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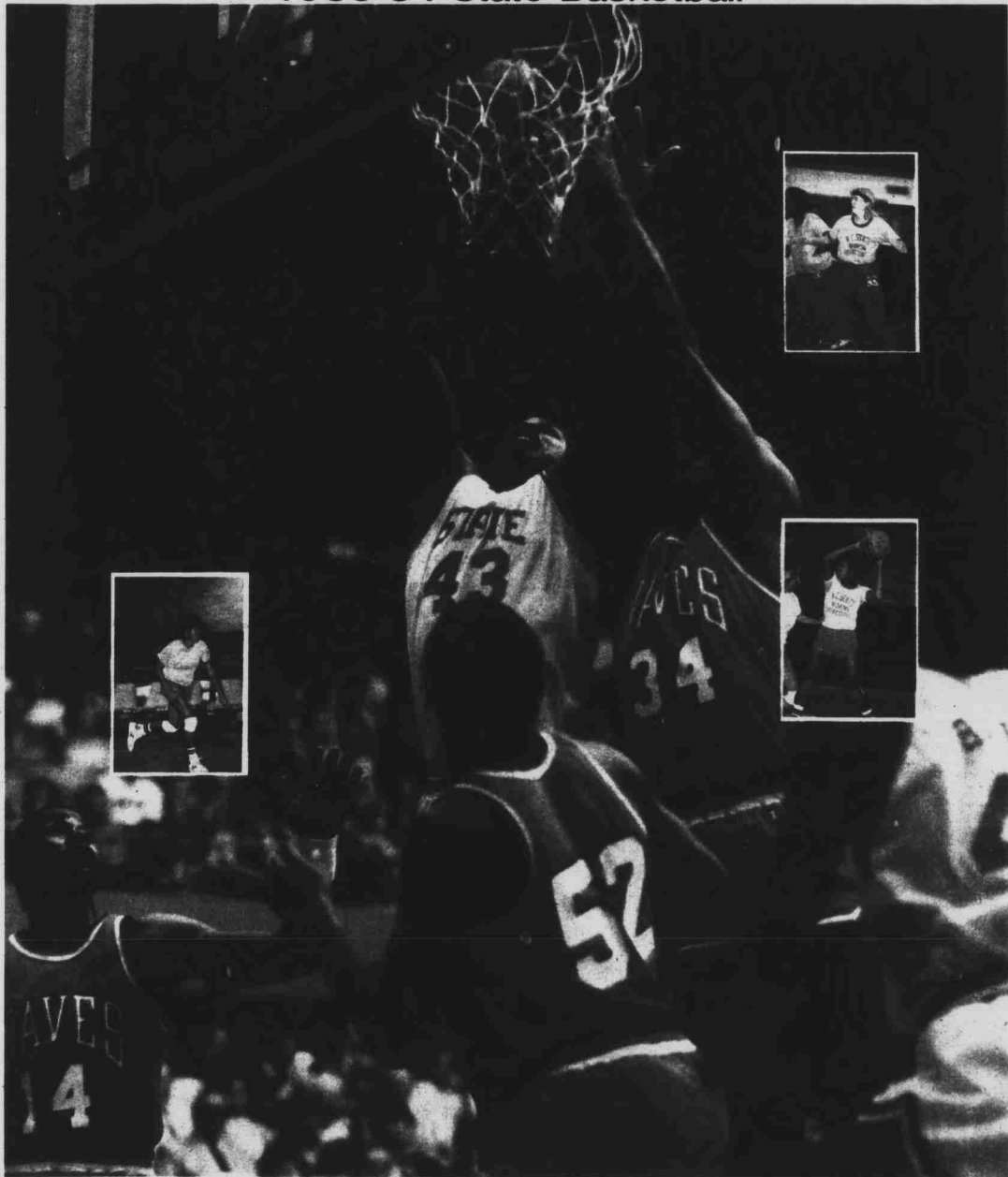
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From the suburbs of the nation's capital to the colonial vestiges of Thomas Jefferson's heritage, and on through Tobacco Road and Pawsville to Peachtree Street, there's a certain flavor in the air as 'Ol Man Winter begins his restful stir.

Only one gala affair can create such a teasing aroma. Yes, it's that time of the year again, folks. Time for that exciting five months of ACC basketball.

The league again returns a defending national champion, a national player-of-the-year, the left-handed coach, the coaching cousin of Dr. Naismith, a bevy of top-notch players and the usual horde of loyal followers.

What is missing this year, on the other hand, is that stalking menace in the Wahoo's middle, that prominent 1-2-3 pack of wolves and a set of rules that added the most flavor in the college game since ducks became legal.

Without the 30-second clock and the three-point shot, laid to rest for at least one year, the league still promises to provide the most pandemonium known to these fans. It always has, rules are not. Only the strategies will change.

Instead of the quick-paced, run, aim and shoot-type game, we will see more of the familiar cat-and-mouse specimen, where every move will count and hearts will flutter. The kind the Doc doesn't order.

Oh, there will be a 45-second clock, but only to prevent an all-out stall (remember the Four Corners?).

Unlike last year, no team in general will have the rules in its favor, which may or may not bring about more parity in the league. A year ago, the teams with the quickest guards and the most proficient outside shooters were considered at an advantage, whereas this year without added leverage, teams with the most sheer talent will be favored.

Now, on to the predictions.

North Carolina: As usual, they're talking in terms of national championships again in Chapel Hill, and with good



DEVIN STEELE

Sports Editor

reason. Returning are the all-America duo of intimidating forward Sam Perkins and deadly guard Michael Jordan, whose talent ranks them the premiere players in the league. Back are three-year starter Matt Doherty at small forward and experienced sophomore Brad Daugherty at the post. This quartet paced the Tar Heels to the NCAA quarterfinals a year ago.

The Heels' weakness, however, is at the point slot, where Jimmy Braddock manned play-calling duties last season. Enter junior Buzz Peterson. Enter sophomore Steve Hale. Enter sophomore Curtis Hunter. Enter highly-touted freshman Kenny Smith. The best of these will provide Carolina with the missing link, just as Braddock did so casually last year.

Depth will be provided by freshmen Dave Popson (6-9, 195) and Joe Wolf (6-10, 222).

Best in the ACC? Let's see how they fair against a veteran Maryland team. Right now, I'll give the Heels the edge because of their unparalleled talent.

Predicted finish: first.

Maryland: No grads, two talented freshmen and a senior class that has made four NCAA appearances. These keypoints rank the Terrapins right up with the Tar Heels. Heading the list are second-team all-ACC choice Adrian Branch, the team's leading scorer for two years, at forward and Ben Coleman, the team's leading rebounder and shot blocker, in the middle.

The guard position is solid, with the return of Jeff Adkins at the second guard and Steve Rivers and Jeff Baxter, who again share duties at the point.

Returning forwards Len Bias, Herman Veal and Mark Fothergill give the Terps plenty

of 'X' under the basket. The two freshmen, Greenville's Keith Gatlin, a skilled winger, and Terry Long, a husky forward, are expected to make immediate contributions.

If Lefty can mix the right combination this time, the Terps will definitely challenge.

Predicted finish: second.
State: Patience, my dear. There's a lot of ifs involved, but the Wolfpack is used to those. The steady improvement of insiders Lo Charles and Co McQueen have given State an inside strength that may provide the touch for some unexpected wins.

State has more than one candidate at the departed seniors' positions, but only time and experience will tell how well they can replace them. Anthony "Spud" ("Spider"?) Webb, an excellent ball-handler and shooter, has earned starting duties at the point and will be backed up by George McClain.

Street-baller Ernie Myers, who shoots with his eyes closed, is back in the starting rotation and will give the Pack an outside-to-inside attack. Terry "The Cannon" Gannon will see plenty of time as a substitute. Frosh Bennie Bolton battled out Alvin Battle for the other forward position, but is expected to get much help from Battle and Russell Pierre.

A new mix, a new breed, a new look. A winning formula could keep the Pack on track.

Predicted finish: third.

Wake Forest: There was rumor last year that the

Deacon's Carl Tacy would quit his post as head coach, but you can see why he didn't. A semi-finals finish in the NIT Tournament looks good, but things really start to mesh when four starters return. This Deacon team is comparable to the one two years ago in that it got a senior-oriented starting lineup.

Danny Young, a quick point guard, returns as ACC's second-leading assist man. The big forward position again belongs to John Toms, the team's leading scorer a year ago, and the center slot will be filled again by Anthony Teachey, the team's leading shot blocker and rebounder.

Delaney Rudd, who steadily improved a year ago, returns as the No. 2 man. The other forward spot will be manned by last year's outstanding freshman, Kenny Green.

The Deacs' depth, however, is the key, and it may unlock a few doors this year. Behind Young, veteran Scott Davis and freshman Tyrone Bogues provide strong support, while Chuck Kepley and freshman Mark Cline will back up Rudd. Tony Karasek and Craig Wessell will back up Teachey, and Lee Garber provides depth at forward.

Wake may be in the position that Tacy wants it. **Predicted finish:** fourth.

Virginia: What can the Cavs do without the big one? You can rest assured that the 'Hoos won't go boo-hoo. They proved their capabilities without him last year by defeating Houston.

Replacing the mighty Sampson will be a difficult task, but again they are still to be reckoned with. Key returnee is second-team all-ACC point guard Othell Wilson. Rick Carlisle will again handle second guard chores, while Ricky Stokes, Kenny Johnson and Kenny Lambiotte give the Cavs a great deal of versatility in the backcourt.

Senior Kenton Edelin or freshman Olden Polynice will replace Sampson, while two proven players, Tim Mullen and Jim Miller, should start at the posts. Freshman Tom Sheehy and upperclassmen Dan Merrifield and Wingo Smith give Virginia several options underneath.

Getting used to not having the 7-4 man in the middle will be the hardest adjustment. When the Cavaliers do jell, they could be a sleeper. **Predicted finish:** fifth.

Duke: As someone once said, "The good thing about freshmen is they become sophomores." How true for the Duke Blue. Four of the Blue Devils' leading scorers return for their second year. The Dukes proved they could score, finishing third in the league in scoring. Trouble is, they were last in scoring defense, evidenced by their 11-17 record.

All-America point guard Johnny Dawkins, who topped the team in scoring and assisted a year ago, leads the quartet. A point guard a year ago, he may move to the second guard to accommodate his rebounding skills. Mark Alarie, Jay Bilas and David Henderson will provide the inside strength. Alarie led the team in rebounding and was second in scoring.

Support up front will come from juniors Dan Meagher and Todd Anderson, while senior Doug McNeely could play in the backcourt. Frosh Martin Nessley and Tommy Amaker are expected to make immediate contributions. **Predicted finish:** sixth.

Georgia Tech: Guided by Bobby Cremins, who was later nominated the ACC's coach-of-the-year, the Ramblin' Wreck posted the most wins since the 1978-79 season, its most ACC wins ever (four) and its first ever ACC Tournament win. The Wreck, 13-15 last year, return three starters, including the

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ON THE COVER: Assistant Photo Editor Greg Hatem captured one of several dunks by State's Lorenzo Charles, this time in the Wolfpack's 69-67 double-overtime victory over Pepperdine in the NCAA Tournament's opening round in Corvallis, Ore. Photographer Scott Montgomery spent a day shooting the women's basketball team in pre-season practice. Featured are center Ronda Falkena, forward Linda Page and point guard Robyn Mayo.

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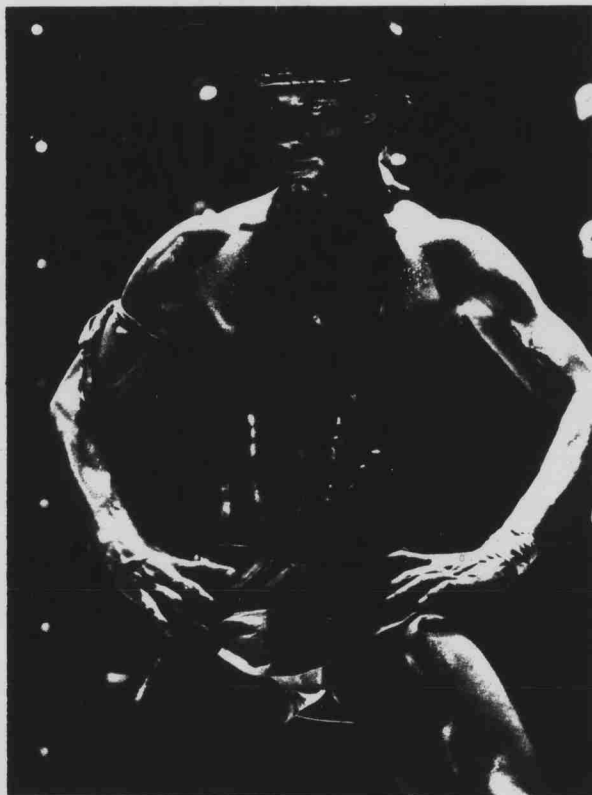
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Lorenzo Charles has muscled into the limelight from his forward position. Technician File Photo

Wolfpack moving forward

Scott Keeper
Assistant Sports Editor

Once considered a problem area, coach Jim Valvano should have no problem filling State's forward positions with power, finesse and depth this season.

Three impressive 6-7 freshmen will join proven veterans Lorenzo Charles and Alvin Battle to supply the Pack with substantial inside punch, both offensively and defensively.

One spot that is not up for grabs is the power forward or three spot. Manned by the 6-7, 225-pound Charles, this position will be more than adequately occupied. Charles has combined tremendous body strength with excellent inside movement to become one of the ACC's most respected talents.

After a somewhat slow start last year, Charles came to life in mid-season and averaged 11 points and 9.2 rebounds in State's nine post-season contests. The Pack's musclemann also displayed the ability to produce in clutch situations. Charles sunk two free throws with three seconds left against Wake Forest to begin the Cardiac Pack's string of unbelievable feats with a 71-70 triumph in the ACC Tournament's opening round.

Following a personal season-high 18-point performance against Utah in the West Region semi-finals, Charles once again sank a pair of free throws in the closing seconds as the Pack edged Virginia 63-62 in the regional finals. Finally, Charles' famous last-second dunk on Houston's highly-favored Cougars gave State its second national title in nine years.

Charles gained invaluable experience and confidence over those final contests and thus will be counted on heavily to provide stability and leadership under the boards. Backing up Charles at the power forward will most likely be 6-7, 223-pound senior Alvin Battle.

Battle, a former junior college Player-of-the-Year at Merced (Calif.) Junior College, also played well down the stretch for Valvano's squad and is expected to enjoy his finest season.

Another senior, 6-5, 223-pound Harold Thompson, should also make important contributions. The three-year letterman is a standout defensively and will probably see more playing time in his final season.

Bennie Bolton, a 6-7, 200-pound DeMatra High product, is expected to get the nod at the small forward position. Bolton is

a high-percentage shooter from both the field and the free throw line, and is rated as an excellent defensive player.

Bolton's competition should come from a pair of 6-7 freshmen — Russell Pierre and Rodney Butts. Pierre, a 225-pound Parade all-America from New York City, has been described as the "best least-publicized player in America." Pierre averaged close to 28 points per game in leading his North Babylon High School team to a 26-2 record and the New York Class A state championship last season.

Butts is a versatile performer who averaged 17 points and 8.5 rebounds for Atlanta's Mayes High School. The all-Metro and all-stater led his team to a 24-4 record and a second-place finish in the state tournament.

Sophomore Walt Densmore, junior Mike Warren and senior Tommy DiNardo will also provide help from the bench. Densmore, a 6-6, 203-pounder, and the 6-5, 195-pound DiNardo were used sparingly last season, and are hoping for increased playing time in substitute roles.

Warren, a 6-7, 177-pounder from Raleigh's Broughton High School, is also seeking more participation after seeing action in 10 games last season.

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Just call him Coach V., the winner

Devlin Steele
Sports Editor

It's the night of Nov. 29, 1980, Jim Valvano's debut as head coach at State. During the game, the coach rides the sidelines — crouching, shouting, tugging his trousers. And enjoying it.

Wolfpack goes on to win the game, and Valvano meets the press and comfortably gives his game analysis, occasionally reeling off one-liners.

Valvano films his TV show the next day. Now, the night of April 4, 1983, just two-and-a-half years later, State's playing the national championship game with Houston. There he is, still painting the lines, popping his gum, kneeling. "Move, move." And still enjoying it.

Destiny's Dunk as time expires makes the Pack national champions. With the press, the relaxed coach speaks of the game and its meaning. "My wife is going to have a baby, and we're going to name it "Al B. Quereque."

Valvano spends the following month giving speeches around the state for the Wolfpack Club.

Things haven't changed too much in the 37-year-old Italian's life since Lorenzo Charles scored that dunk. Only the attention of it.

Valvano's still giving speeches for the Wolfpack Club and for companies, still conducting clinics, still doing a TV and radio show, still making the commercials, still signing autographs and still greeting the kids. Yet, he now hears criticism from cynics who think he's taking advantage of the national title, thriving on its value for personal gain.

"Sure, it hurts a lot to hear that, but some people are negative people, who I call 'half-empty' people instead of 'half-full' people," said Valvano. "I've always done these things, and I do them because of a tremendous enthusiasm that I got from my family for life and also a tremendous love for people."

The requests for his time have always been too many for the coach to accommodate, but he finds it more difficult to turn them down.

"Before, somebody would ask me to do something, let's say a charity, and I could actually say, 'Well, gee I can't make that day because I want to be home with the family. And they would understand. Now, I say no and people say 'Oh, you think you're too big,'" he said with a snicker. "And I'm very sensitive to that."

"I'm no different than when I came here and we were 14-13. Every time I heard the fight score, I'd get all choked up, and I still do.

"I'm the same crazy Italian guy you folks hired four years ago."

The summer after, Valvano gives his three-week basketball camp, speaks at a number of companies and takes a vacation at the beach. The usual. This time around, however, he writes a book, 'Too Soon To Quit, giving his personal account of the team's miracle year, and he introduces a new line of sportswear.



"I'm the same crazy Italian kid you folks hired four years ago."

"It was different only in the amount of publicity it received," said Valvano of his summer. "I did the same thing that I've always been doing. The writing of the book, I've never had the chance to do before. This time, there were reporters and Sport magazine and Sports Illustrated and local and statewide papers coming and following me for that story: 'What's it like, the summer after?'"

"The nice thing that happened was I got a chance to travel throughout the country and speak. It was a different audience this time. It was nationwide. What most people wanted to talk about was how could a team that was 9-7 reach the impossible dream? I felt good about representing the university in that capacity throughout the country."

It's an early November morning, the son of Rocco and Angelina Valvano drives to work listening to the

play-by-play of The Game, before eating breakfast at Case. At nine o'clock, he is interviewed by ESPN television. At 10, he meets with a local reporter before grabbing a bite to eat. From 12:30 until 2, he meets with campus professors. From 2:30 until 3:30, he meets with his coaches. At 3:30, he heads for practice. After supper, he shoots a commercial for Spa Health Clubs before heading home and analyzing the day's events. All in a day's work.

This workaholic attitude has reaped many rewards for Coach V. and his "business." Several factors contribute to this man's go-get-'em character, and he puts them into perspective.

"On the first level I'd like to think that when my grandfather, Nicole Valvano, came over to this country from Naples, one of the reasons he came was the "great land of opportunities" this country's supposed to be. I don't play golf and take weekends off. I work," he said. "I take the American work ethic. Anything I do in the marketplace is to me what this country was founded upon.

"On the second level, the things I do I happen to enjoy. They're fun. There's nothing I do over there that I do and go home and say 'Oh, what a pain in the neck that was.'"

"Thirdly, all these things help promote our basketball program, which helps me do my job, which is recruit the best student-athletes I can to have the best basketball team. I think it's very good public relations for our program.

"On the next level, I feel very good representing the university. I think the things I've done have been consistent with what the university would think has been important. I look at N.C. State as a very people-oriented school.

"On the last level, I've been able to give something back. I gave money to the Wolfpack Club and to my alma mater, Rutgers. If you are successful, give something back to the society that you live, and then you can share it and really enjoy it.

"A philosopher once said, 'Success is the one unpardonable sin that you can foist on society.' If it were not for my parents I would not have had it. Well, if I can help somebody else, I'm going to do it."

State is 9-7 in midseason of the championship season and on the verge of collapse due to the loss of injured Dereck Whittenburg. Valvano meets with Athletics Director Willis Casey concerning a long-term contract extension, despite his team's record.

"Dr. (Bruce) Poulton and Mr. Casey showed enough confidence in me and the direction of the program to offer me a long-term contract. I will never forget that loyalty."

And State fans will never forget your loyalty to the university, Coach V.

Clemson picked 8th in ACC

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ACC's leading scorer and rookie-of-the-year Mark Price.

Sophomores John Salley and Tim Harvey return at the forward and center positions after enjoying impressive freshman campaigns. Key returnees include Anthony Byrd, who may play at second guard, and frontliners Jack Mansell and Greg Wilson. Highly-rated freshman Bruce Dalrymple will battle for the starting slot at either second guard or small forward.

Like State, Tech has to find a winning combo for continued success. Predicted finish: seventh.

Clemson: The Tigers' injury list has looked similar to Russian Roulette the past couple of years. In 1981, Center Raymond

Jones missed the season with a broken ankle and last year all-league guard Vincent Hamilton broke his wrist and missed the year. Now, with the two of them back and healthy, it's time for them to look for the ingredients that will get them out of the ACC cellar.

Marc Campbell, Mike Eppley and Warren Wallace are possible starters in the backcourt. Chris Michael, Clarke Bynum and Juce transfer Glen Corbit all hope to see playing time at either big guard or small forward.

Other forwards David Shaffer, Murray Jarman and Glen McCants all served as starters at one time or another.

Maybe the Tigers can create more than a purr this year. Maybe not. Predicted finish: eighth.

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McQueen center of attention

Todd McGee
Sports Writer

The center is probably the most aptly named position in all of basketball. The center jumps center at center court to start the game and usually plays in the center of the defense. The center is often the center of attention while opposing defenses usually center on stopping the center.

The man who will handle the brunt of the duty at the center position for State this year is Cozell McQueen. McQueen is once again anxiously awaiting the rigors of another ACC basketball season, this time as a defending national champion.

"I'm looking forward to this season," he said. "I feel we're going to have a good team." At this time last season, the center spot was an enigma for coach Jim Valvano. McQueen was the only true pivot man on the Wolfpack roster, but he had only started one game. McQueen,

however, continually improved throughout the season and finished with his best performance of the year in the Final Four. For State to be a good team this year, McQueen must continue to show improvement.

Assistant coach Ray Martin said, "We hope that the NCAA Tournament and the way Cozell played can somehow carry over into this year."

McQueen believes that it will. "I feel that I will have much more confidence going into this year," the 6-11 giant said. "I worked hard this summer, and I will be ready to play."

Depth at the center position was a problem for State last year. Small forward Thurl Bailey, if somebody 6-11 can be considered small, and power forward Alvin Battle both had to split time as McQueen's backup. With Bailey gone, depth once again could pose a problem.

The Pack does have one new center on this year's squad, freshman Terry Shackelford

from Denton. Shackelford is projected as more of a "future" player.

"We feel that Terry is going to be a decent player for us in time," Martin said. "I think it's safe to say that with him playing on the 2-A level (in high school), the competition he faced was not that good."

Shackelford agrees with Martin.

"I think I'll be expected to play more later," he said. "I've got to work on my quickness to get some playing time. I come from a conference where I didn't have to play that physical. But since I've got here and played some big people, I've gotten more physical."

Though Shackelford has a few weak spots that need work, he does display some good characteristics that will enable him to become a better player.

"He's a hard worker," Martin said. "He also has a nice shooting ability for a man his size. He can hit that 10-12 foot jump shot, which is important for a big man."

With Shackelford still a good ways away from becoming an ACC-caliber center, a lot of pressure will fall to Cozell. McQueen realizes this and is ready for it.

"I feel if I'm going to help the team this year, I'll have to be a little more of an offensive threat," he said.

"I hope to be a little more consistent on both offense and defense this year," he said.

Last year, Valvano introduced the three-guard offense, but with no proven backup at center this year, he may have to go to a three-forward offense instead.



Staff photo by Greg Hatem

Cozell McQueen is centering his thoughts on becoming one of the ACC's top big men.

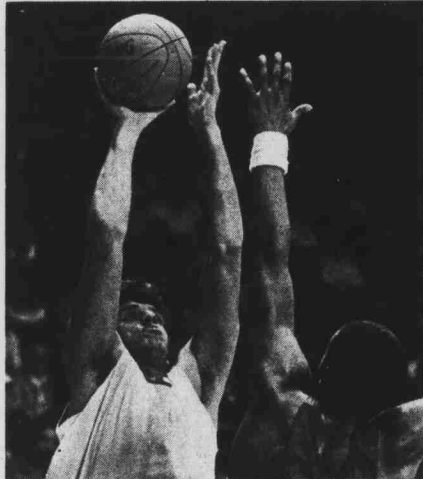
Senior Alvin Battle, who played some center in junior college and last year, and freshman Rodney Butts are two names mentioned as possibilities in that lineup.

"It's hard to tell who will be in there at any given time," Martin said. "We play so many defenses that will help us in certain situations. Fouls and the game situation will also help dictate who will be in there."

With McQueen as the only

game-tested center, some people may expect him to become a 35-minute-a-game man. According to Martin, playing time cannot be predicted.

"It's tough to pinpoint how much playing time a young man will get," Martin said. "Like I said, it all depends on the game situation and what we're trying to do. We'll have confidence in whoever we have in there, though."



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Freshman center Terry Shackelford is working to become a quicker, more physical player as the ACC wars begin to take shape.

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Class of '85 shines brightly

Todd McGee
Sports Writer

State coach Jim Valvano wasted little time in getting the job done. In his first full year of recruiting, Valvano brought in five players who will make up the nucleus of this and next year's teams. This group, the class of '85, should go down as one of the best classes in Wolfpack history.

By position, Valvano recruited one center, Cozell McQueen; one guard, Terry Gannon; two forwards, Lorenzo Charles and Mike Warren; and one player, Dinky Proctor, who could play forward or guard.

Proctor has been pushed back a year because of a debilitating knee injury suffered last year.

Valvano brought in junior college all-America Spud Webb this year to keep the class of '85 a quintet.

Most basketball experts believe that a class must be given at least two years before it can be analyzed. Wolfpack assistant coach Ray Martin agrees.

"You always give a class at least two years before you evaluate it," he said. "You also have to look at what you had coming back."

Martin said the coaching staff was pleased with how the class has performed.

"If you look at the whole picture, we've got to be happy with the class we had," Martin said. "We were very well in formed beforehand. We knew pretty much how they would

turn out. There have been no major disappointments."

Charles was one of the keys to the enormous success enjoyed by last year's team. He gave the Pack the bona fide inside threat it needed to keep opposing teams from ganging up on State's outside-oriented offense.

With the departure of Sidney Lowe, Derek Whittenburg and Thurl Bailey, and the absence of the cozy three-point field goal line this year, State's inside game will have to be more than an escape hatch. It must be a force. Charles is looking forward to the challenge.

"I just want to come out and try to play hard every time," he said. "I want to contribute double-figure points and rebounds and try to be a team player."

Valvano predicts only greatness for Charles.

"Before Lo leaves State, he will be recognized as one of the premier power players in the nation," he said. "He has become an outstanding prospect."

As one of only two returning starters, Charles will be looked on for more than statistics. Martin expects Charles to be a team leader.

"Our upper-classmen will have to lead on the court," he said. "We cannot afford to have an upper-classman be inconsistent."

Charles says much the same thing.

"I want to try to be consistent and give a little leadership," he said.

After earning a national championship trophy and some respect last season, Charles thinks this year's team will enjoy another benefit from last year.

"We played against a lot of great players and teams last year, and I feel a little bit of confidence heading into this year," Charles said.

Cozell McQueen, State's other returning starter and Charles' main inside co-conspirator, concurs.

"I think we will have a lot more confidence going into this year," the 6-11 giant said.

McQueen was counted on for boards and blocks, last year but sees his role on this year's team as slightly different.



Terry Gannon

"I feel if I'm going to help the team this year, I'll have to be a little more of an offensive threat," he said.

Martin agrees.

"Co's got to be more of a combination player for us," Martin said. "He's got to help us offensively and defensively."

Martin hopes McQueen continues to build on his performance in last year's Final Four, where he snagged 25 rebounds, scored 12 points and blocked several shots.

"We hope that the NCAA tournament and the way he played will carry over into this season," Martin said. "If Co can control the boards and block a couple of shots for us, that will be a tremendous help."

McQueen worked hard over the summer preparing to defend the national championship.

"I lifted weights and played a

lot of ball," he said. "I think we're going to have a good team."

For the Wolfpack to be a good team, it will have to score from outside again. Last year's co-plot of the bomb squadron, Terry Gannon, will be looked upon to guide this year's air attack. Gannon believes he will have to be a more versatile player on this team, though.

"I think I will have to be more of a court leader, more of a point guard," he said. "Other than that, I'll have to play like I did last year."

That means opposing teams will have to bring out the radar detectors once again.

"We're going to keep shooting the jump shot, even if it is only worth two points," the Joliet, Ill. junior said.

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Cozell McQueen, one of five members of State's highly-regarded Class of '85, is looked upon for more leadership in his junior year.

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Thompson stars without ball

Bill Johnson
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Just four years ago, he was considered the top high school basketball player in North Carolina and was selected by several national publications as an honorable mention all-American.

Now entering his senior season at State, Harold Thompson will be counted on for leadership on a very young but talented defending NCAA championship team. It is a season that Thompson feels will be his best ever.

"I'm expecting to get a lot more playing time than last season," Thompson said. "I've improved my game 100 percent. I have more confidence, mainly because I have been working hard on the things I felt were weak all along."

The 6-6 swing forward has become known as a great defensive player over the past three seasons. Yet, Thompson feels "his skills will get better both offensively and defensively."

"I've been working hard over the summer, but I haven't played any organized basketball," Thompson said. "I think when

the season gets started, my defense will improve over last season's effort, and hopefully I'll be able to contribute more offensively."

State coach Jim Valvano will be facing a tough schedule and wants to bring along his freshmen as quickly as possible for additional strength. However, he feels Thompson will make a valuable contribution to the team.

"Harold's defense has been an important part of our team," Valvano said. "He's earned his scholarship every year. I think he's played better this year than in the past."

Thompson was Valvano's first and only recruit during his first year as the Wolfpack coach. Coach V's late arrival prohibited him from bringing in a Top 40 national player because most had already made their collegiate choice. The situation prevented Valvano from seeing Thompson participate in a high school game.

"Harold had been recruited by the previous coaching staff here at State," said Valvano. "He was one of the better players in the state, and he wanted to come here. So I went to see him, he

was a fine young man, and I've never regretted the decision of signing him."

"He's a good athlete, he jumps well and he's strong," Valvano said. "There is nothing I can say bad about him. He has been a positive member of the basketball program in every way we have asked him."

Perhaps Thompson had his finest individual contribution last season against Michigan State. Inserted into the game during the final minute of play for his defensive skills, Thompson tipped an inbound pass away from Spartan guard Sam Vincent to preserve a 45-41 win.

"He has always given us an honest day's effort," said Valvano. "He has contributed in every way we've asked him."

The Hoke County High product has not had an easy adjustment to college basketball. As a 6-5 center in high school, Thompson was forced to play small forward in college. In the past, he has not been comfortable shooting from the outside.

Thompson averaged 24 points and 14 rebounds per game

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Harold Thompson

ACC all-Ugly team announced

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Assistant Sports Editor

As the casual observer checks out this season's pre-season rosters and accompanying player's mug shots for each ACC squad, several interesting patterns may be derived.

In addition to the overall ugliness of a majority of the players, a great number have names that would require a series of extension courses in basic phonetics in order to be pronounced anywhere near correctly. To establish some order of these and other oddities, following is a list of my all-ACC teams.

A variety of schools are represented on the all-name team, headed by (who else?) Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski. No wonder he is now officially known as 'Coach K.' Coach K's squad consists of Virginia's Olden Polynice (sounds like a new wear-resistant fabric, doesn't it?), Maryland's Mark Fothergill, North Carolina's Timo Makkonen, Bruce Dalrymple of Georgia Tech and Duke's Dan Meagher. I always assumed the 'h' in Dan's last name to be silent so as to match his yearly point production for the Blue Devils.

A pair of cute little Tar Heel fellas, led my picks for the all-American Boy team. Matt 'Ken doll' Doherty joins Teen Beat pin-up Steve Hale on the first team. Other picks were

Clemson's Mike 'Apple pie' Eppley, Maryland's 'Chuckie' Driesell and Jay Bilas of Duke. Have a great season guys, and keep those faces clean!

Due to lack of space — we only had three empty pages remaining — the all-Ugly team must be limited to a single unit also. Sorry, Sam. Coach Lefty Driesell's team is dominated by a quartet of sophomores, and three Wake Forest Demon Deacons. Wake freshman Tyrone 'The Lizard' Bogues is the only non-sophomore to break into the starting lineup. But a pair of Bogues' teammates, forward Tony Karasek and Kenny 'It's Alive!' Green easily clinched the next two spots.

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Duke sophomore Johnny Dawkins and Georgia Tech's John Salley round out the squad. Salley has been nicknamed the "Spider" by his teammates, most likely due to his distinctive Arachnidian facial features.

Only three players could manage to make my all-Lilliputian team. Once again, Wake's Tyrone Bogues heads the list, measuring up at 5-3. State's Jim Valvano, intent on an all-ACC pick, promptly went out and signed 6-7 "Spud" Webb when he learned of coach Carl Tacy's latest acquisition. The third and final pick is Virginia's Ricky Stokes, who at 5-10 literal

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Backcourt to showcase new faces

Scott Keefer
Assistant Sports Editor

For the first time in what seems like ages, the names Whittenburg and Lowe will be absent from State's roster. With their records and unforgettable accomplishments firmly entrenched in the tradition-steeped annals of Wolfpack basketball history, Dereck and Sidney have gone off in pursuit of pro careers, leaving coach Jim Valvano and Wolfpack fans with the task of replacing the dynamic duo from DeMatha both in their hearts and on the hardwood of Reynolds Coliseum.



Staff photo by Bob Thomas

'E' for 2

Not only does this mean compensating for 29 points and 10 assists per contest, but also finding a pair of able bodies who are capable of combining near-flawless ball-handling and shot selection. Sound difficult? It will be.

Lowe, the ACC's all-time career assist leader, and Whittenburg, last season's premier three-point bomber, spent eight full seasons — four at Washington D.C.'s famed DeMatha High School and another four in Wolfpack red and white — side by side, developing and perfecting their interdependent skills.

Whittenburg knew how and when to break for a net or from a defender, and Lowe knew exactly when and how to feed him a picture-perfect assist. No, replacing that pair would be impossible.

But Valvano is fortunate enough to have a quartet of outstanding replacements immediately available who are more than eager to try. Filling Lowe's abandoned point-guard slot will be much-heralded newcomer Anthony "Spud" Webb and long-range bomber Terry Gannon, while scoring phenoms Ernie Myers and George McClain will both see action at Whittenburg's old second-guard slot.

Each of the four is capable of starting and all have proven themselves in the past against top-level competition.

Myers, a 6-4, 203-pound sophomore, came off the bench to average 18 points per contest when Whittenburg was sidelined with his foot injury last season. During his stretch of starting assignments, Myers was the Pack's high-scorer 11 times, including a 35-point outburst against Duke and 27 and 25 point performances in State's wins over Georgia Tech. His total against the Blue Devils on that evening of January 26th tied the

freshman ACC single-game scoring record.

The New York City native also poured in 25 against Clemson in his first-ever ACC contest and finished the season as the Wolfpack's number three scorer with an 11.2 average. His 391 first-year points were just short of the all-time freshman point output of 410 by former Pack great Charles "Hawkeye" Whitney.

Backing up Myers at the second-guard spot will be McClain, a 6-0, 175-pound sophomore from Rocky Mount. Despite missing a large portion of last season due to illness, McClain repeatedly came off the bench in clutch situations and played admirably.

"George didn't have the opportunity to play a lot because of injuries," assistant coach Ray Martin said. "But this year I think people will see the real George McClain. He's going to show everybody how good he is."

"He has almost been a bit of a surprise so far. In pre-season, he has been playing very, very well."

Meanwhile, junior college transfer Webb is expected to get the nod as this year's starting point-guard. Webb, a 5-6, 130-pounder, was credited with 49 dunks and 37 blocked shots during his two-year stint at Midland (Texas) Junior College. Although dunks and stuff shots may not come as easy in the ACC, Webb will not back down if the opportunity presents itself.

"You never can tell about dunks," Webb said. "They just happen. And if I get the chance, I'll dunk it."

Reminiscent of the days of Lowe, Webb is also well-known for his pin-point passing and great number of assists. The former first-team JuCo all-America established school assist records for a career with 355 and for a single game with 17.

"Spud is a great addition to our program," Martin said. "I think he'll really be taken in by all the fans."

Another already-established crowd favorite is junior Terry Gannon. The 6-0, 161-pounder should share time with Webb at the point guard spot and may

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Yes he can

Staff photo by Clayton Brinkley

Spud Webb, at 5-7, proves to Wolfpack fans at a recent scrimmage that everything's not big in Texas.



MR. POTATHEAD

"SPUD"

Thompson ready for season

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during his senior season at Hoke. He also set the high jump record at the school.

As far as making his college choice, Thompson had his mind made up years prior to his senior year in high school. According to Thompson, he "has always wanted to come to State."

Thompson, who was first team all-State, is majoring in speech communications, and like every other State student, he has one

major goal to accomplish when he finishes.

"I want to find a job and make some money," Thompson laughed.

When he isn't on the basketball court, Thompson enjoys playing badminton, listening to music and just relaxing. He worked hard during the summer academically by attending summer school the first session.

Thompson's mind isn't on music during this part of the academic year, though. He is

optimistic on how much playing time he will contribute to the program.

"We have a lot of young players that Coach V. is trying to work into the lineup," said Thompson. "We'll just have to wait and see."

None the less, Harold Thompson's contribution on the court this season may go unnoticed by fans during the game, but his attitude toward the game will make him a great asset to State's basketball program.



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Wolfpack well-guarded

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sub for Myers and McClain if needed.

Last season, Gannon established himself as a tremendous long-range offensive weapon, connecting on an incredible 53 of 90 shots (59 percent) from beyond three-point range. Unfortunately, the 19-foot shot has been abolished this season, but whether the shot counts for two or three points, Gannon will remain an important part of the Wolfpack offense.

"I wish the three-point goal was back in for Terry's sake," Martin said. "He was one of the very best last season from that range."

Although Lowe and Whittenburg will persist in everyone's memory for quite a while, these four guards should provide just the right help and combination Valvano is looking for this season.

ACC all-food team picked

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ly towers above Bogues and Webb.

Feel hungry? How about some good ol' meat and potatoes? Just look to the ACC's all-Food team, i.e. Maryland's Herman Veal and State's "Spud" Webb.

State's Jim Valvano could manage only an assistant coaching position on this year's all-Schnoz squad, as he was nosed out by UNC's Dean Smith for the head position. Smith's colossal olfactory organ — frequently mistaken for a challenging slope by novice skiers — easily outdistanced Valvano. The schnoz squad consists of Georgia Tech's Anthony Byrd, who boasts quite a beak himself, Maryland's Greg Stevens, Duke's Johnny Dawkins and Wake Forest's Tony Karasek.

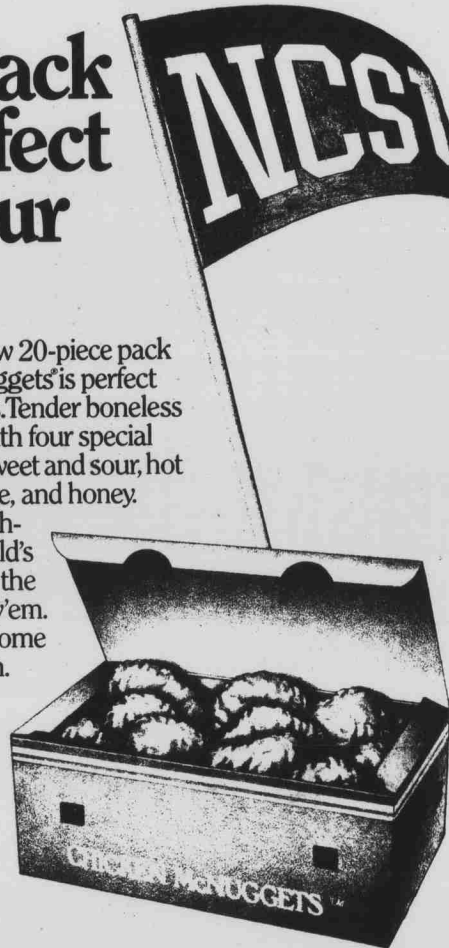
Smith picked his four-member team personally, so it is highly unlikely his squad will be blown out by anyone.

Finally, there is the two-member all-Animal squad, consisting of North Carolina's Joe Wolf and Georgia Tech's Anthony Byrd. Let's just hope that Wake Forest's Steve Warden can successfully protect them from the Tar Heel's Curtis Hunter.

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Newcomers to form web of talent

Scott Kepler
Assistant Sports Editor

Several newcomers will have the opportunity to play important roles for coach Jim Valvano's defending national champions this season.

A trio of 6-7 forwards along with a 6-11 center and a 5-6 package of dynamite named "Spud" comprise this year's excellent fleet of arrivals.

The group, which has been ranked as high as the 10th best recruiting class nationally, is quite diversified, both in skill and background. Two of the five have been acclaimed all-America — one at the high-school level, the other as a junior college standout.

Undoubtedly one of the most exciting players to hit Reynolds Coliseum in a long time will be Anthony "Spud" Webb, a 42-inch vertical leaper who frequently hovers about the net amidst that stratosphere so totally dominated by only the largest of stature. Out of place he may seem, but the flashy point guard was credited with 49 dunks and 37 blocked shots during his two seasons at Midland, (Texas) Junior College.

With Webb directing the team and astounding many an opponent with resounding stuff shots, Midland compiled an outstanding 65-8 record over the past two seasons, including a 34-4 record en route to the junior college national championship in 1982.

In the title game against number one ranked Miami Dade Junior College, Webb poured in a game-high 36 points, hitting on 10 of 15 shots from the floor and 16 of 18 free throws in the double-overtime victory.

Now, several weeks into the preseason, assistant coach Ray Martin is extremely pleased with Webb's performance and transition.

"I think he's really going to come in and do a fine job for us," Martin said. "He's an excellent

outside shooter, and he runs the team very well.

"I think the fans are going to love Spud. He knows the game and has that court savvy."

Memories of the ever-popular Monte Towse — the Pack's 5-6 point guard on the '74 edition of the national champion — are indeed rekindled when Spud takes to the Reynolds Coliseum hardwood.

But a more recent hero, the incomparable and record-setting Sidney Lowe, has left a mighty big pair of Addidas to fill.

"The fans will never forget Sidney Lowe," Webb admitted. "All I can do is go out there and start them thinking 'Spud Webb'. There's probably a little pressure involved, but not to where I think about it all the time. I'm just gonna go out there and play."

The first of three incoming forwards is 6-7, 225-pound Russell Pierre, a highly-touted *Parade* magazine all-America out of New York City. With the loss of Thurl Bailey, Pierre is expected to challenge for a starting berth at the three spot.

"I'm looking to play in the forward position that Thurl left," the former Long Island player-of-the-year said. "Or I can come in to sub for Lorenzo or Cozell when they need a rest. I'll just do whatever I can to help the team."

Pierre, who chose State over Villanova, St. Johns, Syracuse, Virginia Tech and Alabama, averaged an impressive 27.9 points, 13 rebounds and 4.2 blocked shots per outing in his final campaign at North Babylon High School. Pierre scored 35 points and pulled down a tournament-record 27 rebounds in Babylon's loss in the state championship game, and was named MVP of the Class A state tournament. Babylon finished with a 26-2 slate and a 35th-place national ranking.

Bennie Bolton is another freshman forward expecting to

see plenty of action in his first season. The 6-7, 200-pound Bolton is the latest in a never-ending line of standouts from Washington, D.C.'s DeMatha High School to wear the Wolfpack red and white. Recent DeMatha products to star at State include Kenny Carr, "Hawkeye" Whitney, and the nation's most dynamic backcourt duo last season — Lowe and Derek Whittenburg. The tremendous successes of these now NBA talents undeniably helped in State's recruiting of coach Morgan Wooten's latest star pupil.

"I was pretty good friends with Derek and Sidney," Bolton said. "And they had some influence on me. They always talked about coach V, and how he was such a good coach."

DeMatha compiled an 81-10 record during Bolton's three seasons, including a 27-4 mark last season and its third straight city championship. A Catholic High School all-America and *Washington Post* 1st team all-Metro pick, Bolton averaged 15.5 points and eight rebounds per contest and had shooting percentages of 60 and 90 percent from the field and charity stripe, respectively. Known for his outstanding defensive play, Bolton hopes to contribute in many ways to the young Wolfpack.

"I anticipate being sort of a spark plug," Bolton said. "I want to come in and give the team a lift by hitting the 'J' and making things happen."

Also hoping to make some good things happen is 6-7, 205-pound forward Rodney Butts. Butts, a first-team all-Metro and all-state pick out of Atlanta's Maves High School, is an excellent shooter as well as being a power-type player underneath. Butts sees himself as doing a little of both this season.

"I hope to come off the bench and score some points and really help on the boards," Butts said. "I think this team has great depth. That's gonna be our strong point. We'll have a lot of good players coming in off the bench."

While last year's Wolfpack



Staff photo by Greg Hatem
Russell Pierre, one of two newcomers, helps comprise a new class that has been ranked the 10th best recruiting crop in the nation.

made its tremendous run to the national title, Butts was the recipient of some kidding from his fellow high-schoolers. But it was Butts who enjoyed the last laugh.

"It was really exciting," Butts explained. "Back home everyone kept telling me how State didn't have a chance against Phi Slamma Jamma. It was like me against the whole school. But I came to school the next day after State won and nobody even wanted to talk to me."

Butts, who chose the Wolfpack over Georgia, Tennessee, Georgia Tech and South Carolina, posted 17 point and 8.5 rebound averages his senior season as Maves went 24-4 and lost to nationally third-ranked Gainesville High in the state championship game.

The Pack's final signee is 6-11 pivotman Terry Shackelford. Shackelford, who committed to State at the end of his junior season, found the transition to

college ball a bit trying initially, but has since progressed quite well.

The 220-pounder averaged 24.7 points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots as a senior at Denton High School. Shackelford, whose jersey was retired by the small 2-A school, shot 55 percent from the field and 70 percent from the free throw line as well as pouring in a school-record 43 points in one game.

Labeled a "future" player due to his inexperience to high-level competition, Shackelford has shown promise in pre-season scrimmages. He maneuvered surprisingly well in State's recent Red-White contest and led the White squad with 14 points.

"The first couple of weeks were pretty tough," Shackelford said. "But I think I'm getting everything down now. Movement up and down the court is a lot faster, but I'm adjusting to that pretty well too."

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A young State team begins its trek through a dark tunnel of a schedule Saturday against Houston.

Battle adds depth, muscle up front

Bruce Winkworth
Opinion Editor

Alvin Battle may be the victim of his own high expectations.

When he came to State, Battle brought the title of California JUCO player of the year with him, a title he earned with a fine final year at Mercedes Junior College in Mercedes, Cal. He came to a State program that had little returning inside strength, and he had every reason to expect to become the Wolfpack's starting power forward.

Things didn't work out that way. As all State fans know, Lorenzo Charles came on during the '82-83 season to fulfill the "sleeper" label he brought with him when he came to State from Brooklyn, N.Y. Battle wound up playing a reserve role.

"I felt that by this time, I would be starting and that last year I would average something like 12 or 13 points and six or seven rebounds," Battle says. "I think I set my goals too high when I was in junior college, but I'm just going to work as hard as I can this year and hopefully graduate next December."

Battle averaged just 2.7 points and 2.0 rebounds per game in his reserve role last year, far short of his goals, but he has worked hard in the off-season to improve his game so he can contribute in a more diversified fashion this time around. He knows he won't start, but his experience could prove invaluable. He will likely

be a backup at all three frontcourt positions.

"I feel like I'm stronger on the inside, and I'm shooting a lot better from the outside," he says. "Right now I see myself coming off the bench as the sixth man on the front line because of the experience I have. This year I think I'll be playing more at three, four and five (small forward, power forward and center). Our inside depth is good this year, and I feel like I'll be able to play all three positions."

The versatility is not exactly what Battle had in mind when he came to State. Throughout his high school and junior college days, he had been a power forward — a starting power forward. He likes it best around the basket.

"I'm more confident on my inside game than my outside game," he says. "The three man runs and fills the lanes and shoots the open jumper from about 15-20 feet out. I can be consistent there, but my strength is really inside."

So now he is a role player but a relatively happy one. Some of his personal goals may have eluded him, but playing on a winning team can ease the sting of a lot of disappointments. Last year's national championship highlighted a good year for Battle, even though he played less than he had originally hoped.

"I'm very happy," he says. "Not everyone's goals can get accomplished, and I may set

mine too high. But I feel pretty good about myself and school and everything. I think I'm moving straight ahead as far as the real world is concerned."

The real world ahead of Battle hopefully will lie in the field of telecommunications. He wants to use a degree in speech communications to land a job with a television station. He is looking to maybe get a start in the local market.

"Right now, I'm hoping to graduate next December and get an internship with WPTF," he says. "I would be working with the radio and TV for them. I also have an alternative of going back to California and working with a local TV station out there. The job would pay more out there than the job here, so I'm just going to sit on the borderline and see which one opens up."

An interest in photography and cameras dominates Battle's interest in the broadcast field, and he has ambitions of using that to work his way up to the network level. A knowledge of sports and technical expertise would be a natural combination for what he intends to accomplish.

"I want to be a camera technician," he says. "In three or four years, I'd like to be able to go up to the networks and work on their sports telecasts with the camera crews. That's my ultimate goal."

Battle's immediate goal is to help the '83-84 Wolfpack improve into a contender in the ACC.



Alvin Battle

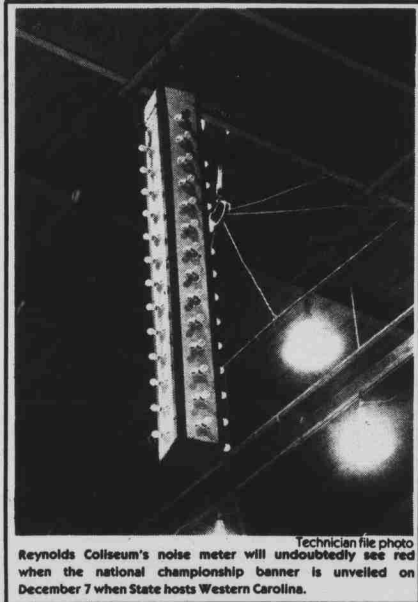
With three starters gone from last year's championship team, the Wolfpack is in the position of not having to prove a lot this year. That doesn't preclude the possibility of some big surprises along the way, and most of the Wolfpack players certainly expect to shock a few of the big shots of college basketball.

"I see a lot for this team," Battle says. "A lot of people are counting us out, but that puts us in a great position. If we do well, they'll be surprised, but we won't be. If we fail, people can say their assumptions were right. But I think this team will go a long way. We may not make

it back to the NCAA championship game, but we'll make it to the NCAA tournament or the NIT.

"Everyone seems to be talking about State being a year or two away. They might be right, but I still think we're going to surprise a lot of people this year. We've got talent at every position and a lot of depth."

By providing depth and experience at three positions, Battle knows about the depth on this team. His original goals may be gone, but the future begins today for Alvin Battle, and he probably will live up to his own expectations this time.



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Reynolds Coliseum's noise meter will undoubtedly see red when the national championship banner is unveiled on December 7 when State hosts Western Carolina.

1983-84 N.C. STATE PRE SEASON BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	Hometown
10	*Tommy DiNardo	F	6-5	195	Sr.	Jamesville, N.C.
12	George McClain	G	6-0	175	So.	Rocky Mount, N.C.
22	*Anthony "Spud" Webb	G	5-6	132	Jr.	Dallas, Texas
24	**Terry Gannon	G	6-0	161	Jr.	Joliet, Ill.
30	***Harold Thompson	F	6-5	213	Sr.	Raeord, N.C.
31	*Ernie Myers	G	6-4	203	So.	Manhattan, N.Y.
32	Russell Pierre	F	6-7	220	Fr.	North Babylon, N.Y.
33	*Alvin Battle	F	6-7	223	Sr.	Rocky Mount, N.C.
34	Rodney Butts	F	6-7	205	Fr.	College Park, Ga.
35	Bennie Bolton	F	6-7	200	Fr.	Washington, D.C.
40	**Walt Densmore	F	6-6	203	So.	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
42	**Mike Warren	F	6-7	177	Jr.	Raleigh, N.C.
43	**Lorenzo Charles	F	6-7	225	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
45	**Cozell McQueen	C	6-11	215	Jr.	Bennetsville, S.C.
50	Terry Shakelford	C	6-10	215	Fr.	Denton, N.C.

* Denotes Letters Won

** Denotes Junior College Transfer

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No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Class	Hometown
10	Carla Hillman	PG	5-8	130	Fr.	Chesapeake, Va.
12	*Debbi Mulligan	G	5-10	130	So.	Cary, N.C.
14	Angela Daye	F-C	6-1	150	Fr.	Conway, N.C.
15	Trena Trice	C	6-3	156	Fr.	Chesapeake, Va.
20	Annamarie Treadway	G	5-7	145	Fr.	Greensboro, N. C.
22	**Robyn Mayo	PG	5-6	130	Jr.	Lanham, Md.
24	Kim Taylor	C	6-2	162	Fr.	Rocky Mount, N.C.
30	***Claudia Kreicker	F	6-1	162	Sr.	Warsaw, Ind.
32	*Teresa Rouse	G-F	5-11	154	So.	Burke, Va.
34	***Mary Jane Wild	F-C	6-1	150	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.
35	*Priscilla Adams	F-C	6-1	150	So.	Ringold, Ga.
40	*Jan Rogerson	F	5-10	155	Sr.	Williamston, N.C.
43	**Linda Page	G-F	5-10	152	Jr.	Philadelphia, Pa.
55	***Ronda Falkena	C	6-7	193	Sr.	Warwick, N.Y.

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Dream continues for senior forward Dinardo

Scott Keepler
Assistant Sports Editor

For Tommy DiNardo, the dream isn't quite over. He may be stirring a bit, but he has yet to awaken. Unfortunately, the ending to this dream is bound to be anticlimactic.

DiNardo, a 6-5, 195-pound reserve forward on State's basketball team, still finds it difficult to grasp the unprecedented accomplishments of coach Jim Valvano's "Cardiac Pack" last season. And having been a member of that national championship team makes it even harder.

"I still can't believe it," DiNardo said. "It was something I'll never forget. I know there are a lot of other people out there who wish they could be in my shoes. I just feel lucky that it was me."

"I imagine about a year ago today if someone had come up and told me that I'd be on State's team and we'd win the national championship, I would have probably told them they were crazy."

And most likely, Tommy wouldn't have been alone. Not much was expected from last year's Wolfpack, even though three starters were returning. Oh sure, they might win 17-18 games — 20 if they got lucky — and perhaps receive an NCAA Tournament bid, but the season would surely end shortly thereafter.

But as everyone who believes in the underdog and destiny well

knows, the Wolfpack's season was a bit longer than anticipated. Nine games longer to be exact.

With DiNardo leading cheers from the bench, "Destiny's Darlings" streaked through the NCAA Tournament, giving new meaning to the phrase "come-from-behind". The storybook tale was completed when State dunked the highly-favored Houston Cougars 54-52 in the title game. Obviously, the entire team possessed a unique "chemistry" that all coaches strive to create.

"I really don't know what it was," DiNardo said. "Just something special about the whole team. Something special that caused us to go all the way."

And while the Pack was going all the way, DiNardo was more than happy to be leading cheers from the sidelines.

"I was just glad to be a part of the whole thing," DiNardo said. "I did end up being more of a cheerleader than anything else, but I knew from the start that I wouldn't be playing that much. We just had so much talent on the team. I just tried to keep the team spirit up."

If Tommy's last name sounds familiar to longtime State fans, it's not by coincidence. His father, Phil, was a big rebounder on Everett Case's outstanding teams in 1954-56. While Phil snared 705 rebounds — a number that still stands as the ninth-highest total in Wolfpack history — the team compiled a glittering 78-15 record over

those three seasons.

But the closest they could come to a national championship was a heartbreaking 79-78 four-overtime loss to Cisnais in the tournament's opening round in '56. Now that Tommy has experienced something his father did not, he credits his father with much of his success.

"He is a big influence on my life, and he always has been," DiNardo said. "To me, he's an idol. I never even saw him play, but just the way he has cared and showed dedication has helped me through all my years in all sports."

"It's nice to have somebody like him behind you. He has never pushed me. He's just always been my greatest fan. It's helped me a whole lot."

Another thing that has helped DiNardo a lot is always having been part of a winning team. In high school, Tommy was the starting center for Jamesville High School's basketball team as well as a pitcher and first baseman on the baseball diamond. Jamesville placed fourth in the state on the hardcourt DiNardo's senior year, and captured the state 1-A baseball championship.

"Doing that in high school was a great experience for me," DiNardo said. "I was really proud of that."

From Jamesville, DiNardo went directly to another small school — Louisburg Junior College in Louisburg. While there, he continued to be a two-sport athlete but began gaining valu-



Tommy DiNardo

able knowledge on the basketball court.

"I think I really learned a lot there," DiNardo said. "My coach at Louisburg was a real sound, fundamental coach. He taught me a lot of things I didn't know in high school."

When his two years at Louisburg had passed, DiNardo didn't have much of a problem in choosing schools.

"It was the academic aspect mainly," DiNardo said. "I wanted to go into engineering, and State is the best around for that. But I had also always dreamed of playing basketball for State."

With last year's national title a clear memory, DiNardo is now looking forward to his final season in red and white. But what is to be done for an encore

"We're still going to be good,"

DiNardo said. "It's going to be fun though because nobody is expecting us to do much. We are going to have a lot of enthusiasm and incentive because the team is so young. And because people are not picking us high, we will push a little more to show everybody what we can do."

If anyone else can adapt Tommy DiNardo's enthusiasm and attitude, State might just be able to do more than expected once again. Such was the case when DiNardo arrived about a year-and-a-half ago as a hopeful, yet realistic walk-on.

"I didn't think I had much of a chance," DiNardo said. "But I decided to give it a shot. I did, and it has turned out pretty good."

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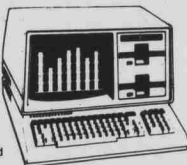
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3	Virginia Tech at Greensboro, N.C.
7	Western Carolina
	Holston
17	Louisville
20	N.C. A & T
28	Towson State
30	Campbell
Jan. 4	Maryland
7	North Carolina
9	at Clemson
11	at Virginia
15	at Georgia Tech
18	UNC-Wilmington
21	Wake Forest
25	at Duke
29	Missouri
Feb. 3	The Citadel at Charlotte N.C. (North-South Doublesheader)
4	Furman at Charlotte N.C. (North-South Doublesheader)
8	Clemson
13	Georgia Tech
15	Northeastern
18	at North Carolina
22	Duke
25	Virginia
29	at Maryland
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9-11	ACC Tournament at Greensboro, N.C.

'How sweet it is!'

Wolfpack loyalist gets chance to sock it to 'em

On the way to dinner the other day, I saw a car with a bumper sticker on it that read "UNC - University of National Champions". I had to laugh. I started to yell out the window (I wasn't driving, of course) at the driver and ask her where she got her information. Didn't she know? The Pack is back, and until someone else wins it, we're the National Champions.

I don't think it would have done any good, though. It's very hard to tell a Carolina fan that they don't win everything. I think there's a saying that, when applied to this situation, goes 'you can always tell a Carolina fan, but you can't tell him much.' I think that was coined for a different institution, but I think it applies here.

For those of you who didn't

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grow up in North Carolina, you may not be able to relate to the thrill of beating Carolina and winning the National Championship. I don't mean to put it in that order - to say that beating Carolina is better than winning the championship - but beating Carolina on the way was icing on the cake.

Growing up, it seemed that everyone was either a Carolina fan or a State fan. Even if a

person liked another team better than either one, they always had a preference and always had plenty to say if the team they supported won. Having lived in North Carolina all my life, I've never experienced any other rivalries, but if there are any bigger than this one, they must be awesome. I still remember how everyone in my fifth grade class knew about the big State-Carolina game on television that night and everyone wanted either one team or the other to win. Many of these people didn't know squat about basketball, but they knew they wanted either State or Carolina to win.

All this leads to what I really want to say: *How sweet it is!*

Not having to take a lot of mouth from Carolina fans all year was fantastic. Beating them

would not have been enough although it's always nice; they would have just reminded us of their championship last year.

Now they have nothing. Living in North Carolina as a State fan became much easier. State fans are never afraid to say they support State, but with the win, we didn't have to take anything from anyone else as a result (few of us ever listened anyway, but it was always said).

The way we won also made it great (everything about it was great, but I'll try to limit it a little). It was a blessing for the true State fan, the fan that was there when we were 9-7 and still loved State basketball. It was a reward for those years of 'close, but no banana,' for those close losses to Carolina, for those great wins followed by unpredictable losses.

Maybe that's why the parties that followed the wins were sooo large and enthusiastic. The wins were an unforeseen blessing, a dream come true. The team had the talent all along, but had only revealed it in spurts, and few people expected it to come through so consistently. This is why all the wins were followed by parties. A win over Pepperdine may have seemed insignificant to others, but to State fans, it was a justification for their persistent loyalty throughout the season. (By the way, State showed people that, as well as knowing how to play a little b-ball, we also know how to party with the best of them)

A National Championship - what better a way to say to all those Tar Heels out there: "go stick a sock in it."



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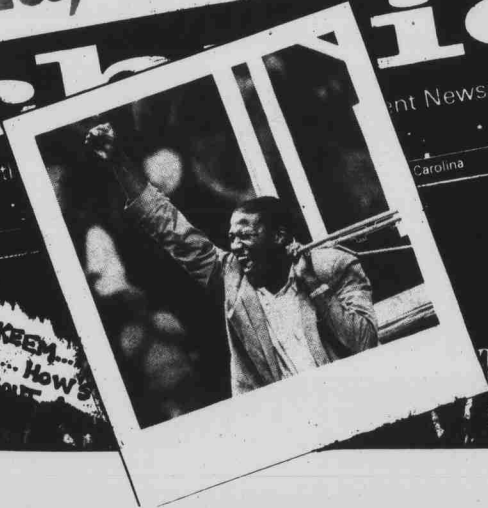
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Bailey	36	250-499	.501 91-127	.716 276	7.7	87-2	48	95	23	601	16.7
Low	36	136-295	.461 90-116	.776 134	3.7	85-3	271	4	87	406	11.2
Myers	35	150-336	.446 74-122	.606 89	2.5	63-1	44	7	30	391	11.1
Whittenburg	22	141-302	.467 64-80	.800 59	2.7	60-0	53	2	10	385	17.5
Charles	36	109-201	.542 73-109	.670 215	6.0	107-4	18	15	16	291	8.1
Gannon	36	76-146	.520 56-82	.903 27	.7	48-0	42	0	18	261	7.2
McQueen	36	53-123	.431 19-33	.576 200	5.5	114-5	34	32	15	125	3.5
Battle	33	31-74	.419 26-50	.530 66	2.0	44-0	9	9	12	98	2.7
McClain	25	27-72	.375 5-10	.500 13	.5	16-0	21	1	.6	87	2.7
Procter	16	7-21	.333 0-4	.000 18	1.1	8-0	8	3	1	14	.9
Thompson	26	6-17	.353 1-2	.500 12	.5	5-0	3	0	4	13	.5
Warren	10	5-8	.625 4-9	.444 11	1.2	4-0	1	3	0	14	1.4
Leonard	8	4-7	.571 3-5	.600 2	.2	0-0	0	0	0	11	1.4
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A pair of sophomore forwards, Priscilla Adams (left) and Walt Densmore (right), hope to contribute more to their respective teams in the 1983-84 seasons.



Final 1982-83 Women's Basketball Stats

Player	G	FGM-FGA Pct.	FTM-FTA Pct.	Reb.	Avg.	PF-Dq	A	Blk.	S	Pts.	Avg.
Page	30	289-573	.504 113-125	.904 225	7.5	72-1	39	11	39	691	23.0
Armstrong	30	142-228	.623 100-152	.858 69	2.3	59-2	140	0	68	384	12.8
Adams	30	103-200	.515 42-63	.667 188	6.3	53-1	15	15	23	248	8.3
Falkena	30	103-187	.551 38-73	.521 124	4.1	73-2	9	39	7	244	8.1
Mayo	29	92-168	.548 43-60	.717 81	2.8	60-3	131	3	87	227	7.8
Lawson	30	77-188	.410 15-18	.833 71	2.4	38-0	121	0	30	169	5.6
Kreicker	30	68-163	.417 22-35	.629 106	3.5	70-2	30	10	32	158	5.3
Wild	28	46-81	.568 30-48	.625 58	2.1	25-0	13	1	8	122	4.4
Rouse	21	34-64	.531 9-11	.818 46	2.2	19-0	13	4	2	77	3.7
Brabson	23	30-69	.435 9-21	.428 101	4.4	51-1	16	0	28	69	3.0
Mulligan	25	27-57	.474 7-9	.778 13	0.5	20-0	21	1	9	61	2.4
Rogerson	20	9-32	.281 6-12	.500 23	1.2	6-0	7	3	1	24	1.2
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Sherrie Lawson



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ACC women more balanced in '84

The gap is closing between the top and the bottom of the standings in Atlantic Coast Conference women's basketball. Dominated for years by State and Maryland, the conference began to show real signs of balance last year, and if anything, that trend will gather momentum in 1983-84.

For the first time in years, the Wolfpack and Terrapins can definitely count on having company at the top, for the rest of the league appears to be on the way up. Last year it was North Carolina pushing State and Maryland; this year it should be Virginia. Solid recruiting by several ACC schools has resulted in the league having its best women's play ever, meaning easy league wins should begin to get scarce for the Pack and Terps.

That doesn't mean the league favorites this year aren't State and Maryland. Both squads lost key starting players from last year's squad, but both teams had talent on the bench. Maryland added to its program with a decent recruiting year. The Wolfpack Women, were not to be outdone and had the kind of recruiting year coaches dream about.

Three top 50 high school players highlight a class of five freshmen, three of whom are over six feet tall. The Wolfpack Women still have five frontcourt players back who have started at one time for another, and head coach Kay Yow justifiably expects to her team to have a little more power under the basket this year.

Returning up front are 6-7 Ronda Falkena, 6-1 Claudia Kreicher, 5-10 Linda Page, 6-1 Priscilla Adams and 6-1 Mary Jane Wild. They will be joined by three all-star caliber freshmen 6-3 Trena Trice, 6-2 Kim Taylor and 6-1 Angela Daye, giving Yow as much frontcourt talent as any team in the nation.

Yow is worried about her backcourt, where school career assist leader Angie Armstrong is gone from the point, along with Sherry Lawson who was the starter at the two spot.

Robyn Mayo is the only guard in the program to see much time at the point spot and would win the starting job almost by default even if she weren't already qualified for the job. Her partner at guard could be Debbie Mulligan, but it could also be Page, an all-America candidate at forward.

Versatility through quality depth has given Yow the luxury to experiment with several lineups, and she says it could cause the Pack to struggle early in the year. But once this team establishes its own identity, it should have the talent to hold off the rest of the conference.

Maryland coach Chris Weller lost all-America forward Jaz Perazic, guard Debbie Lytle and forward Lea Hekala from the starting lineup, but guard Marcia Richardson is back along with



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Opinion Editor

center Belinda Pearman and a talented bench from a year ago. Also on hand are Chiquita Wood, a 5-11 forward and 5-3 Chris Vera, giving the Terps the nucleus for a very talented starting five.

The Terps didn't use a lot of depth this year, so the new starters could spend some time getting adjusted. It could be a rebuilding year, but it could be a strong one as well. Time will tell, but the Terps had better not stumble too much. It's crowded behind them.

North Carolina pushed State and Maryland a year ago, but with two key frontcourt players gone, Virginia could sneak into the NCAA play-off picture for the first time.

Forward Cathy Grimes is just a junior, but she has done plenty of damage to other ACC schools in her two years. Grimes is a top scorer and rebounder, and she is the hub of a club that has three other starters held over from last year's 15-13 edition. Also back for Coach Debbie Ryan are guards Lyn Anastasio and Kim Siloway, and forward Debbie Young. Good incoming recruits give the Cavaliers strong depth as well.

The Tar Heels have the best returning frontcourt player in the league in 6-2 center Tresa Brown, but the rest of last year's outstanding front line is gone. Kathy Crawford and Henrietta Walls teamed with Brown to take the Tar Heels to their first-ever NCAA Tournament in 1982-83, but only the backcourt is back intact this year for Jennifer Alley's club. Pam Leake and Pam Hammond form a good guard duo, and players like Eileen McCann and Lynda Payne led experienced help from the bench.

After the top four, there is little noticeable decline, unlike past years when the was a steep drop after the top two. Clemson, Duke, Georgia Tech and Wake Forest are all on the upswing and will be taken in alphabetical order here to avoid making any predictions.

Two years ago, Clemson had Barbara Kennedy, and Coach Annie Tribble's club had several good years near the top of the league standings. In their first year with Kennedy, the Tigers fell to 12-17. Center Peggy Caple leads the attack, and 6-3 transfer Sandy Bishop will team with Caple to give Clemson a potential double-post threat.

Duke has four starters back from a 15-10 season. Jennifer Chestnut, 6-1, is back at one



Ronda Falkena and Linda Page are key returnees who are expected to lead State's challenge for another ACC title.

forward, 6-3 Sarah Sullivan is at center and 6-1 Stacy Hurd is at the other forward. In the backcourt, Connie Goins is hoping to move back into the starting job she vacated last after breaking her wrist. Coach Debbie Leonard has veteran Maura Herzog to move into the other guard spot.

Georgia Tech is still growing as a program. Real progress was shown for the first time last year, and head coach Bernie McGlade seems ready to build the Yellow Jacket program into a contender in the near future. Jennifer Leachman, 6-1, and Cindy Cochran, 5-10 return to the starting lineup, while several experienced players are back to fill in the gaps.

Wake Forest was the doormat of the league in the not too distant past but no more. The Deacs finished 14-14 last year, and five experienced seniors are on hand, as is junior all-star candidate Keva Jackson. Only a lack of size appears on the debit side of the Deacons' ledger. Lisa Brooks and Lisa Stockton anchor a strong corps of guards.

Five years ago, a team with Wake's talent could easily finish in the middle of the standings in the ACC, but this year could find the Deacons anywhere from fourth to last. The league is definitely gotten tough. Those road trips in the league are going to result in some long bus-rides home.

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Women to battle for league crown

Bruce Winkworth
Opinion Editor

Considering the overall improvement in the caliber of women's basketball in the Atlantic Coast Conference, it would be difficult to predict an outright, overwhelming favorite in the league this year. But when the games have all been played and the lockerrooms have been locked up in the spring, Coach Kay Yow's Wolfpack Women should be at or very near the top of the conference — again.

Yow is diplomatic when she talks about where her team will fit into the final standings in league play, but she cannot overlook the multitude of talent on her 1983-84 team. In particular, the frontcourt is loaded with returnees and new, talented recruits.

Freshmen recruits Angela Daye, Kim Taylor and Trena Trice should push frontcourt holdovers Ronda Falkena, Claudia Kreicker, Mary Jane Wild and Priscilla Adams for playing time.

In the backcourt, Robyn Mayo

will team with one of as many as four candidates for the other starting job. Debbie Mulligan, Teresa Rouse, Annemarie Treway and even forward All-America candidate Linda Page could see time at the second guard spot. Freshman Carla Hillman will be ready to step in at the point if Mayo falters.

There are questions to be answered, but the talent on Yow's bench could easily compete in the ACC and finish with a more than respectable record. Still, Yow won't talk in absolutes.

"I don't know," Yow says when asked about being favored in the ACC. "I consider us one of the favorites. Our backcourt's unanswered. We're gonna have two new starters there, though Robyn Mayo has had game experience. Whoever the other person is won't have had a lot of experience at the position."

"We may also have a freshman or two in the lineup. I think by mid-season we could begin to jell and gain strength. But early on, I'm just not sure."

Yow will find out early on, though. The Wolfpack plays a schedule that is demanding both in terms of competition and travel. Three pre-season top 10 teams — South Carolina, Dec. 7; at top-ranked Georgia, Jan. 3; and Tennessee, Jan. 14 — highlight the Pack's non-conference slate, but unrated foes like East Carolina, Alabama, UNC-Charlotte and Virginia Tech — all away from home — also should present stern tests.

"We do have a tough schedule," Yow admits. "I'm glad I want our team to see what it takes to be right at the top. When we play at Georgia in a double-header with their men, I have no doubt that they will be up; that Georgia will play hard and well, and we'll see right where we are."

Yow's teams have played tough schedules in the past, so the prospect of as rigorous a road game as the one at Georgia will not be a new experience for the Wolfpack Women, at least not for the veterans.

"A game like that could really help us, and I don't see how it

can hurt us because we should learn so much from it," Yow says. "If we could stay in that game, the boost to our confidence would be tremendous."

"Even a blowout, depending on the reason, could tell us something. If we can take care of the ball, have patience on offense and play every game close the way we did at Maryland last year, we could be in any game."

The combination of the tough schedule, a new backcourt and freshmen who figure to see considerable playing time in Yow setting her team goals in terms of accomplishments instead of overall wins and losses. Several lineup combinations will be used, and several players will see time at more than one position. Yow expects to win, but the overall record could be deceptive.

"Our team goal is to be able to have tempo control over a game," Yow says. "We did it last year at Maryland, and we did it here against them too. We have to have the ability to run or slow it down, to play a halfcourt game or a transition game."

The thought of Maryland is still on Yow's mind. Her team played two of its best games ever during the regular season against the Terps, only to lose — again — to the Terps in the finals of the ACC Tournament. Yow may not say it but beating Maryland in the ACC Tournament might mean as much to her as anything else her team could accomplish this season.

"That's probably the toughest loss, the most disappointing loss, that I've had since I've been at State," Yow says of last year's thrilling 84-81 loss to the Terps in the tourney finals. "I really felt we made the play to win the game. It was more crushing because of that. We had the ball in our hands to win it."

After the two regular season wins over the highly regarded Terrapins, State never led the final game of the tournament, but the game had as thrilling a finish as one could want.

After battling back into the game, the Wolfpack fell short by the margin of a foul that both

(see 'Pack,' page 23)

Class of '85 hopes for more success as juniors

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Valvano agrees with Gannon.

"I recruited Terry to shoot, and that's what he is going to do," he said.

It takes confidence to fire up one 20-foot jumper after another, especially when the team is trailing. Martin does not think a lack of confidence has ever been a problem for Gannon.

"When Terry steps on that court, he believes he is as good as anybody out there," he said. "He has a lot of confidence and believes in himself."

Gannon believes his confidence emanates from his classmates and from last year.

"The junior class has gone through a lot to get where we are," he said. "We've made a lot of progress. The national championship has a lot to do with that. It showed us what it takes to win."

Gannon also has a lot of confidence in this year's team.

"We're going to surprise a lot of people," he said. "We've got a lot of young players; and it takes us awhile, but we're going to surprise some people."

One player for State who would like to surprise some people is Mike Warren. Warren, whose major contribution to the team in the past has been on the practice floor, has seen limited action the last two years. He hopes that will change this year.

"In the past, I've been more of a practice player, but this year I'm hoping I can contribute some in the games," the Raleighite said.

Warren knows that players like Gannon, Charles and Ernie Myers will be counted on to do

the scoring, so he hopes to contribute elsewhere.

"In the games, I would be more of a role player," he said. "I would do the little things necessary to win and leave the scoring to the others."

Martin believes the work Warren has put out on the practice floor the last two years has been important to State's success.

"Mike has been a very good addition to the team," Martin said. "He's a hard worker who is always looking to improve his all-around game."

The newest addition to the junior class is also the shortest. Spud Webb stands only 5-6 but will be one of the quickest and fastest players in the conference this year. Martin said Webb will live up to his advance billing as one of the most exciting players around.

"I think the fans are going to be very happy when they see Spud play," Martin said. "He is a very exciting player and has tremendous talent. We have no doubt that Spud will contribute to this year's team."

Valvano has no doubts about Webb's ability, either.

"He will be a very important member of our team," Valvano said. "His quickness and ball handling are something that we will need this year."

Webb sees his role on this year's team much like Lowe's was last year.

"I'll probably be a floor leader," Webb said. "I will do the basic things Sidney did last year."

For Webb, the decision to attend State was a fairly easy one.

"I came and visited the school and I felt comfortable," he said.

"I liked the coaches and the players. They made me feel at home."

Looking at the class as a whole, Valvano says he could not

have been more pleased.

"I'm very happy with them," he said. "We got two starters, Lorenzo and Cozell, and a third player, Terry, who has played a lot for us. This class has contrib-

uted very, very much."

One more thing the class of '85 wants to contribute would be the school's third national championship banner. There is probably no better graduation present than that.



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Trudi Lacey gunning for gold in '84

Tom DeSchriver
Sports Writer

For a talented woman's collegiate basketball player, there is no professional career with millions of dollars waiting to be gathered up after graduation.

The lady hoop stars of this country have only one motivating factor — the chance to represent their country in the Olympic Games.

The thought of wearing the United States' colors in Los Angeles next year is what keeps former Wolfpack star Trudi Lacey's roundball career alive.

After a two-year hiatus from State, Lacey returns this year to serve as a graduate assistant on coach Kay Yow's staff.

"I can get paid the salary of a grad assistant and no more than that," Lacey said. "That's so I can keep my amateur status."

All the best players in the country will be trying out for the team, but the 5-10 guard thinks she can hold her own.

"I feel I have as good a chance as anybody," she said. "It depends upon what kind of a trial I have."

Lacey's stock went up this summer when she was a member of the gold medal-winning U.S. team in the World University Games.

"I think that us winning the gold in the World University Games proved to a lot of people that we can play," she said.

One of the finest players in the country her senior year, Lacey thinks that coaching has only improved her game.

"I think I'm a lot smarter player now than when I was in college," Lacey said. "When I played in college I understood the game, but now I understand

the details. Before I knew what was happening, now I know why it's happening."

But for a while all of Lacey's shooting practice will be with her off hand.

"Right now I'm recovering from surgery on my (right) shoulder," she said. "I won't be fully recuperated until December."

Not to fear that the four-time all-ACC player isn't staying though.

"Between going to class, practice, supervising the tutorial session and rehabilitating I don't have any free time," she said.

Lacey earned her undergraduate degree in Business Management and is now pursuing a Masters in Education Administration and Supervision.

After a stellar career at State in which she scored 1,957 points and grabbed 1,051 rebounds — both ranking second on the all-time lists — Lacey spent one year at Manhattan College as an assistant coach. Then last year she was a graduate assistant at James Madison University.

Both of those summers she played on international teams which helped polish her game.

The last two years gave Lacey the chance to travel and meet people, but at the same time allowed changes to occur at her alma mater.

"It's nice to be back," she said. "It's different being on the other side. There are a lot of people on campus that I don't know and a lot of athletes that I don't know."

Life as a coach is quite different than as a player, but Lacey must also coach three players that she played with — seniors Ronda Falkena, Claudia Kreicker and Mary Jane Wild.

"I think it's a positive situa-



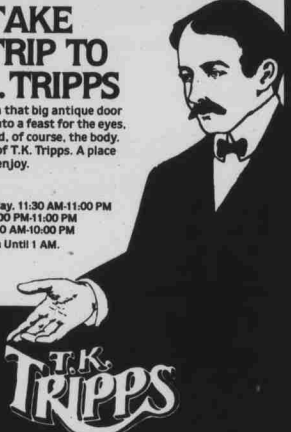
Graduate assistant coach and former State player Trudi Lacey is planning to try out for the '84 Olympic Games.

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tion," Lacey said. "Myself or them didn't have a hard time adjusting. When we played together we gained a mutual respect, and it's carried over."

The respect that her old teammates have for Lacey has also been picked up by the underclassmen.

"I think they (the players) have respect for me as a player because I've played internationally," Lacey said. "They haven't had a chance yet to respect me as a coach."

And the skills that have made Lacey one of the finest players in the country are what her players hope to learn.

"They come to me for individual things, like technique on passing and shooting," Lacey said.

During her travels, Lacey has noticed a change in the attitude of women basketball players, but she says State's players have remained basically the same as when she played.

"I think some of the players are saying you should be happy that I've come to play for you," she said. "A few years ago the players were grateful to get the chance, but now they're not."

"I think you'll still find it here

though. I don't know of any better people than the ones we have here. I think they're an exception to how things are changing."

Lacey thinks that even though State's players are in the limelight, they'll still remain college students at heart.

"We'll be a personable team," she said. "We'll give attention to the fans, and that's a reflection of Coach Yow. She cares about people."

Even though she's relatively new to the coaching business, Lacey plans to stay in it for a while.

"I think I'd like to stay in coaching until I become a head coach and see what that's like," she said.

But with her educational background, Lacey isn't concerned if she ever decides to leave the hardwood.

"If I get out of coaching, I'd get into a business field," Lacey said. "Something related to sports — maybe working for a shoe company or something."

But if she ever plans to leave athletics altogether, she thinks she's marketable in a number of other areas.

"I might want to do something in real estate or residential design," she said. "That (Residential Design) was my minor in college. It was an individual thing that Dr. Vincent Foote worked with me on."

But for now, her future plans are being put on hold, and all attention is focused on Los Angeles.

"I have no regrets about the Games being in Los Angeles," Lacey said about the Olympics being held in this country. "I've traveled abroad for five or six years; and there is no feeling like going to another country, especially a Communist country, and representing the United States. But there is also no feeling like playing in your own country."

Lacey compares playing in Los Angeles to the State-North Carolina rivalry.

"It's like going over to (North) Carolina and beating them," she said. "It's a great feeling. But not like the feeling of beating them here."

The feeling that Lacey wants though is walking out on the court in Los Angeles and seeing those five rings on the wall above the basket.

Yow reaps success at every level

Bruce Winkworth
 Opinion Editor

Kay Yow has been coaching basketball for 17 years, the last eight of them as head coach of the Wolfpack Women here at State.

Prior to that, Yow was head coach at Elon College and spent six years coaching at the high school level.

At every level she has coached, Yow has had tremendous success. She has won 191 of 246 games at State, and her overall coaching record at the collegiate level is 248-74. Because of her success, Yow has also been asked on numerous occasions to coach at the international level.

She has coached in the Pan-Am games, the World University Games and the World Games, just to name a few. But in 1984, Yow will top all of her prior international achievements. She will be the assistant coach for the United States women's basketball Olympic team in Los Angeles.

"I'm really honored and grateful," Yow says. "There are a lot of qualified people for this job. I feel like most anyone else would feel - I'm really excited. It's a tremendous challenge and opportunity."

Yow will be assistant to Tennessee's Pat Head Summitt on the Olympic squad. The two were paired last summer in the Pan Am Games, and Yow says they will work very well together. A big part of Yow's job will be scouting America's competition.

"There are only six teams in the competition," Yow says. "We'll probably have seen and scouted all of them by then. But scouting will be one of my main jobs."

"That won't be the only one of Yow's responsibilities, though. She is known as a quality sideline coach with good knowledge of the game. That experience won't be squandered.

"I'll also be involved in the practices of the team," Yow says. "I'll be assisting Pat in all areas - defense, offense, whatever."

This will only be the second time the U.S. has sent a women's basketball team to the Olympics. The sport was not even sanctioned by the Olympics until 1976, and the U.S. boycotted in 1980. In the eight years since the sport made its Olympic debut, the American women have made considerable progress for just their second appearance.

"We will definitely have our best chance ever for the gold this year," Yow says. "In the past, the Russians and Europeans have dominated the sport, but we have really closed the gap. And the overall play has gotten better. The Russians and Europeans were always stronger than us even though it was our game. But we've come a long way."

Yow is having trouble putting her mind on the Olympics just yet. The selection process doesn't begin until April 19 in Colorado Springs, Colo. In the meantime, Yow has a very promising Wolfpack Women squad to prepare.

There are differences of opinion on just how the Olympic experience affects a coach and his or her own team, but Yow says she thinks it will be positive for her, particularly considering the team she will be coaching at State for the next several years.

"It's interesting to see how your own team does after you've coached in the Olympics," Yow says. "Some people seem to think that after coaching at that level, you would come back and not see your team as being that good after what you've been working with. I don't think that will be the case.

"We've got some players here who, if they apply themselves and work hard, could have very bright futures and a real shot at the Olympics."

The players who will be on hand when Summitt and Yow finally assemble their team will be as talented a group as any coach would want. Expected to compete for the 12 berths on the squad will be, among others, Southern Cal's trio of Cheryl Miller, Pam and Paula McGee; Louisiana Tech's Janice Lawrence and Kim Mulkey; Georgia's Janet Harris; and such ex-colleagues as Anne Donovan of Old Dominion and Trudi Lacey of State.

Just as it is with the men each year, the selection process will be a difficult one. The sport has improved in recent years, and one of the big reasons is that more and more women have started playing it, meaning more and more good ones.

"It's gonna be difficult to cut it down to 12 players," Yow says. "There will definitely be some very good players who won't make the squad."

Yow has been involved in international coaching since 1979, and she says that is



State women's coach Kay Yow has had so much success coaching at the international level in the past that she will serve as the assistant coach for the U.S. Olympic team this summer.

probably a big factor in her being picked for the Olympics. The next and last step would be the head coaching job at the Olympics, but Yow is unsure if she will ever be asked to take that step.

"If it came and somebody offered it, that would be fantastic," Yow says. "But it's hard to make that a goal. You kind of have to be in the right place at the right time. There are a lot of qualified people for the job, and there will no doubt be more in 1988.

"Maybe because of my past experience, I'd be considered. I'd be elated if I was selected, but it's not something I'm going to campaign for. If it doesn't happen, I'll still have been there before."

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It could go the Pack's way this year. The Wolfpack didn't recover from that loss last year, but that same loss just could give Yow's team the kind of mission it needs to bring all that talent together. This could be the year.

Pack hopes to make amends

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sides agreed might not have been called if the same play happened again. Those things happen in basketball, but Yow's team never recovered. A week later Penn State came to Reynolds Coliseum to open the

NCAA Tournament and blew the Wolfpack away by 14 points. This could be the year to make amends.

"It was such a disappointing loss and one that was hard to come back from," Yow says. "We had done what we had to do to get back in the game, we had our

shot, and I thought we had done it. It just didn't go our way."

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Martin enjoys role as Pack assistant

Scott Keepler
Assistant Sports Editor

There was no mistaking James T. Valvano. He was the conspicuous, dark-haired fellow — Italian through and through — fervently urging on his team from the Iona bench.

On this particular evening in Madison Square Garden some five years ago, Valvano's Iona Gaels went on to upset coach Denny Crum's eventual national champion Louisville Cardinals by a wide margin. And it was in this particular setting that State assistant coach Ray Martin was initially exposed to the fast-talking and quick-witted basketball whiz from Brooklyn.

From this point on, Martin admired and respected Valvano and his approach to the game.

"I was sitting in the stands watching the game with Red Auerbach," Martin said in reference to the Boston Celtics general manager and president. "And we, along with some 19,975 other fans watched Coach V's team play an inspired game and beat Louisville. I said to myself right then and there how great it would be to coach with Jim Valvano."

And that's exactly what Martin, a former standout and team captain at Notre Dame, has been doing for the past three-and-a-half seasons. As Valvano's assistant, Martin has already enjoyed that once in a lifetime thrill which few individuals have the opportunity to experience — winning a national championship.

"What the team did last season has got to go down as the greatest thing I've ever experienced," Martin said. "The way we got there is something that I don't think can ever be outdone."

But up until that fateful day in Albuquerque last April, winning the national title was about the only thing Martin hadn't done.

Martin grew up in New York City, and like so many others before him — and countless ones to come — honed his basketball skills on the city's myriad of hardcourts. Martin developed his talent enough to warrant a scholarship to that Indiana town to play for coach Digger Phelps' Fighting Irish.

'I said to myself right then and there how great it would be to coach with Jim Valvano.'

— Ray Martin

Martin's four years at Notre Dame were truly remarkable. The Irish saw post-season action after each of Martin's seasons, and during the 1975-76 campaign Martin led the team in assists as well as being named the squad's top defensive player. Martin captained the Irish his final season, and was a member of Phelps' team that snapped UCLA's 88-game winning streak.

"I had the opportunity to play on some great teams with some great people at Notre Dame," Martin said. "I played with guys like John Shumate and Adrian Dantley, who are now both playing in the NBA. And our greatest thrill was undoubtedly snapping UCLA's winning streak."

Martin graduated from Notre Dame in 1977 with a B.A. degree in Economics. An injury in his senior season had dampened his



Photo by Roger Winstead

Ray Martin, who wanted to coach for Jim Valvano after watching his Iona team upset Louisville several years ago, is entering his fourth season as an assistant coach for the Wolfpack.

thoughts of attempting a shot at the ranks of the professionals, so Martin then resorted to the next best thing — coaching.

Martin spent the next year as an assistant coach at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. Then another offer came Martin's way. The Pony athletic

shoe company hired Martin as a traveling sales representative, showing their line of footwear to various college and NBA teams. Armed with his Econ degree, Martin was aptly suited for his new career, but his yearning to be closer to the game he so loves ultimately brought Martin back to coaching.

"I liked my job," Martin explained. "But I still wanted to be closer to the athletes and the game itself. So when I heard that Coach V. was going to N.C. State, I became very interested."

Valvano was interested, too, and while Martin was in Los Angeles on a trip for Pony, he received a memorable phone call from the new Wolfpack coach. "Coach V. called me in LA and offered me a job as an assistant," Martin recalled. "And I wanted to hop on a plane and leave right then even if it meant a nine-hour wait in Atlanta. I was that excited about coming here."

Martin didn't actually catch the next departing Delta flight, but wasted no time in getting settled down in the heart of Tobacco Road. Now entering his fourth season as a Wolfpack assistant, Martin couldn't be happier.

He does make frequent recruiting trips to his old stomping grounds in New York, but Martin has become strongly acclimated to State basketball and the entire ACC.

"I love New York," Martin

said. "But I love being here. This is the region for basketball. State has the strong tradition and the academics to go with it. Those two factors are the most important in the recruiting of our athletes."

Martin has done his share of recruiting since his arrival, maintaining never-ending schedules of plane trips and bus rides in search of the nation's top talents. And wherever Martin's travels lead, he be New York City or Ogden, Utah, he usually runs into old acquaintances.

While Martin is not predicting a repeat of last year's phenomenal heroics and subsequent national championship, he feels the Pack's upperclassmen will display the same confidence and attitude they acquired during their late-season surge.

"Our returning seniors, juniors and sophomores went through an exciting and rewarding season last year," Martin said. "Now they know what it takes. That should give us some strong, positive vibes going into this upcoming season."

"We're looking forward to this year. I think we're going to be both competitive and exciting, but we're coming to play no matter where we are. We're willing to go for it all. Why not have that feeling again? I kind of liked it."

State fans couldn't agree more. Ray. They kinda liked it, too.



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Rogerson hoping transition is over

Bill Johnson
Sports Writer

How many occasions have there been when a star junior college basketball player struggles when he or she transfers to a big-time four year program?

Such is the case for State's senior small forward Jan Rogerson, a former JuCo All-America at Peace College two years ago.

Like any other transfer, Rogerson has had to learn a new system under Coach Kay Yow as the adjustment has taken time and effort.

However, Rogerson is entering her final year of college eligibility and after learning the system last year, she hopes to play a bigger role on the court and as a leader.

"There's a contribution everybody can make," Rogerson said. "Whether I play isn't my decision. We just have so much depth at all positions. The freshmen strengthen our front court and playing time is a question mark for a lot of us."

"However, I feel we have a really strong team and have a great shot at winning the ACC Championship," Rogerson added.

Learning a new system wasn't the only problem that Rogerson faced when coming to State. She also had to switch from her high school and junior college position

of an inside player to that of an outside player.

According to State coach Kay Yow, Rogerson was needed to play the perimeter facing the basket.

"Jan has made great strides since last season and has had to make a big adjustment as a small forward," Yow said. "However, she's playing behind some very talented players (Linda Page and Claudia Kreicker).

"I don't know how much playing time she'll get at this time of the season," Yow added.

"She puts a lot into our program, and she will get a lot out as a basketball player and as a person," said Yow. "Jan has a good perspective on what she's doing. She works hard and has enthusiasm."

Rogerson, who was all-Northeastern 3-A Conference in high school after averaging 22 points per game her senior year at Williamston, is the all-time leading scorer at Peace with 984 career points in two seasons. She selected State over North Carolina, Auburn and Georgia Tech.

"I'm excited about graduating, but I'll miss my friends," said Rogerson. "It will be difficult to leave because I've been playing organized basketball since junior high school."

Jan has been a model player for Coach Yow's Wolfpack and as

a senior, she has set the kind of example a coach would wish for and expect.

"Whether she sees a lot of playing time or not, she will be an asset to our team," Yow said. "I feel she will come off the bench and get the job done when she's called on."

Rogerson is majoring in civil engineering with emphasis in economics. She hopes to find a job that will allow her to work both inside and outside. However, she may attend graduate school next fall.

Off the court, Rogerson likes to play tennis, water ski, and read *Guidepost* magazine. Her favorite movie was *The Champ*. Nonetheless, the season is just getting under way, and the *Lady Wolfpack* will field another strong team. Rogerson is looking forward to it.

Experience and confidence are two characteristics that Rogerson has come to know during the last year. In fact, just being a senior adds confidence psychologically, and other players look to her for advice with problems on and off the court.

Even though Rogerson's playing time during games may be limited this season, she has earned respect from her teammates and coaches and will contribute to the team in ways that go unnoticed by others.



Jan Rogerson

Women face difficult schedule

State's 1983-84 women's basketball team will host 14-home games and play in three four-team doubleheaders as part of its 27-game schedule.

The Wolfpack Women will open their season at home against Howard University in the Wolfpack Doubleheaders Nov. 25-26. The first game will feature UNC-Chapel Hill against the University of Miami (Fla.) at 7 p.m., while State and Howard will square off in the second game at 9:00. The Pack and the Tar Heels will switch opponents for the games on the 26th.

The following week, State will travel to Chapel Hill to take on Alabama and Kent State in the Tar Heel Doubleheaders Dec. 3-4.

Besides the 14-game, double round-robin schedule against the rest of the ACC scholls, State will also play Southeastern Conference powers Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama.

"As usual, we face a most competitive schedule this fall," coach Kay Yow said. "The doubleheaders will allow people to come to one place and see the two best women's collegiate programs in the state."

"And playing Tennessee and Georgia will be a real test. Both should be ranked in the Top 10 in pre-season. We have to play Georgia, a final four participant last year, at their place, which should make it all the more difficult."

The Wolfpack visits Georgia Jan. 3, while Tennessee will come to Raleigh Jan. 14.

Fayetteville is the site for the Dogwood Classic Doubleheaders Dec. 30-31, when State and

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Yow concerned about backcourt

Tom DeSchriver
Sports Writer

Absence is supposed to make the heart grow fonder, but for Wolfpack women's head basketball coach Kay Yow, absence is only making her heart ache.

Gone from last year's squad are starting guards Angie Armstrong and Sherry Lawson, and question marks abound at the two positions that all coaches want solid play from.

The thought of Armstrong not bringing the ball up court for State is almost like painting the brickyard yellow. In her career, Armstrong rewrote the record books, leaving the Wolfpack as the all-time assist leader.

"We know we have people to fill the shoes and do the job," Yow said. "We have a lot of young people who I feel can do the job and will get better as the year goes on."

The job of running the ballclub is being fought between junior Robyn Mayo, sophomore Debbie Mulligan and freshman Carla Hillman. In all likelihood, Mayo will be the point guard when the ball is thrown up for the opener against Howard on November 25.

In a reserve role last year, Mayo came off the bench and caused havoc for opponents. She dished out 131 assists; just nine behind Armstrong, swiped the ball 87 times and averaged 7.8

points per game. This year, Mayo will look on to provide that spark right from the opening tip.

"She's the person who has the experience and the ability to fill those (Armstrong's) shoes," Yow said. "It has to be done."

But nothing is being handed to Mayo.

"It doesn't happen before we get on the court," Yow said. "She has to prove it."

Yow points to the subtleness of the point position and thinks that's where Mayo has to mature.

"It's a big responsibility," Yow said. "She has to accept the role of leadership on the court. Point guard is much more than handling the ball. She has to call the offenses and defenses. There are a lot of intangibles that have to exist to have a great point guard."

"She has to give encouragement and has to be responsible and dependable."

It appears that Mayo's fate is in her own hands.

"She has the ability and the experience," Yow said. "She just has to prove she can do it. She has to earn it."

Should Mayo fulfill the hopes of the Wolfpack coaching staff, Mulligan will fill the No. 2 guard spot. But if Mayo falters, Mulligan could see time running the ballclub.

"Debbie Mulligan will play the No. 2 guard spot for us," Yow said. "But she could certainly see time at the No. 1 spot. Debbie has good court sense and knows the system well."

In contrast to Mayo, Mulligan is more of a blue-collar player. She's not flashy, just consistent.

"She's not as strong or as quick, but she can compete with court savvy," Yow said.

Hillman will see time at the point this season, but the freshman from Chesapeake, Va., has to learn to control her blazing quickness, which reminds many observers of Armstrong's.



Technician file photo

Junior Robyn Mayo will move into the Wolfpack's starting lineup after playing behind Angie Armstrong for two seasons.

"She's got to learn tempo and control on the court," Yow said. "I think her speed and quickness are outstanding. Once she learns to control herself, she is fine."

Hillman also possesses outstanding physical strength, which Yow thinks will make her a premier defensive player.

"Carla has the potential to be an excellent defensive player," Yow said. "She gets low, and she's quick. She has all the tools to be an outstanding defensive player."

Also seeing playing time in the backcourt will be freshman Annermarie Treadway and junior Teresa Rouse.

"Annermarie is gonna do a really fine job for us here," Yow said. "She's physically strong and has a good shot."

Yow has also been impressed with the soundness of Treadway's game.

"She can do a number of things," she said. "She's a good ballhandler and a good passer."

She's more fundamentally sound than a lot of freshmen we have come in."

Rouse will primarily play forward, but the similarity between small forward and No. 2 guard in the Wolfpack offense could buy her time in the backcourt.

"I think Teresa has the ability to play the guard position," Yow said. "In our system, there are just a few responsibilities that are different between guard and small forward."

"She could play either position, but I think she could help this team more at guard."

For the first time in years, the backcourt will have a new look, but the old leadership will be looked for.

"Leadership comes from the backcourt," Yow said. "They control the tempo, move into the offense and change defenses. They have so many things they're responsible for."

But the talent is there to do the job.



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Sophomore Debbie Mulligan, whether she plays first or second guard, can be effective for the Wolfpack Women.

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Kreicker moves to small forward

Bill Johnson
Sports Writer

State senior Claudia Kreicker may be the most versatile player on the Wolfpack women's basketball team this season, having played all three front-court positions during her collegiate career.

Kreicker, after starting last season as a power forward, has been moved to the small forward position this season due to the front line depth brought about by incoming freshmen.

The 6-1 former Parade High School all-America from Warsaw, Ind. began her career at State playing some at center and was then switched to power forward her sophomore and junior seasons.

"Playing three positions helps you become more aware and gives you a better understanding of our plays," Kreicker said. "However, I feel more comfortable facing the basket, and I really like small forward."

The change to small forward will keep Kreicker from a starting role because it is currently the same position held by junior sensation Linda Page.

"You have to put yourself in Coach (Kay) Yow's hands and let her do what she feels is best for the team," Kreicker said. "Even though I'd love to start, I just want to help the team the best way I can."

"We have such a great freshman class," Kreicker added. "They are just great fun to play with, and I don't mind changing positions on their behalf."

Even though Kreicker may not start this season, she will be one of the first players off the bench.

Yow points out that Kreicker plays hard whether she starts or comes off the bench and is constantly working hard to improve.

"She is just the epitome of a team player," Yow said. "Claudia just continually strives to be the best she can be at whatever role we might ask her to play."

"She gives tremendous leadership to the team," Yow added. "Her encouragement to other players and her hustle in practice is unparalleled to anybody on the team."

"Claudia plays with heart," said Yow. "She's just a fantastic person to have on the team."

Kreicker is involved in numerous activities when she's not playing basketball.

She serves as the co-president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at State and has participated the past three summers in international competition with Christian basketball teams, including Athletes-In-Action.

"I like to speak at churches and to youth groups," Kreicker said. "I also enjoy the outdoors."

Kreicker has a chance to climb several spots on a few of State's all-time career records. She currently ranks eleventh on the all-time rebounding list with 302 and is 12 in steals with 69.

She is a student-athlete in every sense of the word. Claudia maintains a 3.36 classroom average while putting in many hours on the court.

Among her awards while at

State, Kreicker received the Coaches Award for academic excellence last season and won the Most Improved Player Award in 1982. She led the team in free throw percentage in 1982 as she hit 81 percent.

Kreicker, who is majoring in business management, came to State with superb high school credentials. Kreicker lettered in volleyball, golf, track and was a basketball all-America after averaging 17 points and 10 rebounds her senior year.

Kreicker chose to play for the Wolfpack after considering Tennessee, Kentucky and South Carolina.

"I knew I was going to a big school," Kreicker said. "My decision came from looking at the people I was going to spend the next four seasons with. I fell in love with the school and coaches when I came to visit. I knew this was where I wanted to go as soon as I left for home."

As a senior, Kreicker still feels the excitement of playing for the Wolfpack just as she did as a freshman.

"I use to wonder if the excitement would burn out before I finished here," Kreicker said. "But, I still enjoy the excitement of the game."

Kreicker's ability to play three positions for State makes her a very valuable player. However, she probably won't be called on to play the pivot, but will give Yow an opportunity to experiment with several lineups because of her versatility.

As an example, Yow will be



Photo courtesy State Sports Info.
Claudia Kreicker should see a good amount of playing time in her senior season after switching to small forward.

Nevertheless, Kreicker will be able to move Page to big guard. Kreicker to small forward and make a vital contribution to this year's women's basketball team. Priscilla Adams to power forward in order to have a big lineup. Pack seeks to successfully defend its ACC championship.



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Yow hopes for domination inside

Bruce Winkworth
Opinion Editor

Except for a brief 13-game stretch when Paula Nicholson patrolled the lane in 1981-82, Wolfpack Women's coach Kay Yow has had to rely on a strong perimeter attack to carry the fortunes of her team. Before injuring her knee, Nicholson led the Wolfpack in scoring, rebounding and field goal percentage, and the combination of her inside power and a terrific perimeter game gave the Wolfpack Women a formidable look for opposing teams.

Since Nicholson went down with her injury, State's women have not had the kind of inside game that could dominate a game from either the offensive or defensive end of the floor. Perhaps the lack of inside



Linda Page

strength hurt more on defense.

"Almost everytime we've lost to a good team in the last three years, we've been hurt in the post," Yow says. "When we got beat by really good teams, we got beat down low. We know that post defense, the boards and our passing inside are keys for us."

The evidence is solidly behind Yow's assessment. The Wolfpack Women lost eight games last year, all to teams that played better under the basket than did State. National powers like South Carolina, Tennessee and Penn State all took the ball inside on the Wolfpack far too easily for Yow's liking.

So she has retaliated by bringing in three tall, strong, fast and agile frontline recruits to join the plethora of returning forwards and centers already in the program. Returnees Linda Page (5-10, Jr.), Ronda Falkena (6-7, Sr.), Priscilla Adams (6-1, So.), Claudia Krieger (6-1, Sr.) and Mary Jane Wild (6-1, Sr.) all started at one time or another on last year's front line, but all five may have to make adjustments in their roles on this year's team because of the incoming talent.

Two of the three freshmen frontliners — 6-2 Kim Taylor and 6-1 Angela Daye — were all-Americas last year, while 6-3 Trenea Trice was merely player of the year in the populous Tidewater area of Virginia. The infusion of these three into a lineup already filled with veterans up front can only make the



Priscilla Adams and Patrena Rice will battle for playing time underneath.

Scott Montgomery

Pack a more dominating squad around the basket.

"One of the things I'm hoping for and looking forward to most of all," Yow says, "is taking the ball into the low post and scoring a lot more from there than we have in the past."

"I think we'll be able to do that because our returning players have a lot more experience and will perhaps have their best years. I also think we have a very strong freshman class with mobility, agility and strength. They are learning very fast. I think they will give us a certain amount of help this year."

Yow has spent most of the pre-season experimenting with the wealth of talent in her frontcourt, looking for the right

combination. Instead she has found several good ones and will have to learn what combination to use in any given situation. Yow has the potential for that kind of versatility, enough so that Page, an honorable-mention all-America at forward, could see some playing time at guard.

Page averaged 23.0 points and 7.5 rebounds per game last year, but her outside shooting touch makes her a good candidate to move to guard if Yow wants to go with a taller, stronger lineup. By making that kind of shift, the small forward spot could be opened up for Krieger, who has always played the power forward since coming to State.

"Claudia has been playing a lot at the No. 3 position, the spot where Linda normally plays," Yow says. "I think she could play up to her real capabilities and potential at that position."

"If we get into a position where we have to move Linda to guard this year, we'll be able to do it because we have more people for the frontline positions. And the times we move Linda to guard would be excellent to move Claudia to No. 3."

Adams, Falkena and Wild will not be moved away from the basket but could share playing time with the three rookies. Adams came in as a freshman last season and averaged 8.3 points and 6.3 rebounds per game. She eventually won out as the starting center over Falkena and Wild, but all three are improved, particularly Falkena.

"Ronda's played very well in practice so far," Yow says. "I feel she's playing with a lot more confidence, and I feel she's going to help us this year."

At her height, the 6-7 Falkena should be able to help any team, but once the freshmen get acclimated to their new surroundings, they should assert themselves in the middle. They are too talented not to.

Defensively, the newcomers give Yow an intimidation factor that has been missing from the Wolfpack. In particular, Trice is an accomplished shot-blocker.

"In practice, she (Trice) has been the person who has blocked several shots," Yow says. "We've

never really had a shot-blocker per se like Trenea has been in practice. Kim Taylor has that ability, but Trenea just seems to have that knack for it."

Taylor was the 1983 North Carolina High School Girl's basketball player of the year while starring at Rocky Mount, but Daye was not far behind at Northampton East. Both were named pre-season all-America by *Street & Smith's* magazine, and both were first-team all-state.

Trice was the Tidewater area Player-of-the-Year and a nominee for the Converse all-America squad. The trio should blend into Yow's program well when they learn the intricacies of defense at the college level. Defense has been the buzz word for all of Yow's teams, and last year's club was carried by strong defensive play. The three freshmen have to fit that mold to fit Yow's team, and she says they will.

"I hope our strength again this year will be our defense," she says. "I see no reason why we can't be a stronger defensive team than we were last year. Our returning players have all improved defensively, and our younger players are coming along."

"It's going to take them some time to learn the kind of positioning we want on defense, but they're quick, they hustle, they listen, they're very coachable, and I still see defense playing a major part in our game plan."

Last year's State squad used defense to set up the offense and control the tempo. That is the key to Yow's scheme. If the defense is there, the offense will follow. That and improved play inside are the ingredients Yow is hoping will make her team solid.

"I'd like to see us get some steals and easy shots from our defense and get the ball inside more," she says. "I think by mid-season we could begin to jell and begin to gain strength, begin to roll. Early, I'm not sure. As for a starting lineup, it's really hard to say at this point. That's not bad. We have more depth than we've ever had before. We have more versatility, and we have a lot of directions that we could go."

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Yow centers attention on Falkena



Ronda Falkena, at 6-7, will again be a contributing force inside for State's women.

Bill Johnson
Sports Writer

Every women's basketball coach dreams of having a 6-7 center in the lineup. Such is the case with State's Wolfpack Women squad this season, as 6-7 senior center Ronda Falkena prepares to lead a team with high expectations and tremendous depth to a possible ACC championship and NCAA berth.

Falkena, a former high school all-America from Warwick, N.Y., has developed tremendously over the past three seasons, both mentally and physically.

According to State coach Kay Yow, Falkena should have her best season ever this year.

"Ronda has made progress every year," said Yow. "I feel she's entering her senior season in better shape than ever before. She recently reached a personal goal she made when she first came here by running the mile in less than seven and a half minutes."

Falkena feels her situation at State is an opportunity every basketball player would enjoy encountering and believes the team has enough talent to achieve numerous goals.

"The team is going to be very good," Falkena said. "We have a lot of talented freshmen coming in to go along with the returning players. If they continue to progress like they have so far, they'll be tremendous ball players."

Yow also feels the team has the depth of a good basketball team.

"This team has more depth and versatility than any team we've had in a long time," Yow said. "We have experience and confidence on the team."

Starting positions still remain open, but Yow likes what she has seen thus far in pre-season practices and will give Falkena a great deal of consideration before the Pack opens the season with Howard in the Wolfpack Doubleheader on Nov. 25.

"Ronda has helped the team better in the past as a role player instead of a starter," said Yow. "She has a definite contribution to the team whether she starts or comes off the bench."

Falkena has been working hard during the off-season with weights, and Yow feels the work has helped her in many ways.

"Ronda moves quicker and her stamina has improved," Yow said. "Her defense, offense and transition game will be at her best this season."

"Ronda's height and ability to post down low helps our game. She's a team player all the way. You can always count on her to give her best. It comes from her attitude about the team and her enthusiasm for the game."

"We are working in practice for her to stay close to the basket, and she's adjusting well," she said. "She's more confident and aggressive, and I think she'll

be a major factor in some of our games this season."

Falkena, coming off her best year as a Wolfpack player last season, averaged 8.1 points and 4.1 rebounds per game and led the team with 39 blocked shots. Her season highs were 19 points against Wake Forest and 11 rebounds against Appalachian State.

Falkena is an unselfish person and wants what is best for the team. Therefore, Falkena does not mind if she starts or comes in off the bench.

"Coach Yow is trying to give the young players a chance, and whether or not I start is not significant to me," Falkena said. "I want to contribute anyway I can, and if I'm on the court or on the bench I'll be doing my best to help the team."

As a high school senior, Falkena selected State over Tennessee and Georgia after being named to the prestigious Parade all-America team. At Warwick Valley High School, Falkena averaged 19.3 points and 18 rebounds per game during her last season.

"The main reason I chose State was because of the good reputation it has in New York," said Falkena. "Also, the coaches here at State appealed to me."

"I have to give a lot of credit to my former teammates at Warwick," added Falkena. "We had a talented team. One player

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Freshman class among Yow's best

Tom DeSchriver
Sports Writer

Anytime a coach gets a group of freshmen who are good students, hardworkers and well-liked off the basketball court, that coach is lucky, indeed. If that group also happens to be one of the most talented groups ever, it's like a dream come true.

When Wolfpack Women's head basketball coach Kay Yow wakes up in the morning these days, that dream is a reality.

"As a group, I think it's one of the finest groups we've ever recruited all around," Yow said of her 1983-84 freshman class. "From the standpoint of talent, skill and potential, also dependability and respect, they are an excellent group. As student-athletes, they are an excellent group."

The young ladies who are the recipients of all this praise are Trena Trice, Angela Daye, Kim Taylor, Carla Hillman and Annemarie Treadway.

Trice, Daye and Taylor are all over 6 feet tall and bring skills to the frontline that haven't been seen by Yow in years, at least not in a State uniform.

"With three of them over sixfoot, they bring us nobility and agility inside," Yow said. "It's a dimension we haven't had in a while."

When Yow speaks of her three rookie frontline players, she

compares them easily and with delight.

"Of the three, I think that Trena Trice possesses the most strength," Yow said of the 6-3, Chesapeake, Va. native. "She's particularly more developed in the upper body, and because of that she possesses more of a power game. Trena's strength also enables her to rebound strong inside. I like the way she went to the boards in our first scrimmage. I want to get more aggressive inside this year. We haven't been able to take the ball inside and score in a while. It puts a lot of pressure on the defense when you can do that."

Trice had a knee operation over the summer, and although she got a late start this fall, Yow has been pleased with her progress.

"She's had a slower start than the others," Yow said. "But she only practiced five days before our first scrimmage, and I was happy with the way she played."

At times this year, fans may mistake Trice for Daye in appearance, but on the court, their styles set them apart.

"I think Angela has the most fitness and probably the most quickness of the three," Yow said. "She's a leaper, and she's always moving. Therefore, because of the quickness and movement, she's doing a better job on defense right now. And because she's always moving,

she's strong in the transition game."

Daye, 6-1, was a first-team all-State selection at Northampton East High School in Pendleton.

Joining Daye on that select prep team was Taylor, a 6-2 product from Rocky Mount High School.

"Something comes natural to Kim that doesn't come to most players — she keeps the ball high," Yow said with a smile on her face. "On rebounds she keeps the ball high, and she's been going to the boards well for us."

The importance of a center keeping the ball high can't be underestimated. It's like a new-born baby walking the moment it's born.

Yow has also been impressed with Taylor's skills with the ball near the hoop.

"She may have the strongest moves and fakes of the group at this time," Yow said. "She works real hard at them."

Moving from the inside-out, Hillman and Treadway will be hoping to fill the shoes of four-year letterman Angie Armstrong and Sherry Lawson.

Hillman has already gained attention with her quickness and reminds many observers of Armstrong.

"I think her speed and quickness are outstanding," Yow said. "We watched Angie for four years, and none of us thought we would get the oppor-



Staff photo by Scott Montgomery

State coach Kay Yow instructs Annemarie Treadway, one of five talented freshmen, in a pre-season practice.

tunity to see it again. But Carla has that kind of quickness.

"She's got to learn tempo and control. Once she learns that, she's going to be outstanding."

While Hillman's quickness brings comparisons to Armstrong, the comparisons end there. Hillman is solidly put together, unlike Armstrong, who always appeared as if though the first strong breeze would knock her over.

"She's got great physical strength," Yow said. "Carla has the potential to be an excellent defensive player. She gets low, and she's quick. She has the tools to be a great defensive player."

Hillman, 5-8, played her high school ball with Trice at Deep Creek High School in Chesapeake, Va.

Complimenting Hillman in the backcourt is Treadway. The 5-7 Treadway is an outstanding

student who also is a concert violinist. She attended Greensboro Grimsley High School, and like Taylor and Daye, she was on the all-State first team.

"Annemarie is a very talented person all around," Yow said. "She is gonna do a really fine job for us here."

"She's physically strong and has a good shot, and her strength gives her the range. She can do a number of things. She's a good ballhandler and a good passer. Fundamentally she's more sound than a lot of freshmen that we get in."

Besides the talent, Yow loves the attitude of these five young ladies.

"This is one of the most coachable groups I've ever had," Yow said. "They're fast learners and I'm super excited about them."

The fans are too, coach.

Falkena a model player

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received a scholarship at Auburn, while another went to Long Beach State.

An animal science major at State, Falkena enjoys milking cows at her father's dairy farm and during school. She also does needlepoint and listens to all types of music including rock, opera and country.

Nonetheless, Falkena is in a position that every high school basketball player envies: a possible starting position on a large, competitive college basketball team.

Falkena's attitude for the game is what makes her such a

model player. Every coach dreams of having players with her enthusiasm because it affects other players.

The possibility of a professional career in Europe could become a reality for Falkena in the near future. Nevertheless, she isn't thinking about next season.

The Wolfpack Women have the potential to bring home another ACC Championship this season. In fact, national honors are not out of the picture.

However, the Pack will be a much stronger basketball team if Falkena produces like many have anticipated.



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Things may get 'Wild' inside

Todd McGee
Sports Writer

According to State women's basketball coach Kay Yow, her team's inability to develop a consistent inside game the past three years has been a major reason for Maryland's dominance in the league. This year Yow is hoping that will change.

"Our inside starting positions are undetermined right now," she said. "We have five freshmen added to our team this year, and three are inside players. There is quite a battle going on for center and power forward."

Yow says the inside game can often make the difference between a good team and a truly great team and bases her coaching philosophy on that premise.

"I want to build from inside out," she said. "I would rather live and die by the inside game."

To Yow, the overabundance of talented and big player is a welcomed relief.

"The competition inside is going to be very good for the team," she said. "As a result, our inside attack should be much stronger this year."

One of the main participants in the battle is senior Mary Jane Wild. Yow is expecting Wild to

play an important part on this year's team, whether she starts or not.

"In the past, Mary Jane has played both of these positions (center and power forward) for us, but this year I expect her to be playing forward," she said.

Yow said Wild is a very reliable player and always gives 100 percent, no matter what her situation is.

"If she starts, I can count on her," Yow said. "If she sees playing time, I can count on her. If she doesn't see any playing time, I can still count on her. She puts the team before herself, and to me that is a truly great player."

Although the starting positions are undecided (Yow says she may have to make changes from game to game) Wild knows what kind of a role she is expected to play on this year's team.

"First I think as a leader," the willowy 6-1 St. Louis native said. "Then I'd say helping inside and rebounding."

"Mary Jane gives great leadership," Yow said. "She helps the others play well and is a tremendous representative of our team both on and off the court."

Both Wild and Yow are looking upon this year as a chance to

bring the Wolfpack back to its rightful place — the top of the ACC standings.

"We're gearing up for an ACC Championship," Wild said. "We seniors are particularly going for that."

Wild's goals don't stop there, though.

"If we can perform like Coach Yow believes we can, and if in turn we also believe that, then you never know," she said. "Just look at what the guys did last year."

The decision to attend State did not come particularly easy for Wild.

"I was recruited by pretty many schools," she said. "What impressed me about State was the coaches and the people. Also, I was impressed because they kept in good contact with me."

Looking back on her career at State, Wild could pick out many highlights, both personally and team-wise, but a couple stood out more than the others.

"For me it was when we were in California for the Winston Classic last year, and I got my first start," she said. State went on to beat Rutgers in that game and finish third in the tournament behind eventual national champion Southern California



Senior Mary Jane Wild is hoping for another successful season.

and perennial power Old Dominion.

"As a team," Wild said, "I guess it was when we were freshmen and won the Coca Cola classic in Detroit and then last year when we beat Maryland at their place."

The senior year in college is

the most remembered one for many people, and Wild is no exception.

"I just want to go out with a bang," she said.

Perhaps the bang will be as loud as the one last year's men's team caused.

Conference coaches voice opinions of new rule

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and inconsistencies. It is likely that this season's experimental rules changes will be more uniform — and perhaps permanent.

When viewed on the national level, the ACC demonstrated the widest range in last year's experimental rules. The conference had both the shortest time period in which to get off a shot and the shortest three-point field goal in the nation. The ACC was criticized for having too short a three-point goal.

One of the effects created by the new rules changes last year was a more up-beat tempo in play, this in a conference known for such slow-down offenses as North Carolina's infamous "Four

Corners" and Clemson's "Tiger Pause."

The short distance of the three-point goal made it easily achieved, forcing defenses out of zone coverages and enabling losing teams an opportunity to quickly come back. In effect, the end product was a much more exciting brand of basketball.

How will the new rule change affect play for this season? North Carolina coach Dean Smith, who supported both rules changes last year, said he foresees the new rule having little impact on play. He said 45 seconds still provides enough time for teams to slow down the game against stronger opponents.

"Now, with a 45-second clock, we might end up resting for 30 seconds against a team that

wants to hold the ball and then coming out and playing hard the next 30 seconds," said Smith.

Voicing his approval of the new rule, Clemson coach Bill Foster said the NCAA's decision to grant widespread use of the 45-second clock will probably mean it will become a permanent rule.

"I think it's still going to prevent us from having games where you go six or seven minutes without a play," said Foster.

State's Jim Valvano was very much in favor of last year's rules.

"I loved our game last year," Valvano said. "I don't think anybody enjoyed it (ACC basketball) two years ago. At last year's games, I heard just the opposite. The fans loved it. I

thought the people in the press thought it was an excellent game. I thought the kids (players) loved it. I know I really enjoyed it."

"And it (the game) wasn't what people thought it would be like. Everybody thought they'd be all blowouts or high-scoring. That wasn't the case... I thought there were some good basketball games."

The State coach is disappointed with the new rule change this year.

"I'm very disappointed that we couldn't combine a clock with a three-point shot," he said.


"History has told us that if you just have a clock without a shot (the game becomes less exciting). Look at the Big Eight conference last year. People packed in tight

and made you shoot from the outside, and the scores actually went down. That's why we (the ACC) had a short three-point shot."

Forty-five seconds is an eternity, according to Valvano.

"Somewhere between 30 and 40 seconds is the optimum time for a shot clock. Thirty-five seconds is a great time," he said.

How the new rule will affect State's hopes of defending its national championship remains to be seen. However, it seems probable that the loss of a three-point shot will decrease the threat of long-range shooters like Terry Gannon and make it much more difficult for the Wolfpack or any team to come from behind.



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Front Row (L-R): Terry Gannon, George McClain, Anthony Webb.
 Second Row (L-R): Mgr. Gary Bryant, Head Trainer Craig Sink, Asst. Coach Dick Steward, Asst. Coach Ray Martin, Head Coach Jim Valvano, Asst. Coach Tom Abatemarco, Asst. Coach Ed McLean, Asst. Trainer Jim Rehbock, Mgr. Dan White, Mgr. Ray Reid.
 Back Row (L-R): Alvin Battle, Tommy DiNardo, Rodney Butts, Mike Warren, Russell Pierre, Terry Shackelford, Cozell McQueen, Lorenzo Charles, Benny Bolton, Walt Densmore, Harold Thompson, Ernie Myers.

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Front Row (L-R): Mgr. Teresa Norris, Annemarie Treadway, Robyn Mayo, Linda Page, Carla Hillman, Mgr. Beverly Griffin.
 Second Row (L-R): Trainer Carla Stoddard, Debbie Mulligan, Teresa Rouse, Claudia Kreicker, Mary Jane Wild, Jan Rogerson, Head Coach Kay Yow.
 Back Row (L-R): Asst. Coach Trudi Lacey, Priscilla Adams, Patrena Trice, Ronda Falkena, Kim Taylor, Angela Daye, Asst. Coach Rita Wiggs.

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