to come out and say what they wanted, but it must make Valvano feel good to get a 30-second clock so quickly, although with last year's bogged down style of play it was evident that changes must come.

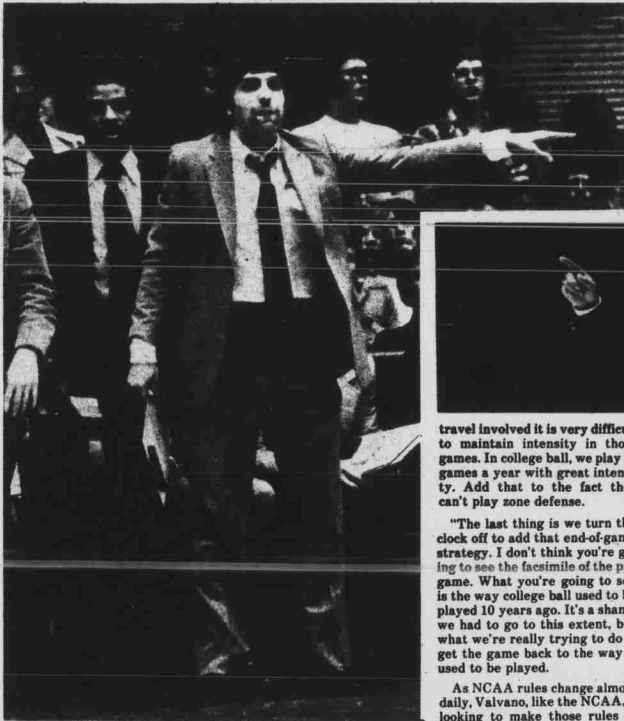
The ACC wanted changes and with the backing of most of the rest of the league, it got them. Valvano credits the entire ACC for that though.

"I personally don't think I had that much impact," Valvano said. "I may have been more vocal, but rest assured if the other coaches felt that what we're doing isn't good for college basketball, we wouldn't be doing it.

"I was real proud of being a part of the meetings in Myrtle Beach, because we feel we have done something that is good for college basketball. We wanted to do what is right for college basketball and what is good for college basketball has to be what is right for ACC basketball and what is right for ACC basketball is right for its members."

Although it seemed the changes were wholesale, they are on an experimental basis. Valvano wanted the clock but ended up with a three-point play line that he thinks could be too easy from 19 feet.

"The clock is what I wanted," said Valvano. "I'm withholding judgement on the 19-foot shot. I think it might be too close. My initial impression is that it might be too close. It takes away from the changing defenses. But you have to be careful. If you put in the clock without some stimulus, then



State coach Jim Valvano

you're going to get a zone-oriented league which would be worse than our ball control-oriented league. You would have everybody playing a tight zone. I'm afraid we may have over-committed. I'm not sure we could do that from, say, 19 feet, six inches or 20 feet. I'm not sure yet. That's why we're experimenting.

Valvano is looking for another change this year. He has already mapped out his campaign strategy. If his previous success is any indication, you can look for

six fouls next year in the ACC. "I'd like to see six fouls in the game," Valvano said. "We're going to have more man-to-man in the game, and we're going to be playing a more up-tempo game. I think you're going to see more fouls, and I'd like to see the better players stay in the ballgame. I think the fans pay to see them.

"What I'm afraid will happen is that they will want to go back to 20 scholarships. They had that at one time and cut it down to 15. With more fouls you need more players and with 20 scholarships the better schools tend to over-recruit. That causes teams to stockpile players. Now when a player gets his third foul, he will go to the bench. I think that six fouls is reasonable."

Valvano would also like to see the game uniform throughout the NCAA. "I'd also like to see the game standardized," Valvano said. "I think we can experiment for a year, maybe two at the most, but then we need to standardize the game. I lobbied strenuously for a clock. Now I would like to lobby to standardize the game."

With those changes, too many people think that college basketball is going to be like the NBA. Valvano knows it won't be that type of hoops in the ACC.

"It won't happen," Valvano said. "The major difference is that in the pros they play 85-86 games a year and everybody makes the playoffs. With the

going crazy in September and October. But yet with the November signing date, that's good, because we can now hang onto those guys that decide early. We're trying to learn the best set of rules. We're getting a lot of input now from the NCAA. Getting the group to decide early what's best for itself is what we want."

Valvano would like to see some additions to the rules. "I think that a youngster



travel involved it is very difficult to maintain intensity in those games. In college ball, we play 30 games a year with great intensity. Add that to the fact they can't play zone defense.

"The last thing is we turn the clock off to add that end-of-game strategy. I don't think you're going to see the facsimile of the pro game. What you're going to see is the way college ball used to be played 10 years ago. It's a shame we had to go to this extent, but what we're really trying to do is get the game back to the way it used to be played.

As NCAA rules change almost daily, Valvano, like the NCAA, is looking to make those rules as fair to as many schools as possible and still be good for the young athlete as well as each school's program.

"Making recruiting periods is a good idea," Valvano said. "Now we have to decide which periods are the best. This year we were

should be able to sign anytime," Valvano said. "I think that from the time a kid starts his senior year he should be able to sign and not put the pressure on him between Nov. 10-17.

"I would vote for letting us to recruit more in August and September and not letting us recruit at all in October so that a high school kid can have a normal senior season and a coach can be at home with his team. I also think we should limit the number of contacts total. Right now you can see him six times and you can watch him play as much as you want."

Valvano has been instrumental in prompting some ACC changes by being vocal about them. He has started another campaign this season and will no doubt lead several more as long as he feels he's helping to shape a good college basketball game. Apparently from the results of the first two years, when Jim Valvano talks, people listen.





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Terps to retain women's title

For at least one more season, the ACC women's basketball program will have a thorn in its side: it will not have a full round-robin, home-and-away schedule for the teams. Wake Forest, with the slowest developing basketball program in the league, is the only school preventing the perfectly-patterned matchups preferred by the other schools.

Without that type of arrangement, only one game between every school counts in the seeding of the ACC Tournament, a stepping stone to the NCAA Tournament.

Several case-points in hand last year proved that the present system was not the most accurate in the tourney's seedings.

No matter if the system were altered or not, it is still safe to say that the same teams who have led the conference the past few seasons — Maryland and State — will be front-runners in the ACC race this season, with North Carolina breathing down their shoulders.

The Terrapins, Wolfpack and Tar Heels each held first place in the ACC's designated-game standings going into the ACC Tournament with 61 seeding records last year. It was the first time that Maryland and State did not battle each other in the finals. The Terps defeated the Pack in the semifinals before capturing their fourth league title in five years with a victory over Clemson in the finals.

The awesome Terps, semifinalists in the NCAA Tournament last season, should be sitting in the catbird seat at season's end. The battle for second should occur between State and North Carolina. Both teams return three starters each and split their games last year, with the Heels defeated the Pack for the first time in 20 matchups. The Tigers, hurt tremendously by graduation, hold a slight edge for fourth place. The remaining three positions are a toss-up, with the exception of the Deacons, who have been 0-14 in the conference the past two years. However, with their entire starting roster back, they have the capability to surprise some teams.

Here's a rundown of each team and their predicted finish: **Maryland:** The ACC title is starting to make its permanent residence in College Park, and it shouldn't budge this season. The Terps of seven-year coach Chris Weller are simply "bad to the bone" and of national championship caliber. Two of the six players who rotated as starters are gone — 5-10 forward Myra Waters and 6-1 center Lydia McAlilly. But that doesn't cut down their height or ability around the boards. A forest of front-line players return in 5-10 Debbie Lytle, 6-1 Jasmina Peracic and 6-1 Belinda Pearson. Marcia Richardson, 5-8, returns in the backcourt, leaving only one slot up for grabs.

The dogfight for the remaining position will take place between a very capable crew of top-notch sophomores and juniors, the smallest being 5-8. The

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Out of Bounds

freshmen range in height from 5-3 to 6-3, providing solid depth in the roster.

Maryland is big and mean and should waltz through its ACC schedule without much trouble. **Predicted finish: First**

State: Coach Kay Yow's Wolfpack is coming off another fruitful season, finishing 24-7, and should yield a similar harvest this year. A crop of three players return to bolster the starting lineup. They range from 5-5 senior point guard Angie Armstrong (10.8 ppg.) to 6-7 junior pivot Ronda Falkena (6.1 ppg.). Claudia Kriecker (7.7 ppg.), a 6-1 junior forward, is the other returnee.

The Pack must find capable replacements for wing players Ginger Rouse and Connie Rogers, the first and third leading scorers, respectively. Highly-regarded sophomore Linda Page or senior Sherry Lawson will vie for the shooting guard position, but Page seems to have the edge. As a freshman she came off the bench to average 8.4 points.

Senior Karen Brabson, junior Mary Jane Wild and Teresa Rouse are all in the running for the No. 5 slot, but newcomers Jan Rogerson, 5-10, and Priscilla Adams, 6-1, will offer strong challenges. **Predicted finish: Second.**

North Carolina: The Tar Heels, once a so-so team in the ACC, have made a yearly progression to become one of the stronger teams in the league. This season, with six of their seven top scorers returning, the Heels should make this their most prosperous season ever.

Their front line trio, now playing together for the third straight season, is big and quick and has built a wall of trouble to its opponents. The trio consists of 6-2 senior Henrietta Walls, 6-0 junior Kathy Crawford and 6-2 junior Tresa Brown. They were the only double-figure scorers last season, and each had more than double the rebounding average of anyone on the entire team. A tough task is on hand for teams trying to take the ball inside.

The backcourt is talented and should make the Heels an all-around unit. Eileen McCann, Cindy Miller and Pam Hammond will probably share the two positions.

North Carolina should improve upon last year's 17-12 overall record without much trouble and will provide a strong challenge to the conference front-runners. **Predicted finish: Third.**

Clemson: It seems that the Tigers' roar will ebb to, well, a

strong purr this year. With the loss of forward Barbara Kennedy, the nation's leading scorer with a 29.3 average while hauling down 12 caroms an outing, forward Cissy Bristol, and guard Jennie Lyerly, Clemson will be challenged with replacing those key players. But don't count the Tigers out yet.

Returning starters from a year ago include senior guard Mary Anne Cubelle, who averaged 17 points a contest, and sophomore center Peggy Capla, who averaged 12 boards. Add that to seven blue-chip freshmen and the Tigs may be in a position to improve upon last year's 20-12 record.

Key freshman include 6-0 forward Jacqui Jones and 5-7 guard Melinda Hall. Senior forward Annette Wise and junior center Sheila Cobb will be back in ac-

1. Maryland
2. State
3. UNC
4. Clemson
5. Virginia
6. Duke
7. Georgia Tech
8. Wake Forest

tion this year after missing all but three games last season with injuries. **Predicted finish: Fourth.**

Virginia: The Cavs are a team on the upswing and should be a darkhorse in the conference race. All three front-court starters return from a squad which posted the school's best record ever, 17-11. Highlighting that crew is 5-10 Cathy Grimes, who led the team in scoring, with a 13.8 clip, and rebounding, with an 8.0 average. Sophomore Sallie Lewis, 6-2, and 5-11 senior Jill McKone are the Cavaliers' only other double-figure scorers.

Virginia, which upset national power Old Dominion last season, lacks a proven backcourt tandem, but has capable players to move in. Leading candidates include 5-9 juniors Lyn Anastasio and Cathy Ryan and 5-9 senior Jackie Campbell. Four freshmen will be needed to offer depth in the lineup. **Predicted finish: Fifth.**

Duke: The Blue Devils' program is another up-and-coming one. With only one player lost from a squad which finished 14-15 a year ago, coach Debbie Leonard has plenty reason to believe that the Devils can improve that record considerably.

Two freshmen of top-caliber will bolster the starting squad, which is led by 6-1 juniors Stacy Hurd and Jennifer Chesnut. The freshmen are heavily recruited guard Connie Goins, 5-10, the top player in the state of Kentucky and 6-3 Sarah Sullivan, the tallest player ever at Duke. Hurd



Senior Karen Thompson will render reserve services at center as ACC Champions. Staff photo by Jim Frei

State vies to unseat Maryland as ACC Champions. Kate Brandt was the leading scorer with a 13.8 average, and Cindy Cochran led in the rebounding department with a 9.4 per game average. Other key returnees include senior guard Mary Rucker and sophomore guard Anita Malone. **Predicted finish: seventh.**

Wake Forest: The Demon Deacons may be in a pressurized situation by not conforming to the other team's wishes of the home-away bit, but they've got to look out for numero uno. With an Oh-14 record against league foes the past two seasons as in 'Oh No!' and a very real possibility of being 0-21, the Deacs feel that that is better than 0-28. Still, they have the nucleus to be winners this year.

Wake Forest, which finished 13-17 a year ago, returns its top six scorers and is another team expecting to be better than they were a year ago. Sophomore Keeva Jackson led the team in scoring last year with a 10.7 average and rebounding with a 7.4 average. Junior Barbara Buchanan and senior Barbara Durham, who both averaged just over 10 points a game, are strong on the frontline. They have little experience in the backcourt, losing three players. As the Deacons thought, it will be a challenge just to win one ACC contest this year. **Predicted finish: Last**

Georgia Tech: Just because the Yellow Jackets will fly to Anchorage, Alaska to participate in the Northern Lights Tournament one week before the conference tourney doesn't mean that their stingers will freeze over for the event, or ever during the year. Eleven players, including three starters plus three freshmen, total a Tech team with the ability to play the spoiler role this year. The team posted a 9-16 record with those 11 players last year, but improved considerably as the season progressed. They were surprisingly tied for fifth in the final league standings.

The Jackets' most experienced player is senior LeeAnn Woodhill, who was second on the team in both rebounding (6.3) and scoring (13.2). Junior guard

Reynolds Coliseum gets needed facelift

by Todd McGee
Sports Writer

There is talk of changing the name of Reynolds Coliseum to "Red"-noids Coliseum this year in honor of the paint job done on the Coliseum's seats.

The seats, which were dark green since the Coliseum opened in 1949, have been painted a very bright red. This is not the only change that has been made in the Coliseum's interior since last basketball season. State's tartan floor surface, one of the few of its kind in the nation, was damaged last spring when an unapprehended person started a forklift on the floor and did some figure-eights, which carved into the floor's surface.

On a court like State's, when one part of the floor is damaged, the whole thing must be resurfaced. Other renovations and changes include the remodeling of the basement and the flip-flopping of the team benches and scorers table with press row. Another change yet to be made, and which probably won't be made until later, is the addition of extra lights inside the Coliseum.

Associate Athletic Director Frank Weedon pointed out three major reasons for the changes — increased State and ACC television exposure, special preparations that were made for last year's NCAA Eastern Regionals held in Reynolds and basic necessity. These three reasons were separately or collectively given for all of the changes.

Television exposure was given credit for the bench change, the rewiring that goes along with that and the upcoming addition of lights, while necessity was given as the reason for the court resurfacing and seat-painting.

The NCAA's decision to hold the regional tournament here last year paved the way to renovating the basement.

According to Weedon, it was time for many of the changes.

"Some of these things were long overdue," he said, pointing out that the paint on the seats had been cracking for more than a couple of years.

Though Weedon did not know any official figures, he estimated that the total bill would wind up around the \$75,000 mark, with the bulk of that being spent on the basement and seats. Weedon added that he didn't think the renovations would stop with the lights.

"Eventually we would like to renovate the men's basketball area downstairs, also," he said.

Unlike the Weisger-Brown Athletics Facility, the Wolfpack Club had absolutely nothing to do financially with these changes. Weedon listed a number of different sources for funds that were used to make the changes.

"The money came from the general operating budget, TV and gate receipts from both football and basketball, and student fees," he said. "These groups all support the athletic program as well as the academic program. The Wolfpack Club had none of this."



Staff photo by Drew Armstrong

Seeing Red

Reynolds Coliseum underwent several changes since last basketball season, including painting the seats to a bright red. The Coliseum

floor was also resurfaced after it was damaged; extra lights were added, and the team benches and press row were flip-flopped.

Weedon expects the most obvious change to be the shifting of the benches with the press row.

"That will probably be the most noticeable change," he said, adding that it could cause some confusion and inconvenience to some fans early in the season,

especially to State's renowned HOSE squad. "I guess they'll have to change sides now."

Weedon thinks that the fans and the teams will benefit most from the changes.

"I think it will make it a better atmosphere," he said. "The

lights and the seats will make it brighter. This will add more university spirit now that the seats are our school colors."

Weedon gave Athletic Director Willis Casey the credit for the idea.

"I guess basically it was Willis

Casey's idea," he said. "He really wanted to paint the seats red."

This year, when visiting teams come into Reynolds Coliseum, they will probably see red when they go to sleep that night. If they don't, they will have to be color blind.

How they stacked up in 1981-82

FINAL 1981-82 N.C. STATE BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Record: 22-10 Overall; 7-7 ACC

Player	G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg	FF-D.	A	Blk.	S	Pts.	Avg
Bailey	32	171-312	.549	98-116	.844	210	6.5	65-0	23	44	10	438	13.7
Whittenburg	32	188-305	.611	118-143	.821	73	2.3	65-1	64	3	18	430	13.4
Pearcy	32	126-249	.506	28-43	.651	120	3.8	50-0	69	19	26	250	8.8
Lowe	32	97-188	.520	79-105	.752	85	2.7	69-0	182	1	46	273	8.5
Nevitt	31	70-119	.588	32-37	.861	137	4.4	92-4	15	63	9	172	5.5
McQueen	32	24-44	.545	25-45	.545	76	2.4	61-2	10	15	4	73	2.3
Charles	24	16-32	.500	20-32	.625	28	1.2	17-0	0	3	0	52	2.2
Gannon	25	16-40	.400	18-23	.783	3	0.3	13-0	15	1	8	50	2.0
Proctor	23	12-25	.480	4-12	.333	15	0.7	10-0	4	1	2	28	1.2
Thompson	29	11-21	.524	1-9	.111	18	0.6	16-0	4	1	5	23	0.8
Perry	20	3-5	.375	5-11	.455	4	0.2	6-0	15	0	3	11	0.6
Leonard	9	2-2	1.000	1-2	.500	2	0.2	2-0	0	0	1	5	0.6
Warren	14	0-6	.000	2-2	1.000	7	0.5	8-0	3	0	1	2	0.1
Weber	3	1-3	.333	0-0	—	1	0.3	0-0	0	0	1	2	0.7
Lay	11	1-2	.500	0-0	—	3	0.3	1-0	0	0	0	2	0.2

Team Rebounds 73; Double Rebounds NCS 95, Opp. 110

STATE	32	706-1366	.521	429-602	.713	682	26.9	466-7	407	150	124	1841	67.5
OPP.	32	621-1481	.419	328-464	.707	755	23.6	596-17	402	59	121	1570	49.1

Pack schedule among nation's toughest

by William Terry Kelley
Sports Editor

The schedule-makers at State must be gluttons for punishment. First of all Pack has one heck of a football slate, and then they follow that up with one of the toughest hoopsball itineraries in the nation.

State has done a 180-degree turnaround from last year's pushover schedule with which the Pack posted a 22-10 mark. This year there are, at most, seven lightweights on State's slate.

The Pack starts out with three probable wins in Western Carolina, North Carolina A&T and East Carolina, all at home. Then a flurry of traditional powerhouses hit the Pack, starting with Michigan State in Raleigh, a team State beat in the Rainbow Classic last year, 1982 Final Four participant Louisville followed by West Virginia, another formidable foe, both on the road.

Fairleigh-Dickinson then meets the Pack in Raleigh before State begins conference play in January. That first conference game starts a six-day fun-run for the Wolfpack in which they will play at Clemson, not always a joy ride for State, at Missouri, a member of most Top 20 polls, and then home to host Ralph Sampson and Virginia, the odds-on favorite to win the national title. That could be a pivotal week for State.

Georgia Tech breaks the monotony before State gets another five-day vacation, playing defending champion North Carolina in Chapel Hill, Wake Forest in Greensboro and then hosting 1982 East Regional participant Memphis State and big man Keith Lee on national television.

Three weeks of solid ACC competition combined with State's usual double victory dip at the North-South Doubleheader precede State's annual match-up with a much-improved Notre Dame team in Reynolds, another national TV game.

UNC-Wilmington should provide another lightweight bout before the Pack closes out the season with five ACC contests, including rematches with Virginia and North Carolina.

Overall the Pack plays as tough a slate as anybody in the ACC and the nation. State will lock horns with three of the last four national champions in North Carolina, Louisville and Michigan State.

The Pack has as good a senior threesome as they have had in some time. To have such a schedule, and at the same time have such good talent, causes mixed feelings from State head coach Jim Valvano.

Valvano feels that it may be hard to recognize improvement this year.

"I think our schedule is doubtless one of the top schedules in the country," Valvano said. "I think that's going to make it harder to see results in terms of wins or losses, but I think we're a better basketball team. I'd like to think our schedule would be taken into consideration by the NCAA. Last year Indiana made the NCAA with 18 wins and had a tough schedule. I'm not saying we could make it with 18 wins, but I'd like to think 20 wins is automatic, even if it takes the ACC Tournament to get it. Eighteen or 19 would depend on who we beat and who we lost to. I like to think 18-9 would be a helluva effort."

State fans should have ample opportunity to see the Pack on TV. State plays eight times on the tube, twice nationally. Conference games on TV include Virginia twice, Georgia Tech, North Carolina twice and the season finale against Wake Forest. In addition, the ACC Tournament will be televised.

"You can't beat the best unless you play them," Valvano said. "I'll let you know in about four months how I feel. Although who we play is tough enough, it's when we play them that makes it even tougher."

For State it could be a season

1982-83
State men's basketball schedule

Nov. 23	at MARATHON OIL (Exhibition)	WESTERN CAROLINA
Dec. 5	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	EAST CAROLINA
11	MICHIGAN STATE	at Louisville
21	at West Virginia	
28	FAIRLEIGH-DICKINSON	at Clemson
Jan. 5	at Missouri	
12	VIRGINIA TECH	at Virginia Tech
19	at North Carolina	
26	at Wake Forest	
29	MEMPHIS STATE (TV)	at Duke
Feb. 2	at Georgia Tech	
9	FURMAN	The Citadel
16	at Clemson	
23	at Wake Forest (TV)	
27	UNC-WILMINGTON	NORTH CAROLINA
27	at Duke	at Virginia Tech
	MARYLAND	WAKE FOREST (TV)
	ACC Tournament	

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at the Omni Atlanta, Ga.

in which the team may be better but the record worse because of the schedule. The NCAA will look at the State slate when the bids go out though, so the Pack

should be in good shape if they get at least 18 wins. A couple of tough runs in the schedule could spell trouble and multiple losses, but wins in those situations

would boost the Pack high in the rankings. Either way the Pack should have ample competition to prepare them for post-season play.

The Duke



K. Melley

Lawson typifies balanced team

by Bruce Winkworth
Assistant Sports Editor

If Coach Kay Yow has her way, and her Wolfpack women basketballers are a balanced and versatile team, Sherry Lawson will typify that team.

Lawson, a senior from High Point, has been a reserve for the Pack in the past, filling in at several positions. Now she is being counted on to start in the backcourt with Angie Armstrong, and Yow points to Lawson's versatility and experience as her biggest assets. "She's starting at the number two guard," said Yow. "With the experience she's had and the players she's gone against, she'll be a big help for us. She's had considerable playing time in games, and she's gone against some very good players in practice."

At 5-9, Lawson gives some size to the Wolfpack's backcourt, but not at the expense of quickness. "She has a lot of combined speed and quickness, one of the best on our team," said Yow. "We like to run the break, and it's important to have someone with her speed and quickness to help us do that."

Lawson agrees that her experience at several positions should help her and the team this year.

"I can dribble easier, and I look to shoot more," she said. "I've played inside a couple of times. Last year, I even played at number four (big forward). That's helped me to learn to get the ball inside to the open player."

For her career, Lawson has only scored 3.9 points per game,

but that has been in limited playing time as a reserve at three different positions. Yow has never called upon Lawson to score a lot of points, and Lawson's contributions have usually been the kind which do not show up in box-scores.

"She has a lot of speed and quickness," said Yow, "combined speed and quickness, one of the best on our team. It's important to have someone like that to help us run the break. She's also a good passer, and she's able to help us get the ball inside. Defensively, her speed and quickness is important in our help-side defense as well in containing her own man."

She is capable of scoring too. Last year, while filling in for Ginger Rouse, Lawson riddled Wake Forest for 18 points, her career high.

Lawson is also dependable, having only missed one game in her career. Now her career is down to one final year, and she is looking forward to a good one.

"I expect this to be my best year," she said, "because I'm hoping to start and show what I've learned over the past three years. I feel I've learned better defense and offense, and I'm a better team player."

Along with all the other intangibles Lawson brings with her to a game, this season she will be counted upon to provide senior leadership, as will all of Yow's seniors.

"I'm counting on all our seniors," said Yow. "I think they should all make a major contribution to this year's team. They all have their strengths, and they've all been around for a while."

Lawson expects to lead by example, but she also expects this team to be able to write its own ticket.

"I think our team is going to be a very good fast-breaking team," she said. "We get up and down the court very well, and it should be a very good year."

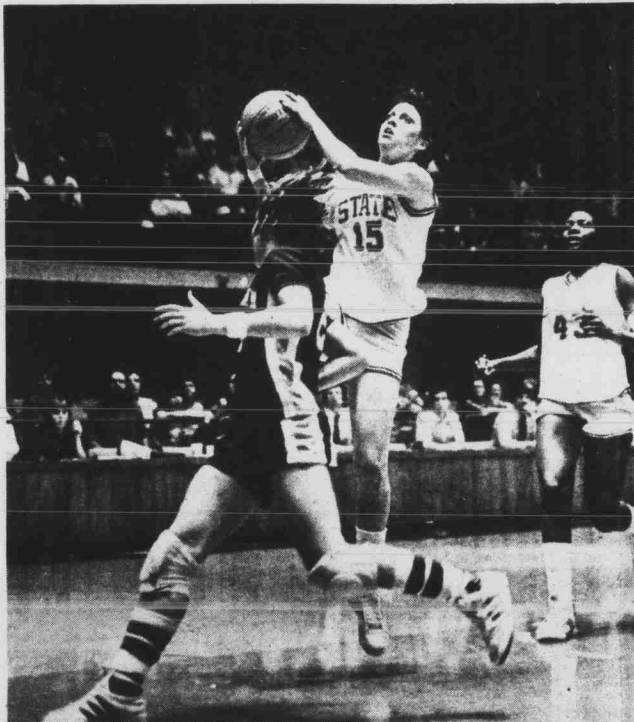
Lawson came to State after three years at Allan Jay High School in High Point, where she was named all-Central Carolina Conference three consecutive years. She also excelled in softball and track, and her older brother, Larry, played football at Clemson. But Lawson wound up at State, mainly because of coach Yow.

"I came here three years to the summer camp," she said. "Coach Yow also coached my sister in high school, so I was real familiar with how she coached. I liked that and I also liked State."

After her scheduled graduation next fall, Lawson plans to get a job in some form of advertising.

She is majoring in writing and editing, she said, "and I'd like to do some kind of work in advertising, but that's still a ways off."

For now, Lawson is getting ready for the upcoming season, which begins Nov. 26, at Howard University. The Wolfpack



Staff photo by Patrick Chapman

Sherry Lawson, one of three State seniors, has played in a reserve role her previous three seasons but hopes to have earned a starting guard position this year.

Women are an experienced team with Lawson and two other seniors leading the way. The leadership they exhibit is already evident to Yow.

"We have a lot of juniors and seniors, and their experience really shows in practice," said

Yow. "Our new people are fitting in and complementing the other team members. That's a tribute to Sherry and all the seniors. They have a lot to work with this year."

With Lawson starting, more 18-point games could be in the of-

ing, but she'll settle for winning. The big game last year, however, did serve two purposes for Lawson.

"That was my biggest thrill since coming to State," she said. "Scoring 18 points and starting gave me a lot of confidence also."

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Nine players returning

Wolfpack women strong at all spots

by Devin Steele
Assistant Sports Editor

Nearly every team goes through a transition each year and labels itself either new, mature or experienced.

State's 1982-83 women's basketball team, with a combination of youth, maturity and experience, puts itself in each of these categories. With these ingredients blended, eighth-year Wolfpack coach Kay Yow sees this year's team as one of her best ever.

Three seniors, five juniors, two sophomores and three freshmen comprise the team. Yow thinks it can better last year's squad, which posted a 24-7 record, lost to eventual NCAA runner-up Cheyney State in the finals of the East Regionals and finished 11th in the final Associated Press Coaches Poll.

"For the first time in a while, we've got a mature, experienced team with a lot of young players who can fill in," Yow said. "With that experience under their belts, they have become better

over the past two seasons. We have one of the best conditioned teams ever, and we have good depth and noticeably improved players."

Gone from last year's starting rotation are guard Ginger Rouse, an all-ACC and all-NCAA East Regional selection who finished her career as State's all-time leading scorer with 1,509 points. Also lost to graduation was forward Connie Rogers, the school's fifth-leading scorer with 1,150 points.

For the first time ever, State failed to reach the finals of the ACC Tournament, bowing to Maryland in the semifinals.

Though the Pack has a reputation of being a national power, last year's effort was somewhat surprising considering the injuries which plagued the team.

Paula Nicholson and Debbie Shugart, two standout centers, were lost early last season with knee injuries, denting the Wolfpack considerably. Nicholson averaged 18 points and 12 rebounds during one stretch, but her injury ended her

career. Shugart's injury will cause her to miss this season as well.

"We've had key injuries in the past, and we are still plagued with those injuries," Yow said. "The difference is that we had key injuries with a young team, and now we've got key injuries with an experienced team. I look back now and think that we were playing with those key injuries with such a young team, and we were so fortunate to have done what we did."

Those injuries forced Yow to take 6-7 Ronda Falkena off the red-shirt list after Christmas. She returns as the starter at the pivot, with a year of starting experience behind her. Falkena, a junior from Warwick, N.Y., averaged 6.1 points and 4.8 rebounds, and has shown considerable improvement in the off-season.

"Rhonda's posting up a lot better," Yow said. "The past two seasons, we've been weak in the middle, and we used it as a decoy from our perimeter game. We have a couple of offenses geared

to that low post position. I think that Rhonda can really become a factor this year. By the end of the season, I think that she can become a dominating factor.

"She's playing with more confidence for us. She's really looking for the ball more."

Karen Thompson, a 6-3 junior from Pflugerville, Tex., is also a contender at center. She averaged 4.5 points and 2.5 rebounds a game, playing in 26 contests.

Mary Jane Wild, a 6-1 junior from St. Louis, Mo., is listed as a forward, but may see time in the middle, also.

State's biggest strength, however, is Angie Armstrong, a 5-5 senior point-guard who has filled the slot for three years. Armstrong, heading the list of 10 returning letter winners and three starters, is State's record holder for most assists in a season (182) and for a career (486). She's the only returnee who averaged in double figures (10.8 ppg.), and needs only 54 points to become a member of the Wolfpack's 1,000 Point Club.

"Angie is our most experienced player and our biggest strength," Yow said. "We depend on her in so many ways. It's great to have experience at that crucial position."

Armstrong, a Wilson native, led the team in field goal percentage last year at .554. Also a key defensive player, she needs only nine steals to overtake Trudi Lacey (237) for the top spot on the school's all-time steals list.

Armstrong's backup at the No. 1 position is Robyn Mayo, who earned a spot on the 1982 South Team at the National Sports Festival. A 5-6 sophomore from Landover, Md., Mayo saw action in 26 games a year ago.

"Robyn is playing fantastic ball in the preseason," Yow said. "Now, we have two extraordinary point guards who can handle the ball well and can push the ball down the court. They have really created some fantastic breaks for us in practice."

Though the point position is in good hands, the perimeter game is an area of uncertainty. Senior Sherry Lawson, 5-9, and 5-10 sophomore Linda "Hawkeye" Page are vying for the second guard position.

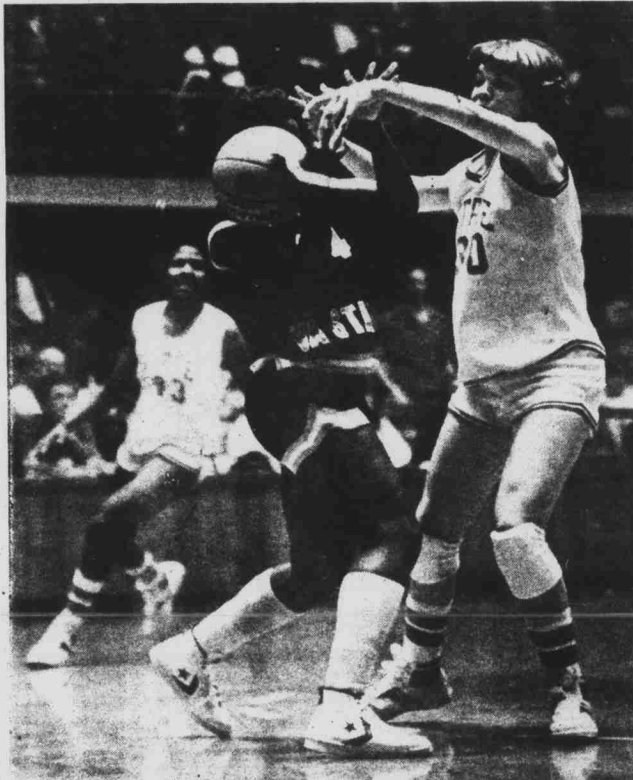
Despite seeing limited action as a freshman behind Rouse and Rogers, Page averaged 8.4 points as a freshman. Her defensive skills, her biggest weakness a year ago, have shown considerable improvement. Page, a Philadelphia, Pa. product who pumped in 22 points in her collegiate debut in an exhibition game, should emerge as a double-digit scoring threat.

Lawson, from High Point, saw time in every game last season and averaged 3.3 points. She is 10th on State's all-time steals and assists list. Her speed and leaping ability should help State on the break and on the boards.

Reserves at the No. 2 slot are freshmen Teresa Rouse and Debbie Mulligan. Rouse, Ginger's younger sister, a 5-11 native of Burke, Va., was red-shirted last



Staff photo by John Davison
Ronda Falkena, the Pack's 6-7 center, gives her team a tremendous advantage inside.



Technician file photo

Claudia Kreicker, a senior from Warsaw, Ind., is one of three returning starters for State's women's team.

season with mononucleosis. A 5-10 Cary native, Mulligan averaged 16 points, six caroms and 2.5 assists her senior year of high school.

The forward positions are another strong point for the Wolfpack. Claudia Kreicker, a 6-1 junior from Warsaw, Ind., returns to fill the strong side, but she will undoubtedly be challenged by 5-9 senior Karen Brabson.

Kreicker, who averaged 7.7 points a year ago, gained valuable experience this summer playing on the Athletics in Action team which toured Europe.

A Portsmouth, Va. native, Brabson has the school's fifth best career rebounding average. She played in every game last year and had a 3.3 average.

Also in the running for a forward position is 6-1, 190-pound freshman Priscilla Adams, junior college transfer Jan Rogerson, Wild and Rouse.

Adams, from Ringgold, Ga., averaged 19.8 points and 12 rebounds during her senior prep season and led her teams to a 124-14 record over four years.

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State records may be stirred

by Tom DeSchraver
Sports Writer

The days of David Thompson are gone, but the memories still abound. His jersey, along with numerous awards he received can be found in Case Athletics Center. In almost any drinking or eating establishment in west Raleigh, one can see a picture of the legendary number 44 floating through the air towards the hoop.

Not only did Thompson leave his impression in the minds of all Wolfpack fans, he left his mark in the archives of Wolfpack basketball.

In three glory filled years at State, Thompson scored 2,309 points to become the all-time leading scorer in Wolfpack history. It should be remembered that Thompson didn't play varsity ball his first year at State, because at that time the NCAA did not allow freshmen to participate in varsity competition. One can only

speculate on the numbers Thompson would have accumulated in four years.

The career scoring list doesn't include any current Wolfpack players, but two — Thurl Bailey and Derrek Whittenburg — have a shot at joining the list before their careers at State end this season.

In three years of wearing Red and White, Bailey and Whittenburg have 894 and 887 points, respectively.

With the 30-second clock added to the ACC this season, Bailey and Whittenburg could displace Vann Williford and Paul Horvath from the top ten.

Career Scoring Leaders

1. 2,309 — David Thompson, 1973-75
2. 1,967 — Sammy Ranzino, 1948-51
3. 1,964 — Hawkeye Whitney, 1977-80
4. 1,772 — Kenny Carr, 1975-77
5. 1,761 — Ronnie Shavlik, 1954-56

6. 1,642 — Dick Dickey, 1947-50
7. 1,598 — Tommy Burleson, 1972-74
8. 1,574 — Mel Thompson, 1950-51
9. 1,543 — Vann Williford, 1968-70
10. 1,513 — Paul Horvath, 1948-51

Not surprisingly, Thompson leads the all-time field goal list for the Wolfpack. Number 44 connected on 939 shots from the floor. Only Hawkeye Whitney, who starred for the Wolfpack in the late 70's has come close to Thompson totals with 828 in his four-year career.

As with the career scoring list, Thurl Bailey and Derrick Whittenburg are the only current Wolfpack players with a chance of cracking the top ten this season. Bailey has 361 career field goals, while Whittenburg has recorded 341 baskets. Both are over 200 short of joining the list.

Career Field Goal Leaders

1. 939 — David Thompson, 1973-75
2. 828 — Hawkeye Whitney, 1977-80
3. 710 — Kenny Carr, 1975-77
4. 649 — Ronnie Shavlik, 1954-56
5. 641 — Tommy Burleson, 1972-74
7. 594 — Vann Williford, 1968-70
8. 590 — Dick Dickey, 1947-50
9. 577 — Clyde Austin, 1977-80
10. 575 — Bobby Speight, 1951-53

As any coach who has lost a close game will attest to, free throws are an important part of any basketball game. Current Wolfpacker Derrick Whittenburg is an outstanding shooter from the charity stripe, and he currently ranks sixth on the all-time percentage list. Whittenburg isn't placed on the list though, because his career hasn't concluded. Last season, the senior from Glen Arden, Md. shot a sizzling .831 percent from the free throw line.

Career Free Throw Percentage

1. .840 — Bob Seitz, 1954-57
2. .835 — Dan Englehardt, 1967-69
3. .820 — John Key, 1959-63
4. .810 — Warren Cartier, 1946-50
5. .801 — Jon Speaks, 1960-63
6. .788 — Joe Serdich, 1966-69
7. .788 — Joe Cafferky, 1971-73
8. .774 — Rick Holdt, 70-73
9. .768 — Pete Coker, 1964-66
10. .765 — Kenny Matthews, 78-81

In order for the Thompson's and Carr's to score, someone has to pass them the ball and that's where the point guard comes in. The point guard is the unselfish member of the team, his job is to get the ball to the scorers. In return, his statistical worth shows up in assists.

Over the years, State has had some great point guards. No one will ever forget the lob passes 5-5 Monte Towe tossed to a soaring David Thompson. Or the fancy behind the back or between the legs bounce passes of Clyde Austin. But the all-time assist leader at State is current floor



general Sidney Lowe. In three short years at State, the Washington, D. C. native has thrown 491 passes which have resulted in Austin in his four-year career.

Every time the 6-0 195 pounder is credited with an assist this season, he will be extending his school mark.

Career Assist Leaders

1. 491 — Sidney Lowe, 1980-
2. 475 — Clyde Austin, 1977-80
3. 350 — Monte Towe, 1973-75
4. 259 — Hawkeye Whitney, 1977-80
5. 212 — Craig Davis, 1975-78
6. 189 — David Thompson, 1973-75
7. 172 — Eddie Biedenbach, 1965-68
8. 164 — Ed Leftwich, 1970-71
9. 150 — Tony Warren, 1977-79
10. 146 — Joe Cafferky, 1971-72

Of course not every shot taken in basketball goes through the hoop. When the ball caroms off the rim, a scramble ensues. In recent memory, State has had some outstanding rebounders, like Thompson, Burleson, and Carr. But none of these great boardsman come close to the numbers compiled by 50's star Ron Shavlik.

The father of current

Wolfpack footballer Dean Shavlik, grabbed 1,598 rebounds in his three year career. Shavlik domination of the boards during his day can be best appreciated when compared to former State great Tommy Burleson. Burleson is second on the all-time list, but is more than 500 boards behind Shavlik.

With 483 rebounds in his first three years at State, Thurl Bailey has a shot at joining this prestigious list of big men this season. The Seat Pleasant, Md. native needs 211 caroms to displace David Thompson. Last season, Bailey snagged 216 missed shots in State's slow down concept of basketball.

Career Rebound Leaders (since 1950 season)

1. 1,598 — Ron Shavlik, 1954-56
2. 1,066 — Tommy Burleson, 1972-74
3. 1,057 — Bobby Speight, 1951-53
4. 936 — John Richter, 1957-59
5. 789 — Kenny Carr, 1975-77
6. 760 — Vann Williford, 1968-70
7. 742 — Phil Spence, 1974-76
8. 725 — Mel Thompson, 1950-51
9. 705 — Phil Dinaro, 1954-56
10. 694 — David Thompson, 1973-75



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Former State great David Thompson demonstrates the elusive shooting touch that put him at the top of State's all-time scoring list.

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'State is where I want to be'

by Ed Haggerty
Sports Writer

"I love Raleigh, the ACC and the people of North Carolina State University."

These are words from State's associate women's basketball coach and chairperson of the NCAA Women's Basketball Committee, Nora Lynn Finch.

Finch is also one of the Assistant Athletic Directors here and plays a big part in the operation of the university's athletic programs.

Finch has a rich athletics background which has led her to even more success at State.

A Henderson native, Finch attended Western Carolina University, where she was selected woman Athlete-of-the-Year in 1970, participating in volleyball, tennis, and field hockey as well as basketball. She led the Catamounts to a runner-up finish in the first National Women's Basketball Tournament.

Upon completion of her Master's in 1971 from WCU, she began her coaching career at Wake Forest University, serving as head women's basketball coach.

"If that sounds like more than one job, it was," Finch said.

After two years at Wake Forest, she accepted the head coaching position for the women's basketball program at Peace College.

"Although I moved from a prestigious ACC school in Wake Forest, I was moving to a college that was more dedicated to promoting and improving its women's athletic teams."

In her four years at Peace, Finch guided the Green Giants to a 73-22 mark and three post-season tournament appearances. Her 1977 team finished runner-up in AIAW Junior College National Tournament.

In 1978, Finch moved on to State, where she served as head

coach for volleyball and softball, as well as associate coach for basketball.

Now, she has the duty of serving as chairperson for the NCAA Women's Basketball Committee, in addition to her duties at State.

"My appointment to the chair of the committee probably had something to do with the fact that I am from N.C. State, that Willis Casey is a very respected person by the NCAA and the fact that I am not a head coach and could be able to, hopefully, devote more time and effort to the committee," she said.

As head of the basketball committee, Finch has been involved in the switch of women's athletics from the AIAW (Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women) to the larger NCAA. The switch has not been a particularly smooth one in that last year there were teams that refused to join the NCAA and continued their allegiance to the AIAW.

One ACC school, Duke, continued its affiliation with the AIAW. The AIAW has now filed suit against the NCAA, accusing it of violating the Sherman Antitrust Act, which protects organizations from monopolies being established.

Finch sees the new affiliation with the NCAA to be a positive one.

"Now, we have the same rules as the men, which makes it easier for the university officials," Finch said.

She also says being with the NCAA will help recruiting.

"We can now pay for the visit of a young woman to our campus where, under AIAW rules the woman had to foot the bill herself."

Although the NCAA has now included women's athletics into its programs, that does not solve all of the problems the women's programs have to overcome. Those

problems have to do with support and attendance. The problem of support, in the media especially, is an area of particular concern to Finch.

"Our university does not have an administrative velocity towards promotions," she said, "and the amount of promotions we do for our athletic programs opposed to other ACC schools is noticeable."

Without that promotion, the women are forced to not charge any admission to their games.

Finch would especially like to see some exposure for women's basketball in the electronic media.

"The public has been taught by television that if something is on television, it is worth attendance," she said.

In this area, Finch has a justified accusation. Last year, the Wolfpack women did not have a game on television, and their attendance was the lowest it has ever been.

"When Kay (State women's head basketball coach Yow) and I have been on the radio, say for a 15 or so minute talk show, our attendance at the next game has gone up considerably," Finch said.

The problem here is that the media tends to write and report about events that people attend but, without that attendance already built-in, women's games are very often shunned.

Women's basketball does not suffer these difficulties everywhere. As a matter of fact, Old Dominion University, which has had nationally prominent teams in women's basketball for many years, had gross revenues exceeding \$142,000 in 1980 and defending national champion Louisiana Tech has surpassed that in recent years and has just completed a new 8000 seat arena built basically for its women.

This year's NCAA post-season tournament is similar to last year's, according to Finch.

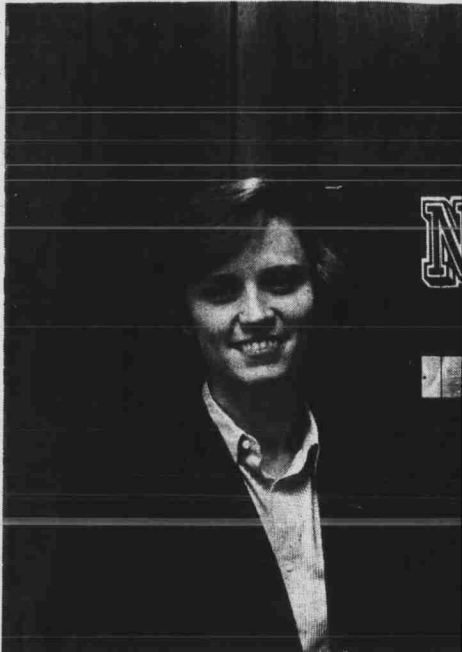
"We will have 32 teams," she said, "with the first-round games being played at home courts — not necessarily at those of the higher seed, but to the team that has drawn the higher attendance — in order to assure just that a better draw at tournament games."

The sites for the 1983 and 1984 regionals have already been set. For 1983, they include Penn State, Notre Dame, Louisiana Tech, and UCLA. The winners of these four regionals will travel to The Scope in Norfolk, Va., for the Championship Finals.

The 1984 sites include Old Dominion, Tennessee, Louisiana Tech and Southern California, with the 1984 Championships to be held at UCLA.

Finch is highly recognized by the university and the NCAA as being one of the top administrators in the nation and has received many offers to take her talents elsewhere.

But, as she notes, "I have the best of both worlds here at N.C. State. I can be an administrator, help with recruiting, and coach all at the same time. And besides, N.C. State is where I want to be."



Assistant basketball coaches Nora Lynn Finch



Photo by Paul Segal

Look here

Nora Lynn Finch has earned a name for herself as chairperson of the NCAA Women's Basketball Committee, as an assistant athletics director here at State and as associate coach of the Wolfpack women's team.



continuing Wolfpack basketball's winning traditions

State's secret weapon gets job done

by William Terry Kelley
Sports Editor

Picture yourself as a highly rated high school basketball star being recruited by all the good basketball schools in the nation. You may have narrowed your choices to a few schools, and if you've been visited by State's secret weapon, the Pack will likely still be in the running for your services.

Over in the basketball office there is an arsenal — an arsenal of talented coaches. And among this arsenal is hidden away a secret weapon. Not your typical secret weapon mind you. This weapon isn't locked up or anything. And if you were to go and visit the office, you'd likely find this weapon at work. This weapon is assistant basketball coach Tom Abatemarco — an awesome recruiting weapon, or perhaps better stated, a recruiting genius.

Abatemarco came to State from Virginia Tech last year as a replacement for former State assistant Marty Fletcher, who migrated to VMI as head coach. It was a reunion for Abatemarco and Valvano as both coached at Iona prior to Valvano's coming here. They built a strong program at Iona in only three years, and Abatemarco has visions of doing the same here.

"I've moved around a lot and had a lot of great experience in the nine years I've been coaching," Abatemarco said. "I've always wanted to be at a program like N.C. State and try to build a program like Coach Sloan did in building a national champion. State's always had a great program with Coach Case and Coach Sloan. I'd like to keep the tradition going."

Abatemarco would also like to build that tradition with Valvano as his boss.

"If you look all over the country — Jim Valvano is 36 years old and he's been coaching 15 years — he's one of the brightest young coaches in the nation," he said. "Three out of the last four years he's been in post-season play. He really likes N.C. State. He likes the program, and he likes the people. We want to try to build a dynasty here."

Abatemarco grew up in Brooklyn and Long Island and attended high school in Long Island. He says he wasn't a great ball player himself, but he did enjoy the sport and played four years of NAIA ball at Dowling College where they made the playoffs two out of four years.

As is the job of most assistants, Abatemarco's job is to recruit.

"The head coach can run the ball club without anybody there," Abatemarco said. "A lot of times, you see a head coach return to ask his assistant a question. Then he turns back and does what he wants to do. The main job of an assistant coach is to recruit."

With that in mind, Abatemarco gets the job done. A young athlete about to make a decision about where to play is at an unfair disadvantage when he's talk-

ing to this Valvano assistant, because if he's not careful, Abatemarco will hook him — with enthusiasm.

"I'm enthusiastic about recruiting because that's my bread and butter," said the fast-talking assistant. "One of the reasons I came back with Jim is because I've learned a lot about the game. I'd like to stay with Jim a long time. I'd like to keep learning under Jim. I love being at the game and seeing us win. If we're not out getting players, we can't win. My job and Ray's (assistant coach Martin) main job is helping coach V put together a team.

"You have to be honest; you have to like people and you have to work hard and be able to bounce back from failure. If you're involved with a kid, he's going to have five schools he's interested in. That's the thing in recruiting — you have to be successful. You've got to find people that want you. You've got to find people that want to have fun. That sounds crazy.

"But if you play for Jim Valvano for four years, you will have fun. If you're not enthusiastic about recruiting, you better not be an assistant coach. I like to go out to summer camps and see kids play. I like the evaluation part better than the actual recruiting, I think."

Enthusiasm is something that is in abundance with Abatemarco. From a personal experience, I know he's overrun with desire to succeed. The day after it was announced he had been hired, I called the basketball office to see when he would start to work. He had started the day before so I went to see him. When I got there I had to wait for him to finish dictating a letter to a State prospect. The Wolfpack signed that player the next week.

Five minutes after you start talking with Abatemarco, you know he is a hard worker. Five more minutes and he'll have you convinced that State is God's gift to the United States, and in

another five he's likely to have inked you to a grant-in-aid.

"I really like N.C. State," he said. "I think it's a great place. There have been some great teams here. Coach Sloan had a great tradition with David Thompson. If there's one person I'd like to be like, it's Jim Valvano. He makes me really excited about State. That's something you can't lie about. This is coach V's third year, and I'm really looking forward to it."

Abatemarco has his own style, which may be why he's so successful.

"I'm outgoing and maybe more aggressive than anybody else," Abatemarco said. "I like to overwork and over-sell a kid. That's what I call my overenthusiasm. This is a great place to sell. We've got to be one of the Top 10 as far as basketball is known. We've got one of the Top 10 coaches in the nation. Kids like to play, so if we have spots to sell then we may go after a particular kid. We'll sell them on the idea that they have a spot. Coach Valvano decides what we need, we bring them in, and he sees them and makes the final decision."

But you've got to be careful according to Abatemarco.

"Just because a kid doesn't have a great preseason doesn't mean he's not a good player," he said. "If you just recruit players with reputations then you'll get in trouble. You've got to see if a kid can fit into your system. It's how you feel the kid can play, not what the report says. It's a 12 month job. From June 15 through August 1, we go out and evaluate. You can't talk to the kid except on the phone. From September 1 through November 1, you have home visits and kids on campus. From January to June, you're still trying to sign seniors and contact juniors."

With Tom Abatemarco working as Valvano's secret weapon, it could be dangerous for a basketball recruit not considering the Wolfpack to talk with State — he might change his mind.



Fitch (above) and Tom Abatemarco (below).



Photo by Paul Segal

Tom Abatemarco joined the Pack men's staff last spring and has established himself as an ace recruiter.

Easygoing Lowe points Pack to winning season

by Stu Hall
Contributing Writer

The day was as ordinary as any other in Raleigh during mid-October — the leaves were turning different shades of orange, brown and Wolfpack red, the afternoon light was slowly getting darker and the air was getting that winter nip to it — when an incident out of the ordinary occurred.

During rush hour traffic, with cars zigging and zagging and pedestrians crossing the road against their better judgement, Sidney Lowe pokes along on his moped, radio headphones blocking out the hectic pace.

Lowe appeared so oblivious to the goings on, he seemed out of character. Then that's Lowe — easygoing.

When Sidney Rochell Lowe walked on the Raleigh campus back in 1979, he was receiving rave reviews from practically everyone who saw him play the point guard position.

"The most pure point guard in America," was the way Lowe's DeMatha High coach, Morgan Wooten, described him.

After watching him practice, then State coach Norm Sloan was saying: "He isn't your average freshman."

And that he wasn't. Sharing the point guard duties with Clyde Austin, Lowe quickly etched his name on the Wolfpack's all-time assist list — Lowe, 15th, 125.

After Sloan departed for Florida, his successor, Jim Valvano, was equally impressed with Lowe's court savvy.

"He has to be one of the great point guards in the country today," Valvano was saying. "He's just an outstanding passer. He has the uncanny ability to hit the right man with the right pass at the right time."

As a sophomore, Lowe hit the right man at the right time 184 times, a school season record, and was well on his way to topping Austin's career record of 473.

With 182 assists a year ago, Lowe clearly owned the record with 491 in a span of three years. Lowe is now entering his final season, and, as usual, he's rated as one of the finest point guards in the nation.

"As a point guard, there are few better," says Valvano, prior to Lowe's final campaign. "His knowledge of the game, plus his physical ability, make him one of the best in America."

Without question, through Lowe's first three years, he's been one of the nation's finest point guards — though only in conversation.

His name has never appeared on an all-America list or even an honorable mention list. For that matter, Lowe's never made first-team all-Atlantic Coast Conference.

The reason — he's the epitome of a true point guard.

"It hasn't bothered me," Lowe says. "I've felt that with the guys we have on the team, my job was to control the team and get them the ball."

Lowe has proven he can get the ball to his teammates, yet there are so-called basketball observers, who believe Lowe hasn't lived up to his potential as a point guard and that he should be scoring more.

"They judge a guy by his box-score," Lowe says. "You have to be a scorer to make all-America — that's an unwritten criteria. They have no knowledge of a guy scrambling for a loose ball or drawing a charge in the last few minutes."

"I don't think my scoring more would have helped us any over the years. I think the eight games I've led the team in scoring, we've lost six or seven of them."

Actually, of the eight games Lowe has led the Wolfpack in scoring, State's lost five.

"Coach Valvano is always encouraging me to shoot more," says Lowe, who enters the 1982-83 season with a 7.6 average. "At one point last year I was scoring a little more than usual, then I injured my foot, and that slowed me a little."

Valvano, more than anyone, knows the importance of Lowe being the spinal column of the Wolfpack. Without him, the Wolfpack is partially paralyzed.

"The one person we cannot afford to lose is Sidney Lowe," Valvano says. "He is, unquestionably, the leader of our team, both on and off the court."

Lowe shrugs off Valvano's assessment rather unassumingly.

"I'm not really aware of the impact that I have on the team," he says. "I'm sure Thurl (Bailey) or Dereck (Whittenburg) have just as much of an impact, but I would hate to think what we would be like if didn't have one of them."

In his own way, Lowe has become the working man's clutch player — always consistent, never flashy.

"He's the kind of player you have to watch to appreciate," Sloan said.

Lowe has finished second (34), first (53) and first (46) in steals the past three years; averaged only two turnovers a game last season and connected on 78 percent of his free throws in the final five minutes last year.

During the 1980 ECAC Holiday Festival Tournament in New York, Lowe dazzled the basketball-ravaged fans with 23 assists in two games and connected on 12 straight free throws in the final game against St. John's. His efforts won him the Most Valuable Player award.

"I'm not sure if it was the 23 assists or the fact that I hit 12 straight free throws that everyone was excited about," says Lowe, noting again the fact most observers look at the box-score stats. "I'm really proud of it, though."

Six months later, playing for the actual all-America team — the United States team which competed in the 1981 World

University Games in Bucharest, Romania — Lowe topped his New York act with two against the Soviet Union twice.

The first was a 70-foot shot from the top of his own key at the first-half buzzer, which eventually forced the Soviet Union into overtime before winning. His second bit of heroics came when he converted a three-pointer against 7-5 Vladimir Tkachenko, pushing the U.S. to a four-point lead and a gold medal.

"It was great representing your country and to wear USA across your chest," Lowe says. "It was something like a war — the U.S. against the U.S.S.R. — and we won the war."

Floor general Lowe must lead the Wolfpack into a different sort of war this season — the ACC. In pre-season predictions State is expected to finish second or third in the ACC, with a

couple of national rankings thrown in.

"This ballclub can go as far as it wants to go," Lowe says. "If we want it, we're going to have to get it, but it's going to be tough."

Last year's stunning 58-51 loss to Tennessee-Chattanooga in the first round of last year's NCAA Tournament, in which Lowe scored a career-high 21 points, shouldn't have much of an effect on this year's team, according to Lowe.

"We were a bit surprised by it (the loss)," he says. "Everybody was hungry and wanted it, but we just didn't go after it. The same thing could happen this year."

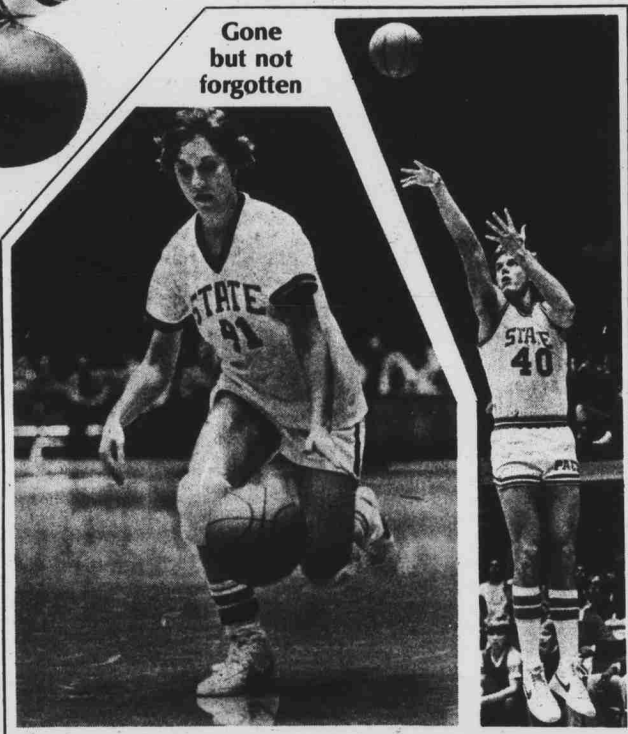
And for Lowe, the same thing could happen this year as has happened the past three.

He'll probably lead the team in assists and be near the top in the same category nationally, he'll not shoot anymore than he has in the past, he'll wisely lead the Wolfpack to another winning season and another NCAA berth and, in most probability, come season's end be overlooked by the ACC and all-America teams.

"I would just like to be remembered as not having put a lot of emphasis on scoring, but sacrificing myself for the team," he says, "and for just being a nice guy."

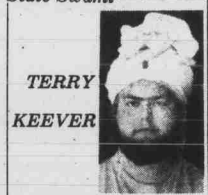


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Production Manager

It's time for me to put away my clouded elliptical ball of fall and shine my spherical ball for use in the winter months. Football regular season is now over, and shorts and sneakers have replaced pads and cleats.

As the basketball season gets underway, two teams stand out for the Swami Top 20: Georgetown and Virginia. The two teams are led the best big men in recent memory. Virginia has Ralph Sampson, the best player in college ball, and Georgetown has Pat Ewing, the second best player.

Both clubs are solid, but the Cavaliers also have Othell Wilson, one of the premier guards in the nation. Wilson will compliment Sampson's inside game, creating a potent offensive threat, and the two will benefit tremendously from the rule changes in the ACC. Look for these two to head up the rankings for at least the early part of the season.

My choice for number three is Indiana. The Hoosiers' Bobby Knight returns all five starters — four are seniors. This club finished 19-10 last season and a strong second place finish in the Big 10. If their bench comes through, they'll be serious contenders in March.

The Beavers of Oregon State get my vote for the fourth spot. Their run and gun offense should lead them to the Pac 10 title, and their schedule isn't exactly the toughest one I've ever seen.

Kentucky rounds out my top five. The Wildcats are pretty quiet these days about Sam Bowie's status. If he's healthy, this team could take it all. If not,

they will still be a top five contender.

The Louisville Cardinals won 11 of their last 13 games to end the 1981 campaign. The Cards have one of the best frontcourts to be found. Their "Big Mac" attack is awesome. Add the best prep player in the nation and coach Denny Crum could be seeing the roses in the spring. They'll take the Metro Conference and rate sixth in my rankings.

Memphis State returns four of its starters and should give the Cards a run for their money in the Metro. Keith Lee is another big man who can really dominate play. The Tigers will be tough.

The Wildcats of Villanova are another very good team from the Big East. The Big East is fast becoming a dominate conference, and the Cats could easily repeat their final eight performances of last spring. At least for now they're in my top eight.

Now that Alabama has discovered that there's more to life than the Bear and his gridiron, the boys in crimson shoot the hoops real well. The Tide was formidable last season, at least in the SEC. Look for the trend to continue. For now I rate them a ninth place spot.

Rounding out my top 10 is North Carolina. Most polls have the Heels in the top 5, but I don't think that they're that good, yet. Dean Smith could make this squad a top contender by March, but not now.

State comes in at fourteenth on the list. The Pack could be higher, but with one of the toughest schedules in Jimmy the V's tenure, the Pack will be doing great to crack the top 10. This year's edition of the Wolfpack is strong everywhere except in the middle, and if Cozell comes around, the Pack will be a formidable contender in the quest for the elusive ACC title.



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10. North Carolina
11. UCLA
12. Iowa
13. Oklahoma
14. **State**
15. USC
16. Missouri
17. West Virginia
18. St. Johns
19. Tennessee
20. Marquette

'I feel pretty comfortable shooting from that range' 3-POINT THREAT

by Devin Steele
Assistant Sports Editor

Derek Whittenburg, three points!
Those words will undoubtedly ring through the ACC's basketball arenas when State's basketball team battles conference foes.

Yes, what Whittenburg, the Wolfpack's senior shooting guard, has wanted through his collegiate career — a three-point shot — is finally a reality.

Whittenburg, State's downtown bomber, found a home in the 19-foot-plus area the past two seasons and could burn the nets from that range more times than any other ACC player this season.

"It's not that far of a shot, but it's not an easy shot," says Whittenburg, a 6-1 native of Glenarden, Md. who averaged 13.4 points a game last season while earning second-team all-ACC accolades. "I feel pretty comfortable shooting from that range."

That's for sure, as evidenced by his many soft-touch jumpers from Western Blvd. His long whooshes left a trail of smoke behind, which even alarmed State's renowned Hoze Gang. According to State's Sports Information Office, 63 of his 156 field goals were beyond 19 feet.

Though Whit is glad to see the three-pointer initiated, he points out that it may be to a disadvantage to some teams at times.

"It could help some teams and then, it could hurt some teams," says the broad-shouldered Whittenburg. "It forces a lot more play. It will become too much of a factor because it may make the game look sloppy. Anybody just might be trying for three. Even though you can shoot well from

19 feet, you can, if you have that in mind, get a low percentage game."

Wish that three in mind, would Whit take the shot from 19 or drive to the basket if the lane is open?

"It depends," Whittenburg says. "I'm not going to let the line alter my game. But the line will alter the situation. If it's late in the game, we're down three and I feel that I should shoot the three pointer, then I will back up. But early in the game when I've got a situation like that, I'd probably go ahead and take the drive."

Whittenburg, though happy with the new rule, believes the three-point line, which cuts inside the key, should be extended so it won't affect the game as much.

"I think the game would be better if the line was backed up about a foot," he says. "If it's a 19-foot, three-point shot, who's going to shoot two-pointers anymore? That's what the game was brought up for."

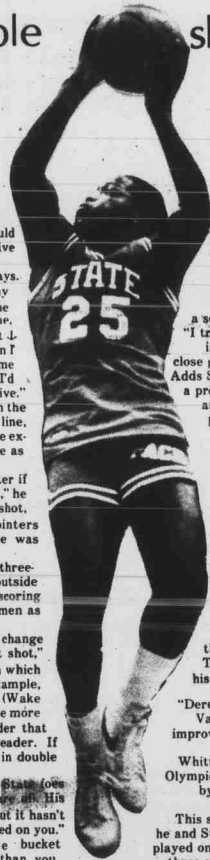
One question raised about the three-point rule is whether the outside shooters will emerge as the scoring leaders, replacing the inside big men as the guns.

"That may well be another change brought about by the three-point shot," Whittenburg says. "It depends on which players are shooting. For example, (Duke's Chip) Engelland and (Wake Forest's) Danny Young will become more effective. So you've got to consider that most guards will be scoring leader. If you hit for three-pointers, you're in double figures already."

Whit himself is a player whom State fans will need to be aware of for beyond. His 6-1 stature might be a bit small, but it hasn't stopped him from saying, "I jammed on you." He can take it to the bucket for an in-your-face slam faster than you can say Michael Jordan.

Perhaps his 39-inch vertical jump is just in his blood. His cousin, former State star David Thompson, wouldn't argue that.

Also a solid clutch player, Whit won both the



Wake Forest and Southern Mississippi games with the final five minutes of games last season, he connected 79 percent of his free throws.

"Gathered that experience plays a pretty good part in situations like that, I want the ball," says Whit, a second team pre-season all-America.

"I try not to think about who's depending on who. When it gets down to a close game, I feel as though I can score."

Adds State coach Jim Valvano: "Derek's a pressure player. He proved that time and again last year. He's the kind of player we'll go to in the critical situations."

Whittenburg was sharp on 83 percent of his free throws last season, second best in the conference. He attributes his accuracy to a new free-throw shooting style he developed last year.

"By squatting more, it helped me concentrate more on the basket and to have a better feel at the foul line," says Whittenburg, who canned 16 of 17 free throws in the Pack's upset of Wichita State in the Rainbow Classic. "I usually spread my feet a little bit wider than my shoulders to squat so low." Though shooting is his strong point, his defense isn't a shortcoming by any means.

"Derek has blossomed into a real star," Valvano says. "His defense has really improved, and he has really learned to go to the basket."

Whittenburg, who tried out for the 1984 Olympics this summer, improved his game by playing pickup games and weight training.

This season marks the seventh year that he and State point guard Sidney Lowe have played on the same team together, including three years for Coach Morgan Wooten at DeMatha High. The pair, whose minds often seem to be working synonymously on many plays, combine on the front line to form the Pack's bookends.

"Our relationship has grown tremendously," Whit says. "We know where each other is at all

times on the court. It's grown in to something natural where, when he gets the ball in one particular spot, I always know where to be. In high school, we had that, but we didn't really understand it. Now, we understand how and where and when to be."

A Business Administration major, Whittenburg believes he has a good shot at the professional ranks, but isn't taking the pro-career-or-bust attitude.

"I've got a pretty good chance, but there's no way I'm going to think unrealistically and put all my marbles in one basket," he says. "I've seen many players who've had this great big dream, forgot about school and said,

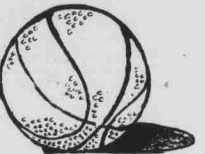
"Hey, the NBA is the way," and then get cut. They didn't even have enough hours to even try to get back into school. Nobody cares about who you used to play for and how many points you scored."

"To be realistic, there's not too many 6-foot guards in the NBA."

When the ball and the books are layed aside, Whit enjoys cooling out to jazz waves.

"I like to sit down and listen to music on the stereo," he says. "I used to go out a lot. Now, I just sit back and relax and think about playing ball and going to school."

Look for State's No. 25 to jazz it up on the court this season, especially in 3-D' land.



Technician file photo

State's notorious Hoze Gang will be up to its usual spirit-raising tactics when the Wolfpack hits the court this season.

Women to speed up

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She should help out in the rebounding department right away.

"Priscilla has the strength and size to go to the boards," Yow said. "The most immediate help she could give us is rebounding. We have more depth at No. 4 than any other position, but if she asserts herself as an outstanding rebounder, she'll see a lot of playing time."

Rogerson, a Peace College transfer who was the team's leading scorer, will vie for a starter's role at the No. 3 small forward position. A Williamston product, she averaged 22 points and 12 boards last season as a sophomore at Peace.

With the strength at the guard position and the improvement of its inside game, the team should have a faster transition game.

"I see our running game speeding up," Yow said. "I think it will be our best since I've been here. The team has really been pushing the ball down the court. Everyone has really improved their speed. Ronda has taken off seven-tenths of a second off her 40-yard dash."

"But we're not a run-and-gun team. We want to control the fast break. We're trying to take advantage of Ronda's outlet pass. She has the ability to get us down the court. Then, if we have a break shot, take it, if not, get into our offense."

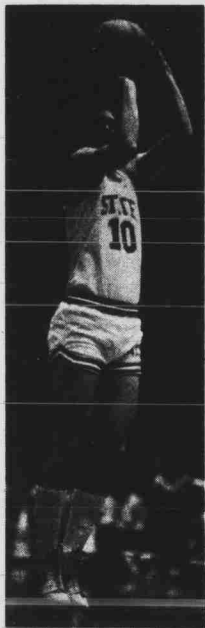
Yow thinks the team's defense is better than the offense at this point.

"We're much more ahead on our defense than our offense, except for our break," she said. "The offense is always going to come along slower than the defense."

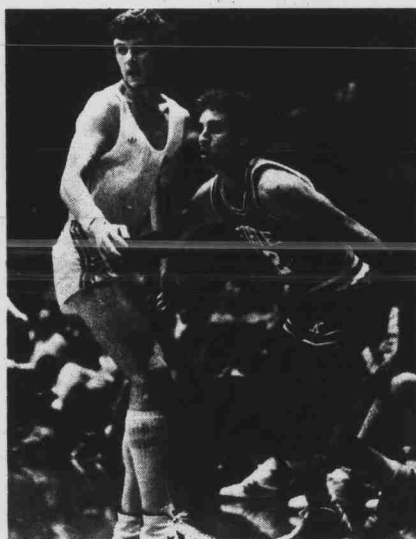
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FINAL 1981-82 N.C. STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS

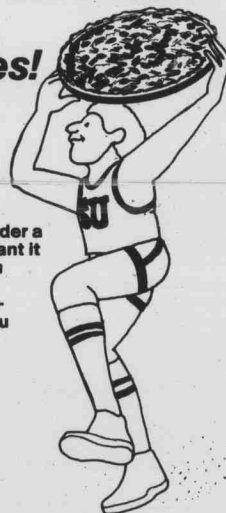
Player	G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF-D	A	Blk	S	Pts.	Avg.	High
G. Rouse	30	195-381	.512	29-35	.829	99	3.3	47-1	116	2	37	419	14.0	26
Armstrong	31	112-202	.554	110-147	.748	104	3.4	65-1	152	1	30	334	10.8	25
Bogers	31	117-254	.461	53-71	.746	101	3.3	53-1	94	2	41	287	9.3	21
Page	31	110-249	.442	41-53	.774	101	3.3	43-0	28	2	21	293	9.4	30
Nicholson	12	34-65	.523	27-43	.627	49	5.8	27-1	2	2	6	95	7.9	21
Krickler	31	96-191	.503	47-58	.810	131	4.2	71-1	99	1	27	239	7.7	17
Falkner	26	72-143	.503	15-24	.625	124	4.8	61-2	11	47	2	159	6.1	18
Brabson	31	61-142	.430	28-45	.622	148	4.8	56-2	12	2	30	150	4.8	13
Thompson	26	48-87	.552	21-27	.768	65	2.5	28-1	7	1	8	117	4.5	12
Lawson	31	42-143	.293	15-24	.625	55	1.7	25-0	54	0	13	101	3.3	16
Shugar	1	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	1	2	2.0	2
Wild	20	2-24	.083	4-10	.400	21	1.1	15-0	3	1	1	20	1.0	4
Mayo	25	7-32	.219	8-17	.470	21	0.8	15-0	29	1	16	22	0.8	6
T. Rouse	5	1-5	.200	1-2	.500	3	0.6	2-0	3	0	1	3	0.6	2
Others	24	46-88	.522	21-30	.700	394	1.6	16-0	8	4	16	115	4.8	22
Team Rebounds: 100; Deadball Reb.: NCSU 105, Opp. 117														
STATE	31	951-1984	.479	420-596	.705	1176	37.9	522-10	584	66	300	2322	74.9	103
OPP.	31	836-1927	.434	277-427	.649	1052	33.9	592-16	563	80	193	1949	62.9	94



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1982-83 PRE-SEASON ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	Hometown
41	*** Thurl Bailey	F	6-11	215	Sr.	Seat Pleasant, Md.
33	Alvin Battle	F	6-7	225	Jr.	Rocky Mount, N.C.
43	* Lorenzo Charles	F	6-7	228	So.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
40	Walt Denmore	F	6-6	195	Fr.	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
24	* Terry Gannon	G	6-0	165	So.	Joliet, Ill.
34	* Quinton Leonard	F	6-6	210	Sr.	Louisburg, N.C.
35	*** Sidney Lowe	G	6-0	195	Sr.	Washington, D.C.
32	George McClain	G	6-0	180	Fr.	Rocky Mount, N.C.
45	* Cassil McQueen	C	6-11	294	So.	Benetaville, S.C.
31	Ernie Myers	G	6-4	190	Fr.	Bronx, N.Y.
15	* Walter (Dinky) Proctor	F	6-8	212	So.	Southampton, N.Y.
30	** Harold Thompson	F	6-6	212	Jr.	Roseford, N.C.
42	* Mike Warren	F	6-7	188	So.	Raleigh, N.C.
25	*** Dureck Whittenburg	G	6-1	193	Sr.	Glenarden, Md.
10	Tommy Dinardo	F	6-5	195	Jr.	Jamestown, N.C.
* 14	Phil Weber	G	6-1	160	Sr.	North Point, N.Y.

* Denotes Letters Won
* Ineligible this season



Women's basketball schedule

26	at Home U	7:30
27	at	7:30
28	at	7:30
28-29	at	7:30
29	at	7:30
30	at	7:30
31	at	7:30
15	NORTH CAROLINA	7:30
19	MARYLAND	7:30
26	at Virginia	7:30
Mar. 4-6	at ACC Tournament (Chapel Hill)	TBA



1982-83 N.C. STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER
(Alphabetical)

Name	No.	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	Hometown
Priscilla Adams	35	F	5-1	190	Fr.	Ringgold, Ga.
★ ★ Angie Armstrong	10	PG	5-5	125	Sr.	Rocky Mount, N.C.
★ ★ Karen Brabson	24	F	5-9	152	Sr.	Portsmouth, Va.
★ ★ Ronda Falkens	55	C	6-7	193	Jr.	Warwick, N.Y.
★ ★ Claudia Kreicher	30	F	6-1	162	Jr.	Warsaw, Ind.
★ ★ Sherry Lawson	15	G	5-9	135	Sr.	High Point, N.C.
★ Robyn Mayo	22	PG	5-9	130	So.	Lanham, Md.
Debbie Mulligan	12	G	5-10	130	Fr.	Cary, N.C.
★ Linda Page	43	G/F	5-10	152	So.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Jan Rogerson	40	F	5-10	155	Jr.	Williamston, N.C.
Teresa Rouse	32	G/F	5-11	154	Fr.	Burke, Va.
★ ★ Karen Thompson	42	C	6-3	164	Jr.	Pflugerville, Texas
★ ★ Mary Jane Wild	34	F/C	6-1	150	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.

★ Denotes Letters Won

THE WOLFPACK IN CAPSULE

RETURNEES: Starters (3) — Angie Armstrong, 5-5, PG; Claudia Kreicher, 6-1, F; Ronda Falkens, 6-7, C.
 Letterman (10) — Armstrong; Kreicher; Falkens; Karen Brabson, 5-9, F; Sherry Lawson, 5-9, F; Robyn Mayo, 5-4, PG; Linda Page, 5-10, G; Karen Thompson, 6-3, C; Mary Jane Wild, 6-1, F; Paula Nicholson, 6-2, C.
LOSSES: Starters (2) — Connie Rogers, 5-8, F; Ginger Rouse, 5-11, G.
 Letterman (2) — Rogers, Rouse.
INCOMING FRESHMEN: (2) — Priscilla Adams, 6-1, F; Debbie Mulligan, 5-10, G.
JUNIOR COLLEGE TRANSFERS: (1) — Jan Rogerson, 5-10, G.
PROBABLE STARTERS: Armstrong, Lawson, Page, Kreicher, Falkens.

Yow cites T.V. coverage as key to low-visibility problem

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can do this or you can do that. We never make any promises. Sometimes we lose players like that, but that's just us.

Technician: What's the first thing you try to teach a new player?

Yow: The first thing we try to do is get the player headed in the right direction. We try to help her understand how much hard work and how much of an adjustment it's going to take. They're going to have such an adjustment in academics, in their social life, in athletics, and everything is not going to be like high school.

"The first thing we do is talk about academics. We meet and we talk about going to class. We've got to get them mentally prepared for college classes and the changes, and we try to help them get off on the right foot. We tell them to get their notebooks, to get the professor's full name, the office hours, and to go in there and get a good seat and get ready to listen at the beginning. We work with them to establish good habits and study skills and good personal habits, like being on time and putting forth effort.

"As far as basketball goes, we believe that if we can get the people to get their act together from the beginning, that will help them in basketball tremendously. The first thing they do in basketball is conditioning. We let them set goals in strength training and conditioning programs. Right away, they find out how much time is involved. I know, at first, they think they have no free time, and I understand that. But once they get

through that first semester, and then that second semester, I think they have an appreciation

for everything that they went through. More free time's coming. Their times are ahead. We've got to put in the work now.

"It's just some basic principles about living that are really important. We talk about self-control. Self-control is really a basis for doing well in basketball, in academics, in everything. We define self-control as mastery over one's impulses and personal desires. Out on the track, they feel like their hurting inside. The body says slow down. Self-control is making the body push through that pain barrier. We're working with things like that day in and day out."

Technician: Forty-two out of 44 players who have played for you for four years at State have graduated, and the other two are finishing up this semester. How, or to what extent, do you stress to an individual the importance of being successful off the court.

Yow: "Academics are highly stressed. We set up study skills and management-of-time talks through the counseling center. We make sure that all the players hear lectures on those two things. I talk with them personally."

"We have a rule that you must go to class. We only allow three cuts in each class per semester. If you have more than three cuts,

then you have to pay a penalty for it. We have a study hall for freshmen and sophomores. First semester freshmen are required to go. After that, if they have a 2.0 grade point average, then they don't have to come. In my conferences once every two weeks, I always check on grades. Coach Wiggs is in charge of academics. She helps set-up the tutors and the study halls. She stays in touch with many of the players' professors and instructors. We try to stay ahead of trouble. We're just staying on top of it at all times.

"I think their parents want them to get their degrees most of all. Sure, there are those parents who want their kids to be all-Americans. But you couldn't convince me that they'd be happy with them as all-Americans without a degree. It means a lot to them.

"Sometimes, the person who's here doesn't know how much it's going to mean to her. But it takes time. People are at different levels of maturity. We're here to help, so we have to have some rules to follow. I just feel that it's to their best interest.

Technician: You have a strong argument concerning the lack of publicity and fan attendance at State's women's basketball games, despite the fact that the Wolfpack women were among the nation's best. How do you think the publicity and interest in the women's game can improve?

Yow: "Gee, I wish I had the answer to that. The approach I'm taking now, I wish that I could get a radio show and / or a TV show in which we could become visible through that. I don't think that's out of the question."

"However, we haven't had the door open to us at this point in time. I think that's one of the things that's helped East Carolina's women's program. In Greenville, a TV and radio show is carried down there. If we could have a radio show, the station in Greenville would like to have it. There's a little interest here and there. I know that something where we could continually come before the public in some way and get out some information about the team, the program would improve.

"There is some information that comes out from our sports information department. If we didn't have that, it would be terrible. But it seems like it's going to take more. I have thought for the last two years that if a TV and a radio show could be developed, it could help us a lot for visibility.

"The other thing, if only we could have some games/televised. I remember when we would have even one game televised within the season, our attendance would usually pick up the next game. We also had a lot of phone calls and letters about the game. There was just an article on myself in *The News and Observer*. It's amazing how

many people commented. We even had phone calls. It's the media that can give us visibility.

"I don't expect people to come see us play just because we have a team. I don't expect that. We have a lot of quality teams. I'm hoping that this year, we'll have one of the most exciting teams that we've ever had. It can be one of the best transition-oriented teams that we've ever had. I think that we will be better defensively, and just to be exciting all the way around."

"We just have to keep having a good team. We can't stop having a good team, or we won't have a chance. Then, if we ever have the chance to have a radio show, to have a TV show, to encourage more games to be televised, that could get us over the plateau that we're on now. But, the quality of our team comes first.

"The thing that discourages me the most is to pick up something like the *TV Guide* and to count all the games that are being televised. How many? Just loads of games. Many months, not a single women's game. The thing that I realize is they have chosen some men's games to televise that over-televised some of the top women's college teams going head-to-head. I see many games that I can't understand why we wouldn't have a higher priority over those games. I can't believe that. When I see that, I realize where women's basketball is.

"Yes, we've come a long way in a lot of areas, but we have a long way to go. I want it to come. The skill-level continues to improve. Down the road, you're going to see those women players who can dunk, and you'll see more of the power game come in for women. I just hope that we can create some more interest in the next five years that we won't have to wait 20 years to create. But we have to get some more games televised. That is, the key."

Technician: You have coached several international teams in the past and have recently been named an assistant coach on the 1984 Olympic women's team. How is it different coaching at the international level than at the collegiate level?

Yow: "You have to get in a system for that team so quickly. We have six weeks to get in a system here, then we have the entire season to perfect that system. You can't put in nearly as complicated a system for an international team, and you don't have nearly as long to practice with the individuals. The organizing and planning is different."

"Then, once you make that decision and you start putting the system in, you have such highly skilled players at every position. But, you can only start five. The rules didn't change to allow for all that skill. You're confronted with that on your own team, but it's compounded

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State coach Kay Yow

Scoring marks hold for past State stars Lacey, Beasley

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named all-ACC all four years she played at State.

Individual Scoring Highs

- 41 — Trudi Lacey vs. Mercer, 1980-81
- 41 — Cristy Earnhardt vs. Norfolk St., 1975-76
- 35 — Susan Yow vs. Old Dominion, 1975-76
- 35 — Genia Beasley vs. Immaculata, 1976-77
- 35 — Genia Beasley vs. Old Dominion, 1976-77
- 32 — Genia Beasley vs. Virginia, 1979-80
- 30 — Genia Beasley vs. Long Beach State, 1979-80
- 30 — Genia Beasley vs. South Carolina, 1978-79
- 30 — Genia Beasley vs. Maryland, 1977-78
- 30 — Genia Beasley vs. East Carolina, 1975-76
- 29 — Ginger Rouse vs. Montclair St., 1978-79
- 25 — Genia Beasley vs. St. Joseph's, 1978-79

Single Season Scorers

- 1. 20.1 — Trudi Lacey, 1980-81
- 2. 19.9 — Genia Beasley, 1978-79
- 3. 19.4 — Susan Yow, 1975-76
- 4. 19.3 — Genia Beasley, 1977-78
- 5. 17.5 — Cristy Earnhardt, 1975-76
- 6. 17.5 — Genia Beasley, 1976-77
- 7. 17.0 — Genia Beasley, 1979-80
- 8. 15.9 — Cristy Earnhardt, 1976-77
- 9. 14.9 — Trudi Lacey, 1979-80
- 10. 14.4 — Ginger Rouse, 1978-79

Former Wolfpack player Cristy Earnhardt is tied with Trudi Lacey for most points (41) scored in a game.

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Trudi Lacey is the only Wolfpack woman to average more than 20 points in a season. Lacey accomplished that feat in her senior season, 1980-81. While at State, Lacey played on three national teams. In 1977 and 1978, Lacey played on the USA Select National Team. In 1979, she played for Athletes In Action, and in 1981 Lacey played in the World University Games. Lacey is the only woman to be

Rules shifting may produce negative effects for State

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going of the game. So much for the good news. There will also be some negative effects of the new rules. Since more man-to-man defense will be played, there will be more fouls committed, especially on the inside. Taking the Wolfpack as an example, if Cosell McQueen, the team's only true center, gets into early foul trouble the Wolfpack would have to rely on someone to play out of position to fill the void.

Even players like Sampson and Perkins could be hurt if they get couple of early fouls, while last year they could just fall back in a zone and rest for several minutes.

Something which may really hurt the ACC is the fact that the non-conference games will be played under the old rules. Entirely different game plans will have to be employed each time the teams make the shift to and from the conference.

This could have a special effect on the Wolfpack, since it plays one of the toughest schedules in the country this year with non-conference games slated with

teams like Michigan State, Louisville, West Virginia, Memphis State, Missouri and Notre Dame.

There is also the question of how this will affect ACC teams

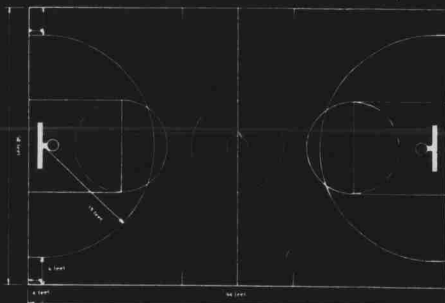
in post-season play. But this is just a variable that will be decided when it forces itself upon the conference. It may be the one thing which decides how long these rules will last.

"I think what we did is good for college basketball," Valvano said. "I feel within three years at the most, you'll see a clock in basketball with a three-point shot as standard operating procedure."

Whatever happens, this promises to be one of the most important and most exciting seasons the ACC has ever experienced.

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Three point line is 19 feet from center of backboard. Backboard is 4 feet from end line measured from front of backboard.

High hopes for final season

Leonard ends career at State on healthy note

by Todd McGee
Sports Writer

Everybody knows about the senior triumvirate of Thurl Bailey, Dereck Whittenburg and Sidney Lowe that is expected to lead State's men's basketball team to glory this season.

Not many people, however, know about the Wolfpack's other senior, Quentin Leonard, who could play an important role in the Wolfpack's season.

Leonard, a transfer from Louisburg Junior College, was used only sparingly last year, but could see more action this year.

The 6-8, 210-pound forward from Louisburg was raised on a farm and did not begin playing basketball competitively until his junior year in high school. But then, after only three games, adversity struck in the form of a broken ankle. Quentin was lost for the season.

Leonard, though, refused to let this minor setback get him down but did admit that he was initially discouraged.

"I was ready to quit basketball," he said. "I was ready to say the heck with it. It was really discouraging."

But Leonard credits his high school coach, Terry Davis, for getting him back in the right frame of mind.

"He really worked with me that summer after I broke my ankle," Leonard said. "He encouraged me to keep going and not give up."

This encouragement and hard work led to a successful final senior season for Leonard. Before the season was over, though, he was not deluged by fan mail from the college coaches.

"I was recruited by only two or three small colleges," he said.

Leonard had still not made up his mind about his post-high school plans until he got a visit from Coach Enid Drake from Louisburg. Drake had built a solid junior college program there and was looking for help at the forward position. Leonard fit the bill perfectly and jumped at the chance of playing in his own backyard.

However, Leonard was not an immediate success. In fact, he hardly played his initial year there.

"I didn't play that much my freshman year because we had a real good team," he said.

The summer following his freshman season, he got some extra help from Coach Drake, and by the time fall practice rolled around, Quentin was eager to get back on the courts.

"Since I lived in Louisburg, I got some help from Coach Drake that summer," he said. "That really helped me out."

Leonard earned a starting spot on the team in fall practice, but then got off to a slow start. But by the second half of the season, he began improving.

"In the second half of the season, I started scoring more

and rebounding more," he said.

The rejuvenated Leonard led his team to a second-place finish in the Eastern Tar Heel Conference and was named to the conference's all-Tournament team.

One of the highlights of his stay at Louisburg came in the Hurricane Classic his sophomore year. In the Classic, which featured a strong field of teams from Georgia, South and North Carolina, Leonard was named the MVP as he led his team to the title.

Louisburg's season ended in the National Junior College Tournament Regionals, but Leonard's basketball career was not over. He was named first-team all-conference and was placed on the list of the top 100 junior college players in America.

He received letters of interest from many colleges, including State, Washington State and Pittsborough. He even took an official visit to the Pitt campus and was offered a scholarship to become a Panther. Leonard turned it down, though, so he could come to State and fulfill his dream of playing for the Wolfpack.

"I've always admired N. C. State basketball," he said. "I've wanted to come to State all my life."

Quentin credits his older sister, who also went to State, as influencing his choice to come here. "I guess I just sort of followed her here," he said.

Many people criticized Leonard for coming to State, where he was not even guaranteed a spot on the team, much less a scholarship, instead of taking the full-ride at Pitt. But he knew all along he wanted to come to State.

Leonard has yet to earn a scholarship, but Wolfpack coach Jim Valvano says that matter is not yet closed.

"We'll take a look at him after the winter semester is over and see how he's done," Valvano said. "We'll make a decision then (regarding a scholarship)," Valvano said.

Last year, Leonard was never fully healthy because of a dislocated shoulder suffered in fall practice. As a result, his playing time and confidence dropped. Also, Leonard was hindered by the transition from junior college to major college play.

"This year, with a year's worth of knowledge under his belt, Leonard is ready to contribute."

"I want to help the team out inside as much as I can," he said.

Leonard describes his style of play as that of a complementary player, or "garbage man."

"I just want to do whatever I have to," he says. "Get a loose ball here, a tap there, grab a rebound or two. Whatever it takes, I'm always ready."

Valvano sees Leonard's role as about the same.

"I told Quentin before as the season began that we definitely needed help at the center spot



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Quentin Leonard, State's less-known senior, saw limited action as a junior college last season and hopes to see more time during his final campaign.

because we only have one legitimate center in Cozell," he said. "The spot is there, the time is there, but it's up to him if he gets it."

Valvano thinks one of Leonard's main problems is his nerves.

"His biggest problem is that he needs to relax," Valvano said. "No one works harder than Quentin, sometimes he just works too hard."

Leonard has high hopes for this, his final season.

"Hopefully I'll get to play more this year," he said. "If I can get my confidence up, I know I can play."

Leonard thanks Valvano for giving him a chance to play for State.

"I'm really glad he gave me a chance to play. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me," Leonard said.

As a senior, Quentin hopes the rest of the team looks up to and respects him, but he understands that Lowe, Whittenburg and Bailey will be looked upon to lead the team.

"I hope the team looks up to me. I try to get some respect. But they (Sidney, Thurl, and Dereck) deserve more," he said. "They have been here for four years."

Leonard expects the team to be much improved over last year's NCAA Tourney team.

"We have a lot more speed this year, and a lot more depth," he said. "I think we will also be

more mobile than last year's."

The Pack will have to be more mobile than last year, with the advent of the shot clock. Leonard, though, doesn't believe the rules changes will benefit any one team.

"I think they will help everybody, really," he said. "Every team has those two or three good outside shooters, and everybody likes to run."

Leonard is not looking forward to the day when he has to take off that Wolfpack red and white jersey for the last time, but he knows that time will come.

For now, though, Leonard is ready to begin this season, and hopes that his career ends on a winning note.

Phil comes off bench to reach goals

by Tom DeSchrive
Sports Writer

When State won the NCAA basketball championship in 1974, it was the apex of Wolfpack basketball history. When fans think back to that team, the names of David Thompson, Tommy Burleson and Monte Towe come easily. When asked to name the other members of that championship team, though, the mind fogs and the names jumble. But basketball is a team game, and the first man off the bench plays just as vital a role as the man receiving all the headlines.

Although he split starting time with Tim Stoddard as power forward that season, Phil Spence affectionately became known as State's sixth man.

Thinking back to that championship season, Spence recalls his role as the first man off the bench.

"My role was to keep doing what was already being done, because we had a great first five," Spence said. "When I came in, I'd keep the ball moving, set picks, rebound, and play the basic game."

If any one thing stands out about the '74 championship team, it has to be Thompson, and Spence speaks affectionately about playing with the legendary number 44.

"It was great," Spence said. "He was the one that led us to the championship, and he gave me the opportunity to play on a championship team."

"Playing with David, with him now in the pros and a celebrity, makes me realize that people are people no matter how successful they are."

As a sophomore that championship season, Spence was on top of the world. But his journey to that stature took two ironic twists involving present State assistant Ed McLean and North Carolina coach Dean Smith.

"When I was growing up, I didn't have any goals," he said. "My high school coach, Ed McLean, pulled me aside and said 'why don't you play basketball?' I didn't have anything to do, so I figured I might as well."

As a senior at Broughton High School, Spence achieved all-America honors and was heavily recruited.

Enter Dean Smith. "I'd always been a (North) Carolina fan," he said, "and my senior year at Broughton, Coach Smith encouraged me to go to Vincennes Junior College."

"He wanted me to be another Bob McAdoo. McAdoo attended Vincennes before attending (North) Carolina. He wanted me to go there to improve my study habits and work on my game."

"Coach Smith kept in touch with me at Vincennes, but at that time I felt State was a better place for me."

And less than a year later, Phil Spence was a part of a national championship team.

Like most young talented basketball players, Spence envisioned playing pro basketball when his career at State had terminated. But in his final two

years at State, his relationship with Coach Sloan deteriorated, the fun went out of the game and Spence's dream soured.

"Our relationship could have been better," he said of the former Wolfpack head coach. "Our relationship just wasn't right. The situation just wasn't right. I don't know if he respected me as a player, but I respected him as a coach."

"I dreamed, slept, and ate basketball all my life up until I went to State. High school all-America and junior college all-America and all this, and when I went to State, the game was bigger and more business, and I didn't want to be a part of it past college ball."

At the end of his junior season, Spence realized he had to have something to fall back on when his basketball days were over.

Majoring in Vocational Education and lacking 43 hours to graduate, Spence began to open the books, and he credits his advisor for helping him to get his degree.

"State was hard academically, at least for me. When you're a student it's hard, and it's especially hard when you're a student-athlete. My advisor, Dr. Smith — he's a super person — he really worked with me and helped me out and taught me a lot. My degree is partially his, and I'm so glad he made me do a lot of things that I did."

Along with two summer school sessions, Spence took 18 credits his final two semesters to receive his degree. And with pride he acknowledges the fact that, while carrying 18 hours his final semester, he made the Dean's list for the first time.

After a one-year stint teaching and coaching at his high school alma mater, Spence moved on to Cary High School where he presently teaches ICT (Industrial Cooperative Training) and coaches junior varsity basketball.

As an undergraduate, Spence faced challenges on and off the court. Not surprisingly, his teaching duties at Cary present him with a new challenge.

"The caliber of kids that take ICT are not the college-bound kids," he said. "I have to not only motivate them, but I have to motivate them to the point where they want to stay in school. Don't get me wrong. I have some really fine kids, but some are slow, and some are here just to graduate. I have to make learning fun so that the kids will say, 'come on Coach, teach us something, I'm ready.'"

"Teaching ICT is a challenge. When a kid drops out, I feel that I've failed. I do all I can to keep him — I go to the parents. I talk to the kid. I tell him, 'You gotta get that high school diploma, and from there you can do something.'"

"I tell them not to picture themselves as an 18-year-old, but five or ten years down the road without a high school diploma and what will life be like then."

Spence feels that not only should his kids have fun in the classroom, but also on the



Phil Spence, the No. 6 man on State's 1974 national championship team, is now a teacher and coach at Cary High School.

basketball court.

"I feel to have a successful season it's not the number of wins and losses," he said, "it's when every player on the team says, 'Hey I really enjoyed it, thanks a lot Coach,' and when you as a coach can say at the end of the season, 'I really enjoyed myself.'"

"Because the pay isn't that much, if you don't enjoy what you're doing, then it's really not worthwhile."

Overcoming as many

challenges as Spence has, are there any left for the Raleigh native?

"There will always be challenges in my life," he said. "I'm the type of person who doesn't believe in the word content. My intermediate goal is to be a head coach, but my immediate goal is to be the best darn JV coach around and to learn from my mistakes."

Spence married his wife Paula in 1976, and the couple has two daughters — LaPhyll, three, and

Pauletta, 11 months.

Spence eyes himself as a happy man and considers his life a success.

"I have everything that I want right now," he said. "I'm doing real well. I have a happy family and a happy marriage, and my life is a joy coming to work everyday, and I enjoy coaching. If I were to die right now, I can honestly say that I've been satisfied with my life, and I would chalk my life up as a success."

Women add to defensive scheme

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Physical strength and conditioning, team defense and the point-guard position are the big pluses for State, which needs only a proven scorer from the perimeter and a stronger inside game.

"We're the same team in a lot of ways, but I do think that we're really adding to our defensive scheme this year," Yow said. "Man-to-man is our basic

defense, but we are playing a lot of changing defenses. We will play a lot from baseline to baseline, but we really want to pick up midcourt a lot on defense. That goes to see how we're counting on Ronda to move that way."

The Wolfpack's schedule is strong, as usual, highlighted by traditional ACC toughies with Maryland, North Carolina and Clemson and outside challenges with South Carolina, Tennessee and Tennessee Tech. State,

which opened its 26-game schedule with Howard Friday, will receive an early-season test from East Carolina, Thursday night at 7:30 in Reynolds Coliseum.

"The schedule's really a challenging one, especially our away schedule," Yow said. "We play South Carolina away, Tennessee away, Tennessee Tech away, along with Maryland and Clemson away. And (North) Carolina has the best team that they've ever had."

Wolfpack recruits show tremendous potential

by Pete Elmore
Sports Writer

There's good news and bad news for State's women's basketball team this season.

The bad news is Ginger Rouse, an Atlantic Coast Conference and all-NCAA East Regional performer and the school's third leading scorer, has graduated. Connie Rogers, the school's fifth leading scorer has also graduated.

The good news is that head women's basketball coach Kay Yow has three blue chip newcomers to help fill the void. Freshmen Priscilla Adams and Debbie Mulligan, and Jan Rogerson, a junior college transfer, all enter State with impressive backgrounds.

Adams, a six-foot, 172-pound power forward from Rigbold, Ga., was the all-time leading scorer at Rigbold High School with a total of 1,836 points. She averaged 19.8 points and 12 rebounds per game last year and 19.2 points and 20 rebounds per game her junior year.

Adam's honors included being named first team all-state in Georgia, all-Tri State (Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama) for two years, Most Valuable Player for the North Georgia region and being selected to play in Georgia's North-South All-Star game.

She also excelled in the classroom in high school with a 3.0 average and plans to major in criminal justice at State.

"Priscilla has the strength and the size to go to the boards," Yow said. "The most immediate help she could give us is rebounding."

"She has really been doing well in practice. She has really moved some players out when she had the ball down low. Priscilla has second and third efforts to keep the ball alive until she gets it. We see real potential for her."

Adams had dozens of schools to choose from, including Georgia and Tennessee, but found State to be impressive.

"I really liked the atmosphere here, but especially the people on the team and Coach Yow," Adams said.

Mulligan, a 5-10, 130 pound guard from Cary, didn't have to travel far to go to State. She has versatile athletic abilities and will play second guard and maybe some small forward for State.

Mulligan averaged 16 points, 6 rebound and 2.5 assists per game at Cary High School last year. She led her team to the State 4-A finals in 1981 with a record of 23-4 and the semifinals in 1982 with a record of 25-2. She was also an all-conference selection in volleyball and softball at Cary.

Mulligan's list of honors is also very impressive. She was an Associated Press all-state selection and a two-year all-conference and all-Metro selection. She was named first team all-East, made the all-East regional tournament team and was Raleigh Sports Club 4-A Player of the Year in 1982 and Wake County Player of the Year in 1981. Mulligan set the Cary High School records for most

career points scored with 929 and most games over 20 points. She was also selected to play in the 1982 East-West All-Star Game in Greensboro.

"Debbie gives us depth at No. 2 guard," Yow said. "She's an intelligent player who can make things happen. I compare her to a Cristy Earnhardt or a Connie Rogers. We're very fortunate to have a freshman coming in with her fundamentals and intellect of the game."

Most in-state schools were interested in Mulligan but State was right in her backyard.

"I chose State because of the people and the great reputation their entire women's athletic program has," Mulligan said. "I grew up in this area, and I love it."

Rogerson, a junior college transfer from Peace College, is 5-10, 147 pounds and will play small forward at State. She averaged 22 points and 12 rebounds last year at Peace after scoring over 1000 points in her career at Williamston High School.

Rogerson has established herself on the court and in the classroom. Her honors on the court include being named second team junior college all-America in 1982 as well as being all-region and all-division the last two years. She played in the National JUCO all-star game in Kansas City last year and was Peace's MVP and team captain. She was all-conference for four years at Williamston High School and played in the North Carolina East-West All-Star Game in 1980.

Her academic awards include being named to the National Honor Fraternity, Phi Theta Kappa and graduated third in a class of 209 at Peace with an average of 3.86.

In high school she was named to the National Honor Society, received a French Award and was an honor graduate and chief marshal.

Mulligan chose State over many other schools including Tennessee Tech and a primary reason for her coming to State was the Civil Engineering program.

"Jan has something our other two recruits don't have, and that's college experience," Yow said. "The thing that sells me on her is she always plays her best games against the closest competition. She always comes through with the pressure on."

"She has good court savvy, and although she won't have the opportunity to score here like she did at Peace, she'll do other things. She'll be a good team player."

Rogerson will have to learn the system at State but could provide some very important game experience when she is called on.

"I like State because of the engineering program, the women's athletic program and the closeness of the team," Rogerson said. "It's also close to home."

Although small in quantity, Yow's 1982-83 recruits are large in quality, which is where it counts.



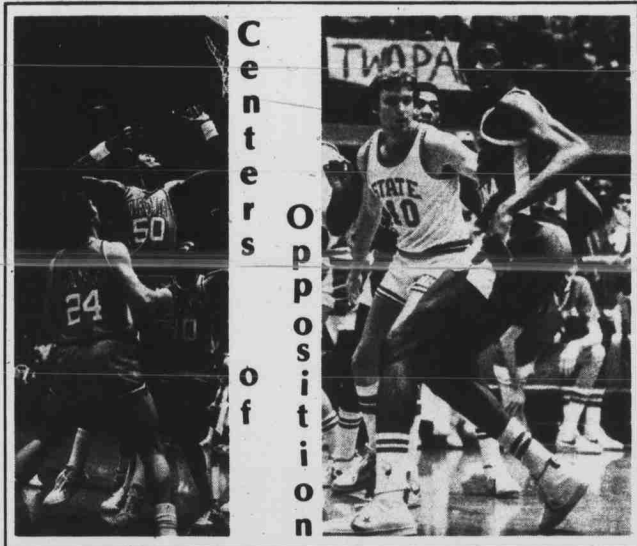
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Forwards show improvement

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for an entire year last year in practice. He just didn't get the playing time, again, because of the style of ball."

Charles made a strong debut in the Red-White, but Valvano needs a similar game from Lorenzo every night.

"I just hope he develops quickly," said Valvano, "because we need him now. Not his junior or senior season, but now."

Charles may have more of a load on his shoulders than most players this season, because of the adversity stemming from his arrest last summer for robbing a pizza delivery man. That experience, according to his coach, could work either way.

"We all need some adversity to shape our character," said Valvano. "What I told Lorenzo is that someday he'll be sitting with a group of writers, and he will point back to that moment as being the turning point, one way or another. It's up to him. I think that the way he played today (in the Red-White game), the way

he's conducted himself and the way he's done in school are all indications that that effect is going to be a positive one."

Challenging Charles for the starting spot will be Alvin Battle, the Junior College Player-of-the-Year in California last year. Battle averaged 17 points and nine rebounds per game in leading Merced Junior College to a 29-3 record, a conference championship and a fifth-place finish in the state tournament.

He was particularly impressive in the Central California Classic, the state junior college all-star game, in which he scored 18 points, pulled down 11 rebounds and blocked five shots to win game MVP honors.

Depth at the forward positions, especially the three spot, will be crucial. Bailey will be called on from time to time to spell Cozell McQueen at center, and either junior Harold Thompson or sophomore Dinky Proctor will fill that spot during those times. Whether it is Thompson or Proctor, Valvano wants him also to establish himself quickly.

"That spot needs dynamite backup," said Valvano. "If it's a real up-tempo game, I like Harold Thompson. I think he gives us good man-to-man defense at the three spot. He runs well, and he's much better than he's been at anytime here. He's a more consistent player."

"If it's more of an inside game, we'll go with Proctor. If we need to battle on the boards, he could play some. We also have Mike Warren. We have a lot of people there, but not the same level backup as at the two spot or the one spot. But it's adequate."

The inside game must produce for the Wolfpack to avoid over-dependence on the perimeter game. The ACC, as usual, is loaded with premier forwards, including Adrian Branch of Maryland, Jim Miller of Virginia, Anthony Teachey and Alvis Rogers of Wake Forest and perhaps Sam Perkins of North Carolina.

Valvano firmly believes the Wolfpack is improved at both forward positions, and the proof will come soon enough.



Technician file photo

Sophomore forward Walter 'Dinky' Proctor goofs off during a photo session.



Staff photo by Patrick Chaoman

Rocky Mount's George McLain joins the Wolfpack's basketball team this year after leading Rocky Mount High to the state championship last year while averaging 25 points a game.

Interesting season awaits guards throughout ACC

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"I think everybody will go with their strength, whatever it is," he said. "With a team like Virginia, I think their strength is going to lie inside with Ralph (Sampson). When you've got a guy like that, you can't afford to keep shooting jump shots. I think everyone will continue to play their game, but they'll all be taking about 20 more shots a game."

While things may not change all that much, Valvano can see the role of the guard taking on more significance.

"I think that we're finally going to see guards able to do more things," he said. "There'll be a premium on getting the ball from the defensive end to the offensive end of the floor as quickly as possible. You may not shoot right away, but it's important to get there quickly so you'll have more time to do what you want to do."

According to Whittenburg, getting the ball up the floor quickly for the Wolfpack will be some very good guards.

"I think we've got great guards," he said. "I'm not saying

we're the toughest, but if you match us up, we can play with anybody."

Matching up will be a key, because as always there are great guards throughout the ACC. Both Lowe and Whittenburg have been around and know what to expect.

"It's gonna be a tremendous, competitive game between the guards," said Lowe. "Duke has recruited some good players, plus they have Englland and Emma back. Then there's Maryland. They have Rivers, and they signed another kid, Baxter. Then you have Danny Young at Wake Forest. So around the conference the guards are pretty stacked."

As if those weren't enough, Whittenburg came up with a few others who can play.

"There are great guards all over the league," he said. "(North) Carolina has (Jim) Braddock and (Michael) Jordan. Then there's Vincent Hamilton at Clemson and Othell Wilson at Virginia. We're really going to have to play up on the 'D' this year on the guards so we can maybe take them out of their game. It's gonna be interesting."

Yeah. Real interesting.

Determined Brabson bounds with quickness

by Bray Toot
Sports Writer

Desire and determination! Of all the words in the English language that could be used to describe Karen Brabson, desire and determination would lead the list. Brabson, better known around campus as Brab, plays the number four spot on State's Wolfpack Women's basketball team. For those who don't know what the four spot is, it is the power position on the floor. The person playing it has to score and pull down rebounds. For some this position is easy because they are naturally built for it, but not Brabson. She has to work for it.

Brabson is not your average forward. She stands only 5-9 and weighs only 146 pounds, but she can play. Last year she led the Pack in overall rebounding with 148. She averaged 4.8 rebounds a game and six times she led the Wolfpack in rebounds. In her career she has a total of 361 rebounds.

"Karen is in the running with Claudia Kreicker for the number four spot," said State coach Kay Yow. "This year we are going more to a transition game, and Brab gives us speed and quickness on the court. She is not a strong or physical player, so she has to be aggressive and work at what she does."

Brabson is not known for her ability to score, but that is not her role on the team. She is on the court to rebound, but if she is given the shot she can take it. Last year, she averaged 4.8 points a game, and in 1981 she had an average of 6.7 points. Her season high was 13.

"My role on the team is to help on the boards, and as a senior I have to set an example for the younger players," said Brabson. "I contribute my rebounding skills to a tremendous amount of desire and hustle. I have to rely on my quickness and speed to get things done."

The Portsmouth, Virginia native came to State with some impressive stats. At Portsmouth Catholic High School she had

career highs of 43 points and 25 rebounds. She was named all-conference four years in the Virginia Catholic Conference, and Athlete-of-the-Year at Portsmouth. Her jersey was retired at the end of her high school career.

If you have been in Carmichael and watched the team practice, Brab will stick out like a sore thumb, or maybe a sore ring finger. She is always giving it her all, even if she is not feeling well. Earlier this year she injured her right ring finger in practice, and now she has a brace on it.

"The injury has held me back some," said Brabson. "Since my position deals with holding on to

the ball and the use of my hands, I have to get used to it. With the brace on I have some trouble gripping the ball. I am getting some of the movement back in it. The brace will be on for two and half more weeks."

For those who don't know this, Brabson is one of State's three seniors this year. Along with Angie Armstrong and Sherry Lawson, she will say good-bye to the Pack at the end of the year. But she wants to make her last year her best. Her freshman year, she was injured part of the season so she played in only nine games. Her sophomore year, she played in 30 games and last year she saw action in all 31 of State's games. If State is going to go

very far this year, Brabson will be an important part of its success.

At this time the starting lineup is not known. Brabson has a 50-50 shot at starting. Even if she doesn't, she will see a lot of playing time.

"Brab is in the running for a starting spot," said Yow. "With her desire and hustle, she gives us leadership on and off the court."

It is incredible that Brabson plays forward with her small size because she has to battle larger players for rebounds, but if you ever meet her you can see for yourself. She typifies the meaning of the words desire and determination.

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State's senior forward Karen Brabson is expected to be a major factor in the Wolfpack's drive to maintain their top 20 national ranking.

House that Case built more than home of Change Day

by Bruce Winkworth
Assistant Sports Editor

When most students think about Reynolds Coliseum, it's doubtful that their thoughts go much further than the recent history of State basketball. In fact, for some students, it's very likely that the nightmares of the long lines of Change Day dominate their thoughts of the Coliseum.

To say that Reynolds Coliseum is much more than that is to understate matters greatly. It's very probable that the vast majority of current State students are virtually unaware that the very seeds of this area's rich basketball tradition first took root in the Reynolds Coliseum. In fact, the entire southeast owes its love of basketball to the house that Everett Case built.

For the record, the first game ever played in the Coliseum took place on Dec. 2, 1949, with Case's Wolfpack trouncing Washington and Lee, 67-47. The game was witnessed by 11,200 awestruck fans who had never dreamed of an arena so large, much less been inside of one. Sam Ranzing and Dick Dickey led the way with 24 and 22 points respectively, and Vic Bubas had the honor of scoring the first basket.

"I was there to broadcast that first game," says Wally Ausley, the play-by-play announcer on the Wolfpack Sports Network. "I'll never forget it. The building wasn't quite finished yet. The catwalks in the ceiling weren't put in yet, and one section of seats upstairs wasn't finished. We did our broadcast from a plywood table on the top of a section of football-type bleachers."

Ausley worked for a radio station in Durham on those days, long before there was any such thing as the Wolfpack Sports Network, and he vividly recalls the initial impressions of newcomers to the Coliseum.

"We had never seen anything like it before," says Ausley. "We were used to the Duke (now Cameron) Indoor Stadium, and in fact, the Indoor Stadium was used as a model for Reynolds Coliseum, but Reynolds wound up being much larger."

Construction of the Coliseum began in 1942, but the demand for materials created by World War II halted construction with only the steel framework of the building in place. It stood there, skeleton-like, until 1948 when authorization to renew the project was given. Until the Coliseum was completed, State basketball was played for two years in the old Memorial Auditorium downtown, and then to that in the old Frank Thompson Gym, which is now Thompson Theatre.

Since both were small structures, the need for a larger arena was strong, and no one wanted a great palace for Wolfpack basketball more than Coach Case. According to C.A. Dillon, the public address announcer for State basketball games since 1946, the Coliseum's unusual length was because Case wanted the building to be larger than the Duke Indoor Stadium.

"The steel framework was already in place," says Dillon. "I see the only way to make it larger was to add a section at either end. That's why there aren't any more seats upstairs along course."

The Classic

With his new basketball palace complete, Case set out to create the perfect showcase event for the Coliseum — the Dixie Classic. Case has been credited with being a great coach, and no doubt he was, but to many who remember him, his greatest contribution to basketball was as the game's greatest promoter.

"He was a promoter, a thinker, a dreamer," says Lou Bello, a rich sportscaster and former ACC referee. "There was nothing like the Dixie Classic. It was the Big Four against the world. They played four games a day for three consecutive days, and you talk about a tough ticket to get, those were in demand."

Beginning in 1949, the Classic was played between Christmas and New Year's Day until 1960, and those involved with it, still remember it like it was yesterday.

"It became such a pleasant thing," says Dick Herbert, former sports editor of *The News and Observer*. "They used to bring in such great teams, and Coach Case brought in the very best referees, too."

Bello was there to call that first Classic, and the whistle he used is now at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

"I was still a student at Duke," says Bello. "Coach Case recommended me for the first Classic, and I was even picked for the finals that first year. A thrill! An honor? Oh boy. I've done several ACC Tournaments and they're great, but there was nothing like the Classic. Nothing."

Every December, Raleigh and Reynolds Coliseum would become the heart and soul of North Carolina, and the Dixie Classic became the hub of every social calendar.

"The Dixie Classic was just more fun than any other event of its kind," says Ausley. "It was an unbelievable social event in Raleigh. People would give tickets as Christmas presents, and life came to a stop at the end of December."

Bello says that Raleigh has never seen anything like the Classic, before or since.

"The fellowship and friendship was something," says Bello. "Everyone got together at the Dixie Classic. Every restaurant was full, the hotels were all jammed, and the merchandise did a terrific business. Millions of dollars used to come into the Raleigh area, and that was when a million dollars was really a million dollars."

The first few Classics weren't complete sell-outs, but it didn't take long before tickets became a precious commodity.

"The thing was just such a natural attraction," says Herbert.

The Classic produced one of basketball's greatest comeback games ever the second year of its

existence. Consolation games aren't very popular these days, but in the 1950 Classic, Duke played Tulane for fifth place. There was not just a consolation game in the Classic, but an entire consolation bracket.

The game started off evenly, but midway through the first half, Tulane ran off 22 consecutive points to take a 44-19 lead, and all seemed lost for the Blue Devils. The lead was 29 points at the half and went to 31 before the Blue Devils came back to life.

"I was sitting upstairs with (current U.S. Congressman) Walter Jones, who was head of high school officials in North Carolina," says Bello. "As a Duke

seconds to go, State guard John Maglio came out of nowhere and drove down the lane to score the winning basket."

Maglio's basket gave the Wolfpack a frigid-filled 85-84 victory and their fifth Classic championship in the six years of the tournament's existence.

In 1956, an inkling of bad times ahead came when the NCAA placed State on a four-year probation for recruiting violations.

"In 1956, Coach Case probably had the most outstanding recruiting year ever," says Dillon. "Every year at Thanksgiving, the freshmen would play the varsity. It was a traditional game every year. The season couldn't start before Dec.

early beat the Bearcats 69-60. Michigan State awaited the Pack in the finals, and they also were easy victims, 70-61, in State's last Classic championship.

The consolation round pitted the Tar Heels against Robertson and Cincinnati. In one of the most exciting games ever played in the Coliseum, North Carolina came from five points back in the last few minutes to beat the Bearcats, 90-88.

"That was one of the best exhibitions of pure basketball I ever saw," says Herbert. "For pure excitement and skill, that one was hard to beat."

Robertson scored 29 points in all three of his games in the Classic.

Scandal Hits Classic

The Classic only lasted two more years before scandal killed it. In early March of 1961, two players from Seton Hall and one from the University of Connecticut were implicated in a conspiracy to shave points in games in exchange for bribes from gamblers.

The scandal grew, and in late April of that year, it was reported that North Carolina's Doug Moe had taken money from a gambler as a "softening-up gift." It was also disclosed that former Tar Heel Lou Brown had arranged several meetings between ballplayers and gamblers looking to fix games, including the meeting involving Moe.

Brown later claimed that Moe never accepted the money, and instead turned it over to him, but the University suspended Moe, and the NBA refused to let him to play.

On May 13, 1961, three State players Stan Niewierowski, Anton Muehlbauer and Terry Litchfield were arrested for conspiracy to accept bribes to shave points in games. The games had all been during 1960 and 1961, and included games with George Washington, Georgia Tech, Duke and North Carolina, but none of them were Dixie Classic games.

By May 22, 1961, as part of a series of measures designed to de-emphasize basketball, the Consolidated University's Board of Trustees agreed to put an end to the Dixie Classic. Both State and North Carolina were to play schedules limited to 16 games, only two of which would be with non-conference opponents, and were limited to two scholarships outside the ACC geographic region. Both programs were left in ruins, but the scandal was especially devastating to Case.

"That whole thing just crushed Coach Case," says Dillon. "He could put up with just about anything, but he couldn't put up with that."

Herbert believes the Classic might have survived the bribery scandals had that been the only problem within the conference, but it wasn't.

"The other schools grew resentful," says Herbert. "Since State was the home school, they were the only one who could bring in recruits during the Classic, and the other schools felt that was an unfair advantage for State."



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Legendary Wolfpack mentor Everett Case is credited with being the first to start the tradition of cutting down the nets. Case guided the Pack during the glory years of the Dixie Classic.

graduate, I couldn't do Duke's games. I had taken my shower and was talking with Walter and wasn't really paying much attention to what was happening on the floor. But pretty soon, Duke had come back and was ahead."

Duke's comeback wasn't an all of a sudden thing, but behind Dick Groat's 32 points, the Blue Devils came back and took an incredible 74-72 victory. The winning basket, often attributed to Groat, was scored by Dayton Allen.

The Big Four teams of State, North Carolina, Duke and Wake Forest won all 12 Dixie Classics, but there were some scares. In 1954, the Minnesota Gophers came in with a powerful team, led by all-American Dick Garmaker and 6-11, 290 lb. center Bill Simonovich, whom Lou Bello says looked like a monster. The finals came down to the Gophers and the Wolfpack.

"The game should have been over," says Bello. "Minnesota had it won. Then, with nine

back then, so they played that game on Thanksgiving. The freshmen beat the varsity that year, and right after the game, the NCAA probation was announced."

North Carolina, en route to the national championship, won the 1956 Dixie Classic, beating Wake Forest for the first of four times that season.

It is the 1958 Classic, however, which is regarded as the best of the best, the Classic of Classics. The Big Four teams went into the tournament with a 14-game winning streak against the outside teams, but the outside opposition in '58 was Michigan State, Louisville, Yale, and unbeaten and top-ranked Cincinnati, led by all-America guard Oscar Robertson.

In the opening round, the Wolfpack had to go overtime to beat Louisville, 67-61, while Cincinnati, North Carolina and Michigan State had easy wins. Taking on Cincinnati in the semifinals, the Wolfpack played one of their finest games ever and

Recruiting class produces impressive talent for Wolfpack

by Scott Keeper
Sports Writer

Head coach Jim Valvano and his staff will gladly introduce several top-notch newcomers to State fans and the rest of the ACC this season. Included in Valvano's lot are two high-school all-Americans, one all-stater, and California's 1981 Junior College Player-of-the-Year. Rather impressive, huh? You'd better believe it. State's recruiting class has been ranked among the tops in the nation by a number of pre-season basketball publications, and when one examines the group more closely, it's easy to see why.

Perhaps providing the biggest immediate impact on the team this season will be junior college transfer Alvin Battle. At 6-7, 225, Battle is a muscleman under the boards and should remedy the Pack's need for more inside power. A former standout at Northern Nash High School near Rocky Mount, Battle led Merced (Cal.) Junior College to a 29-3 record last year, scoring 17 points and pulling down nine rebounds per game. He capped the season by being named first-team JUCO all-America and was generally regarded as the best power forward in the Junior College ranks.

Battle feels his two-year stint in California was well worth it, but is now anxious to get his chance in the "big leagues."

"I thought it was about the best experience I could get, as far as junior college ball," Battle said. "They really had an A-1 program out there, but I'm looking forward to this season. I wanted the opportunity of playing in the ACC and getting plenty of playing time. That's what I came here for."

Battle won't be dissatisfied. "He's going to play an awful lot, that's definite," assistant coach Tom Abatemarco said. "We're really happy with Alvin."

Going to the NCAAs is one of Battle's goals, but others come first.

"I think right now our main priority is to play the best we can, beat (North) Carolina, and win the ACC Tournament."

Abatemarco, who first witnessed Battle's abilities while coaching at Virginia Tech, described the possible starter's role in the Wolfpack's game plan.

"If we need a power team, we'll have Alvin and Lorenzo (Charles) in the game at the same time," Abatemarco said. "If we want to run a little faster, we'll just have one of them in. We'll have various combinations. It depends on the team we're playing and the style we want to play for that particular game."

Valvano's most highly-touted signee would certainly have to be 6-4, 190 pound Ernie Myers from Bronx, New York. Myers, considered among the top three freshmen in the nation by recruiting experts, was listed on virtually every high-school all-America team last year, including first team on the prestigious McDonald's and Parade Magazine squads.

Averaging an incredible 29.4 points and 10 rebounds a game his senior year, Myers led Tolenine High School to a 28-2 record and third straight New York City Catholic League Championship. Tolenine sported an 80-12 slate during Myers' tenure, as the high-scoring guard totaled 1,938 points for a 21.1 per-game average in his three seasons.

Abatemarco certainly recognizes the potential of State's prize recruit.

"There's no question that Ernie Myers is going to be one of the best second guards to ever come into the league," he said. "He's a great scorer, and he's a great one-on-one player. We're really excited about having him."

The fact that Myers will be donning State's red and white this fall is attributable to the unerring efforts of Valvano.

"Coach Valvano was a big influence on my decision," Myers said. "He came to all my games and even saw me as a sophomore. He was the first person out of everybody to come see me."

Now that Myers is here and settled, he isn't bothered by being placed immediately into a back-up role.

"I'd rather play behind an experienced senior (Whittenburg) this year," he said, "so I can go in next year with plenty of experience, rather than go in now with no college playing time."

Myers, who recently scored 22 points in State's annual Red-

White contest, will be seeing plenty of action this season and will be counted on for relief at the guard position.

"He's going to play a lot this year," Abatemarco said. "At times we'll have three guards in the lineup, at other times he'll spell Whittenburg. He's just going to be a big factor."

The other half of Valvano's duo of fine guards is the sleek, point-producing George McClain from Rocky Mount. The 6-0, 160-pounder is expected to take full advantage of the newly-adopted three-point rule with his long-range shooting proficiency. Indeed, McClain's abilities as a sharpshooter are well documented. He averaged 25.4 points per game his senior year, while leading Rocky Mount High School to a 28-2 record and the North Carolina state 4-A championship. McClain also had a 43-point performance in one game last season.

"George was one of those guys that was underpublicized," Abatemarco said, "but I saw him play in the North Carolina state all-star game."

McClain received the MVP award for his performance in that contest and undoubtedly extinguished any questions Abatemarco might have had. Now it looks like State fans will be seeing plenty of McClain and his three-pointers for the next four years.

"He's going to play a lot," Abatemarco said. "There's



Staff photo by Drew Armstrong

Although Alvin Battle (33), Walt Densmore (40), George McClain (12), Ernie Myers (31) are all newcomers to State.

In the meantime, McClain always going to be a place for him in our lineup, but his future is really the next three years, because we lose Lowe and Whit."

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Staff photo by Patrick Chapman

Ernie Myers lays one in for the sure two points.

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State newcomers make pre-season hopes high

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behind the ACC's premier playmaker.

"I think it's a great opportunity," McClain said. "I learn a lot from Sid."

Completing Valvano's incoming bloc of talent are two forwards — 6-6 Walt Densmore and 6-5 Tommy Dinardo.

An Adidas high-school all-American, the 195-pound Densmore led his Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central High team to a 27-5 mark his senior year while averaging 18.3 points and 9.5 rebounds per contest. The team posted an outstanding 75-14 record during Densmore's three years.

The all-stater, who shot .563 from the field and .714 from the free-throw line last year, also found time to make 53 steals and average three assists per game.

"Walt was highly regarded in Alabama," Abatemarco said, "and he should be able to help us."

Densmore chose State over Alabama, Mississippi and Vanderbilt.

"I wanted to get into a real competitive conference," Densmore said. "Also like Coach Valvano and the good relationship he has with his players."

As far as Densmore's positioning and playing time, nothing definite has been decided.

"He's an all-purpose kind of player," Abatemarco said. "We don't know exactly where he's going to be playing or how much he'll be playing."

"I don't know about playing a lot this year," Densmore added. "We have so many experienced people coming back. It'll be hard. I'm just going to try to help any way I can."

Tommy Dinardo, a walk-on from Jamesville, N.C., is State's final addition.

The Dinardo name should not be unfamiliar to longtime Wolfpack fans. Tommy's father, Phil, played for outstanding State teams in 1954-56, and while doing so became the ninth leading rebounder in State history.

For Tommy, who spent his last two years at Louisburg Junior College, just being on State's team is a personal accomplishment.

"Ever since I was little, I've always wanted to follow in my father's footsteps," Dinardo said. "So now I'm getting the chance."

Dinardo, who anticipates an excellent season, feels he is surrounded by some of the best talent to be found anywhere in the country.

"I feel pretty lucky just to be playing with these guys," Dinardo said of his teammates. "They are a talented bunch of players. I'm really happy just to be on the team."

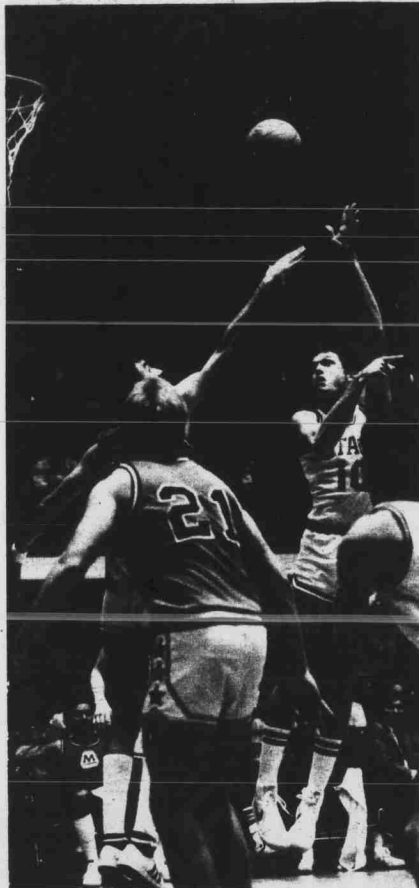
With such a talent-laden group of newcomers joining Valvano's seasoned lettermen, it's no wonder pre-season optimism is running high among Wolfpack followers.

"Whenever you sign kids like we did, you have to have one of the best recruiting classes in the nation," Abatemarco said. "But you never know how good your recruiting year is until you see how each player contributes in their career. All pre-season rankings are just based on a young man's reputation."

Well, if reputations and past performances are any adequate indicator whatsoever, these new players should prove to be im-

portant additions to State's program and provide Wolfpack fans with plenty of excitement for the next few years.

Staff photo by Jim Frei.



Weightlifting strengthens Wolfpack's rebounding power

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by the great skill level on international teams. Choosing the combination that can blend and complement each other in such a short period of time can be tough.

'Everett Case made it all happen'

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"Also, there were some nasty fist-fights in some conference games during that time. I'm surprised someone wasn't killed in one between Wake Forest and North Carolina in Winston-Salem. Plus State and (North) Carolina had both been on probation for recruiting violations."

And so the era ended, but the legacy left behind by Case is still alive and always will be as long as there is a Reynolds Coliseum and as long as basketball is played in North Carolina.

"What is attributed to coach

"Not knowing the people, you don't know what you know about your own team. A pat on the back motivates them, or a firmness in the voice does. Then you hit this team, and you don't know the people, well. It's hard sometimes to get the most out of each individual. I just approach

them in a very professional way and keep fairness in your mind as you go about it.

"It's been an extremely exciting thing for me to be associated with. It's been a great learning process, too. I've learned a lot as a coach. I'm very excited about the next two sum-

mers. I'm excited because I have the chance to learn so much and then bring it back to our own team.

"I have the chance to work with some really highly-skilled athletes, the top that we have in the country, and the top coaches. It's a tremendous opportunity and challenge for myself."

Technician: Women athletes have become very involved with weight-lifting over the past few years. How much of an improvement in women's basketball do you think that's been?

Yew: "I think it's made a real difference in the game. We couldn't go out and compete against the ranked teams in the country without being on a strength-training program. We'd be out of the game. We'd just be moved out."

"It's strange, but that question brings back to my mind the first year I was here at North Carolina State. We were invited to the National Invitational Tournament down at Amarillo, Texas, and we played Wayland. They had a power in women's

basketball for years. The thing that I remembered most about that game, especially on free throws, was the strength difference. We would have inside position, and they would shoot and miss and, honestly, sometimes we would be standing out of bounds. They had pushed us so far under the basket.

"After seeing really what had happened, they had already gotten into strength programs. They were way ahead of most other teams. It wasn't our boxing-out techniques nearly as much as it was strength. They just simply overpowered us. Their rebounding was phenomenal in that game.

"Strength has become so important. Our team is great when it comes to strength training. They've worked so hard on it and at reaching their goals. They go about it in a very sincere, dedicated way. I feel that this year they're as strong physically as they've ever been. We'll be able to go with all our opponents strength-wise. That won't keep them from doing well."