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**Day is dying...**  
The freight train rambles over the tracks on its last round of the day... the sun completes its voyage across the expansive, infinite sea of blue... What does it all mean?... it's MILLER TIME!  
Staff photo by Chris Seward

## Sloan justifies letter written for Helms

by Charles Lasitter  
Interim News Editor

Head Basketball Coach Norman Sloan found himself the subject of much notoriety this past weekend when he made the front pages of local newspapers as a result of a letter of support he signed for Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.).

The letter, which Sloan contends has been widely misunderstood, asks for support for the senator, and was mailed to members of the MacGregor Downs Country Club, of which he is a member.

"The particulars about the letter have not been accurately reported yet," said Sloan. He also said that present accounts were "so full of inaccuracies that it's not even funny."

Sloan said the Congressional Club, a conservative bi-partisan political organization, had contacted him about the possibility of sending a letter of support to members of the country club of which he was a member.

He said that although he used the word "agonized" in describing the decision of signing the letter to members of the media, the decision was nowhere near as difficult to make for him as it was played

up to be.

"What I meant to say was that I gave it (the decision) a lot of consideration and thought before signing the letter. It wasn't like I went through a lot of 'agony' in making the decision. I came to the



Norm Sloan

decision to sign the letter rather quickly," he said.

Sloan said the letter was not widely distributed, as accounts of other media sources indicated. He also said that this

was not an effort to solicit support from the Wolfpack Club members, even though it was played up as such in the press.

"The *News and Observer* implied that I was used to contact Wolfpack members, and it was nothing of the sort," he said.

"The Wolfpack Club was never brought up, or in any way involved," he said.

### Letter endorsed

Sloan explained that he didn't write the letter, but that he did endorse it. He said he read the letter, but that he didn't see the stationery on which it was sent.

The letterhead was a subject of some controversy because Sloan's home address was covered by the insignia of a wolf.

The letter concerned a dinner which will be held in Raleigh on Thursday, at which former Head Football Coach Lou Holtz will speak on behalf of Helms.

Sloan emphasized that his views were his own, and in no way could what he has said be tied to the university.

"I support individuals; I'm not a party voter. Helms happens to be the man that I like, and the man I hope stays in Washington.

"I do take the letter seriously, and I'm

conscientious about voting, too. I supported Hunt for governor, and I am personal friends with a number of congressmen too; so there's no way that I'm a party man," he said.

He said the media played up the event as "N.C. State basketball Coach Sloan recruiting people for Helms." He said he was acting on his own behalf as an individual, not as a university official.

He did say, however, that with knowledge of what happened as a result of the letter, he doubted that he would endorse the letter.

## Bicycle registration drive to be held in effort to reduce number of thefts

by Robin Ludlow  
Staff Writer

A bicycle registration drive will be held today, Thursday and Friday by the Bicycle Subcommittee of the Parking and Traffic Advisory Committee.

According to Ricky Taylor, chairman of the subcommittee, there are about 5,000 bicycles on campus and only 711 of these are registered with Student Government and Security.

"We will be at one of the tables on the first floor of the Student Center from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday," said Taylor.

"By holding this drive, we are giving the students a chance to help insure the return of their bikes in case of theft.

"A lot of bicycles have been recovered without a sticker on them and the owner can not be traced," Taylor explained. "There have been several cases, however, where a student's bike was recovered at another campus and was registered here at State. In those cases the bicycle could be returned."

Taylor said that the subcommittee will be sponsoring another bike registration drive at the beginning of next semester for those students who get bikes for Christmas.

### Good alternative

The registration drive is one of the projects the subcommittee is undertaking to make cycling a more reasonable alternative to driving a car, according to Taylor.

"Our goal this year is to reduce the possibility of the theft of student bicycles and increase the rate of returned bicycles," explained Taylor.

"With State's parking situation as bad

as it is, we feel that cycling is an excellent alternative for some students," Taylor continued.

"By making bicycling on campus safer and reducing the theft, we will be providing for a better incentive to choose cycling."

At the last Parking and Traffic committee meeting the subcommittee requested that the student security force be increased to allow them to watch the bicycle racks more closely. The request was defeated however.

The subcommittee reported at the meeting that they were reviewing a new theft-proof bicycle rack design and are preparing for publication cards which will contain useful information on bicycle rules and safety and registration information.

The subcommittee is also considering a method which would allow bicyclists to park their cars on campus on days when bad weather conditions or the need for one's personal auto makes bicycling to campus prohibitive.

Molly Pipes, State's transportation planner, has been working with the subcommittee on the problems of cycling.

"Right now we are considering bike lanes and bicycle paths at different areas on campus," said Pipes. "There are also some problems with one-way roads where it is out of the cyclists way to go the correct direction."

Pipes listed some problems that make bike lanes more hazardous than just riding down the regular road. "A lot of times motorists do not recognize a five foot bike lane since it is new to the area.

"Motorists will sometimes park in them or ride down one as if it is another lane. The separate lane which costs more money also presents a problem for cyclists who want to make a left turn since the

bike lane is at the far right of the road," added Pipes.

Other problems she discussed are that bike lanes end up being the place where glass and trash get swept off the main flow of traffic becoming hazardous to bicyclists.

Pipes said that "things like that can be changed, however students need to start stopping at stop signs and obeying traffic rules."

Pipes said a big problem with cyclists at State is that the students do not know the rules and do not obey them.

"It really surprises me that we don't have more accidents than we have now," Pipes said. "I think the only reason is because the motorists are used to the crazy way people ride bikes around campus and give them a lot of slack."

Pipes, who rides her bike to work, explained that some of the problems are the fault of the planners for not allowing for bike routes in the layout of the university.

### Bicyclists ignorant

John Williams, a consultant for the bicycling programs of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, voiced the same opinion of State bicyclists.

"If you go over to the railroad overpass on Dan Allen you will observe some pretty incredible things," commented Williams. "The bicyclists are undisciplined and reflect a total lack of knowledge of the rules of bike riding. They ride in the middle of the road and go the wrong way down streets which is a big cause of accidents."

Williams, who has toured Europe, Canada, and California on his bicycle, remarked that "just because a person can balance on two wheels and shift gears does not mean he can ride a bike."

## Efforts resume next year Beer bill delayed

by Leo Blume  
Staff Writer

Recent efforts by Student Body President Blas Arroyo to establish beer and wine sales on campus have reached a temporary impasse, but efforts will resume again next year, he said.

Arroyo said that he and student government officers of other University of North Carolina schools had been trying to get a bill introduced into the 1978 short-session of the North Carolina General Assembly that would permit the sale of beer and wine on campus.

This attempt at introduction was unsuccessful because of a legislative rule which forbids the introduction of a bill into a short session that has not been approved for consideration in a previous legislative meeting. As the beer and wine sales bill has never before been put before the legislature, it is ineligible for consideration during 1978.

Arroyo said that the only other way a bill could be introduced into short session is by a two-thirds vote. He said that the possibility of getting the needed two-thirds was so small that postponement was the only choice.

Consequently, Arroyo is planning an intensive lobbying effort during 1978. He said that the goal of the lobbying will be to

line up sponsors for the bill.

Sponsors are legislators who will introduce the bill into the General Assembly and work for its approval.

"We intend to lay all the ground work and make the necessary contacts with specific legislators we feel are receptive to the idea," said Arroyo.

"We will be finding a sponsor or hopefully two co-sponsors who are willing to take on a controversial issue and who are well received in the legislature," he said.

### Bill controversial

The controversial nature of the bill has been one of its major problems. Arroyo said that aside from the moral and ethical opposition to such a proposal, there is also the problem of the beer and wine sales bill being associated with the even more controversial liquor-by-the-drink bill which is also before the General Assembly.

"We've been doing everything we can to keep the two issues separated," he said.

If all goes well with the lobbying campaign, the bill would then be introduced into the 1979 legislature session where, upon passage by a simple majority, the bill would become law.

Arroyo pointed out, however, that this approval would not automatically result in the campus sales of beer and wine. After legislative approval, each school in the UNC system must decide for itself whether or not to condone sales on its own campus.

At each school, before the first beer is sold, that university's Board of Trustees must judge the sales generally beneficial and consequently approve them, he said.

"After approval by the Board of Trustees, the question would be put to the students in the form of a general referendum. If a majority of students endorse the sales, then we can go through with them," Arroyo said.

Pending eventual approval, the law would clear the way for sales of beer and wine on draft at the University Student Center, with other sales locations possible later on.

As for profits, Arroyo said that any profits generated by the sales of beer and wine would go into State's General Scholarship Fund. A similar situation exists for profits obtained through the operation of the Student Supply Store.

Arroyo said that those opposed to the sales are against beer and wine to start with, in addition to those retailers who fear a loss in business due to the sales. Arroyo contended such fears are unfounded.

"Campus beer and wine sales will prove no threat to Hillsborough Street," he said.

Arroyo also anticipates no increase in security problems as a result of the sales. "The atmosphere in the Student Center is not conducive to rowdiness or destructiveness. There shouldn't be any increase



Blas Arroyo

in such problems because of the sales," he said.

Attempts to get beer and wine sales on campus have been made in years past, but apparently with little effort and with less success. Arroyo indicated that the current campaign has the best chances of any that have been attempted in the past.

He admitted, however, that such projects are faced with the perennial problem of student involvement.

"Every time something like this gets rolling, a large percentage of the people involved graduate. Getting undergraduates involved is very important," he said.

## Rights of grievants debated

by John Fleisher  
Staff Writer

Controversy concerning the rights of State faculty members during business disputes marked the Nov. 22 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

The argument arose over a proposed change in the Faculty Mediation Procedures, which set the guidelines for one to follow when filing a grievance with the university. The proposal was to allow grievants to examine letters of recommendation that were written about them when they applied for their jobs.

At the present time, the rules state that a Mediation Committee, which is appointed to investigate grievances as they are filed, has the right to examine "any available information relevant to the case."

This stipulation includes letters of recommendation that are written when one applies to State for employment.

### Right waived

The right to examine the letters, however, is often waived when one asks for a job. In this manner, confidentiality is insured and it is believed by some that the writers will feel freer to be honest in their evaluations.

Earlier this year, the General Assembly amended state laws regarding personnel records. Now, applicants for employment and former employees have legal access to their records, as well as regular employees.

It is this subject that provoked the debate in the Faculty Senate. Some members of the Senate said that job applicants who agree to waive their right to see their letters of recommendation should stand by their promises, while others maintained that the law should be obeyed and those who have grievances should be allowed to see their records even if they earlier waived their right to do so.

At the end of the two-hour meeting no decision had been reached on the issue and Chairman Roger Fites admitted that "we have a problem."

"This may see like a rather petty matter to some people, but it could develop into a giant issue," Fites said. "I think it is better to debate and resolve it now than to wait until we have an actual case to settle."

Fites cited three possible solutions to the dilemma, the first being to "sweep it under the rug and forget it until it comes up," but he said that for the aforementioned reasons this would be a poor course of action.

Secondly, Fites explained, the Senate could agree to heed the law and allow

grievants to see their letters. Finally, the law could be ignored and the waivers enforced.

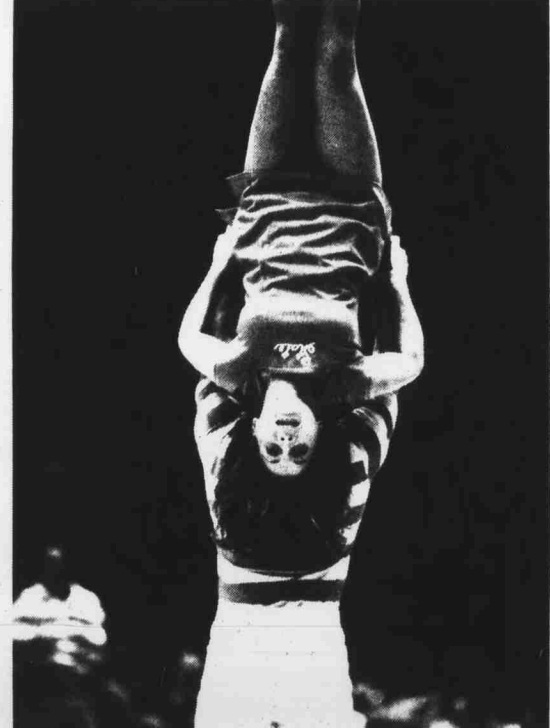
"Of course, as it now stands, anyone who insists upon seeing his records could take the case to court, and there would be an excellent chance of his winning," Fites said.

"What we really need is a ruling from the Attorney General's office, and we are presently awaiting one."

Fites said he thought that the Senate will eventually pass an amendment to the Mediation Procedures dealing with the grievance issue. He said, however, that the subject is still in the discussion stage and a prediction concerning the amendment's contents is impossible to make.

In the event that the waiver policy is rendered ineffective by legislation, Fites

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Staff photo by Chris Seward

**What goes up...**  
The laws of gravity apply to everything but fortunately for this State cheerleader, they can be slightly amended. It helps to have something sturdy to hold one up.

# Former New York police chief to speak 'Top Cop' to visit State

by Angelina M. Maletto  
Staff Writer

In 1968, a young plainclothesman named Frank Serpico defied the New York Police system by exposing 19 of his fellow officers who were accepting bribes. Serpico's expose opened up one of the biggest police corruption scandals in the city's history.

Two years later, Serpico got a bullet in his head for his efforts, but the cat was out of the bag, and the hearings on the charges were under way. At the same time, then-Mayor John Lindsay named a new Police Commissioner to put the New York Police Department on its feet. His

name was Patrick V. Murphy. State students will have the opportunity to hear Commissioner Murphy on Thursday night at 7:30 in the Student Senate Room. Murphy's lecture is being sponsored by the Political Science Department, and is free to everyone.

Erika Fairchild, professor of Criminal Justice, solicited Murphy as a guest lecturer because "he offers his listeners a wealth of experience in the criminal justice arena."

"People in the criminal justice field who have heard him speak say he is a very interesting speaker. I look forward to hearing him," she said.

Murphy, referred to as the "Top Cop,"

started his career as a patrolman with the NYPD in 1945. He was Chief of Police of Syracuse, N.Y. in 1963, and Public Safety Director of the District of Columbia in 1967. In 1968-69 he served as Administrator of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration of the U.S. Department of Justice. After his stint as Commissioner of Police in New York City from 1970 to 1973, Murphy was elected president of the Police Foundation, a position he still holds.

The former police commissioner also serves as Dean of Administration and Police Science at City College in New York, as well as an adviser to the National Crime Commission, and consultant to the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders and Violence.



Erika Fairchild

# Production begins

by John Flesher  
Staff Writer

Following an early-morning meeting in Holladay Hall, Vice-Chancellor for Foundation and Development, Rudolph Pate, announced that the way is now clear for the production of a large masterpiece tapestry, which will be placed in the Student Center and will depict "the special heritage and spirit that N.C. State represents."

"We've been working on plans and fund raising projects for three years, and I'm thrilled that we're finally set," Pate said.

"This tapestry is to be the result of dedicated efforts on the part of students, alumni, and the University Development Council."

Pate explained that the \$30,000 goal has

been reached, although some of it has been pledged and not yet collected. He said that last year's Student Senate contributed \$1,000 and that this year's Senate has pledged the same amount.

According to Pate, world-renowned Dutch artist Karel Appel, who has been hired to design the tapestry and Modern Master Tapestries, Inc. will produce it. He said that Appel will do his work in his Paris studios while the production will be done in India.

"It will be an original artistic creation focusing on the impact of the modern land grant university," he said.

He said it would be woven by hand from silk, and be approximately 12 by 24 feet. He said the installation of the tapestry will be held next year.

# Student senate to discuss three finance bills

by David Pendered  
Staff Writer

Action on three finance bills is the only business slated for tonight's meeting of the Student Senate.

A bill sponsored by Liberal Arts Senator Kevin Coggins proposes that two phones be installed in the lobby of the

Student Center. The bills propose that the phones would provide free calls to the local exchange, replacing two of the present phones which charge 20 cents for the local calls.

The Finance Committee approved \$244 to fund the service charge on the two phones, which would provide service for the remainder of the academic year, Jan. 1 through July 31.

The service charge of each phone would be \$16 per month. The bill also suggests that the service charge be made part of the annual operating budget of the Student Government to insure their operation on a continual basis.

A bill sponsored by Textiles Senator Terry Hatcher pro-

poses that \$500 be allocated to send 15 students to the national convention of American Association of Textile Technologists, to be held in Charlotte Feb. 7-9.

The Finance Committee approved \$375 to fund the \$25 registration fee of the students, but said it did not feel the senate should finance accommodations for the group.

Liberal Arts Senator Teresa Stout and Chris Miller sponsored a bill requesting \$500 for eight members of State's chapter of Epsilon Pi Tau, an honor fraternity for Industrial Arts students.

The Finance Committee approved a total amount of \$255 to cover transportation, gas and \$30 to cover the initiation ceremony the group will perform.

The Alpha Pi chapter has travelled throughout the southeast to conduct initiation ceremonies at other universities.

Richard Pate, a representative from Physical and Mathematical Sciences, requested \$243 to fund the Arnold Air Society and Angle Flight's area conclave.

The two groups will be sponsoring the meeting in Raleigh, Feb. 10-12.

The bill was defeated, according to Kathy Tatum, because the groups were not certain whether or not they would need the money.

# Senate meets

## Dolce gives report on Teacher Education Review Program

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said that some people might resort to telephone interviews or prompt destruction of letters after reading them in order to insure privacy.

"Personally, I don't see why there is so much controversy about the whole thing," Fites said. "If the people who write the letters give honest appraisals, why should they feel afraid for others to see their letters?"

basis. It involves inspection of the campus programs to determine their quality and usefulness to the system. Pate explained that this year the schools of education on all of the 15 UNC campuses were reviewed.

According to Dolce, a special committee went to each campus and met with members of the faculty about their respective education programs.

### Report made

Another important event in the Faculty Senate meeting was a report given by Carl Dolce, dean of the School of Education, concerning a project being conducted by the UNC Board of Governors.

The project, entitled the Teacher Education Review Program, is one of several review programs that the Board of Governors holds on a five-year

The committee was headed by Donald Stedman of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After the committee formulated its data, it made a report to the Board of Governors.

A final report was sent to the presidents of the universities, including recommendations for the futures of the programs.

Dolce said that there were three possible categories in which a program could be placed. The programs were either considered satisfactory and allowed to continue, termed in need of improvement in the near future or deemed unsatisfactory and recommended to be discontinued.

"There are a total of 496 education programs in the UNC system. Of them, 46 were discontinued, while 115 were termed in need of improvement."

"In the latter case, a report of the changes made in the programs must be made by Feb. 1, 1978, in order to keep the program in operation," Dolce said.

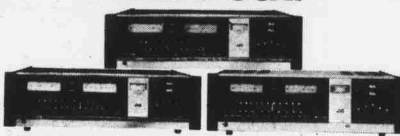
As far as State is concerned, Dolce said that one baccalaureate program in secondary education was discontinued. In addition, improvement was rec-

ommended for the masters program in special education.

"We concurred with the decisions that were made, and think that this policy is a good one," Dolce said. "It keeps the people in the universities on their toes and the recommendation of improvement allows the officials to shape their programs up and avoid being discontinued."



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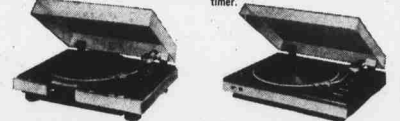
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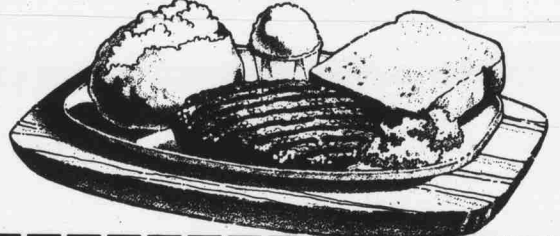
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## Who needs money from 'Playboy'?

by Steve Greene  
Features Writer

On the surface it seems easy. You do not need a college degree or heavy financial backing to be a writer. There are no applications to fill out — no mealy-mouthed interviewers or long lines to endure. You do not have to punch a time clock or put up with an overbearing boss. All you need is a typewriter, stacks of clean, white paper, a pot of hot coffee and a headful of ideas for plays, short stories and novels.

Now, the problems begin. The greatest occupational hazard affecting authors is writer's block. This is often brought on by the sight of a virgin sheet of typewriter paper. You struggle valiantly, downing cup after cup of coffee, wondering if bourbon would help.

You crank a fresh sheet of paper into the machine, get the margins set and indent eight spaces for the first paragraph.

Finally, inspiration strikes and your fingers fly to the keys. "It was a dark and stormy night," you type.

Somehow, this was not exactly what you had in mind. Frowning, you rip the sheet from the typewriter and, wadding it into a ball, throw it into the trashcan. You type, "It was a dark and rainy night." This one goes into the trashcan, too.

As the hours pass, the stack of paper gets slimmer, the trashcan fuller and the nerves frayed. Finally, you come up with a good opening sentence and the story

begins to fall into place.

Two days and 10 rough drafts later, you seal your first short story manuscript into a brown manila envelope and mail it first class to *Playboy* magazine. You rub your hands together with glee and anticipation. *Playboy* pays \$2,000 for stories and you know yours is too good for them to turn down.

For two weeks, you shadow the mailbox, waiting for your check to arrive. Finally, the envelope you enclosed for

return mail shows up. Hands trembling, you rip it open and a small piece of paper, about three inches square, flutters to the ground.

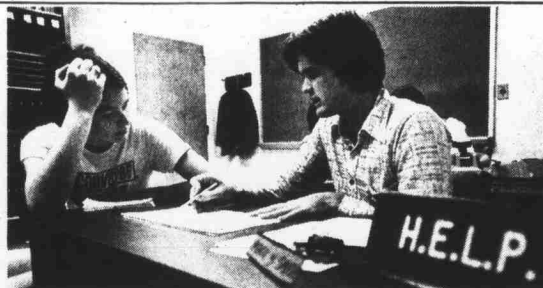
You pick it up and read, "The material enclosed has been given careful consideration but is not suitable for use in our publication at this time. Your interest in *Playboy* is most warmly appreciated," it concludes. Your masterpiece is the only other thing in the envelope.

Now you are hit by another occupation-

al hazard of free lance writers — depression. If you can hurdle this obstacle and drag yourself back to the typewriter to write and re-write, you have passed the first test.

The creative juices will flow again and the old optimism will return. "Hell with *Playboy!*" you will say. "All they care about is sex. They don't know good writing when they see it."

You will sit late into the night with your typewriter and your dreams, pounding at the gates of American literature.



Students using the computer at State can receive help at this desk in Nelson. Staff photo by Chris Seward

'Star Trek' considered unaffordable

## Computers perform many functions around campus

by Arlene Harper  
Features Writer

Tucked away in the deep recesses of Nelson, the textiles building, resides a mass of confusion and conflict between man and "machine" which few students at State are exposed to.

With the exception of the select group of computer science students, 180 en masse, and some engineering students, the college community has been spared the confusion and frustration of discerning bits from bytes, PLC from FORTRAN, or turnaround from "downtime."

On the west end of campus, programmers of all types have carved out

their own niche, language, and culture which distinguishes them from the average college resident.

It all started back in 1945, when according to Richard A. Usanis, director of the Computer Center, computer science got its first introduction to State.

Usanis explained that Patterson Hall housed the first crude computer facilities, and that they were under the direction of the Institute of Statistics.

He said control of the program transferred to the school of Physical and Mathematical Sciences (PAMS) in July of 1962, before being moved to its present location in Nelson in March of 1963.

"The history of the center runs from

calculators to computers, with the first computer, an IBM 650A, being installed in North Carolina," Usanis explained.

State is presently connected with some excellent computer facilities by way of the Triangle Universities Computation Center (TUCC), which boasts two IBM 370/165's, the biggest, most expensive computers IBM sells commercially.

"To serve the university's needs, there are two major facilities on campus. The first at Nelson, and it does the administrative processing and 98 per cent of the academic work. Nelson also houses the high speed computers," Usanis explained.

"Other facilities are located at Dabney, and Burlington. These terminals are

interactive computers which have direct communication with TUCC by their own phone connections.

"This facility is used mainly by grad students and advanced undergraduates because the interactive computers are generally quicker," he said.

Usanis also pointed out that many members of the faculty use the different centers in conjunction with their research.

"The faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students often use the computers for their research," he explained. "The computer is also used for the scheduling of classes and the processing of grade reports, which can all be done much faster by the computer than being done by

hand," Usanis said.

Students are always looking for enjoyable diversions from their studies, and some programs like "Star Trek" allow them such an outlet. Usanis emphasized that the center cannot afford for time and money to be wasted in this manner.

"The computing center simply does not have enough (computing) power for this type of thing," he explained. "One day when the capacity is doubled, it could be possible," he said.

So it looks like students will have to find something else to divert their attentions away from thinking about their all night stands at Nelson.

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	Monday, December 12	Tuesday, December 13	Wednesday, December 14	Thursday, December 15	Friday, December 16	Saturday, December 17	Monday, December 19	Tuesday, December 20	Wednesday, December 21
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# The Fastest Pen, six great films on campus this weekend

by Martin Ericson  
Staff Writer

Events this week include the usual mix of films, old and new, and a two-day stand by a man billed as "The Fastest Pen Alive." A sold-out musical highlights the professional week in Stewart Theatre.

**Today**

The fastest pen belongs to an artist named Steve Gipson whose specialty is caricatures. Gipson will appear on the first floor of the Student Center today at noon to give a show lasting about 90 minutes. The show will consist of Gipson drawing caricatures of famous people and perhaps a few campus personalities. He will follow this by drawing free caricatures for State students. The word is Gipson will be easy to spot—he'll be wearing a white tuxedo.

Tonight the Sight and Sound film in the Erdahl-Cloyd theatre will be *Seventh Heaven*. This 1927 movie is probably the most famous love story of the silent era. It is about a mistreated street waif who is taken in and helped by a boisterous sewerworker. The film stars Janet Gaynor, Charles Farrell, Ben Bard and David Butler. Starting at 8 p.m., the film will be presented with live piano accompaniment. Admission is free to the university community.

**Thursday**

"The Fastest Pen Alive" returns to the first floor of the

Student Center on Thursday. Starting at 10 a.m., Steve Gipson will draw caricatures for any State students daring enough to come.

Thursday night in Stewart Theatre *42nd Street* will be shown as part of the Warner Brothers film series. This film is the best of the Busby Berkeley musicals and it features a terrific cast too numerous to list here. Some of the stars you'll recognize include Warner Baxter, Ruby Keeler, Dick Powell and Ginger Rogers. The story is about a musical star who is upstaged by her talented stand-in, but it is the elaborate sets and the incredible production numbers that make this one of the all-time great musicals. Admission is \$1 for State students and \$1.50 for other members of the university community. The show starts at 8 p.m.

**Friday**

Two recent films provide Friday's entertainment. *Murder by Death* is a hilarious comedy that spoofs about every murder mystery hero or heroine that there is. The all-star cast includes Peter Sellers, David Niven, Alec Guinness, Peter Falk, Truman Capote and Elsa Lancaster. Nancy Walker as the mute maid is literally a scream. Shows are at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in Stewart Theatre and tickets are \$7.75. Tickets for this movie, as well as all the other weekend movies, go on sale today at the Stewart Theatre box office. As always, either a State student registration or a faculty staff film pass is required for identification.

The late show on Friday is *Embryo*, the 1976 thriller starring

Rock Hudson, Diane Ladd, and Barbara Carrera. Man creates life in this film but Rock has a beautiful woman on his hands instead of a Frankenstein monster. This movie features twist

upon twist, but the best is saved for last. The show begins at 11 p.m. in Stewart and the admission is \$7.75.

**Saturday**

*Network*, the 1976 sensational satire of television, will be the 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. film in Stewart Theatre. An aggressive news show producer exploits the on-the-air suicide threat of one of her own newscasters to boost the show's ratings. The film stars Peter Finch and Faye Dunaway. Admission is \$7.75.

The real movie treat this weekend is the Saturday late show presentation of *Death*. To my tastes this is the best mystery ever filmed. The acting is excellent and the pacing is superb. Try as they could, the television film editors could not duplicate the pacing and continuity in the recent airing of this film—you must see it in a theatre to get the full impact. The cast includes Michael Caine and Sir Laurence Olivier. This is one of the films I would gladly pay full admission price at one of our local cinema palaces so consider it a steal at only \$7.75 in Stewart. The show starts at 11 p.m. and don't be late or you'll be hopelessly confused. (P.S. If you give away the surprise ending I hope you get a Saturday final that the professor won't cancel!)

### Story is of a Dutch Christian

by Genie Owen  
Contributing Writer

*The Hiding Place*, a film shown throughout the U.S., will be presented in the Student Center Ballroom tomorrow at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Based on a best-seller by Corrie ten Boom, the film portrays the story of this Dutch Christian who during World War II organized and led an underground movement in Holland to assist Jews in escaping capture by Nazi occupation forces.

World Wide Pictures filmed much of *The Hiding Place* on location in Holland and England. All scenes of Ravensbruck were filmed in Surrey, about 45 miles from London.

Julie Harris, a two-time Emmy and four-time Tony award winner who appeared at State earlier this year, portrays Corrie's sister. Other cast

members include Eileen Heckart, Academy Award winner; Arthur O'Connell, twice the recipient of an Academy Award nomination and Jeanette Clift, a new talent discovered in Texas.

The film exemplifies the faith and courage of Corrie and her sister during the tortuous months they spent in the Ravensbruck concentration camp and shows their effect on other prisoners.

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$1.25, and the film is open to the public.

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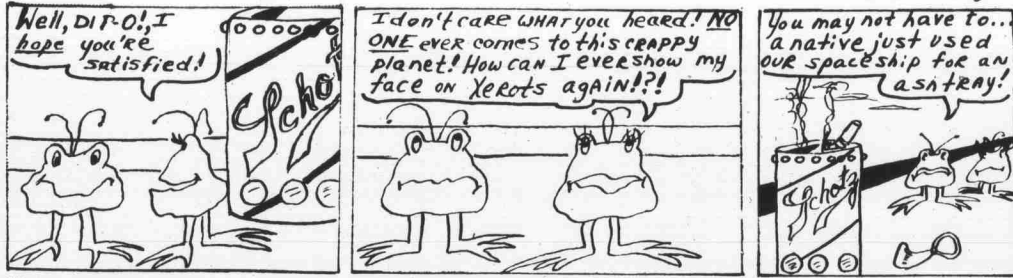
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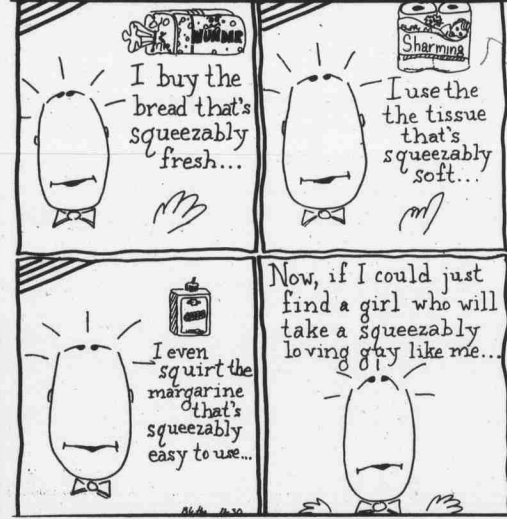
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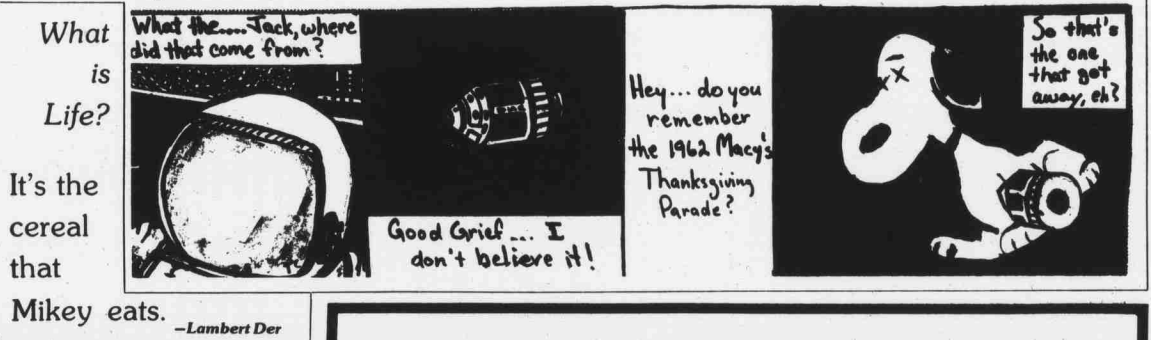
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## State looks forward to Big Four

by Denny Jacobs  
Staff Writer

It did not take long after State's victory over Georgia Southern for the topic of discussion to turn to the Big Four tournament. Everyone expected the Wolfpack to win its first two games, but according to the preseason predictors few expect State to have much success against conference foes.

But Hawkeye Whitney does not go along with all that. "The reason they picked us last was all the new players we

have on the team this year," reasoned the burly forward who's averaging 27 points a game so far. "Just because they are new though, we can't play. We've got a lot of talent on this team and all the fellas can play. They're good players."

Whitney echoes the sentiments Pack Coach Norm Sloan when he talks about the early rankings.

### 'Good chance'

"It doesn't bother me that much that we are picked to finish last. I really don't care too much about it," he said. "I feel great going into the tournament and we'll just go up there and give everything we have. We have just as good a chance as the other three."

State will have the services of Clyde Austin for the first time this year in Friday's battle with Wake Forest.

"I don't think missing the first two games will hurt Clyde," said Whitney. "He's been practicing with us all along so he'll be ready."

Sloan did not hesitate at all when asked if he planned to start Austin. His answer was a definite "yes." Sloan is as excited about the upcoming tournament as his players and is very high on the chances of his team.

### 'Find out something'

"I'm anxious to see us against Wake, a nationally-ranked team," enthused Sloan. "We'll go out there and find out something about them and ourselves."

"The new men give me the

impression that they enjoy playing so much and that's a positive thing. So far I've enjoyed everything about the season. The Big Four means a lot to us but it doesn't mean as much as the regular season games because it won't count in the standings."

One of the new men Sloan has to be impressed with is center Craig Watts, who already has captivated Wolfpack followers with his aggressive style of play. Watts teams with returnee Glenn Sudhop in the

pivot and Sloan is counting on improved inside play this year. "Wake will be a tough game, figures Watts, "but we've got a good thing going and I think we'll do really well in the tournament. You know Clyde will be ready, he's so smooth. We've got a lot of depth and this is a real opportunity for us."

### Impressive start

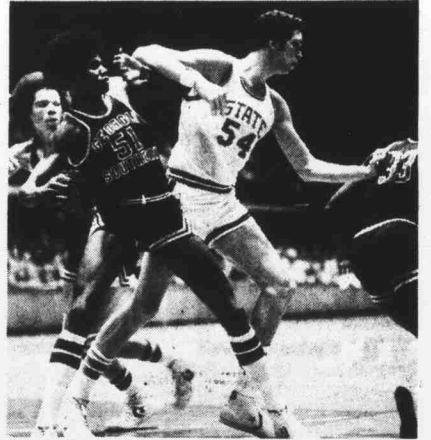
Tiny Pinder is another newcomer who has made a fast

impression and it is obvious when Sloan talks about him that he likes the way the junior college transfer plays the game. "Tiny shows a lot of promise," added the Wolfpack mentor. "He is definitely a great competitor. Sometimes his aggressiveness gets him into trouble but he has the capabilities to become a very fine player."

Whitney said that all the players are leaders. "Being a team leader is a great role to have, but you're

not really a team leader. You look at the guys out there and they're all leaders. It's not right to single out one guy to look for. You've got to get the ball to whoever's hot. If a man's hitting don't take the ball away from him."

"We've got a lot of enthusiasm on the team and we do a lot of things together. Everyone knows what we have to do and we'll make the sacrifices to have a great season. We've still got a lot of work to do. We can play a lot better but that takes time."



Georgia Southern's John Fowler and State's Glenn Sudhop jostle for position.

### Peach Bowl tickets on sale

Peach Bowl tickets went on sale Tuesday morning at the box office in Reynolds Coliseum. There are still plenty of seats available for State's football game with Iowa State Dec. 31 in Atlanta.

### Barbell club meets today

The State Barbell Club will have a meeting of importance tonight at six o'clock in the Cage at Carmichael Gym.

President Terry Stutts urges attendance since business concerns the club's constitution and policies.

Other Barbell Club Officers include treasurer Joe Howard and secretary Lyle Hogan.

## Dixie Classic basketball finals Thursday

by Bob Furhman  
Staff Writer

The Dixie Classic basketball final will be played Thursday at 6 p.m. The two finalists were decided in last night's semi-finals when the Dubies met Swish and the Rednecks faced the Parrakeets.

A fan could not have asked for more excitement if he had been present at Monday night's quarter-final games. One game was decided by two points and the other three all had three-point margins. In the two-point game, the Rednecks and SAE battled on even terms from start to finish before the Rednecks avenged their Super Bowl setback with a 54-52 victory. The Rednecks grabbed an early six-point lead, but SAE battled back to within one at halftime. The Rednecks spurred again at the outset of second stanza, this time to a seven-point spread, but again SAE fought back. The last hope of the fraternities finally took the lead at 38-37. The lead changed hands several times, and SAE held a 48-45 bulge with 4:00 left. However, the SAE delay game was ineffective, and the Rednecks regained the lead. They had several chances to put the game away, but could not convert, and SAE finally died when a last gasp shot bounced off the rim.

The other games were almost as spine-tingling. Swish,

the Dubies, and the Parrakeets all built leads they were unable to maintain. The Backstabbers, attempting to avenge their loss to Swish in last year's Champions Classic final, stormed back from a 12-point second half deficit. The lead was slashed to two points in the waning seconds, but the Backstabbers were dealt a deadly blow when they were charged with a technical foul for using a non-existent timeout. Bernie Hill sank one of two free throws with three seconds left to ice the game.

The Dubies allowed Ted Brown to put on a dazzling offensive display, but they shut off most of the rest of the SWAT attack and hit key foul shots down the stretch to hold their lead. The Parrakeets and Tucker played a more ragged game than the others. Tucker coming back in the late stages, but the Parrakeets connected in the clutch from the foul line to hold on.

No clear-cut favorite can be determined from the four remaining teams, but the Swish-Dubies winner should probably be rated a five-point favorite Thursday.

In other news, Farm House rallied to win the Fraternity Volleyball championship over Sigma Chi. Farm House won the first game, 15-12, lost the second, 15-6, and trailed by 14-11 in the finale before fighting off match point and scoring five straight points for a 16-14 decision. The title is FH's fifth in a row.

Fraternity and Residence Badminton is also beginning

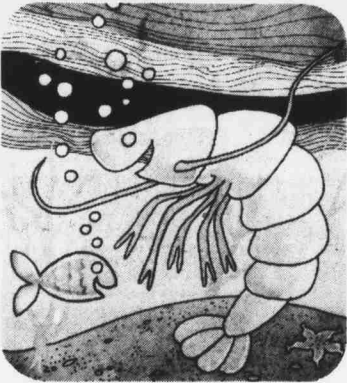
to wind down. King Village is in the Residence final, to be challenged by the winner of Monday's Becton-Tucker match; SPE sits in the same position in the fraternity tournament. After PKT and AGR tangled Monday, the winner met Theta Chi last night. The winner of that match will meet SPE for the title. Both the dorm and frat finals are scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday.

Residence Bowling playoffs opened Monday, and hopefully will be completed early next week. Gold (20-0) and Lee and Owen II (18-2) are the division champions and favorites in the tournament.

The open tennis, badminton, and racquetball tournaments all should be completed sometime next week. Also, Thursday at 7 p.m., Room 211 Carmichael will be the scene of the organizational meeting for the Independent and Wildcard basketball leagues. Independent play starts next Tuesday and Wildcard Thursday. Friday night and Faculty sign-ups continue until Jan. 12. The Residence A and B Leagues began last night and will be followed by fraternity openers tonight.

Off-Campus won both the table tennis and handball tournaments for women, giving that organization a tremendous lift in the overall team prepping for the playoffs beginning Thursday. Off-Campus should hold the overall lead at semester break. The Independent as well as Residence-Sorority playoffs begin Thursday.

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# Warren sparks Wolfpack to second win

by Denny Jacobs  
Staff Writer

Junior Tony Warren awoke a sluggish State offense with an 11-point flurry in a 3:46 span midway through the first half to propel the Wolfpack to a 98-80 win over a feisty Georgia Southern team Monday night in Reynolds Coliseum.

State had a hard time shaking the pesky Eagles, who revived memories of the three point basket in the old ABA with their long range shooting, and it was not until the 5:07

mark of the first half that Warren put the Pack on top to stay, 39-38. The game was tied 11 times in the first 12 minutes before State took control.

Warren was perfect in the first half, connecting on all seven of his attempts from the floor for 15 points, and the Raleigh Enloe product finished with a game high 26 points on 11 of 13 shots. He also tied Hawkeye Whitney for the team lead in rebounds with eight.

Despite some sloppy play which included nine turnovers, State pushed its lead to 53-44 at

halftime, largely because of an impressive 63 per cent accuracy from the field.

### Shot well

"We shot real well in the first half and that kept us in the game," explained head coach Norm Sloan, who watched his team pick up its second win in as many tries. "Tony did a really fine job for us and played probably his best game since he's been here at State."

Georgia Southern grabbed 25

rebounds to State's 18 in the first half and center John Fowler, the Eagles' leading scorer with 20 points, turned several offensive boards into baskets to keep the game close.

"We did a poor job on the boards in the first half and our defense was a little weak," analyzed Sloan. "We let them get inside on us a little too much but we did a better job in the second half. Between Craig (Watts) and Glenn (Sudpho) we should have improved inside play this year."

State shored up its defense in

the second half and the Wolfpack's depth finally did in the Eagles. Tiny Pinder, who chipped in 20 points on the night to go with six rebounds, hit a jumper from the top of the key with 10:28 remaining to put State on top 78-61. After that, the lead grew to as many as 23 points before the game ended.

### Great competitor

"Pinder shows a lot of promise and is definitely a great competitor," assessed Sloan. "Sometimes his aggressiveness gets him into trouble

but he has the capabilities to become a very fine player."

Whitney turned in his usually strong game, scoring 19 points to go with his eight rebounds. The sophomore forward eagerly looks to the Big Four tournament this weekend.

"The fellas came out a little tight in the first half, but we got more relaxed in the second half and played better," he said. "We didn't change anything at halftime but just played a lot tougher than we did in the first half. I don't know what Tony did in the summer, but he really did it tonight."



Tony Warren scored a career-high 26 points in the Wolfpack's 98-80 victory over Georgia Southern Monday night.

## crier

So that all Crier announcements may be run, items submitted should be less than 25 words. No Crier item will be run more than three times and no more than three announcements for a single organization will be run in an issue. The deadline for all Crier entries is M-W-F at 5 p.m.

THE OFFICE OF THE Attorney General is now accepting applicants for the position of Aide to the Attorney General. Come by the Student Government office.

ICE HOCKEY Club last practice for the semester Sunday at 9:15 in Greensboro. Meet at the Supply Store at 6:30.

SOCIETY OF Physics Students—Dr. Wayne Christiansen will speak on "The Physics of Quasars and Galactic Nuclei," 7:30 tonight in Cox 214.

TRANSCENDENTAL Meditation—Group meditation today and Friday from 12-12:30 and Thursday 11:30-12:00. Info call Meg at 828-1296.

OUTING CLUB meeting tonight at 7:30 in the Blue Room. Rockclimbing in California will be featured in slide show. All welcome.

INTERNATIONAL Folkdance Club will meet Friday at 7:30 in the Student Center. All welcome.

FACULTY, Staff, and Students who desire to purchase reserved special parking permits for home basketball games at Reynolds Coliseum may obtain them from Ms. Guiley in Case Athletic Center, 810 for the season.

FORESTERS: Meeting tonight at 7:30 in BI 3022.

AMATEUR RADIO Club's final fall meeting will be held on Tuesday at 7:30 in Dan 228. Discussion of next spring's contests and outings.

ASSOCIATION for OH Campus Students will meet today in the Blue Room at 4 p.m. Plans for next semester. All welcome.

AIME PRESENTS Career Planning for Geosciences, given by Dr. Judith Moody, at 4:30 today in 210 A Withers. This is an excellent professional presentation designed to brief the geology student about different types of employers, salary stand ards, and job opportunities.

MU BETA PI Brothers—dinner meeting Thursday at the Hungry Fisherman at 6:30. See bulletin board for further details.

SPORTS CAR Club meeting today at 7:30 in Dan 214. Slide show, elections, refreshments. Visitors welcome.

INTER FRATERNITY Council is sponsoring its annual Food Drive thru Dec. 10. Goal: to provide 10,000 lbs. of dry and canned goods for 500 needy families. To make food donations contact Bobby Klutz at 828 7625 or Phil Keever at 755 9996.

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ACS members and Chem & CHE faculty are invited to a Christmas Party on Friday from 4 p.m. in the Packhouse. Beer & munchies provided. Bring your own wine.

INTER VARSITY Christian Fellowship prayer meeting today at 12 in the Student Center Blue Room. All welcome.

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TAYLOR SOCILOGY Club is having a meeting Thursday at 7 in Ha 362 in order to elect officers for next semester and to plan for a tour of Central Prison.

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# Technician Opinion

## Caught in the middle

Many situations exist on this campus where the students feel they receive the short end of the stick. No doubt this situation applies to the distribution of student tickets to the Big Four Tournament and the ACC Basketball Tournament.

The students' argument is very simple: they pay student fees which, in part, go to the support of athletics on this campus, and they feel that the approximately 200 tickets available to students for both events are not enough.

But the situation unfortunately isn't quite this simple, for the Athletic Department is caught in the middle, also. Not only must they please 17,000 students who pay athletic fees on the State campus, but they also must contend with the roughly 10,000 Wolfpack Club members who give in excess of \$1 million annually for the support of athletics on this campus.

Certainly the Athletics Department is caught in a perpetual dilemma, and in most situations, they handle it fairly for the students. Roughly 6,100 seats are allotted to students for home basketball games, and in a coliseum which seats 12,400 spectators, this isn't a bad ratio for the students to put up with. It's almost half of the seats in Reynolds Coliseum, and for that they should have no gripe.

But a primary complaint among many students is the mere 200 tickets allotted for students to the Big Four and ACC Tournaments. Why aren't students given the chance to buy more tickets,

they contend? Several factors undoubtedly enter into the 200 student-ticket allotment for State students. Students from the other schools who participate in these tournaments also want tickets, and these ticket requests also have to be considered by other schools. Since, for example, the Greensboro Coliseum only holds over 15,624 for the Big Four Tournament, only a certain amount of students from each school can be handled.

But the biggest reason students think they get screwed in the ticket distribution for these events is the presence of such clubs as the Wolfpack Club or the Rams Club, as is the case at Carolina. Money talks and obviously the seat distributions at tournament time indicates this.

But one point to be realized is that without the financial aid of the Wolfpack Club, such State stars as David Thompson and Kenny Carr might not ever have made it to Wolfpack country without their help. So the paradox remains and the Athletic Department is caught sharply in the middle.

But it does seem that perhaps a few more tickets than the 200 usually allotted could be distributed to students in the name of fairness. Students in terms of sheer support at the games, back the Pack the most. Maybe the Athletic Department will see its way to do this for the students at State who wish to support the basketball teams at its tournaments.



## Letters

### Cold conservation

To the Editor:

In our five years here at NCSU one fact remains consistent. This institution is well known for its exemplary stand on energy conservation. Case in point: It only follows to reason that when the temperature outside is low, that median temperature of the major campus buildings (in particular Hargett Hall and D. H. Hill library) should at least equal that of the exterior temperature.

Along the same vein, when the temperature outside is causing the mercury (Hg: FW = 200.59) to climb, let us at least maintain this happy state of equilibrium by heating up the buildings so that all concerned will be acutely aware that it is equally hot outside.

With this in mind, all concerned can proceed with haste to the attractive bar graph on the outside of the Physical Plant Shop and reverently

kneel down, without fear of discrimination according to race, creed, color, sex, political affiliation or animal origin and praise God for this campus' efforts to conserve energy. Addendum: members of the Republican Party should step to the rear so that the worship experience will be in harmony with the scriptural principle of placing pearls before swine.

The options before us now are multifarious. Therefore, we would like to make a few modest proposals. First, if one is in a cold building on a cold day, come prepared with a fifth of the finest Scotch Whiskey available so that one's insides can be warmed.

Second, bring a pipe to smoke so that at least one of your hands will stay warm. On the other hand, if one is in a warm building on a hot day, remember to do as the signs on the restaurant mandate—"shoes and shirt required." Therefore, it follows that no pants are required.

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Charles M. Draughn, III  
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### Successful

To the Editor:

Scabbard and Blade and the American Red Cross would like to thank Chancellor Thomas, Dr. Tom Stafford, and all those that donated blood at the blood drive that was just concluded.

With your enthusiastic support, we collected 570 pints over the two-day drive. Our thanks to all those who gave this vital gift. We hope to see all of you again at our drive next semester.

Scabbard and Blade Commander

## A hay stack's needle

The news media and many people in the general public were trying to find a needle in a hay stack when it was disclosed last week that State head basketball coach Norm Sloan had written a letter of support for the re-election campaign of Sen. Jesse A. Helms, R-NC. Sloan has every right to blow it up unnecessarily.

Unfortunately, a visible position such as Sloan's is under continuous public scrutiny and demands an almost flawless performance by the public. If one minute detail is discovered by the public, it has the potential to be overpublicized and sensationalized no matter what the situation may be.

But in the case of Sloan, as in the case of former Wolfpack head football coach Lou Holtz, who is now at the University of Arkansas and will be speaking in behalf of Helms at a North Carolina Congressional Club dinner this week, nothing illegal or unethical was done by either of the two. Holtz was criticized by many of the Arkansas newspapers' editorials for his involvement in Helms' re-election efforts, but we feel this criticism is unjustified.

And so it is in the case of Sloan. Although Sloan's job is a state job connected with the University, there's no stipulation in University

officials' contracts which states that they cannot be involved in politics.

President William Friday, State Chancellor Joab Thomas, and Provost Nash Winstead have already given their support to Sloan and we don't feel he owes an apology for his public support of Helms. It's his right as a citizen and no job should deny him of this right.

Perhaps the only mistake Sloan, or even on a deeper level, the North Carolina Congressional Club, the group who sponsored the letter signed by Sloan, made was to include a Wolfpack emblem on the letter. Sloan, in signing the letter, placed his address on it, but the presence of a Wolfpack emblem on the letter could possibly infer to recipients of the letter that either the Wolfpack Club of the entire University were supporting Helms' re-election bid. Sloan would probably upon retrospect realize that this misconception could occur. It definitely would have been much wiser to have used stationary without the emblem.

But Sloan's basic rights of free speech and the privilege to publicly support whoever he wants to for public office should not be denied. We encourage Sloan to tell anyone who doesn't like what he did, "to hell with it," but knowing Sloan, he probably has already done that.

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## Tips for political involvement

by Angeline M. Maletto,  
Contributing Writer

This column is the last in a two-part series on how to get involved in the governmental process.

For those of you who would like to get involved on a less partisan scale, you can express your opinions through letters to the editor in the local newspapers. Be sure when you write a "Letter to the Editor" that you observe the guidelines for the editor.

Television stations are required by federal law to allow equal time to citizens to speak out on issues. Most stations encourage public participation and response to their editorials (And it gives their editorial writers a free night if you are a guest!) If you disagree with an editorial on television or radio, call the public affairs director of your local station and ask how you go about submitting an opinion.

One of the best ways to become informed on issues that affect your lives is to read the paper on a daily basis. If you want more substantive information, you can contact the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote informed and active participation by citizens in government. The League takes action on governmental measures and policies only after careful study, and welcomes men and women as members.

Another organization that focuses on citizen input is Common Cause, a grass roots lobbying group that has as its sole purpose demanding accountability by government to its citizens. Common Cause also is a nonpartisan organization that focuses on monitoring legislation that makes government more accountable to its citizens.

Common Cause primarily was responsible for the Campaign Finance Law that limits the amount of political contributions by corporations or individuals. The 1976 victory by Jimmy Carter resulted primarily from the fact that with the Campaign Financing Law, both political parties had equal amounts of money with which to finance a campaign. Prior to 1976, Republican Party had excess funds (hence Watergate) while the Democratic Party often ran in the red.

Here in North Carolina, Common Cause worked diligently to make sure the General Assembly passes sunset legislation which allows evaluation of regulatory boards and commissions to make certain they are effective and are not self-serving.

You as a student can qualify for special rates for dues in Common Cause. In return you receive quarterly books that describe the key issues in Congress, and what progress is being made. Common Cause also has an effective

mailing campaign, called "Action Alert," which informs citizens in particular areas to write to their Congressman when that legislator is undecided about important issues.

Congressmen receive so much pressure from hi-powered lobbyists and people who have vested interests in particular issues that they sometimes forget about us folks back home. The best way to get your federal or state legislator's attention is to write to him. Do not call him. Most likely the representative will be in a committee when you call, and phone calls that are not emergencies are not high on legislator's priority lists. You can be much more effective if you write. Don't be afraid to write. The person who represents you is a human being. He feels the pressure when he hears from the constituents from home.

### Political Forum

There are a few rules that you should follow if you do write.

Don't send a form letter—you'll get a form letter in return. Write on personal or business letterhead (if you have it), and sign your name over your signature if you have typed the letter.

Put your return address on the letter (envelopes get thrown away). Identify your subject clearly, giving the name of the legislation you are writing about, and the bill number if you know it. Write about only one topic per letter. State your reason for writing. Your personal experience is the best supporting evidence. Tell how the issue would affect you, your family, community or livelihood—or the effect you believe it would have on your community or state.

or on our country.

Be as brief as you can without losing the message you want to convey. Use your own words, and avoid stereotyped phrases that sound like form letters. Be reasonable. Don't ask for the impossible or engage in threats.

Ask your legislators to state their position on the issue in their replies. You are entitled to know. Time the arrival of your letter so that it reaches the Capitol before legislation is acted upon in the committee or on the floor.

Be sure to thank your legislators if they have done something you think is right on a particular issue. This last rule is very important. Legislators receive so few "good strokes" for the decisions that they make, so when they do vote correctly, be sure to praise them for their decisions.

If you want to write to your representatives in Congress, here's where to send the letters: The Honorable (Name), U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. Start the letter with "Dear Senator (Name)"; The Honorable (Name), House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515. Address the letter as "Dear Representative (Name)."

If you want to write to your state legislators, here's how you address the letters: The Honorable (Name), House of Representatives, Raleigh, N.C. 27611. "Dear Representative (Name)"; For Senators, use this address and salutation: The Honorable (Name), Senate, Raleigh, N.C. 27611. "Dear Senator (Name)."

Getting involved really doesn't take that much time or energy. The benefits are innumerable. You have nothing to lose by doing so, and everything to gain. To paraphrase Edmund Burke, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph in this world is for good men and women to do nothing." The choice is yours.

November 30<sup>th</sup>



Dear Santa Claus,  
I figured if you've already started being in parades you wouldn't mind an early letter. I have a special wish for this Xmas and Sean Abby and Heloise aren't any help. I really want true love for Xmas, I need it so much. Mild infatuation and easy gratification are O.K. but I'm in a rut. I think I could handle true love real well, I've been practicing on everybody. If you're in a pinch for time, feel free to drop it by early. My regards to the little woman. Please hurry.

Jay Henry

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