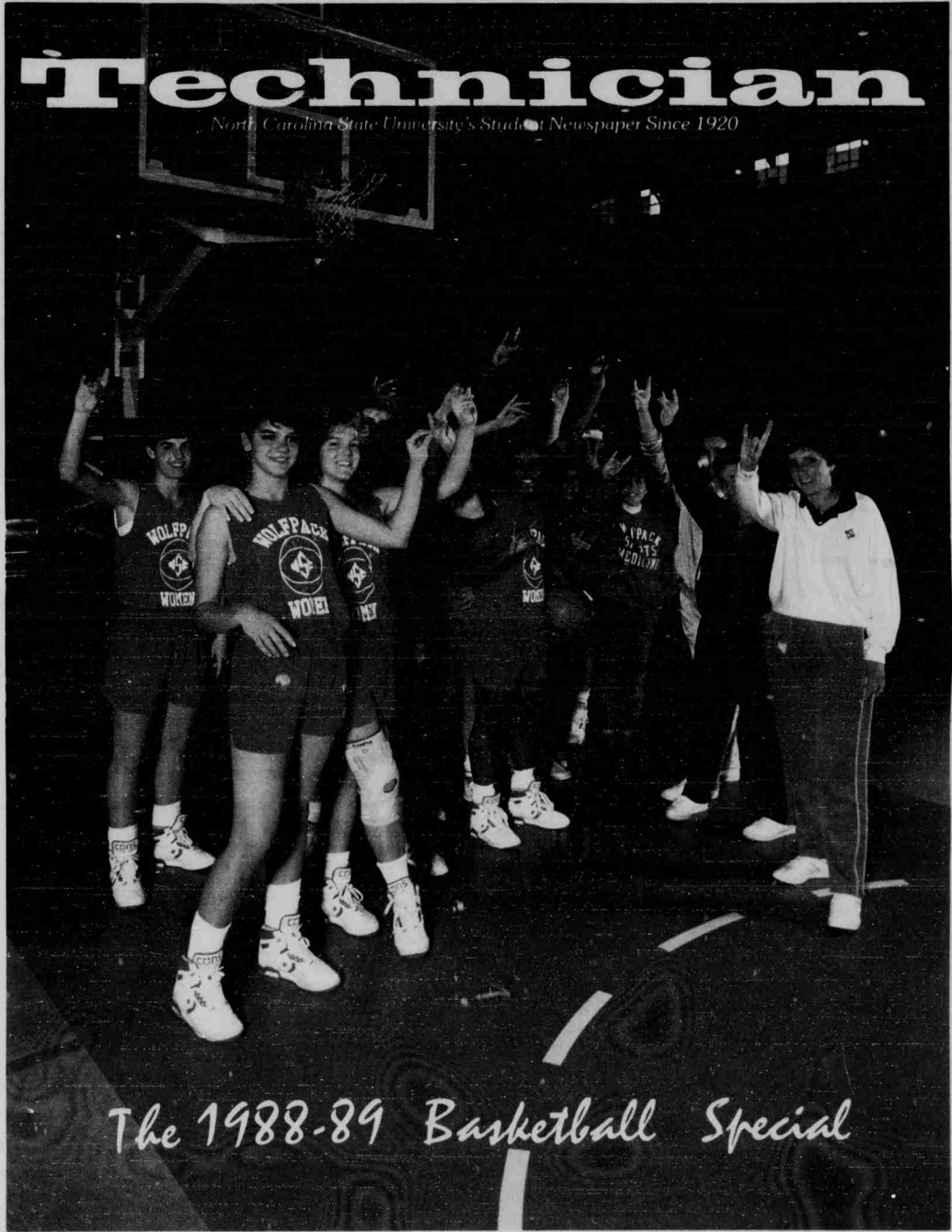
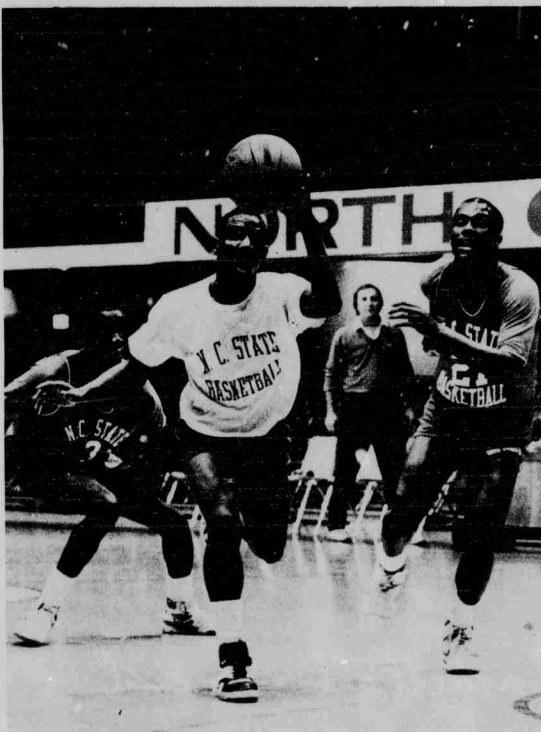
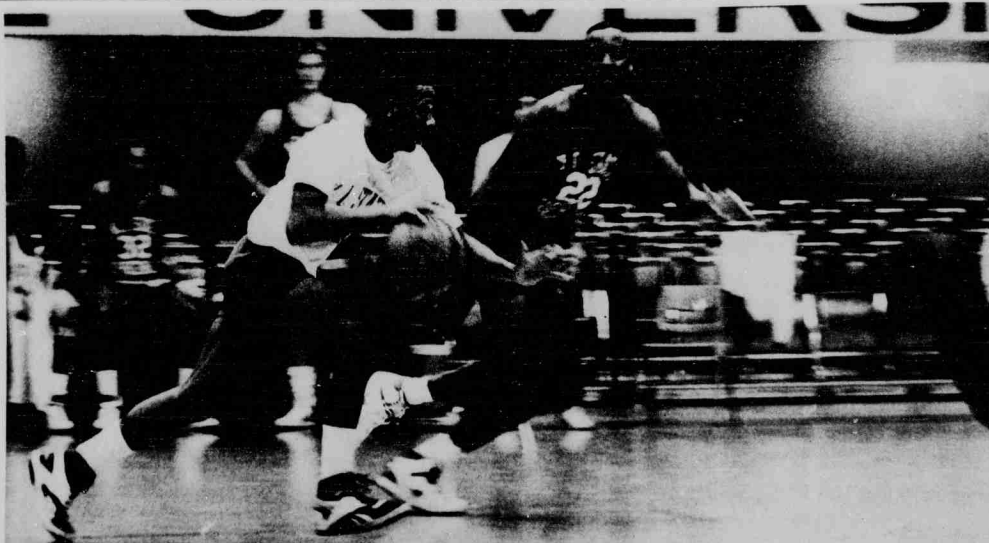


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## Center position question mark for Pack

By Lisa Coston  
Sports Editor

What if?

That is the question Coach Jim Valvano has been asking himself since Wolfpack all-ACC center Charles Shackelford's early departure for the NBA last spring.

As in 1981, '84 and '87, Valvano said he again finds himself "with more question marks than answers" going into the season. Despite the loss of guards Vinny Del Negro and Quentin Jackson to graduation, the ninth-year coach felt this year's team would have had the potential to be his best ever, and some felt State would be in the Top 10.

That was before Shackelford turned pro.

"We now not only have to replace Vinny, who was our senior

leader, our Mr. Clutch, but our big guy in the middle as well," said Valvano. "When you lose two all-ACC performers, it's going to affect your basketball team."

Valvano said the 1987-88 squad, which went 24-8 and 10-4 for a runnerup regular season finish in the ACC, was the best team he has ever had despite its 78-75 first round NCAA loss to Murray State.

"We played excellent basketball, consistently, all season. That was our goal," he said. "This season, with Shack, I was thinking we would have what I felt would've been a better team than '87."

"With four starters back, we'd have been great. That is what makes me play the 'what if?' game now."

But the news for the Wolfpack is not all bad.

Returning to lead the State attack is 6-8 senior forward Chuckie Brown, who along with Shackelford led the team in scoring last season with a 16.6 points per game average. Valvano calls Brown, named second-team all-ACC in '87-88, one of the most underrated players in the conference and the country.

Brown's 57.2 field goal percentage was the fifth best in State history, and his .563 career average is the second best ever.

"(Chuckie) has to have a very big year for us," Coach V said. "We must go to him for points a lot."

Because of the lack of a proven center, the Pack should be a more perimeter-oriented team this season, and Valvano said "we should see the emergence of an outstanding backcourt with Chris Corchiani and Rodney Monroe."

He said the two sophomores remind him of former Wolfpack guards Sidney Lowe and Derek Whittenberg, and by the time they are seniors, they should develop into one of the best-ever backcourt duos at State.

Corchiani set the ACC freshman record for assists last season at the point, averaging 7.3 assist and 6.3 points per game. The Pack will look for more scoring from him this season, but depth could be a problem. With the loss of Jackson and Kelsey Weems, Corchiani is the team's only true point guard on scholarship. Walk-on Roland Whitley will also see some action at guard.

Monroe is expected to step into the two spot and may also be asked to backup Corchiani at times. He averaged 11.1 points off the bench, and made 49 of 114

three-point shots.

Valvano expects to take full advantage of the three-pointer.

"We might take it more than anybody in the country," he says. "Rodney, Chris and Brian Howard must take it."

Howard returns as starting small forward after a consistent sophomore year in which he averaged 7.6 points and 3.4 rebounds. He had 76 assists, 21 blocks and 30 steals.

Valvano said Howard's "outstanding year" last season was a key to the Pack's success.

"Brian will have to score more and do more things for us," Valvano said. "I'm very happy that the three will be back next year."

Senior Kenny Poston returns from a knee injury suffered last December to provide depth at the three spot, and redshirt freshman

Byron Tucker should see action at both forward positions and possibly even center.

Freshmen Tom Gugliotta and James Kniox, Valvano's "investment in the future," were awarded against redshirting and will also be advised as forwards.

Junior college transfer Mickey Hinnett is versatile enough to play small forward or guard, and will be counted on to be a major contributor.

Although four of five positions are filled, the big question mark for the Pack is in the middle.

"The three-headed monster" is the way

Valvano described the center position.

"At center, we have a lot of players to look at," he said.

Junior Avie Lester has the inside track on the job, and Valvano says the staff is using the same approach with Lester that they used with former center Cozell McQueen, who "was able to neutralize many of the best centers in the country" during the Pack's 1983 championship year.

"Avie must first rebound and play defense. Offense comes later. Of course, maybe in Avie's case, playing without fouling needs

to be first."

Junior Brian D'Amico should also see time at center, if he recovers from a stress fracture suffered before the start of school. Junior college transfer David Lee brings impressive rebounding credentials to State, and should contribute in the middle as well.

Valvano is confident that if the three can combine to equal Shackleford's nine rebounds a game in addition to playing better defense than he did, the Wolfpack can be successful.

This year's schedule is a "purposeful and

realistic" one Valvano said. In addition to the 14 conference games, seven of which will be on national television (ESPN, NBC). The schedule features nationally televised matchups with Temple, Nevada-Las Vegas and DePaul. Early games against Akron and at SMU could be critical, Valvano said.

"This is a young team, but a team definitely capable of competing on a national level. We're excited about the challenge, and seeing the difference by the ACC Tourney. We expect to get on a little roll by the end of the season."

# Blue Devils nation's number one squad

Many college basketball experts are picking the Duke Blue Devils to win the national championship this season.

Duke returns 10 of 12 players from last year's 28-7 squad that



Mike Krzyzewski

lost to eventual national champion Kansas. The Devils lost defensive specialist Billy King and guard Kevin Strickland.

Starting center Robert Brickey, point guard Quinn Snyder and all-American Danny Ferry return as Mike Krzyzewski tries for his first national title.

Krzyzewski said Ferry will be ready for challenges this year.

"This year everybody will be ready for (Ferry) and Danny will be ready for them," the head coach said. "He's stronger, he's better, and there are some new things going for him to take advantage of where he's at as a player."

Brickey (6-7), who averaged 10.5 points and 5.1 rebounds a game, and senior John Smith (6-5), who scored 8.1 points a game last year, are expected to increase their point production.

## NORTH CAROLINA

Every season, UNC head coach Dean Smith puts together a team capable of winning the national championship.

This season is no different.

North Carolina is returning all five starters from last year's 27-7 squad that lost to Arizona in the West Regional Final.

All-American junior J.R. Reid will be the focal point of the Heel offense. The 6-9 forward/center averaged 18 points and 8.9 rebounds per game. However, Reid underwent surgery October 28 to correct a stress fracture in his foot and is expected to be out six-to-eight weeks.

Senior forward Steve Bucknall, 6-6, and 6-10 junior center Scott Williams also return.

The Tar Heel backcourt may be one of the most experienced tandems in the ACC. Senior Jeff Lebo, 6-3, directs the Carolina attack. In 1987, Lebo averaged

12.2 points per game. Kevin Madden will start at off-guard.

## GEORGIA TECH

Head coach Bobby Cremins hopes that his preseason all-American center 6-9 Tom Hammonds will lead the Yellow Jackets to their fifth straight NCAA appearance.

Junior Brian Oliver and sophomore Dennis Scott, last year's ACC Rookie-of-the-Year are the remaining starters. Both Oliver, a 6-4 guard, and Scott, a 6-8 forward, played 1,000-plus minutes. The only other Yellow Jackets to come close to reaching that plateau were 6-7 senior forward Anthony Sherrod and 6-11 forward/center James Munlyn. Sherrod played 397 minutes while Munlyn played 386.

## WAKE FOREST

Wake Forest head coach Bob Staak may have a sleeper. The Deacons are returning 10 lettermen, from a team that upset North Carolina and North Carolina State last season within a nine-day period.

Second team all-ACC junior Sam Ivy will lead the Deacons, who finished 10-18 last season. Ivy leads Wake in scoring and rebounding. He averaged 18.6 points and grabbed 7.6 rebounds per game.

Junior David Carlyle, 6-8, will

start at the small forward position and 6-10 junior Ralph Kitley will play at center.

Cal Boyd, 11.3 points a game average, will run the point and will be joined by 6-4 junior



Bob Staak

Anthony Johnson.

North Carolina Prep Player of the Year Robert Siler, 6-4, is coming off a knee injury and should strengthen the backcourt.

MARYLAND  
Look for Bob Wade to take a lot of Tylenol this season.

Gone from last year's 18-13 squad that reached the NAAs are Derrick Lewis, Keith Gatlin, Steve Hood and Brian Williams.

Lewis and Gatlin left because they had run out of eligibility. Hood transferred to James Madison to play for former coach Lefty Driesell. Williams went to Arizona, citing philosophical differences with Wade.

Forward Tony Massenber, a 6-9 junior, may switch to center.

Senior Rudy Archer, a 6-1 senior, will start at the point. Junior Teyon McCoy, 6-1, is the other guard.

## VIRGINIA

Virginia loses their two leading scorers in second team All-ACC performer Mel Kennedy and starting guard John Johnson from last year's 13-18 team.

Yes, Virginia, the Cavaliers are in trouble.

But Terry Holland has three starters returning: senior guard Richard Morgan, junior center Bill Batts and sophomore forward Kenny Turner. Also, sophomore John Crotty started the last six games last year at point guard and should resume that role.

The 13-18 mark was Virginia's first losing season since 1976-77.

The 6-3 Morgan started the past two years and was third on the team in scoring last year, averaging 10.1 points a game. Batts, 6-8, led UVa in rebounding (6.4), field goal percentage (.566) and blocked shots (28) last season. Turner, 6-6, started as a freshman

and averaged 6.2 points and 5.3 rebounds.

## CLEMSON

Cliff Ellis hopes the return of the third best shooting frontine in ACC history will insure him of becoming the only ACC

coach to guide his team to post-season play his first five seasons. Senior forward Jerry Pryor, junior center Elden Campbell and sophomore forward Dale Davis shot a combined 59.6 percent last year.

The backcourt is the question for the Tigers. Starting off-guard Tim Kincaid returns. The 6-3 junior was third on the team in scoring, averaging 10.3 points.



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# Brown ready to step forward as Wolfpack leader

By Hunt Archbold  
Staff Writer

Chuck Brown enters his senior campaign this season as the



**Chuck Brown**

forward from Leland, NC is left as the most experienced Wolfpack cager.

"I'm ready to assume responsibility and lead the team," said Brown.

Brown was the Wolfpack's most consistent performer last year with a team high 57.2 percent field goal percentage and 16.6 points and 6 rebounds a game. Those numbers added up to second-team all-ACC

honors from the Associated Press. However, even with those impressive statistics, last year's early exit from the NCAA tournament still remains an ugly memory for Brown.

"Yes, the Murray State game still lingers in my mind. The Florida game from the year before still bothers me some too. We definitely should have won both of those games. But this is a new year."

In each of his three seasons at State, Brown has shown significant improvement from the previous season. But in the off season Brown pushed himself even harder to improve for his final year. Last summer he participated in the tryouts for the 1988 Olympic Team, and even though he did not make the squad, the experience was invaluable.

"It was a good experience," said Brown. "All the players were great



Scott Rivenbark/Staff

Senior forward Chuck Brown is ready to assume a leadership role for the Pack this season. Brown was second team all-ACC last year and head coach Jim Valvano calls him the most underrated player in the conference.

athletes and the level of play was very competitive."

Coach Jim Valvano also said Brown's play at the Olympic trials

will help him.

"We expect a great season from Chuck on the court and off the court, in a leadership role. Now that his partner up front (Charles Shackelford) is gone we'll need Chuck to do a little bit more scoring."

There are many question marks for the Wolfpack this season with starting jobs open at center and off guard. The depth at the guard positions was hit even harder recently with the loss of senior Kelsey Weems to academics.

"I think that the loss of Kelsey was a bigger blow than we all realize. It was so sudden and we now have no real backup at point for Chris (Corchiani)," said Brown.

"The center position is going to be a key, but I feel that Avie (Lester) or Brian (D'Amico) could both equally step in and get the job done."

Brown will be a team leader this year on an otherwise youthful Wolfpack team. State will need his leadership both on and off the court if they are going to win another ACC crown, which is what Brown wants.

"I'd like one before I leave. That would be nice."

# Howard hopes to maintain consistency

By Dwuan June  
Staff Writer

Brian Howard would rather his actions on the court speak for him instead of words off the court.

"To me, you don't need to go and raise about what you can do off the court," the Winston-Salem native said. "You should do it on the court."

Last season, the 6-7 forward averaged 7.6 points and 3.6 rebounds a game. Howard, along with forward Chuck Brown and guards Chris Corchiani and Rodney Monroe, will be expected to score more to compensate for the loss of center Charles Shackelford this season. Howard said it does not matter who does the scoring, as long as the Pack is winning.

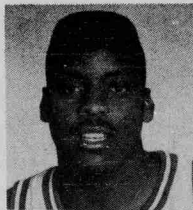
"The coaches told me last year that I would have to score," he said. "It doesn't bother me

who's scoring as long as we are winning."

Howard believes the Pack will run when they have a chance, but State will probably shoot more jumpers this year.

"We'll probably run a lot more. Last year, we tried to run then we switched halfway through the season. It's hard to say. I think we'll shoot a lot more jumpers."

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Brian Howard

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# D'Amico glad he's playing ball for Pack

By Calvin Hall  
Senior Staff Writer

Somewhere inside junior Brian D'Amico there is a monster—at least that's what the State basketball coaches hope.

The Reading, Pa. native is one-third of Jim Valvano's "three-headed monster" project at the center position. It is an attempt to make up for the departure of Charles Shackelford by dividing what he did for the team among three candidates for the center position.

D'Amico is one of those candidates.

"My role is going to be getting rebounds, getting points and covering people," he said.

D'Amico played with the team last year after transferring from the University of South Carolina. He played in 25 games, averaging 2.3 points and 1.9 rebounds per game.

He also blocked 14 shots and had six steals.

This year, however, a preseason ankle injury has hampered D'Amico's progress.

"It's been hard," he said. "I can't do a lot. I'm doing as much as I can right now."

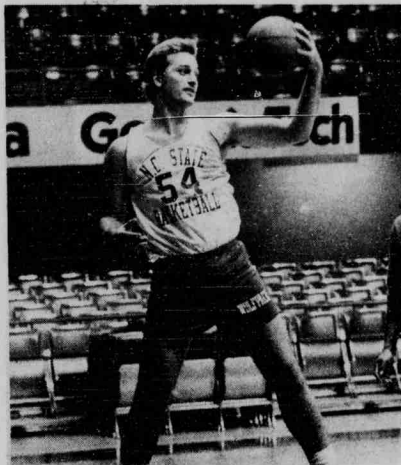
D'Amico says he left South Carolina after Bill Foster's resignation because he did not feel he fit into George Felton's program. But he had worries about his move to State.

"It was frustrating the first year," D'Amico said. "But I got a good feel for the campus. It has an overall good atmosphere."

Playing basketball at State is also a thrill for D'Amico.

"The ACC is the best conference," he said. "There are so many tough schools and good competition."

"As far as that goes, I'm glad I came to State."



Brian D'Amico grabs a rebound during a scrimmage game.

# Poston exercises patience

By Calvin Hall  
Senior Staff Writer

Kenny Poston knows the value of patience.

He has to. Since he has been at State, the senior forward has seen numerous players leave the

Wolfpack program sooner than expected. From Chris Washburn to Walker Lambiotte to Kelsey Weems, wave after wave of troubled or dissatisfied players have passed before Poston's eyes.

But even as these talented but nomadic players have come and gone, Poston has stayed on.

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# Whitley only wants to contribute

By Calvin Hall  
Senior Staff Writer

Roland Whitley, Jim Valvano's first walk-on in 22 years of coaching, is not on an ego trip. He has no plans for a pro career.

He just wants to contribute.

"I went to Coach V and asked him if there was any way I could help the team," he said. "I'm here to give 110% every time I step on the floor."

Whitley, who is from Goldsboro, N.C., served as a team manager last year. He is an architectural design major and a member of Army R.O.T.C. He will add depth at the guard positions.

Whitley said he enjoys being a team member because his competitive spirit matches State's competitive spirit.

But in his major, he finds something he enjoys even more.

"I enjoy drawing," he said. "Drawing is something you do with your mind. It is one way I can express my talent by thinking."

That's what I like to do."

Whitley did not play basketball in high school. He played organized basketball at the Texas Academy of Health Sciences, the intramural program at State and in after-practice pick-up games with the Wolfpack team.

Whitley already feels the thrill of being a team member.

"It's a great feeling," he said. "It feels exciting. Even during the Marathon Oil game, even though there weren't a lot of people here, when I walked out on the floor, I could feel the excitement."

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# Two frosh, two JUCOs join Wolfpack

By Lisa Coston  
Sports Editor

The transition to playing basketball at the college level will be a relief in one way, according to freshman Tom Gugliotta.

"I'm not the guy who has to put the ball in the basket now," he said. "I see my role as getting the ball to the right people."

The 6-7, 198 pound forward comes to State from Walt Whitman High School in Huntington Station, New York. He averaged 21.5 points, 15.2 rebounds and 3.3 assists per game. Gugliotta shot 53 percent from the field, and connected on 43 percent of his three-point attempts.

Gugliotta also had 4.2 steals and 2.8 blocked shots a game for Coach Tom Kenny's 17-3 team and was named all-suburban New York and all-Long Island by The Daily News. He was a second-team all-state and a unanimous all-league selection. The Long Island Officials Association gave him their Player of the Year Award, based on character and basketball ability.

Gugliotta decided to attend State because of the impression made by the coaches and players on his recruiting visit.

"The basketball program here is top notch and I'm very comfortable with my teammates," he said.

Described as an excellent ball handler and passer, Gugliotta feels he can be a "good complementary player" for the Pack this season.

"I'm going to try to pass and rebound well, and do all the

intangible things that have to be done," he said.

The freshman, called the Wolfpack's "Vinny Del Negro project" by Jim Valvano, feels he must develop a more consistent jump shot to be successful against the tougher competition in the ACC.

"I also need to play more aggressive defense and work on better conditioning."

Gugliotta is a speech communications major.

## Jamie Knox

Jamie Knox believes the strongest part of his game is his ability to drive to the basket.

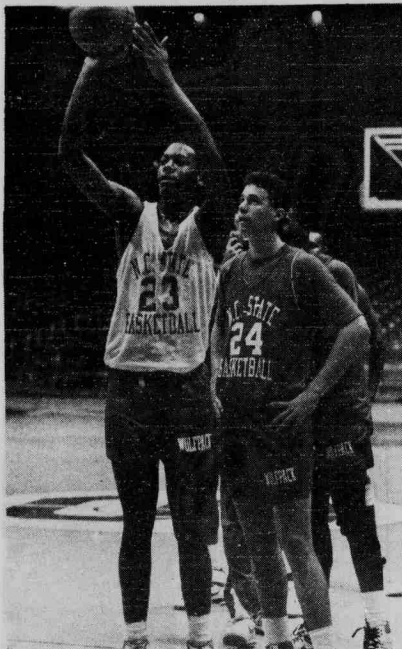
"I'd have to say that driving and scoring from inside 15 are my strengths," the Wolfpack freshman said. "As for weaknesses, I need to work on defense, mainly."

The 6-7, 187 pound forward averaged 15.5 points and 10 rebounds per game last season at Vicksburg High in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Coach Jeff Hughes' squad went 19-13 that year and Knox was named all-Warren County and all-District.

He averaged four assists, starting out the season on the perimeter and then moving to the post. His senior season, he shot 55 percent from the floor and 75 percent from the free throw line.

Knox, an undesignated humanities major, was recruited by schools such as Louisville, Texas-El Paso and Lamar, but he wanted to be a part of a conference like the ACC.

"The ACC is just better than any other conference," he said. "So



Scott Jackson/Staff

Freshman Jamie Knox (23) prepares to release a jumper while freshman Tom Gugliotta (24) awaits his turn in the drills.

far, I've enjoyed State. It has definitely lived up to my

expectations." Knox sees himself as part of the

Wolfpack's "supporting cast" this season, and he hopes to "get a little playing time behind Brian Howard." Coach Jim Valvano sees a similar role for Knox, and said the freshman reminds him of another State forward - Chucky Brown.

"Jamie Knox reminds me so much of Chucky Brown in personality as well as the type of young man that he is," Valvano said. "We're hopeful that he follows Chucky's blueprint for success. A year from now we hope to see the type of progress in Jamie that we saw in Chucky."

## Mickey Hinnant

Junior Mickey Hinnant knows he will have to raise the level of his game to compete in the ACC.

"It's a bigger conference. I have to work on getting better position on the inside to continue scoring in double digits," the first-team junior college all-American said.

Hinnant attended Louisburg (N.C.) Junior College. He averaged 25.2 points, 4.7 rebounds and 2.6 assists for the 27-6 Hurricanes last season. He shot 56 percent from the floor and 69 percent from the free throw line.

"State is a great place to be," Hinnant said. "It's the best program in the conference, and I wanted to play with the best. The main thing, though, is that it's right here in my hometown."

The 6-4, 185 pound Hinnant, a Raleigh native, was two-time Wake County Player of the Year at Cary High School and was named MVP of the East-West All-Star

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Mickey Hinnant goes in for a layup in a practice session in Reynolds.

game as a last-minute addition in the game. Under Cary coach and former State player Phil Spence, he averaged 22 points and 10 rebounds a game.

Louisburg went 53-14 during Hinnant's two-year career and his career-high 44 points against Anderson equalled this school's single-game scoring record.

After being named all-Eastern District, all-Region 10 and all-Eastern Division Tournament as well as JUCO all-America, Hinnant was recruited by Kentucky, Iowa, Jacksonville,

Tennessee and Samford before choosing State.

State coach Jim Valvano sees Hinnant backing up Brian Howard and Rodney Monroe.

He is "a multi-purpose player who can do a little bit of everything," Valvano said. "He adds a dimension where he can play both small forward and second guard for us, and he's a good transition player who can get up and down the floor."

Hinnant said he is willing to work hard and do whatever Valvano asks him to do, and he

feels that his inside game is one of his strengths.

"I've learned a lot with my outside game recently, though," he said.

As much as Hinnant loves basketball, he has another interest that he loves just as much. Hinnant said he is majoring in child psychology and said he loves children.

"I love working with kids - Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, anything like that," he said. "I just want to work with kids some way."

#### David Lee

One reason David Lee decided to attend State is location.

"People say that East Coast basketball is better than West Coast basketball. I wanted to see firsthand," the junior college transfer said. "State said they needed rebounding, and the ACC is the best conference. I want to play against the best."

Lee is a powerful inside player who adds depth to the forward and



David Lee

center positions for the Wolfpack. Last year at Los Angeles' El Camino College, he averaged 12.7 rebounds, 2.1 blocked shots and 11.8 points a contest as Paul Landreaux's team won its fifth straight South Coast Conference title.

The 33-3 team also won the California junior college championship. Lee received MVP honors in the postseason tourney with an average of 17 points and 13.3 rebounds per game.

He shot 59.1 percent from the floor last season, and as a high school senior he set the Los Angeles city rebounding record

with 17 per game.

Landreaux's starting five received scholarships to Division I schools. Lee feels the bigger, stronger players he will face this season will present new challenges.

"On this level, the big men play with more intensity," the 6-8, 221 pound Lee said. "In junior college, you don't have to work as hard. I have to adjust."

Valvano described Lee as a fierce competitor and an excellent role player, and Lee knows what his role is on the team.

"I have to rebound. I have to learn to play more physically," he said. "I have to learn to play quick and physical at the same time. I need to improve my jumping ability and my quickness."

Lee's goal for the season is a simple one.

"I just want to contribute to the team and to play where I play the best," the sociology major said.

"If I think that I play good, it doesn't matter what anyone else says. I'll be satisfied."

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## **T**he man behind the legen**D**

**By Dwan June**  
Staff Writer

Jim Valvano has been in the coaching business for 22 years.

He began his coaching career as head coach for Rutgers for three seasons. Valvano then became head coach at John Hopkins, but left after one year. He then became an assistant coach at the University of Connecticut for two years.

He coached three years at Bucknell before leaving for Iona, where he coached five seasons. Valvano then decided it was time for a move and this time he chose N.C. State.

"It is an area of the country where my family and I always wanted to live," Valvano said about his decision to coach at

State. "Basketball in the ACC is second to none."

Valvano is entering his ninth season at State. He likes coaching because he enjoys the relationship between players and coaches. Watching recruits like Spud Webb, Vinny Del Negro and Dereck Whittenburg grow and develop as players makes Valvano's job enjoyable.

"To have a youngster come from high school and to watch him develop as a player and a person and to become a part of society in whichever way that player chooses. Those are the things, the lifelong relationships that you develop in this profession that are very gratifying, Valvano said about the joy of coaching."

Not all players reach the level of success Valvano would like for them to reach, but

that comes with the territory.

"We certainly have our disappointments when a youngster doesn't live up to the standards he has set for himself and we have set as a society," he said. "By and large, the good outweighs any of the difficulties we might have."

Valvano said he has a "multi-facet" role with his players. He is their coach on the court, and off the court he takes the place of the players' parents. The player is coming out of high school and entering a new part of his life. He must make decisions on his own and Valvano said the coaching staff is there to offer support.

"We are here as a support program. At times, it goes from being a member of the family, like being a father or a big brother, to being a friend.

"We are there to support them, not just to share in their successes, but to support them when things don't go right. My father used to tell me that you do your best coaching at times of trouble, Valvano added."

Like most coaches, Valvano would like to have a successful program on and off the court. Valvano only asks his players to follow three rules.

"To be the best you can be as a student, the best you can be as an athlete and the best you can be as a person. That's where we want our program to be. We want them to strive in excellence in those three areas. That's all we can ask."

Valvano is an avid reader.

On his desk are at least three magazines, four books and a stack of newspapers.

The athletics director is concerned about



Scott Rivenbark/Staff

**On the media:** "They'll write things that I'm not too happy about at times. Whenever something is negative, we are going to get angry. At times, it is a strange relationship. Believe it or not I get along with the media."

**On stress:** "If I was an administrator behind a desk, maybe I would go crazy. The fact is that I get two hours on the court for practice and that environment alleviates a lot of the tension."

**On his role:** "We are here as a support program. We are here to support them, not just in their success, but when things don't go right. My father used to tell me you do your best coaching at times of trouble."

the media because if it is a reflection of today's society, the media seems to be telling society the best way to succeed is if others fail.

Valvano said he wonders if what the media reports is an effort to create more news.

"I guess there is a common theme among people who are in the public eye, and it is that the news media is negative."

Valvano said there is not a day that goes by that he does not read a national magazine or newspaper. However, he said he gets along with the media.

"They'll write things that I'm not too happy about at times. When anything nice is written we tend to say that it is deserving and you ought to do that. Whenever something is negative, we are going to get angry. At times, it's a strange relationship."

Valvano said too many coaches lose their jobs on won-lost records. The university's supporters often want a quality program, but they do not want the bad times that go along with building a program.

"If you have a person that is conducting a program in the way the university wants, then should a won-lost record be the sole criteria for judging a job? I have seen a lot of people lose their job on won-lost records."

Valvano took over as athletics director in 1986. Some people have complained that he is spreading himself too thin. Valvano said if he had felt he could not handle both jobs he would not have taken the athletics director's post.

"If I thought so, I wouldn't do it. If I wasn't doing the job, I would find out before anybody. I would never do anything that would hurt the athletics department or the university."

Valvano said if a person wants to

know what kind of job he is doing, all the individual has to do is ask his peers.

"If you want to find out if I'm doing a good job, then you need to talk to the players and our coaches, not the media and not the fans," he said. "The most important people are the people I work with."

The same holds true in his job as administrator.

"Ask the other administrators I'm working with. Ask the coaches. Ask our players, the support group. That's where I get my report card. I'm very proud of our department. But if something does happen negative, I understand that the buck stops here."

Valvano said there is a lot of stress on the job. However, he is fortunate that as basketball coach he can alleviate the tension.

"I'm very fortunate because I have basketball practice, so I can rant and rave and scream and jump up and down. If I was an administrator behind a desk, maybe I would go crazy. The fact is that I get two hours on the court for practice and that environment alleviates a lot of the tension."

Valvano's latest endeavor is "The Room of Dreams." The room is a conference hall that is used mainly for recruiting, but is open to the public.

The room features a film of footage from the 1974 and 1983 National Championship games, the university, former State players, Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Have A Dream" speech and the United State's hockey team's victory over the Russians in the 1980 Olympics.

Valvano said he created the room because people have dreams they would like to accomplish in life. The dream room allows not just a recruit, but an average person to

achieve his dream.

"I met a lot of successful people travelling around the country, all these people had a dream. It shows all the different levels of people and different walks of society that

you can dream and maybe have your dreams come true. If you work hard, then maybe your dreams will come true."

Valvano is living his dream right now.

"It (the conference) is one of great tradition," he said. "State has always had a great tradition in college basketball and it is kind of like a dream come true to me."

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# Assistants' duties vary from recruiting to academics

By Tom Olsen  
Senior Staff Writer

Every general needs lieutenants to assist them. Lieutenants to do the things generals cannot do because they are directing a battle.

Basketball coaches need their assistants in much the same way and the assistants perform a variety of different tasks.

"It's hard to label ourselves at



Clay Moser

o n e particular job," said part-time assistant Stan Lewter. "I'm involved highly in academic

and recruiting aspects."

"Versatility," assistant coach Dick Stewart said. "Whatever V wants, I'm there as an assistant. Whatever he wants, whenever he wants."

"Developing young men to be men someday," said assistant Derek Whittenburg. "Building young men."

"My main focus is academics," said volunteer assistant Clay Moser. "The second thing is recruiting. We're all involved in that fairly heavily. After that things break down."

While head coach Jim-Valvano runs the show on the court, the assistant work behind the scenes to keep the players on the court



Scott Rivenbark/Staff

Assistant coaches Derek Whittenburg (left) and Dick Stewart (right) instruct Brian D'Amico (54) and Byron Tucker on rebounding. Jim Valvano said his assistants are invaluable and represent the university in a positive fashion.

and to bring in new players.

All the assistants agree that their top two priorities are working with academics and recruiting. Yet that is not all they do.

Lewter, in his second year as an assistant, said his job is to do "a million and one things and I like it that way."

He works with the media and with community relations. In addition, he specializes in recruiting in North Carolina, South Carolina and some of Virginia. Most of his recruiting is done over

the telephone.

"I'm doing a lot of the scouting," Lewter said.

Lewter enjoys working with Valvano, especially when Valvano asks for his advice.

"I know that I've got input...he allows us to think," he said. "Stewart likes being an assistant for other reasons.

"I love to stay in the background," he said.

He views his role as making "other assistant coaches stars through Jim's direction and

decisions."

He makes sure the job is getting done and organized the way Valvano wants it.

"I'm there to support, to try to help the rest of the coaching staff," the fifth-year State assistant said. "I have a very easy job - one of suggestion, not decision."

One of Valvano's 1983 NCAA Championship players, Whittenburg begins his first season at State as a fulltime assistant this year.

"My primary responsibility is

recruiting," the ex-State star said. However, he added that there is no specific definition of an assistant's role.

"I don't think there is a label," he said.

Whittenburg does what his job title suggests. He assists head coach Valvano in any way he is needed.

In addition to his academics responsibilities and responsibilities

at the Wolfpack Center, Moser is in charge of films on opponents.

"My job is to get in all the films on an opponent to show the team," he said.

Now in his second year with the Pack, Moser says his other responsibilities include mailing letters two or three times a week to recruits.

Like most Division I-A schools, State has one head coach, two full-time assistants, one part-time assistant and one volunteer assistant. Valvano said his assistants are invaluable.

"Everybody is family," Valvano said. "My assistants are extremely important. They also have daily contact with our players. They represent our basketball team, our athletic department and our university."

## Whit comes full circle back to State

By Tom Olsen  
Senior Staff Writer

Winning a national championship has its drawbacks, especially when you later coach for a different school.

"I am N.C. State," assistant basketball coach Derek Whittenburg said. "When I was recruiting from Long Beach State ... (the recruits would ask) 'aren't you from N.C. State?'"

Most people remember Whittenburg for playing a key role at shooting guard for the 1983 NCAA Basketball Championship team. The senior guard fired a pass to Lorenzo Charles for the world's most famous dunk and the national championship.

"I'm grateful I got a chance to earn a degree in business and win a national championship," he said.

Whittenburg said coach Jim Valvano told the '83 team before the first tournament game, "If we win the first game, anything can happen."

State won the first game and things happened.

"Nobody ever said we were going to lose," Whittenburg said.



"We assumed we weren't going to lose."

The Phoenix Suns drafted Whittenburg after his senior year, but he was cut several months later. He then played a year in Europe before returning to State as a graduate assistant coach.

Whittenburg then coached at George Mason and Long Beach State before coming back to State.

"It's a dream for me," he said. "A dream come true to go back to my alma mater."

"It's great to be back, back in the ACC, the best basketball in the country."

Whittenburg's situation at State is different now, and the relationship between Valvano and Whittenburg has moved from a "special" player-coach relationship to a business one.

"As a full-time coach I'm now on the other side," he said.

As an assistant coach, Whittenburg helps head coach

Valvano.

"Whatever Coach needs," he said. "Foremost is recruiting, 70 percent maybe."

"I assist in everything," he added. "Vacuuming carpets to working with the guards."

Assistant coaching goes beyond simple duties.

"You have to be a psychologist," Whittenburg said.

The relationship between Whittenburg and the Wolfpack players extends beyond the basketball court. He said it is important to talk to them, "just to see how they are."

Whittenburg said a misconception about coaching exists. He said he spends many hours in recruiting and on the road. He added that there are "tons of things behind the scenes."

Valvano is not the only coach who has influenced him. All of his coaches have been important to Whittenburg, such as DeMutha High School coach Morgan Wooten.

"All of them have touched me at some point," he said. "They will always be a part of me."

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 Nov. 28- Akron 7:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 3-at SMU 7:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 20- Alabama State 7:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 22- Coppin State 7:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 27- Monmouth 7:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 30-VMI 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 2- Towson State 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 5 -at Clemson 9 p.m.  
 Jan. 7-Temple 2 p.m.  
 Jan. 12- Coastal Carolina 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 14-Georgia Tech 12 p.m.  
 Jan. 18-Wake Forest 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 21-at UNC 4 p.m.  
 Jan. 26 -Duke 9 p.m.  
 Jan. 29-Maryland 1:30 p.m.  
 Feb. 1-at Virginia 7 p.m.  
 Feb. 4-at DePaul  
 Feb. 9-UNC 9 p.m.  
 Feb. 12-UNLV 1 p.m.  
 Feb. 15-Clemson 8 p.m.  
 Feb. 20-UNC-Asheville 7:30 p.m.  
 Feb. 23-at Duke 9 p.m.  
 Feb. 26-Virginia 3 p.m.  
 Mar. 2-Maryland 9 p.m.  
 March 4-at Wake Forest  
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Men's Roster

3-Mickey Hinnant	30 Kenny Poston
13-Chris Corchiani	32-Avie Lester
21-Rodney Monroe	34-Bvron Tucker
22-Brian Howard	52-Cnucky Brown
23-Jamie Knox	54-Brian D'Amico
24-Tom Gugliotta	-Roland Whitley
25-David Lee	

Women's Roster

12-Nicole Lehmann	32-Andrea Stinson
15-Ashley Hancock	34-Sandee Smith
20-Gerri Robuck	45-Christa Hull
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23-Natalie Nester	51-Rhonda Mapp
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 Nov. 25-26Commplex Hall of Fame Classic  
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 Georgia vs. Cincinnati 9:30  
 Dec. 3-4 NIU Fastbreak Festival in DeKalb, Ill.  
 Dec. 3 vs. Temple 2 p.m.  
 Dec. 3 Northern Ill. vs. Butler 4 p.m.  
 Dec. 7 WESTERN CAROLINA 6 p.m.  
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 Dec. 21 STANFORD 7:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 28-29 Ronald McDonald House Classic  
 Rhode Island vs. Monmouth 6 p.m.  
 N.C. STATE vs. IONA 8 p.m.  
 Jan. 4 at Clemson 7:30 p.m.  
 Jan. 7 GEORGIA TECH 7:30 p.m.  
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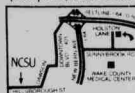
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In 1986, head coach Jim Valvano recruited Chris Corchiani and Rodney Monroe with the idea of forming a backcourt tandem that would be the envy of the nation. Valvano called the duo "The Backcourt of the Future." Both players had superb freshmen years. Corchiani would start midway through the season and earn the Pepsi Best-of-the-New Generation Award. Monroe would come off the bench to average 11 points per game and connect on 43 percent of his three-point attempts. Now, both are starters and

# The Perfect Combination



Scott Rivenbark/Staff

By Lee Montgomery  
Senior Staff Writer

Rodney Monroe fired an 18-foot jump shot from the left of the free-throw circle. Swish! Chris Corchiani grabbed the ball and tossed it back to Monroe. Swish! Again. Swish!

It's something that N.C. State fans are likely to see a lot of this year. Corchiani to Monroe. Swish! It is only practice now, but soon it will be a Wolfpack basketball game. Swish!

Head Coach Jim Valvano has high praise for the two sophomore guards, who are expected to be backcourt stalwarts this season.

"We really believe these two sophomores are going to be among the better backcourts in the country before they are finished at N.C. State," Valvano said. "That duo has had quality playing time and given us quality minutes. So I think we're going to be okay in the backcourt."

Corchiani started last year at the point guard position, and the 6-1 player should start again.

The 6-3 Monroe played behind All-ACC performer Vinny Del Negro last season at the number two guard slot, but is tentatively pencilled into the Wolfpack starting lineup this season.

Their credentials before coming to State are impressive. Monroe was a consensus high school all-American at St. Maria Goretti in Hagerstown, Md. He led the team to the Baltimore city championship his senior year, averaging 27.3 points, 10 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 3.4 steals. He was Maryland player of the year during his junior season, and broke former NBA player Quinton Dailey's state scoring mark with 3,047 points.

#### Monroe in 1987

- 11.1 ppg average
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- #7 in ACC in 3-point field goal average
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Corchiani was Florida's "Mr. Basketball" two years in a row, and broke the state's scoring (3,425) and assist (1,497) marks. He led his Hialeah-Miami Lakes team to a 31-5 record his final year, averaging 24.3 points, 10.1 assists, and 4.5 steals.

Needless to say, coming to State represented a big change.

"The biggest thing I had to get used to was like the crowds," Corchiani said. "You had to be ready to handle them every night."

Both also indicated the difference in talent at the college level.

"In high school, you could get away with just having talent," Monroe explained. "Here you have to work a lot harder because the players are bigger, faster, and stronger."

Corchiani agreed.

"You have to be mentally prepared," he said. "You have to get adjusted to the players because they're older and stronger."

Both adjusted well last year, partly because neither had false aspirations.

"I just wanted to come into the program and contribute in any way I could," Corchiani said. "There's a great tradition here at State, so I wanted to help the team as much as possible."

The freshman point guard started 21 games last season, leading the team in assists with 235. He also had the most steals, 61. His assist

total places him second on the all-time Wolfpack single-season chart behind Sidney Lowe.

Monroe said he did not necessarily think he could start, but he wanted to prove he could play in the ACC.

He did a pretty good job of that, scoring 11.1 points a game, despite not starting a single contest. His scoring average is second to senior forward Chucky Brown among returning players. Monroe led the team with 49 three-point shots, and was third in three-point accuracy at 43 percent. (Corchiani and Brian Howard made half of their 40 and 10 attempts, respectively).

College basketball was not the only adjustment Corchiani and Monroe had to make. Like every college student, a premium is placed on their time. With basketball practice, time is even more strained.

"You have to get your priorities straight," Corchiani said. "You have to make time for the important thing - school. I make out a schedule every day to make sure time's not wasted. I set aside time for school, basketball and a social life."

Monroe also has a schedule he follows.

"I set aside time blocks for school, studying, and practice," he said. "School is the most important. Our coaches and academic people are a big help. But it gets difficult during the season. Especially after an away game. Sometimes we don't get back until two or three in the morning, and if you've got a 7:50 class, it gets tough."

Corchiani also noted the difficulties during the season.

"We practice two to three hours a day, and sometimes I'm not in the

mood to study. But you gotta do it."

The worn-out cliché "dumb jock" definitely does not apply to this backcourt duo.

"I'm majoring in criminal justice," Monroe said. "I'm trying to get more involved in that. I like working with little kids."

Corchiani, an honor student in high school, majors in communications. But he does not want to dwell on the future.

"There is too much to enjoy now," he said.

Like his friendship with Monroe, for instance. Because of the teamwork between a point guard and a swing guard, the two must get along off the court as well. And they do.

"We're pretty good friends," Monroe said. "We have to stay good friends on and off the court. He proved he can play in the ACC last year. Hopefully we both can improve this year."

"Rodney and I are the best of friends," Corchiani said. "We get along real well. We've done a lot together. And everyone on the team is tight. That's important."

Monroe agreed that the togetherness of the team is vital to its success.

"If you have any dislikes, it could carry onto the court and mess up the team. But we all get along."

"Team" may be the most important word in defining this year's Wolfpack squad. With the loss of Charles Shackelford and

Del Negro, many experts may frown on State's hopes. But that does not bother Corchiani or Monroe.

"A lot of people may write us off," Corchiani said. "Last year we were good the first half of the season but not so good the second half. This year I think we'll improve a lot from the beginning of the year. We've got a good chemistry, and all play well together."

"I think people believe we're not going to be too good," Monroe said. But I think we'll surprise some people."

With the talent of Corchiani and Monroe, success is not hard to predict. The two complement each other well.

"I enjoy getting the ball to the open man," Corchiani said. "I like making a nice pass rather than scoring."

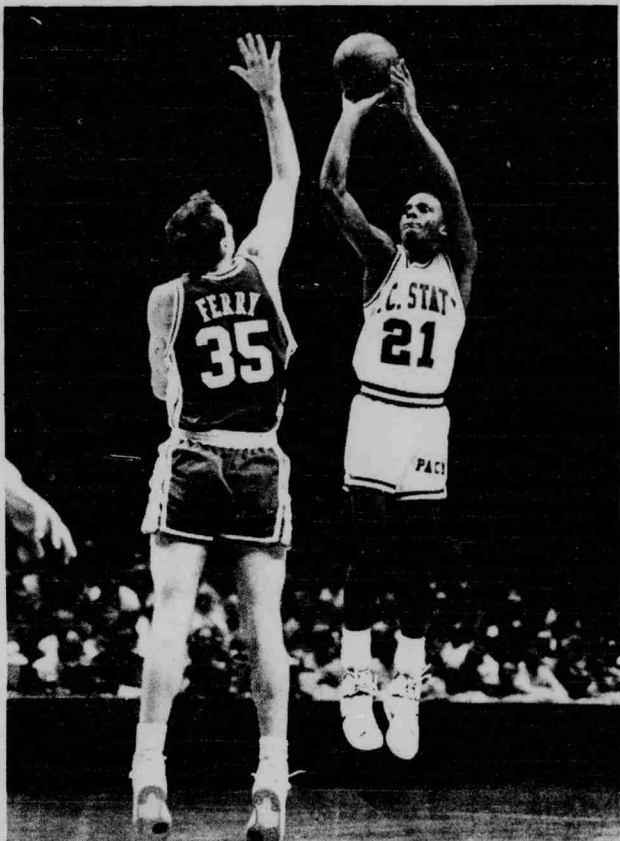
"Since I worked on it so much, shooting is definitely my strong point," Monroe said.

Corchiani to Monroe. Swish!

"The tandem brings back memories of another four-year duo, Sidney Lowe and Dereck Whittenburg, but the current Wolfpack backcourt tries not to worry about the comparison.

"I hear it, but it just goes over my head," Monroe said. "That kind of talk is a compliment. If we win an NCAA championship, then they can compare us to them. Until then, I try to stay with my goals."

"It's a compliment to be compared to two great players like



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Rodney Monroe fires a three-pointer over the out-stretched arms of Duke's Danny Ferry in the ACC Tournament in Greensboro.

that," Corchiani said. "But we try not to worry about that. I try not to play like Sidney Lowe; I try to play like Chris Corchiani. And he tries to play like Rodney Monroe."

If the two do that, their goals in basketball could be realized.

"I want to win an ACC title," Monroe said. "And an NCAA title would be nice."

"I'd like to win an ACC and an NCAA championship," Corchiani added. "I don't think that's out of the realm of possibilities. It's something I hope to accomplish."

Both have other goals in basketball.

"I love basketball," Corchiani said. "I hope to play as long as I can. Coaching is a possibility."

"I'd like to continue to improve," Monroe said. "And one day play in the NBA."

But that is in the future. Valvano will not let them forget about the present. Or the past.

Monroe grew up with two brothers who played sports. In

#### Corchiani in '87

- Won Pepsi's "Best of a New Generation" Award
- Hit 83.3% of FT's
- 235 assists (#2 in ACC)
- 61 steals (#1 in ACC)

high school, he played baseball, football and basketball. He stuck with basketball, partly because it was the most popular sport in his neighborhood. And because his family loved the game. Especially his father, Eugene.

"My father and both of my brothers played basketball," he said. "It rubbed off on me. My father is the biggest influence in my whole life."

Corchiani loved basketball as a youth because he could play it on his own. His father, Gabe, Sr., was his high school coach. And his older brother Gabe Jr., finished his playing career at New Orleans

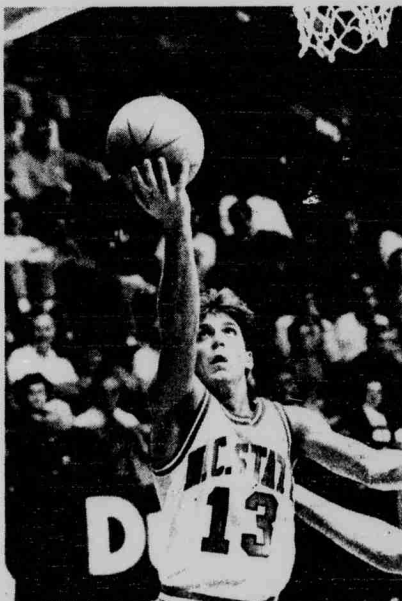
University. Both were a big influence on him, but especially his father.

The respect for their fathers carries over to Valvano.

"He's a very good coach," Monroe said. "And a great motivator. He makes you want to play."

"I really admire Coach V," Corchiani said. "I don't have enough good things to say about him. I have the utmost respect for him as a coach, and as a public figure, but mostly as a person. He's been a great influence on me."

Valvano's influence should help the two to success in the ACC this season. But only time, hard work, talent and a little luck will tell. Both players said they would do whatever Valvano needed them to do. Perhaps an ACC or NCAA title will not come this year. Maybe in a year or two it will. But with the talent and determination of this pair, anything is possible.



Chris Corchiani drives to the basket for two points. Corchiani set a new ACC freshmen record for assists with 235.

## Tucker anxious to play first game

By Dwuan June  
Staff Writer

Byron Tucker can not wait for the 1988-89 basketball season to start.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "I've waited a whole year for this and I can't wait."

The 6-9 forward redshirted himself last season in order to improve the physical aspect of his game. When he came to State, Tucker weighed 165 pounds. During the season, he did not practice with the team, but instead lifted weights throughout the season. Today, he weighs 211 pounds.

"When I came here, I could bench press 140 pounds. Now I can get 260."

Tucker said he knew he could score in the ACC, but he questioned his defense. The added strength has helped his game both physically and mentally.

"I feel much more confidence in my game now," the Oxon Hill, Maryland native said. "I was confident when I came here. I knew I could play offensively, but didn't think I could play defense."

Tucker said the exciting part of his first season will be fulfilling head coach Jim Valvano's expectations of him. Valvano said he expects Tucker to give senior forward Chucky Brown a breather when needed or to step in at center.

"Byron Tucker is a big question for us this year," Valvano said. "Last year, he didn't even practice with the team. He concentrated on



Scott Jackson/Staff academics and lifting weights." Valvano said he has never redshirted a player before, but

with Tucker he made an exception.

"He decided it was better for him to get physically stronger. With his increased strength, we see him giving Chucky a breather."

Tucker averaged 33.9 points, 11.7 rebounds and 1.8 blocks per game as a senior at Potomac High School. He led Potomac to a 20-3 record and The Washington Post named him suburban Washington, D.C. Player of the Year. Both Street and Smith's and USA Today named Tucker all-American and he was considered one of the top 50 high school recruits in the nation.

Tucker said he will probably play small forward, but he expects to see action at the pivot. He spent the off-season working with L.A. Clippers first round draft pick Danny Manning and Tucker said working with Manning was beneficial.

"I practiced in the off-season with Danny Manning and he taught me a lot of things at the post-position."

Gone from last year's Wolfpack team are guards Vinny Del Negro, Quentin Jackson and Charles Shackleford. Shackleford averaged 16.6 points and 9.6 rebounds a games. The media is questioning how well the Wolfpack will do without Shackleford, but Tucker does not think the loss will hurt.

"I don't think it will affect us much," he said. "You have me,

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Scott Rivenbark/Staff Avie Lester blocks Duane Ferrell's shot in Atlanta last season. Lester will man the paint for the Wolfpack this season.

## Lester starts at center

By Hunt Archbold  
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team opened the 1988-89 campaign like a puzzle missing many pieces. One question that needed to be answered was 'who would start in the paint?'

Six-foot-nine junior Avie Lester has been cast in the center role, and the Roxboro native feels that his time has come.

"I feel good about my play in practice. I have a lot of confidence

in my ability as a player," said Lester.

Lester was used in a backup role last year and appeared in all 32 games, averaging over ten minutes of court time per contest. But those minutes came in short spurts, which prohibited Lester from getting a good feel for the game.

"I never could get in the flow of the game by playing only three or four minutes at a time," said Lester. "With more playing time I'll get a better feel for the game."

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# REFLECTIONS

**S**ix months ago, N.C. State head coach Kay Yow began to assemble her women's Olympic basketball team.

Six weeks ago, Yow's Olympic team beat the Yugoslavian National Team to win the gold medal in Seoul, South Korea.

Today, Yow is still busy.

Since coaching the Olympic team to the gold in the 1988 Summer Olympics, Yow's life has been a blur of press conferences and speaking engagements. She has also been busy preparing her State women's basketball team for its upcoming season.

For now, her memories of the golden deeds of her Olympic team have been assigned to the scrapbook. There is little time for Yow to sit back and relax.

"I have had those moments of relaxation but they're not as long as I might like for them to be. There's a lot to be done," Yow said. "It's an

Text By Calvin Hall  
Photo by Scott Jackson





Marc Kawanishi/Staff

Kay Yow coached the U.S. Olympic Team to a gold medal victory in Seoul, South Korea. Gibsonville native would like to see more student body support for the women's basketball program. Yow's squad defeated the Yugoslavian National Team 77-70 in the final round. The

exciting time for me."

To Yow, being able to work with her team is something she has looked forward to since the end of last season. However, her Olympic accomplishments are memories that will last a lifetime.

"I really liked South Korea a lot. I enjoyed the people. I enjoyed everything about it," she said. "Obviously, it was a great experience because we played well and a lot of great things happened to us there."

In Korea, women's basketball in America finally reached the pinnacle of success it had been steadily climbing toward since the early part of this decade.

For Yow, a native of Gibsonville, North Carolina, Korea was a great experience as well as a challenge, especially on the cultural level.

"There are so many differences — our heritage, our traditions, the way things are done," she said. "You know, in Asia the people are very polite, the people have a great respect for elders. Courtesy and consideration are much more meaningful to them."

"We see a lot of aggressiveness — a lot more in our own life in this country than we do in some of the older countries."

Yow also said the language barrier created yet another challenge to be overcome. For a person such as herself who speaks only English, she said, the language barrier is a major problem. Even though a person may be able to cope with the problem, he finds that he is still unable to find the answers to a lot of questions.

"I find that really disappointing because you [may] find a person that you really like, that's very friendly, very warm, that you'd like to communicate with, but you don't speak the same language, you don't eat the same foods," she said. The differences even extended into the area of sports.

"In sports, we speak the same language. Except, even in the style of play, there are differences. We have similarities and a basis for common ground, but still, their style is different."

However, Yow found that among Koreans and Americans, as well as other people, religion is the basis for common ground. Yow, a devout Christian, discovered that cultural barriers disappeared when she met other Christians in Korea, a land where the influence of Buddhism and other Eastern religions prevail.

"If you find a Christian, then you speak the same language. That is an amazing thing to me," Yow says. "We're both reading the same book (The Bible), feeling the same way, having the same principles and same beliefs.

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A dream for me would be to have a program in the country that has tremendous student body support. In addition to Raleigh-area support, I would also like to have student body support like nobody else in the country has — I wish I knew what I could do to create that.”

Kay Yow

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We're experiencing the same knowledge, same understanding... I found that to be very exciting." Yow admits she is an idealist at heart. And because of that, the ideals of peace and unity that are part of Olympic competition appeal to her. She feels that by participating in Olympic competition, one can feel the Olympic spirit. "To be a part of it is such an uplifting experience for me. Just being a participant enhances what one already feels. The medal just puts the icing on the cake," she said. "It's a tremendous experience to be a part of."

In that respect, Yow said that in basketball, she would like to see Olympic competition limited only to amateurs. Although she cannot speak for competitors in other sports, Yow believes that in basketball the boundary between the amateur and the professional is clear cut in the United States as opposed to other countries. "There's something I like about letting our amateurs go up against their professionals," she said. Yow is a person who likes challenges. Because of that, she would welcome the chance to coach again in the Olympics. "I'm a person who thrives on challenges and great opportunities. Just the chance to be involved in such a great event such as the Olympics is a thrill."

Yow was finally able to work with her team on October 15. However, going into practice this year was different. She returned to Raleigh as an Olympic champion, but last year her Wolfpack team suffered its worst season in school history, with 10 wins, 17 losses and a last place finish in the highly competitive ACC. It was the low point of an otherwise stellar coaching career for Yow.

But she feels her Olympic experience will help her become

a better coach.

"Every time you work with a team, you have the opportunity to get better in a lot of areas. You can never stop learning. It's a lifetime process."

Yow's dream is to someday have increased student support for her team. She has noticed that the women's programs around the country with the most fan support get it from surrounding communities, not students, around those universities.

At State, Yow would like to see that trend change.

"A dream for me would be to have a program in the country that has tremendous student body support. In addition to Raleigh-area support, I would also like to have student body support like nobody else in the country has. I wish I knew what I could do to create that."

To Yow, more support from the students at State is important because she and her team love the atmosphere students create with their cheering at the games. A large, home crowd is like "an extra man on the floor," she said. But Yow realizes what she must do to increase student body support.

"I feel that my job is to put out a quality team so that when the fans come out they will enjoy identifying with that team as their team and be proud that it represents them."

During her 13 years at State, Yow has compiled a 297-105 overall record. Her teams, playing an exciting, up-tempo style of basketball, have won three ACC Championships and have been in post-season play 12 years, appearing in seven straight NCAA tournaments.

Despite the past successes of her teams, Yow believes that with greater fan support, especially from State students, her future teams can achieve even greater success.

For this reason, Yow hopes the play of her Olympic team will stimulate a nationwide interest in women's basketball. And she hopes State will be at the center of it.

"I hope that they might have seen an exciting brand of basketball [in the Olympics]," she said. "And I hope that we present in our teams here quality play and a kind of excitement similar to what they saw in the Olympics [with] some individual feats and team unity."

To that end, Yow and her staff plan to work hard to pursue that dream.

"We're going to work hard to put a quality team on the floor every year and we'd just like to share it," Yow said. "It's one thing to do it, but it is nothing like sharing it with other people. The greater the support you have, the more people you have sharing what you do with you, makes it really great fun. It's one big team effort."

# Assistants feel State has top 15 potential

By Tom Olsen  
Senior Staff Writer

The coaching waters of the N.C. State women's basketball team run deeper than Olympic gold medalist coach Kay Y. W.

Yow flanks herself with assistants Karen Freeman and Beth Burns, and like all good leaders, Yow delegates responsibilities to her assistants. Freeman focuses on day to day tasks,

**Karen Freeman**

while Burns coordinates recruiting.

"My main thrust is academics to administrative," Freeman said.

The third year assistant's responsibilities range from dining and housing to scouting and preseason conditioning.

Freeman said people do not realize the amount of paper work involved. She cited eligibility paper work, academics, and clearing paper work with the admissions office for recruits.

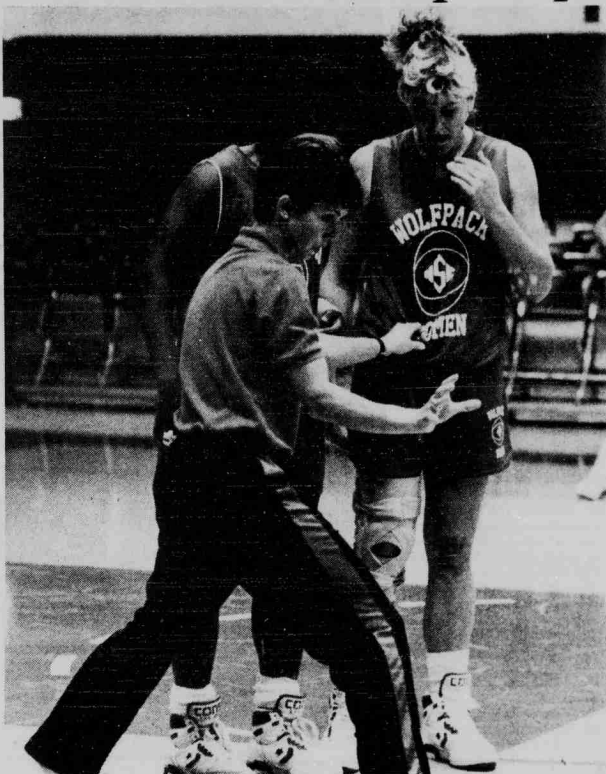
For Burns, this is her first year at State. Her main responsibility is recruiting and she said she "enjoys every minute of it."

Burns considers herself a people person and has always wanted to help young people. In recruiting she feels she does both.

While on the court, Freeman works with the defense and the development of the perimeter players while Burns coaches the forwards and centers.

Both coaches came to State with a strong background and love for basketball. Freeman has wanted to coach since she was a junior in college.

"It was one of those things," she



Scott Jackson/Staff

Karen Freeman instructs Krista Kilburn during a break in practice at Reynolds Coliseum Friday afternoon. After school, Freeman worked as an assistant coach for two years at the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay. She also interned with

the Women's Basketball Association.

Burns is the new kid on the block. Her young career at State began during the last week of June, in time for the recruiting season.

Before she came here, she was an assistant at the University of Colorado for five years. She met Yow when Yow came to Boulder, Colorado to speak for the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.



**Beth Burns**

After Ed Baldwin's departure to UNC-Charlotte, Burns applied for the position this summer.

"She (Yow) felt she needed someone already proficient in the area of recruiting," Burns said. "A lot of people recommended me."

Both assistants are looking forward to the upcoming season even though the 1988-89 team is a young squad.

"We have the potential to be top 15 to 20 team," Freeman said while Burns said "it's a matter of how quickly things come together."

After last season's disappointing drop from first to last place in the ACC, the coaches said the team is approaching this season with a new level of commitment, a commitment Freeman described as "a burning desire to be the best we can be."

State opens the 1988-89 season on November 25 in the Blue Chip Holiday Classic at Cincinnati. The Pack is scheduled to play UCLA at 7:30 p.m. at Riverfront Coliseum.

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# Pack looks to rebound from 10-17 season

By Dwuan June  
Staff Writer

N.C. State women's basketball team will look to rebound in 1988 from last year's disappointing season with the addition of four new freshmen and Proposition 48 players Andrea Stinson and Rhonda Mapp.



Andrea Stinson

The Pack finished the season with 10-17, the worst record in the school's history. It was the first time in 13 years State did not go to the NCAA under head coach Kay Yow. Yow said this season is a redeeming year.

"We would like to be able to prove that we can get back to the level we were accustomed to being on," Yow said. "It is a redeeming year. We've got something to prove."

Yow will direct a team that has seven returning lettermen, including three juniors and one senior. Seven State players are 6-0 or taller. The team is inexperienced but loaded with talent and Yow expects the upperclassmen to help the newcomers make the adjustment from high school to collegiate basketball.

"With so many young kids, it is imperative that we get leadership from our senior and juniors," Yow said. "It may take the newcomers an adjustment period, but hopefully our upperclassmen can

reduce any anxieties they may have."

Bertrand, a Brooklyn, New York native is Yow's only senior. She has started at the point her last two seasons and averaged 5.7 points and 5.1 assists per game last year. Bertrand is sixth in all-time assists with 341.

Junior Krista Kilburn may join Bertrand in the backcourt. The Fayetteville, Georgia native can play guard or forward. She averaged 8.6 points and 5.4 rebounds per game last year while playing with injured knees.

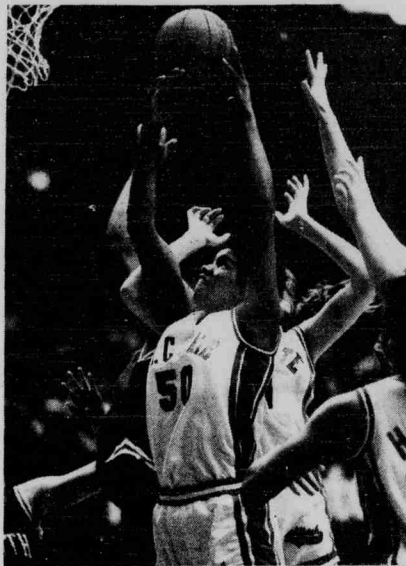
Sharon Manning is the probable starter at center. The 6-3 sophomore averaged 12.7 points and 7.8 rebounds per game. She finished second in the ACC Rookie-of-the-Year balloting and shot 54.1% from the field. Manning scored in double figures in 20 of 27 games.

Junior forward Kerri Hobbs is considered the best athlete on the team and is a probable starter at forward. The 6-0 Mount Laurel, New Jersey native averaged 11.9 points and 5.8 rebounds per game. She started 22 of 27 games last season and was named MVP in the Iona Invitational after scoring 42 points and grabbing 12 rebounds in the two-game tourney.

Yow said the returning players are ready for the upcoming season.

"During the off season, you could see the returning players had a redeeming attitude," she said. "It is certainly not a revengeful attitude."

Six players will suit up in Pack uniforms for the first time. Teri Whyte, a 6-5 center from Florida,



Frithjof Kuntze/Staff

Sophomore Sharon Manning is the probable starter at center. Manning finished second in the balloting for ACC Rookie-of-the-Year.

and 6-3 Rhonda Mapp, an Asheville native, will strengthen the front line.

Mapp, who can play both forward and center, was a Parade first team high school All-American. She led Asheville High School to the state 4-A title in

1987, averaging 26.1 points, 16.5 rebounds, 4.1 steals and 2.2 blocks per game.

Christa Hull, 6-2, will play at either forward or center. She averaged 26.2 points and 12.8 rebounds per game at East Burke

High School. Hull sat out last year after undergoing knee surgery.

Ashley Hancock, 6-1, averaged 20.5 points, 8.2 rebounds and 10.1 assists per game at Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield, Virginia. She was the Washington Post and Washington Times Player of the Year last season.

Natalie Nester, 6-0, led Mt. Airy High School to a 27-3 record her senior year. She averaged 20.5 points, 8.5 rebounds, 3 steals and 3.5 assists per game.

The most highly publicized recruit is Andrea Stinson. The Parade first team All-American has been called the greatest talent in women's basketball since Southern Cal's Cheryl Miller.

Stinson was Parade's National Player of the Year, the Associated Press and Greensboro News and Record's North Carolina Player of the Year, and The Charlotte Observer's Ms. Basketball. She averaged 30.2 points, 8.9 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game while leading North Meck to a 29-2 record her senior year.

Yow said Stinson is a tremendous talent.

"We have an individual in Andrea Stinson, who if we get the ball to her in the open court, she can do a lot with it," she said.

Even with the abundance of talent she has assembled, Yow does not know what kind of team State will be.

"I'm as anxious as anyone to see this team. I do feel we have as much or more talent than any N.C. State women's team has ever had. I think that talent could overcome the lack of experience that we have."

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# UVa to challenge Maryland for ACC championship

By Dwan June  
Staff Writer

Parity may be the word in ACC women's basketball this season.

Three teams are ranked in the preseason Top 20 and the remaining five are returning at least two starters plus a deep bench.

Maryland, the defending ACC champion, returns seven lettermen, three of whom are starters. The Terrapins finished the season with a 26-6 record and were ranked sixth in the country.

Senior forward Vicky Bullet, 6-3, is expected to lead Maryland again. The All-ACC forward led the team in scoring and rebounding with 18.2 points and 9.5 rebounds per game.

Junior center Christy Winters, 6-3, will join Bullet on the frontline. Winters averaged 14 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. She was the team's second leading scorer and rebounder.

Senior point guard Deana Tate, 5-8, will join sophomore Carla Holmes in the backcourt. Holmes was the 1987 ACC Rookie-of-the-Year and her long-distance shooting will complement Tate's penetrating style of offense.

## Clemson

In one year, head coach Jim Davis turned a 7-21 team into a 21-9 team that reached the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1982.

This year Davis would like to go from a

Top 20 team to a Top 10 team. The Tigers lost two starters, but returned seven lettermen.

The frontline will be Clemson's strong point. Senior forwards Karen Ann Jenkins, 6-0, and Ramona O'Neal, 5-8, averaged a combined 23.7 points and 10.2 rebounds per game. Senior Louise Greenwood, 6-3, will play the center position. Greenwood averaged 12.1 points and 7.2 rebounds per game.

The backcourt is the biggest question mark. Clemson lost three guards to graduation, Cheryl Nix, Renee Williams and Susan Fehling. Becky Hollaway, a 5-6 senior, will probably run the point. She averaged 3.6 points a game last season and could be joined by O'Neal or one of four recruits.

## Duke

Injuries once again took their toll on the Blue Devils.

Duke is left with only eight healthy scholarship players and several walk-ons are expected to make the team. The Devils lost two starters to graduation, Chris Moreland, the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder, and Paula Andersen.

Senior guard Katie Mier is continuing rehabilitation from surgery and will miss this season. Sophomore forward Monika Kost underwent similar surgery and will miss the upcoming season as well.

Freshman walk-on Brittany Jones has also undergone surgery, but could return later in

the year. Sophomore guard Traci Williams will sit out a semester for academic reasons.

Duke finished last season with a 17-11 record.

## Wake Forest

Nine lettermen, including five starters, return from last year's 23-8 team.

The Deacons earned their first ever national ranking in 1987 and head coach Joe Sanchez will try to direct his team to another national ranking. Wake also led the ACC in fan attendance, averaging 1,180 fans a game.

Junior All-ACC center Lisa Dodd, the nation's leader in field goal percentage in 1987, will lead the Deacons. Dodd, 6-3, averaged 13.9 points and 7.6 rebounds per game.

Phyllis Edwards, Wake's leading rebounder last season, returns at the forward position along with sophomore forward Jenny Mitchell. Edwards, a 5-10 senior, averaged 12.2 points and 7.7 rebounds per game, while Mitchell, 6-2, averaged 6.4 points and 6.0 rebounds per game.

Sophomore Alice Neal, a senior All-ACC guard, will join junior point guard Cathy Willie in the backcourt. Neal, 5-6, averaged 10.5 points and 2.3 assists per game. Willie, 5-7, averaged 7.6 points and 2.5 assists per game.

## North Carolina

Head coach Sylvia Hatchell has seven players who earned letters, two of which are

starters, returning from last year's 10-17 squad.

Marsha Matthews and Marlaine Oden return to lead the Heels. Matthews, a 5-11 senior who can play forward or guard, averaged 8.9 points and 5.2 rebounds per game. Oden, a 6-1 senior center, averaged 7.9 points and 6.3 rebounds per game.

The Heels will look to replace starters Kathy Wilson, Tia Poindexter and Chriss Wats with ju-co transfers.

## Virginia

Only two starters return from last year's 27-5 squad that lost to the Tennessee Volunteers in the Final Eight.

Junior Tonys Cardoza, 5-10, can play either guard or forward. Cardoza averaged 11.6 points, 5.7 rebounds, 3.3 steals and 1.7 assists per game.

Dawn Bryant, a 6-1 forward, averaged 7.7 points and 8 rebounds per game.

Gina MacNealge, 6-4, is the probable starter at center, but the remaining spots are vacant. Kathy McConnel, Fran Scott, Tia Toney and Camela Franklin will battle for the guard spots, but no one player has a definite advantage.

## Georgia Tech

The Yellow Jackets are looking to improve on last year's 11-16 record. Tech was 8-4 outside the conference, 3-11 in the conference. They lost 6 of 13 home games and four of 12 on the road. Tech will have to improve those numbers if they are to move into the upper echelon of the ACC.

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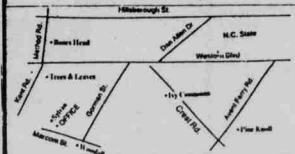
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# Pack women welcome three newcomers

By Stephen Stewart  
Senior Staff Writer

Ashley Hancock will add another dimension to State's women's basketball team.

The Springfield, Virginia native was recruited for her ball handling abilities, but she can play point guard, shooting guard or small forward.

Hancock averaged 20.5 points, 8.2 rebounds and '91 assists her senior year while leading Robert E. Lee High School to a 23-4 record and a state semi-final berth.



**Ashley Hancock**

USA Today named her an honorable mention all-American and she was named preseason all-American for Street and Smith. Hancock came to State because she liked the coaching staff.

"I chose State because of their coaching staff," he said. "I also liked the players. I got along with the team when I came here on a recruiting trip and really liked what I saw."

She was The Washington Post and The Washington Times Player of the Year and first team all-Metro as well as Associated Press first team all-state selection.

Hancock's father played at UCLA under Coach John Wooden. Her father keeps her going.

"My dad played and my brothers played and my father is a real big fan of basketball and that is what kept me going," she said.

Hancock, who was an honor graduate in high school, will pursue a degree in business and advertising. After college, she would like to work for Converse in the advertising department.

## Natalie Nester

Natalie Nester will be the only true freshman from the Tar Heel state this year for the Wolfpack.

During her senior year, the Mount Airy native was selected by USA Today as an honorable mention all-American and was selected to the Associated Press' second team all-state. She was also the Northwest Conference 2A Player of the Year.

She averaged 20.5 points, 8.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists and

three steals per game while leading Mount Airy High School to a 27-3 record and the conference tournament championship.

Nester credits the State coaching staff for her selection of State.

"Coach (Ed) Baldwin recruited me and he was a big part of my decision to come to State. I had a real good recruiting trip and that sort of finalized my decision to come to State."



**Natalie Nester**

"I feel that I can contribute a lot as a shooter, but I'm still learning," she said. "I want to do whatever I can to help the team and the rest of the team feels the same way."

Nester would like to become a buyer for some big department store and eventually own her own store. Nester says she owes her success to her parents.

"Whenever I was feeling down my parents were always there. I want to be a success and make my parents proud. My father played basketball and he helped me a lot."

## Teri Whyte

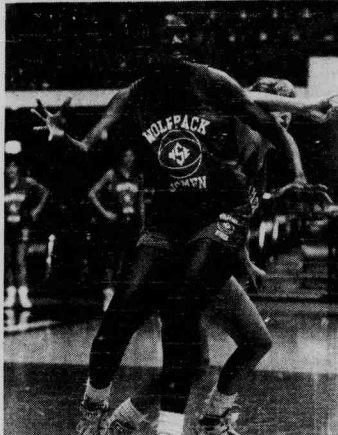
Last season, head coach Kay Yow and her staff searched for a player who could give them more height on the frontline.

They got what they were looking for in the 6-foot-5 frame of Teri Whyte.

Her senior year at Lake Mary High School, Whyte averaged 17.4 points, 14.1 and 6.3 blocked shots a game. She was also first team all-Seminole County and all-conference player.

The Sanford, Fla., native also recorded a triple double — the hard way. She scored 33 points, 21 rebounds and 11 blocked shots in one game, all career highs.

Whyte, who graduated with a 3.0 grade point average, is a business administration and communications double major.



Scott Jackson/Staff

Teri Whyte, a 6-5 center from Florida, is one of seven Pack players 6-0 or taller.

Her long term goal is to own her own radio station eventually.

Among Whyte's interests are reading, writing and poetry while listening to music. While in high school, Whyte was a member of five clubs and the track team. She ran the quarter mile and mile relay, and was a quarter-miler in addition to playing basketball. Whyte decided to attend State because of Yow.

"She is a great lady, and she has her priorities straight," she says. "She knows where she is going and how she is going to get there. I also feel that she will be a great influence on me as a person in addition to helping my basketball skills."

Whyte said she owes her success to her parents and God. "My parents have motivated me and kept me going," she said. "They have strong religious backgrounds, and always encourage me to read the Bible, and to pray."

# Kilburn hopes knee injuries thing of past

By Scott Deuel  
Senior Staff Writer

Krista Kilburn, who played the guard/forward position under Kay Yow last year, returns for her junior season with the Wolfpack and is excited about the team's upcoming season.

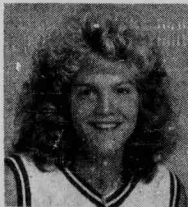
"I'm really excited this year because we've got a lot of good talent," Kilburn said. "I think the upperclassmen bring us along real well."

Kilburn averaged 8.6 points and 5.4 rebounds per game last year, and she started 21 games for the Wolfpack.

In one of the best games of her career, Kilburn scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds against UNC-Asheville on December 12, 1987.

Despite her solid sophomore season, Kilburn has been hampered with knee problems.

"My knee's are OK," Kilburn



**Krista Kilburn**

said. "I'm a little behind, but I just want to play well. I hope I'm going to be back to contribute."

The Fayetteville, Georgia native, who is a speech communications major, has enjoyed the non-basketball aspect of college life as well.

"N.C. State has turned out really well," Kilburn said.

"This place grows on you, and I've met a lot of nice people."

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Lone senior Debbie Bertrand has started the last two seasons at the point.

## Bertrand has seen low, high points of career

By Steve Reavis  
Staff Writer

Senior point guard Debbie Bertrand has experienced both the top of the mountain and the depth of the valley in her basketball career at N.C. State.

As a sophomore, Bertrand quarterbacked a senior-laden team that brought home the ACC championship. As a junior last season, the decimation of graduation and Proposition 48 saddled the team with its worst ACC record ever, a 10-17 mark.

Despite all the hardships, Bertrand makes no excuses for the team's lack of success. Bertrand said the team never gave up last season and continued to work hard even as the losses piled up.

"She feels the 1988-89 team will be better off because of the adversity that most of them faced last year.

"The losses actually helped the learning process and brought the team closer together," she said.

Bertrand's main objective for the upcoming season will be to insure that the team performs as a single unit. To accomplish this

task, Bertrand said she "must distribute the ball around and make the right decisions in pressure situations." Also, the team must "work within Coach Kay Yow's system and stay within our individual abilities."

Bertrand has high expectations for herself and the team this year. However, the senior places team goals and accomplishments above any personal goals.

"Success in the ACC and NCAA's mean more to me than anything I might do personally."

Bertrand said she needs to "average ten-plus points and ten-plus assists" for the team to reach its destination this year. She is enthusiastic about the season, because she knows Yow will bring the same effort and intensity she displayed in the Olympics to the Wolfpack.

Bertrand would like the student body to make an all-out effort to support the women's team this year.

"We work just as long and hard as the men's team," Bertrand said. "We need more support from the students to help us realize that we are appreciated just like the men."

## Manning says Wolfpack improved

By Joey Wofford  
Staff Writer

Sharon Manning joined the Pack last year as a rookie but performed more like a seasoned veteran.

She finished the season as State's leading scorer at 12.7 ppg and was also the team's leading rebounder with 7.8 boards per contest.



Sharon Manning

Statistically, she was the conference's best freshman, finishing eighth in the conference in field goal percentage and seventh in rebounding. Manning did not start until the 15th game of the season. Her production went up with her playing time and she averaged 15.5 points and 8.3 rebounds in games she started.

The ACC Rookie-of-the-Year credits Yow for her improved game.

"She helped me to improve my shooting touch in practice," Manning said. "It wasn't used to playing taller people because I was always the tallest on my team in high school.

"She helped me to get more arc in my shot and helped me improve my defense in front of the basket."

Manning expects improvement from herself and from the whole team this season. "The whole team is very enthusiastic and we can't wait for the season to finally start," she said. "Our preseason practices have been much more intense than they were last year."

Manning thinks this year's Pack will be better than last year's squad.

"Everyone is pulling together and contributing their best. We will be greatly improved over last year."

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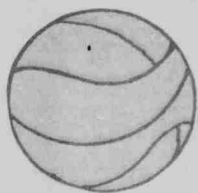
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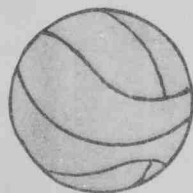
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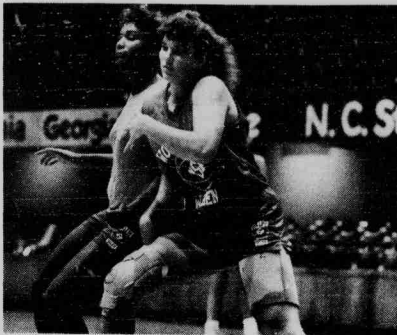
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Kerri Hobbs battles Christa Hull for position during practice Friday in Reynolds Coliseum.

# Hull ready to return after season-ending knee injury

By Stephen Stewart  
Senior Staff Writer

Christa Hull is on the comeback trail after a season-ending knee injury last year and is ready to make her first appearance as a Wolfpack player.

The redshirt freshman graduated from East Burke High School. She holds the school's career scoring record for men and women with 1,499 points.

"USA Today" and "Street and Smith" named Hull an honorable mention all-American her senior year. She was also on the Associated Press all-state squad and was the Northwestern 4-A

Conference Player of the Year.

Hull used the year to increase her strength and endurance.

"I was disappointed, but Coach Yow told me to take advantage of my situation," Hull said. "She said that I could improve my strength and improve my grades."

Hull said she will seek a degree in either zoology or animal science. She wants to attend vet school and own her own veterinarian hospital.

"I want my own place, so I can set my own hours and be my own boss," she said.

Hull's main goal for the year is to find her place on the squad.

"I want to know what my role is



Christa Hull

and where I'm going to fit in on the team. I really haven't tested my knee yet, so it will be interesting to see where I will fit in."

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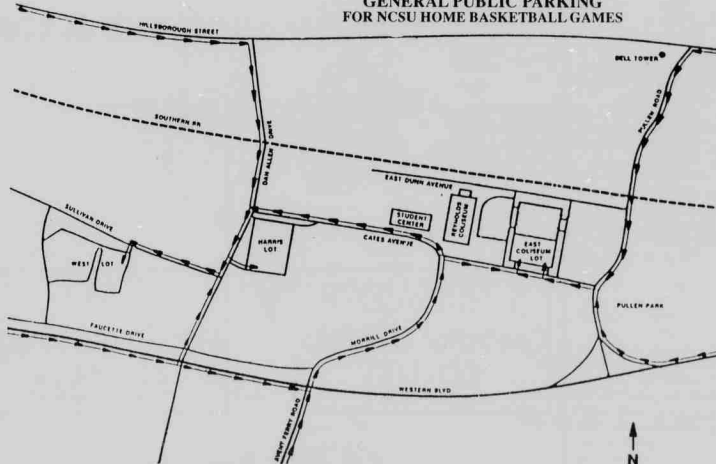
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Sandee Smith (dark jersey) tries to steal the ball away from Ashley Hancock.

## Smith says Wolfpack always has room for improvement

By Jeff Cherry  
Staff Writer

The Wolfpack women hope they fare better this season than last year's squad which ended up with a 10-17 record.

But for junior forward Sandee Smith, a repeat of last year's performance would not be so bad.

Smith, a native of Toccoa, Georgia stepped into a starter's role as a sophomore and averaged 7.4 points and 5.7 rebounds per game while often drawing the other team's top inside player on defense.

"Sandee's contribution will be mainly in defense and transition, because those are her strengths," head coach Kay Yow said. "Right now she's our best defensive player on the inside. When we need to stop a particular inside player, we feel she can help us."

Though only 6-0, Smith's outstanding leaping ability and tremendous arm span make her effective defensively against much taller players.

Yow said Smith has improved on offense from last season, but Smith realizes the presence this year of Parade All-American newcomer Andrea Stinson will add offensive talent to the team.

"That's going to be my main role — as a defensive player," Smith said. "We've got a lot of good scorers."

But even the best shooter cannot score if her team does not have possession, and that's where Smith steps in. Her rebound totals were second highest on the team last season.

"I'd like to get a lot of boards this year," she said. "If you get the rebounds, sooner or later somebody will score."

Most of Smith's points last season came off offensive rebounds and her defensive boards were an important part of the Wolfpack's transition game.

Smith's most important contribution to this talented young team may be upperclassman experience.

"She's a leader on and off the court... a great hustler who sets a great example with her work habits," Yow said. "I like for upperclassmen to lead the team — they know what I expect on and off the court."

Smith said although the younger teammates are tremendously talented, they still have much to learn from their older teammates.

"There's always room for improvement, no matter how good you are," she said.

Improvement is a pretty safe bet for this year's team. With Smith providing stability in the frontcourt and guidance for the rookies, another championship banner may be hanging in Reynolds Coliseum next March.

## Guard wanted to be cheerleader

By Joey Wofford  
Staff Writer

Nicole Lehmann was not always interested in playing basketball.

Lehmann was a cheerleader until junior high, but she became envious of the time her father spent with her brothers.

"I became jealous of my dad and brothers always playing ball together," she said. "They were having so much fun that I decided to quit cheering and asked my dad to teach me how to shoot."

Lehmann comes from an athletically oriented family and the game of basketball came naturally to her. Her father, George Lehmann, is a renowned basketball

camp instructor and former ABA star. Todd, her brother, plays for Drexel University and another brother, Sean, played prep football with Vinnie Testeverde at Fork Union Military Academy.

By her freshman year in high school she developed a serious interest in the game. She was the first freshman the Burlington Times named as a first-team all-county selection.

Lehmann made the all-county team the next three years and was chosen County Player of the Year her junior and senior years. She averaged 20.9 points, 7 rebounds and 3.5 assists a game after leading her high school team to the league and county titles. "USA

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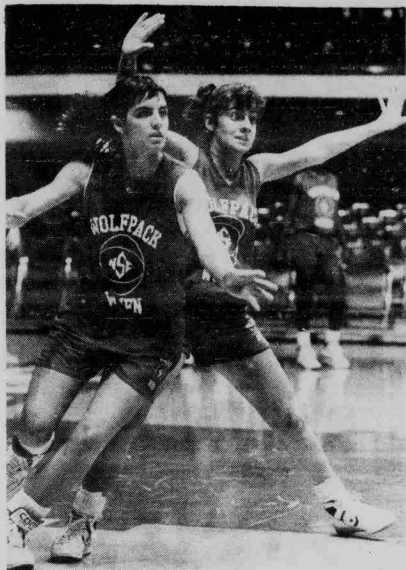
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Gerri Robuck tries to get inside position on Nicole Lehmann.

## Robuck : Pack wants ACC title, NCAA bid

By Brooke Barbee  
Staff Writer

Gerri Robuck believes in mastering the fundamentals.

Whether it is in the game of life or in the game of basketball, she works to improve through the fundamentals of hustle, commitment, and hard work. Robuck usually achieves what she sets out to conquer.

Last season, her belief in the fundamentals made an instant impact with the Wolfpack women. As a freshman guard, Robuck played in all 27 games and started in 16. She averaged 5.4 points, 3.2 rebounds, and 3.5 assists per game. In addition, she was second on the squad in total assists with 94.

However, Robuck does not boast of her talent.

"Hustle makes up for everything. I may not have the most talent on the team, but hustle can make up for some of what I lack," the Raleigh native said.

As this season begins, Robuck looks to improve on last year's performance. In 1986-87, Robuck attended State but elected not to play basketball in order to concentrate on academics. As a result, she started the 1987-88 season trying to regain her unused skills.

"I really lost a lot, not just in shape, but in skills, too. I actually



Gerri Robuck

don't think I played up to my potential last season. I'm just now getting back."

Robuck also said that the Wolfpack women are setting high, but realistic, goals for themselves.

"We're excited about the season. We want to improve on last year's performance," she said. "We're shooting for the ACC Championship and an NCAA bid. So if we play our hardest, we'll be satisfied with the results."

With Robuck on the team, fans need not worry that she or the squad will try for anything less than the best.

"I put pressure on myself to the extent that I do the best I can and then can't ask anymore... In basketball, I always want to be a threat on the court."

Robuck would have it no other way.

## Lehmann wants to improve defense

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Today" named her an honorable mention USA Today All-American.

In 20 games last season, she scored in double figures. For the season, she averaged 7.4 points a game, connected on 89 percent of her free throws and hit 34 percent of her three pointers.

Yow said Lehmann may be one of the sounder point guards she has signed.

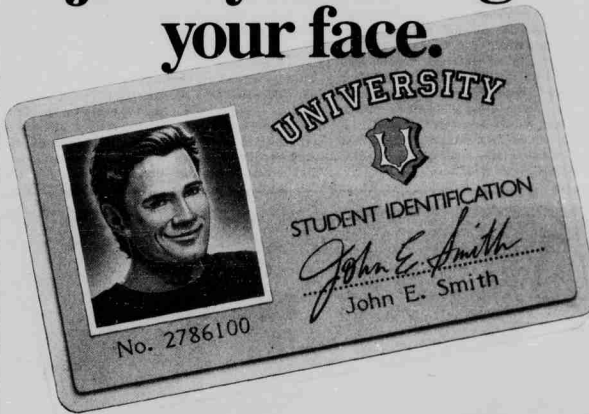
"Nicole, as a point guard, is perhaps the most fundamentally sound player at this point that we've

ever signed," Yow said. "She has a great knowledge of the game and excellent leadership qualities.

Yow used Lehmann's outside shooting often last season. Lehmann attempted 91 three-pointers and connected on 31. This season she hopes to improve in those two areas while increasing her ball handling and defensive skills.

"I worked at my dad's all-star camps this past summer and worked on improving my shooting touch," she said. "I hope to contribute more to the team now that I know the system better. This team will definitely be in the hunt for the ACC title by the end of the season."

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## Stinson ready to contribute after sitting out a year

By Joey Wofford  
Staff Writer

Andrea Stinson begins her first season at State as a preseason All-American pick without ever playing a game at the collegiate level.

She sat out last year under Proposition 48 guidelines and is ready to begin a college career destined to rewrite the record books. As a senior at North Mecklenburg High School, Stinson averaged 30.2 points, 8.9 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game. She was a consensus all-American and Parade's National Player of the Year.

Anyone that has seen Stinson's play has been amazed by her creativity and finesse. Her high school coach said "it's inconceivable that there is a better player than Andrea Stinson out there, anywhere," while USA Today described Stinson as "one of the most explosive offensive talents in the game."

Stinson finished her high school career with 2,128 points (26.9 per game) and 771 rebounds (9.8 per game). She led North Meck to a 73-6 record during her three-year career. In her final home game, she scored 49 points.

Her most memorable occasion in

basketball, however, is leading the Charlotte Monarchs to the 1986 AAU national title. She averaged 30.7 points in the seven-game tournament, including 41 points in the semifinals and 43 points in the finals.

Stinson was the tournament's MVP and Bill Tipps, 1986 AAU national chairman, said "Stinson's performance in the AAU tournament was the best I've ever seen by a female basketball player."

Stinson is more modest in her opinion of herself. Right now, all she wants to do is contribute.

"I hope that I can contribute in some way

to the team, but there are people ahead of me that know the system better."

Stinson was not allowed to practice with the team last season because of Proposition 48 guidelines. She kept her game sharp by playing pickup games in Carmichael Gym against taller guys.

"They are pretty good in there, but I can handle all of them. Not too many could keep up with me, and the ones who could didn't want to guard me again. I'll be glad just to be able to play under coach Yow this year."



Scott Jackson/Staff

Junior Kerri Hobbs (shooting) is expected to provide the upperclassmen leadership the women's basketball team will need to pursue an ACC Championship.

## Hobbs has high expectations for Wolfpack

By Scott Deuel  
Senior Staff Writer

Junior Kerri Hobbs has high expectations for the Wolfpack women's basketball team this year.

"I think that we will go farther than last year, and we're practicing harder," Hobbs said.

Hobbs, was the team's second leading scorer and rebounder last season, averaging 11.9 points and 5.8 rebounds per game for State.

She had career highs of 27 points against Canisius on November 27 last year and 11 rebounds against Providence on December 28.

"My goal is to become more consistent all around," Hobbs said. "Defense and rebounding are the main two."

Hobbs, who is from Mt. Laurel, New Jersey was selected MVP of the Sona Invitational last year after scoring 42 points and pulling down 12 rebounds in two contests.

Besides basketball, Hobbs enjoys the academic side of school.

"I love N.C. State," Hobbs said. "I love the people here. I'm concentrating my major in public relations with a minor in journalism.

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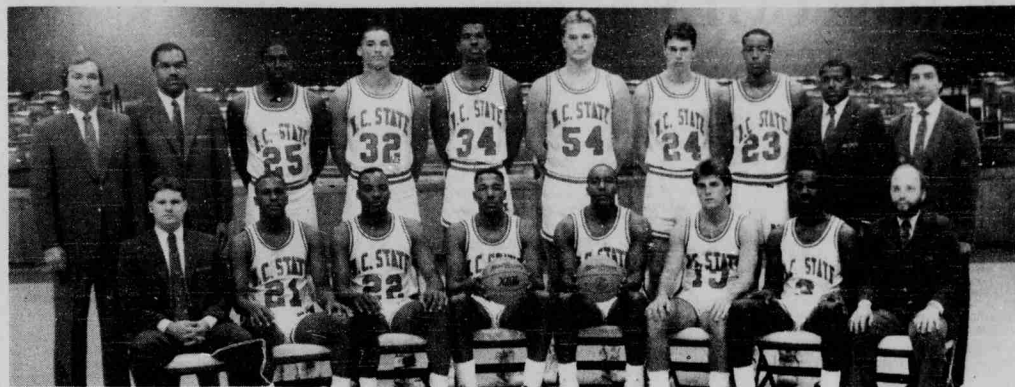
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## Guards' stamina will play a key factor in Wolfpack season

By Lee Montgomery  
Senior Staff Writer

One down and a long way to go. After bolting to a seemingly insurmountable 25-point lead in the second half against Marathon Oil, the Wolfpack got tired and blew it.

"We all got tired," head coach Jim Valvano said. "The lack of a third guard was the single biggest reason we lost the big lead. The last shot (by Avie Lester)

wouldn't have solved any problems."

Sophomore Chris Corchiani played 37 minutes, while backcourt mate Rodney Monroe played 35.

"I was very enthusiastic one minute, and the next minute I was tired," Monroe said.

For their part, Corchiani had 13 points and 12 assists and Monroe added 18 points.

The Wolfpack kept running, content on trying to add to the lead instead of protecting it.

"If this were regular season, we would not have continued to play that way," Valvano said. "I let the guys play, trying to create something offensively."

Kelsey Weems, who left school because of academic difficulties before the semester started, was missed. Instead of having Weems to back up Corchiani and Monroe, the burden was placed on junior-college transfer Mickey Hinnant. It's not any easy task to come into a major college program and contribute right away, but

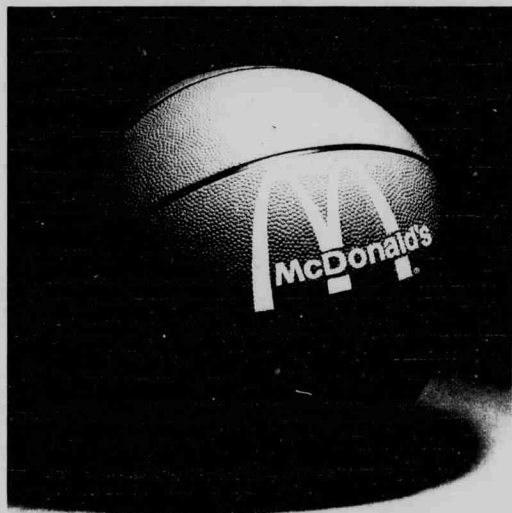
Hinnant will be forced to do it.

"Hinnant didn't play as well as he practiced, but that's to be expected," Valvano said.

Hinnant was among five players who had never seen action as a Wolfpacker.

"So many guys never played before," Valvano said. "I wasn't able to utilize the bench as I wanted. There's not a lot of familiar faces down there."

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# All-time UGLY

First of all, this whole tabloid was a serious endeavor. So, we need something to alleviate the tension.

This ugly contest was degrading, tasteless and juvenile. But, we are still in college.

We did this to get our Pigskin Picks guest panelist. Our winner picked all five of the eventual final five ugly selections, and will appear on the Panel Nov. 18

We would like to thank all those ironcast stomachs that went through the torture of picking out the ugliest human beings in the world.

There were tons of rather ugly individuals to choose from. Everyone who has played at Carolina in the last 20 years was

mentioned on at least one ballot.

Here are some honorable mentions: Sam "Treefrog" Perkins, Jimmy "Lips" Black, Bruce "Blade" Buckley, Dave "Coleslaw" Collescort, Jeff "Limp Wrist" Lebo and Dudley "Doofus" Bradley.

Steve "Pretty Boy/Plastic Hair/And One Eye Brow" Hale headed the second team. Brad "Bad" Daughtery, Pete "12-year-old/Where do they get these guys?/Cold Cuts" Chilcutt, Phil "Eternally Injured" Ford and Mitch "Cupcake" Kupchak rounded out the second five.

Now, it's time for the big winners, or should we say losers? But before we go on, remember, these people are someone's



Rich Yonakor



Steve Bucknall



J.R. Reid



Mike O'Koren



Warren Martin

children and it is all in fun. J.R. "Can't" Reid, Mike "Oxy-Five" O'Koren and Warren "Chucklehead/Mr. Coordination" Martin took spots three, four and five on the team.

The top two vote getters did not surprise us at all and were near-unanimous choices. Steve "The Grinch" Bucknall and Rich "Chick" Yonakor are the all-time ugliest Carolina players. Quite an achievement.

This was all done in fun.

## Three-headed monster played well

Another question mark for the Wolfpack this season is the play at center.

"Center and the depth at guard are real concerns for us," Valvano said. "Avie (Lester) played well."

Lester, a junior from Roxboro, started against Marathon and contributed 10 points and 12 rebounds.

"I did OK," Lester said. "I could have done a lot of things better. I missed some easy shots and some easy rebounds."

Lester said he learned much from the loss to

Marathon.

"We can't take any team for granted," he said. "I've got to hustle, get some rebounds and play good defense. This was a good experience."

Juniors Brian D'Amico and David Lee also had limited playing time at center.

One game will not make or break the Wolfpack's season, but improvement is necessary. And Valvano knows they will.

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# Poston sees "a lot of good things" in 88 squad

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"[Leaving] has crossed my mind," Poston said. "But I just hang in there."  
It is good that he does, because on a team with only two seniors, including Poston, upperclassmen are at a premium.  
The Cherryville, North Carolina native, an All-State and honorable mention All-

American in high school, has no delusions about his role on the team this year.

"I feel my role is to just play hard and try to show senior leadership," he says. "It's going to be important because except for seven players, the rest have little experience."

Poston is looking forward to this season. He was sidelined last year with a knee injury

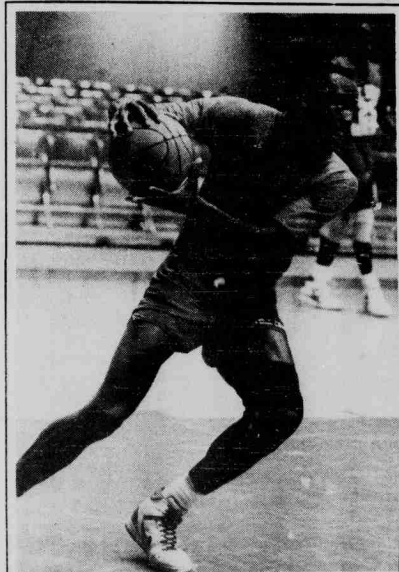
early in the season. He played in only five games last year and quickly became a crowd favorite.

Poston believes that even though the team lost to Marathon Oil in an exhibition game last week, he saw "a lot of good things" in the team's play, especially on offense. The team does need to work harder on defense

and conditioning, he said.

Poston, a speech communications major, says that not being a starter neither hurts nor helps his studies.

"I don't think it [not being a starter] makes any difference," he said. "No one on the team thinks about basketball until they get to practice."



Scott Rivenbark/Staff

## Howard wants consistency

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Howard said the perimeter game suits him better.

"I like to shoot the jumper, but if I have to go inside I'll go. I'll go in, try to get the basket and get fouled and go to the free throw line."

Quentin Jackson and Vinny Del Negro are gone from last year's backcourt. The backcourt suffered two other losses when senior Kelsey Weems and incoming junior college transfer Gary Mattison were lost for academic reasons.

Weems played 217 minutes last season and scored 59 points. However, he had 17 steals on the season and Howard said the Pack will miss Weems' defensive play.

"Kelsey added a defensive spurt to the team," he said. "The spurt he gave us could do a lot of things in a game. We are going to miss him."

Howard also feels Weems' departure may also put an extra burden on starting point guard

Corchiani.

"It's going to be hard on Chris. Rodney (Monroe) may run the point. The only alternatives I see are Rodney and Chris."

Howard expects North Carolina and Duke to battle for the top spots in the ACC, but he wanted to watch out for the Pack.

"Duke and Carolina are always going to be near the top. But I believe we can turn some heads in the ACC."

Howard said he believes the Pack may be underrated, but he likes it that way.

"I think it's good to be an underdog. That way, if you don't win and you're not expected to, nobody says anything. But if you win and you're not supposed to, heads will turn."

Howard would like for the team to finish the season as ACC champions.

"Then, I would like to go to the Final Four," he said. "For me personally, I want to have a consistent year as I did last year."

## Lester ready to assume role

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Valvano has said that, "In a lot of ways, Avie will be the key to our season."

The business management major looks forward to the chance to prove himself.

"I'm ready for the challenge. I'm going to let the game come to me and use my quickness to my advantage," said Lester.

Lester will also be trying to quiet

the critics who continue to compare him with last year's center, Charles Shackelford.

"Shack and I are two different players. I feel that the speed and quickness I have offers a new dimension to the center position. I'll be able to get out on the break and run the transition. Plus I feel that I play a much tougher defense than Shack did," said Lester.

With practices and exhibition

games already in full swing, Lester is ready for the regular season to start.

"We've been scrimmaging hard, but I'm ready to play. I'm ready to get after it."



Avie Lester

## Tucker returns stronger, heavier

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Brian D'Amico, Avie (Lester) and David Lee to combine for one loss."

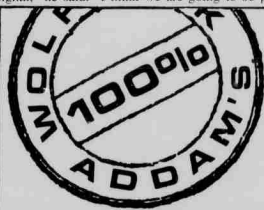
Tucker expects North Carolina to be the preseason favorites in the ACC, since the Heels only lost one player. But, he thinks the conference should be wary of the Pack.

"Some (Top 20 polls) have us ranked as high as eighth," he said. "I think we are going to be pretty

good."

Valvano said his team will be either a perimeter or running team, and whatever type of team State is, Tucker expects to contribute and has set a goal for the season.

"My goal is to get at least 13 points a game and five rebounds a game. (Starting) depends upon how hard I work in practice. Right now, I guess I'm the sixth man."



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# A Collection of Memoirs

"ACC Basketball: An Illustrated History" worth the money

By Bruce Winkworth

A book with a cover price of \$39.95 had better be good, especially when it has been hyped as much as Ron Morris' "ACC Basketball, An Illustrated History" has.

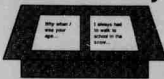
Individual tastes, needs and budgetary considerations will no doubt determine whether or not some people buy this book, but for the serious ACC basketball fan, this book is a must at any price.

Morris, formerly an award-winning sports reporter for The Durham Morning Herald, spent nearly two years researching this book. He went through a process that involved countless hours in the microfilm rooms of several libraries and countless more hours of crisscrossing the country tracking down former ACC basketball players and personalities.

After all of that research, Morris then spent even more countless hours distilling tons of raw data into a 320-page history of the most storied and colorful, if not successful, college basketball conference in the country. The result is a comprehensive and thoroughly researched document, one that is well-written, entertaining, amusing and, at times, poignant.

Anyone can go into a library or the morgue of a daily newspaper and retrieve scores and annual standings from the ACC's 35-year history. What Morris has done, and which is much, much more difficult, is also to capture on paper the human side of ACC basketball, the personalities that made the

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headlines, both good and bad.

Thanks to his writing skill and keen sense of historical perspective, the book never loses its pace or fascination for the reader.

The book is broken down into ACC basketball's four decades, beginning with the '50s, the conference's most colorful decade by far, and ending with the '80s. In each chapter, Morris has included a year-by-year capsule of each season, plus eight individual profiles of former players and coaches, and one "Spotlight" feature of the decade's most dominant figure.

Morris turned over the authoring of the "Spotlight" features to three of the ACC's most noted and respected journalists.

Former News and Observer sports editor Dick Herbert wrote the '50s piece on NCSU's legendary Everett Case, who brought big-time college basketball to the area following World War II, and the '60s article on Duke's Vic Bubas, a Case protege who led the Blue Devils to national prominence.

The '70s "Spotlight" is on State's great one, David Thompson, written by Hillsborough's Barry Jacobs, author of the annual "Fans' Guide to ACC Basketball." And for the '80s, Washington Post sportswriter John Feinstein, who

chronicled the exploits of Indiana's Bobby Knight in the book "A Season on the Brink," writes an insightful profile of North Carolina's Dean Smith.

Also in the section for each decade is an introductory article of one of the decade's turning points, such as North Carolina's seminal win over Wake Forest in the 1957 ACC Tournament that sent UNC on to its first national championship, the State-Maryland game in the 1974 ACC Tournament finals and how television has revolutionized coverage of ACC basketball in the '80s.

The intro piece to the '60s is easily the most touching and strongest piece of writing in the book and one of the most humanely treated stories ever done about sports anywhere. The general subject is the point-shaving scandal that rocked State and UNC in the early '60s, and the individual subject is former State forward Don Gallagher, who helped alter the outcome of several State games in the 1959-60 and 1960-61 seasons.

Morris, after months of fruitless searching for anyone involved in the scandal, finally tracked down an understandably reluctant Gallagher in California. The ensuing portrait of Gallagher was not one of a corrupt, unscrupulous and evil man, but one of an impressive young family man who was well-intentioned yet terribly naive. Through very poor judgment, Gallagher made a terrible mistake, one he has paid for mentally and emotionally for the last 26 years and will continue to



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Leigh Ringer takes a trip through ACC Basketball: An Illustrated History, while her Sharia Richards peeks over her shoulder.

do so for the rest of his life.

The effect is both chilling and humane.

The ACC has had many brighter moments than the point-shaving scandals, and they also are accounted here. State fans in particular will reminisce with the in-depth and behind-the-scenes account of State's 103-100 overtime win in the 1974 ACC Tournament finals, the best game in conference history and perhaps the best college basketball game ever played.

The highlights go on and on. While Morris' text is exceptional, so is the work of the

entire editorial staff at Four Corners Press, which managed to track down hundreds of excellent photos from the ACC's past. Lee Pace deserves special recognition for the design and layout of the book, which must have been an incredible undertaking on its own.

All in all, "ACC Basketball, An Illustrated History" is essential to any sports bookshelf. If the cover price is prohibitive, put the book on your Christmas list. There can be no better way to prepare yourself mentally for the upcoming ACC season than a December reading of this fine work.

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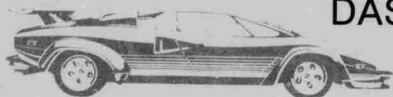
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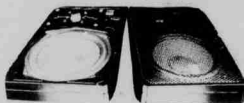
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