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Board overrules Kirk's decision

by David Pendered
News Editor

The Student Senate does have the power to impeach the editor/manager of any of State's student publications, according to the Board of Review's decision Friday.

However, Publications Authority Chairman Stephen Hoke disagreed, with the Board of Review's ruling.

"I believe it was the intent of the founding fathers of the Publications Authority for the editors/managers to be responsible only to the Publications Authority and not subject to Student Senate discretion," said Hoke.

Hoke also said he will introduce a resolution at today's Pub Board meeting stating that the Publications Authority is in disagreement with the ruling set down by the Board of Review and it is the Pub Board's belief that the editors/managers are not impeachable by the Student Senate.

The Board of Review's decision stated that "an Editor/Manager under the auspices of the Publications Authority is a student official; therefore, the student legislative body, the Student Senate, may impeach said official as empowered by the Student Body Constitution."

The board recommended that "the Publications Authority should first review the case at hand and decide whether or not he/she should be removed from office. The senate may then review the decision of the Publications Authority and decide whether or not further action should be taken."

Conflict

The board's decision was in direct conflict with the interpretation of the senate's power as set down by State's Attorney General Jerry Kirk.

In his March 13 interpretation, Kirk stated, "For the purposes of impeachment, the unique status afforded an Editor/Manager with regard to primary responsibility limits the original jurisdiction for removal from office to the Publications Authority."

The board deliberated more than one hour before casting its 6-0-1 ruling. The abstention was cast by Andy Carman, board chairman.

Members of the board were: Andy Carman, chairman; Linda Ferguson; Alan Breslow; Dail Hayes; Linda Carter; Mark Hayes; and Robert Hammond, faculty representative.

The panel of the Board of Review is chosen on a rotation basis from members of the Judicial Board. Five students and one faculty member are chosen as voting members, two students serve as alternates and

the chairman serves as the presiding member and votes only to break a tie.

Timothy Crawford, a student senator and Student Senate parliamentarian, drafted the brief opposing the attorney general's ruling which the Board of Review considered in making its decision. Both Crawford's brief and Kirk's interpretation were considered by the Board of Review.

Crawford's brief contends that the Student Senate is given power of impeachment over publications' editors/managers by the Student Body Constitution.

Crawford's second point is that the attorney general's interpretation is in conflict with the constitution concerning the power to impeach an editor/manager. The brief contends that the "Student Senate must reserve the right to impeach, suspend, or remove that student official."

Crawford is not one of the six senators petitioning for the impeachment of Technician Editor Lynne Griffin by the senate but was the committee's representative at the board's meeting.

Dissension

However, dissension has been raised concerning the supportive arguments used by Crawford. The last page of the four-page brief, entitled "Supportive Opinions," consisted of statements from Rod Cockshutt, John Caldwell and a reference to the Publications Statutes.

The brief states, "Dr. John T. Caldwell, former chancellor, professor of Political Theory—it was his opinion that the Technician editor was impeachable by the Student Senate."

During the meeting, Crawford explained Caldwell's supportive opinion.

"On last Thursday, after the impeachment had been instigated, I had Dr. Caldwell in a Political Science class and spoke with Dr. Caldwell about the issue. He looked at the Student Body constitution and statutes and the Publications Statutes and at the paper in question and it was his opinion that, as Lynne could be defined as an elected or appointed student official, that therefore in the clause in Article II—the Student Body Constitution, she was indeed impeachable by the Student Senate," said Crawford.

Caldwell, however, contradicted Crawford's statement.

"My conversation with Tim Crawford was in the classroom immediately following class, when I was stuffing my materials into a briefcase," Caldwell said

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Staff photo by Chris Seward

Oh no!

Things don't always happen the way they are planned. That goes for fate, and the wind.

Austin's heroics rescue Wolfpack

by David Carroll
Sports Editor

NEW YORK—It was a game worthy of a national tournament, featuring dramatic plays, many outstanding individual performances and an overtime.

And 44 minutes and 54 seconds after it started, the outcome of the N.C. State-Georgetown semi-final matchup in the National Invitational Tournament in Madison Square Garden was all but decided.

But enter Wolfpack point guard Clyde Austin, who glided down court and swished a desperate and dramatic 45-foot shot that gave State an 86-85 overtime victory over a stubborn Georgetown team and sent it into Tuesday night's NIT finals against Texas, which trounced Rutgers 98-76 here last night.

The photofinish was stuff of which dreams are made. It climaxed an especially sweet triumph for State, which had to overcome a 12-point second half deficit, poor free throw shooting in the closing moments and a pair of superb performances by Georgetown's John Duren and Craig Shelton who combined for 51 points—to win.

On the other hand, it was a very heartbreaking loss for the Hoyas, who fell apart to a rejuvenated State squad during a critical five minute span in the second half.

A lethargic Wolfpack, sparked by forward Tiny Pinder's instant replay assortment of moves around the basket, suddenly came alive to tie it up and eventually surge ahead by six before seeing Hoya guard Craig Esherrick sink a 12-footer from the left lane with 20 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

"Without question you saw a great game," sighed equally relieved and proud Wolfpack coach Norm Sloan in the aftermath. "It was going to be a heartbreaking one to lose for whoever lost and a

great one to win.

"It looked like for awhile that we were going to be involved in a game like the Maryland game (a 107-106 loss in the first round of the ACC tournament). But we came back. We're only one win away from winning a national tournament.

"I'm very proud of our basketball team," he added. "I'm very happy we could come and play the way we did in the second half. Our defense really did the job. And Clyde really made a big play at the end."

Whitney sparkles

The Wolfpack probably wouldn't have been able to even make a run at Georgetown if it were not for forward Hawkeye Whitney, who gave the State fans air every time they held their breath. The muscular sophomore maneuvered for 26 points and seven rebounds, showing much more offense than in any game since January.

Pinder continued his hot streak, soaring for 25 points and 11 rebounds.

"They hurt us more around the basket in the second half," said Hoya coach John Thompson. "And when they went to the man-to-man in the second half, that also hurt us."

"You always feel bad when you lose ball games," he stated. "We really came close to winning it."

"That last second shot by Clyde...there's no defense that can stop it. The only thing we could do was hope that the shot wouldn't go in."

"We picked the right man to shoot the last shot," smiled Sloan. "We said during the timeout before they made the foul shot that if they made it, we wanted Clyde to dribble it as far as he could and shoot it."

Naturally Austin was elated with the results.

"I was trying to get a layup and the guy jumped in front of me," he explained. "When it left my hands I knew it was going in."

Presidential candidates questioned in forum

by Debbe Hill
Staff Writer

Candidates for Student Body President and Student Senate President aired their views and fielded questions Thursday night. WKNC-FM sponsored the Candidates Forum, which included three-minute position statements by each candidate and questions from the Technician, WKNC,

and the student body president.

The forum was broadcast live Thursday evening and on tape Friday night. The Student Body President Candidates' Forum was taped Thursday night and broadcast also on Friday evening.

Panelists questioning the candidates included Greg Rogers, Technician associate editor; John O'Connor, co-news director of WKNC; and Blas Arroyo, student body president. Attorney General Jerry Kirk served as moderator.

"I will make a sincere effort to work on behalf of all students concerning issues and not get involved in ego trips," Nick Stratas, candidate for Student Senate President said. Issues he said would receive top consideration are suspension/retention, lighting, a campus meal plan and evaluating the legalization of beer and wine sales on campus.

Surveys

Candidate Kevin Coggins emphasized in his position statement that students "need a representative and I feel I am the representative students need." His goals are to "periodically mail out surveys,"

coordinate individual school councils and make functions of student government known.

"Several people are not aware of the responsibilities of the Student Senate President as presiding officer of the Senate," Candidate Teresa Cox explained. She also said the senate president "must coordinate the school councils, IRC and IFC and represent the student body and the administration."

Arroyo began the questioning of the candidates by asking what student-oriented projects were planned for the coming year.

Stratas indicated that the "previous suspension/retention policy is unclear as to under what requirements a student will be suspended when in academic trouble." He said he is a member of a campus meal program committee which meets with a consultant to define plans. Other concerns Stratas mentioned are "D" grades and tuition increases.

"I don't know how to respond as to what issues will be involved next year," Coggins said. "My biggest policy is to start surveying to find out what the issues are. One big issue is the campus meal plan and

next year I will work together with others to try and solve the problem."

Cox also said she did not know what the issues would be next year but she "would like to see more input into student government." She said this would be a chance to see what students want done.

Cox also said the N.C. General Assembly will be in session next year and a lot of the issues discussed will involve students, so

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Security continues efforts

Prevention programs reviewed

by Debbe Hill
Staff Writer

According to Director of Security Bill Williams, one of the main aspects of his job is to make students aware of possible crime on campus and how to prevent them.

"We're constantly working to prevent problems," Williams said Friday in his field house office. "It's a never-ending process. We don't ever sit back and say we are doing the best job possible."

Williams said he is constantly looking for ways in which his staff can make an "effort to keep our students and others in the

community informed and aware that there is criminal intent in any area, not excluding a campus."

One way Security has induced the students to be alert to criminal activities has been with the recent "Crime Awareness and Prevention Program."

The awareness program began September 12 with "Operation Identification and Inventory." Security worked with Circle K, a campus service organization, to engrave students' personal property.

Engraving marks can be used to identify anything from bicycles to stereo equipment and serve as a way to make the

return of stolen property possible.

Most students engrave their property with their driver's license numbers, since those numbers are easily traced through police computers. The engraving markers are still available in the Security for student use.

The campus emergency phone system was emphasized the week of October 10. Locations of the emergency phones and how they are used were pointed out to students in a Technician article.

Williams reported that the work order for an emergency phone in the gravel Fringe parking lot has been submitted and will be installed as soon as the telephone company can get the lines connected.

Williams mentioned a new project of putting lights on emergency phones to make them more visible.

November 14 began a "Bicycle Security Campaign" including bicycle registration through Student Government and instructions of how students can lock up their bicycles properly.

Student patrol

During the week of Dec. 12 the importance and effectiveness of the Student Security Patrol was stressed. According to Williams, the student patrol, which runs nightly shifts from 11:30 to 4:30, assists the Security officers by patrolling residence hall areas, checking doors to make sure they are locked and providing escorts for coeds from outlying parking lots and the library to residence halls.

Three weeks were used to emphasize the Rape Crisis Program. Articles were published in the Technician by Cathy Hogle of the Rape Crisis Center and others interested in the reported assaults and rapes of female students.

Upcoming is a "Stamp Out Crime On Campus" campaign to start March 20, according to Williams. He said general crime prevention would be emphasized during that week, including locking doors, use of escort services and general awareness of potential criminal activity.

Alarms to be adjusted

by Helen Tart
Staff Writer

A new type of fire alarm "pull station" will probably be installed this summer, according to Gerald Shirley, director of the University Safety Division.

Also, alarms of all types have increased in the last year, according to Security statistics.

The new pull stations will feature a plate of glass that will have to be broken before the lever could be pulled to send in an alarm. It is hoped that having to break the glass will discourage people from using the stations to send in false alarms, Shirley explained.

"The orders are currently out for bids,"

he commented. "We expect to have them put in all 16 dorms during the summer."

False alarms run "in cycles," Shirley said. "We had a rash of problems in Sullivan and Lee last semester, for example. We have problems with different sections; it varies."

Wherever the alarms come from, they have increased in the last year. There were 141 false alarms in 1976 compared to 212 in 1977. In 1976 there were 15 actual fires while in 1977 there were 27 fires.

"I looked at the statistics for the last year and there looks like there has been an increase," Shirley commented. "We usually average between five and 15 fires per year. They range from a wastebasket fire to fires like the greenhouse."

False alarms can be caused by many things, Shirley explained. "An alarm can be set off by a lab conducting experiments, too much smoke, or open doors to ovens, electrical soldering and we even had problems with alarms that were in stairwells where doors to the outside were being opened and closed."

"We've also had a lot of unknown alarms owing to systems malfunction," he said.

The system is about ten years old, Shirley commented, and it cost around one million dollars.

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in the March 17 Technician that Student Body Treasurer candidate Robert Lee is a senior English major. He is, in fact, a sophomore in engineering.

The Technician apologizes for this error and any inconvenience it may have caused.



Staff photo by Chris Seward

The tunnel

The light at the end of the tunnel may appear dim at times, but never will it be extinguished. Life is like a bug; amusing, but sometimes you just want to squash it.

Hopefuls express opinions to WKNC radio audience

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she urges that students become interested in these issues.

Student body presidential candidates include Greg Dority, The "Masked Wolfman," Tom Hendrickson, Martha Denning and Kevin Beasley.

Dority said his platform "going beyond the basic duties of the president as listed in the constitution."

He said that "in the past there have been some who have done just enough to get by. This is fine; it's hard to make a mistake that way. But little ever gets done."

He emphasized that the student body president must "be able to deal with the

students, the faculty, the administration, the media, etc. This is why I feel I can benefit the student body as I am familiar with a large cross section of the elements of this university."

Dority said he makes no campaign promises but he will strive for regular office hours and a campus meal plan.

The "Masked Wolfman" is also on the ballot, moderator Kirk said, but added that "he is not here. He has asked for his identity not to be disclosed."

"The office of Student Body President is not a task that can be taken lightly," Hendrickson said in his opening statement. "I understand the responsibilities of the

Student Body President and feel that I have the desire and experience to do a good job.

"One of my major areas of concern is the relationship between student body leaders," he continued. He suggested a leadership seminar retreat for them.

"Isn't it time somebody spoke up for you?" Denning began her position statement.

She said that the main duty of the student body president is "to represent students at State, not only here on campus but also to other colleges and organizations in North Carolina."

Issues which she is concerned about

include student polls, complementing the school newspaper and radio station for student government communication, off-campus student problems, campus security and women's safety.

Denning said she found two questions about student government prevalent among students: "Can our government work?" and "Can our government be decent?"

"I believe the answer to both of these questions is yes," Denning said. "I believe our government can be as great as our students."

Beasley indicated that a high-priority issue next year would be the meal plan on campus.

"It is my belief that a cafeteria system here would be too expensive and this is represented by the fact of a survey that was taken by the Planning and Research Department which said that 82 percent of the students here said that the reason they ate off campus was because of the cost."

Beasley said he thought "D's" should be standardized in all departments. He proposed that the first 12 hours of D's count as passing in all curricula.

He said the new student body president would be busy evaluating new policies to be implemented next fall such as the new telephone system, campus mail, outstanding teacher selection and the lighting situation. "Because I have been involved in all of these from the very beginning, I feel that I have an extra incentive to make sure that these policies benefit students to their

maximum potential," Beasley said. O'Connor asked the candidates how they would combat student apathy.

Denning replied that she would suggest the use of student suggestion boxes and polls. "I think if you make students feel that they have some input into what goes on, then the apathy is eliminated," she said.

Hendrickson said that he would talk with different group leaders on campus. "These people could represent the student body and express their views to student government," he said.

Beasley agreed that there is some apathy on State's campus but there also have been issues in which students have directly helped solve. Some of these are graduation of seniors with honors, sandblasting.

Dority said, "There's a lot of ignorance in apathy. It's the classic 'I don't know and I don't give a damn' situation." He said he thought calling students was a good idea and said he would "give them sort of a personal contact with student government."

Rogers, associate editor of Technician, asked the candidates what they felt should be the proper relationship between student government and publications.

"The press should be separated from the government," Hendrickson said. He said that in the Publications Board statutes "it explicitly states that the editor/manager of the publications will be tried through the Pub Board and I feel that this is in black

and white," he said. Denning defined her role as finding out "how the students really feel about this issue but I think that most students would agree that the publications and government should be separate. That's the reason why we have an editor (of the Technician) and a manager of WKNC," she said.

Beasley said that he believes in freedom of the press as stated in the First Amendment. However, he added, "every-one must remember that in the Student Body Constitution the publications' authority is given their power by the student government. If they would like to totally separate these powers, then they should try to completely get themselves away from student government just as the University Center did," he concluded.

"They've got to be two separate entities," Dority said. "If you have the press ruled by student government, it can be the plying of student government and free press will be restricted which, of course, is contrary to the First Amendment," he said. "Each should be free from the other—but somewhat coexist in a peaceful way if possible," Dority said.

Dority was asked by Rogers whether the fact that he was convicted by the Judicial Board for stuffing ballot boxes during his fall, 1976 senate seat race would hurt him.

"I don't think it will have any effect on the election or me running or keeping me from doing a good job," Dority replied.

He said he did not think he got a fair deal in the matter.

Board decision permits impeachment

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Sunday. "The conversation could not have lasted over one minute."

"Mr. Crawford asked me a very theoretical question involving the interpretation of certain aspects of the Board of Review with respect to the Technician. My response was merely to ask him how they (Student Government) read their own words and, if that is how they read them, then the answer was obvious."

"I saw no documents and am amazed that Mr. Crawford would indicate to anyone that I had given any formal opinion about a Student Government action or the possibility of one," continued Caldwell.

"It is irresponsible for me to be quoted on the basis of an informal conversation on a theoretical question at the end of the class period," Caldwell said Saturday night.

The brief also contends that "Mr. Rod Cocksfoot (sic), Attorney-at-law, interpreted the conflict between the impeachment proceeds and the First Amendment (of the U. S. Constitution) finding that a conflict did not exist."

Cocksfoot is an instructor of journalism in the English department and works for the News and Observer. He said he is not an attorney-at-law.

Cocksfoot also refuted Crawford's references to him.

"As far as I know, I don't know Tim Crawford," Cocksfoot said Sunday. "We have discussed this (the impeachment issue) in class and what he says is completely contrary to what I said in class. As far as I know, I've never talked with him and if I have, I know I did not say that."

During the board's meeting, Kirk said the senate could not impeach the editor/manager because the "editor/managers are only the instruments of the Publications Authority as they relate to the

publications themselves. "The authority has the responsibility for those publications. Those publications, in my interpretation, do not lie within the scope of the Student Senate," said Kirk.

In response to a question by Breslow, who asked if the Publications Authority would be the only body who could remove an editor/manager since it is the body which selects the representative, Kirk said. "That is my interpretation."

Not proper

Kirk said that it is not proper for the body with legislative functions also to have authority over the publications, with respect to the power to remove the editor/manager.

In reply to the same question, Crawford contended that the Student Senate has the authority to impeach because it is given that power in Article II of the Student Body Constitution.

"In the second article to the constitution, it states specifically that the Student Senate shall have the power to try all impeachments, impeachments being a legislative process and the only legislative body on campus being the Student Senate," said Crawford. "And that all those impeachments that they try shall be any, without qualification, it says 'any' in the constitution, it says the student body, student official."

Crawford stated that the editor/manager was defined as an elected or appointed official in Kirk's interpretation and consequently the power for impeachment does lie within the scope of the senate.

Kirk said that since the Publications Authority has not called a special meeting or formed a committee to investigate the matter, it obviously does not think the matter warrants such extensive action.

Kevin Beasley, Student Senate president, said that because the Publications

Authority statutes are listed in the constitution, the authority derives its power from the constitution and as such is under the jurisdiction of the senate.

"There is, in my opinion as Student Senate president, a direct link between the senate and the Pub Board due to the fact that it (the power to impeach) is in the publications and the Student Body Constitution," said Beasley.

Beasley continued, saying that if the publications wished to be completely free from the Student Government, they should remove themselves from the constitution.

"But," said Beasley, "while the Publications Authority is in the constitution, they are under the jurisdiction of the Student Senate."

Beasley said that impeachment proceedings could be brought forth by either the Publications Authority or by the senate—but that the senate could overrule the authority by a two-thirds majority vote if the senate chose to do so.

No authority

"While the Publications Authority is in the constitution of the student body, where its powers and its duties are listed, the Student Senate does have some authority over them," said Beasley. "They can change any, any, of the duties and powers of the Publications Authority if they follow the procedure of the two-thirds majority vote of the senate and the two-thirds majority vote of the student-body referendum."

"I think that is the whole, the whole thing behind it—whether Student Government or the Student Senate has any kind of jurisdiction or authority over the Publications Authority," said Beasley.

The impeachment trial is scheduled to be brought forth in Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting.

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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.

SCUBA AND DIVE CLUB meeting today at 7:30 p.m. in 222 Carmichael. Important meeting. Everybody welcome.

PANCAKE SUPPER! Come to Fairmont Methodist Church (corner of Clark and Home) from 5:00-6:30 Tuesday night. Applesauce, sausage and as many pancakes as you can eat will be served for only \$2.00.

TAU BETA PI will hold tutorials in math, chemistry, and physics in Daniels 222 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

SIX COLONELS from the Army War College will speak to the Political Science Club Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in 211 Tompkins. All are welcome.

PAMS COUNCIL meeting today at 6:00 in 120 Dabney. All members and other interested persons please attend.

FREE FILM: Tonight at 8 p.m. in the Library see the original sound version of the WWI film, "The Dawn Patrol."

THE OUTDOOR TRACK will be closed for varsity men's and women's practice from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Non-varsity members are requested to refrain from exercising on any portion of the outdoor track during the aforementioned hours through May 7. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA, freshman honor society, will hold its annual initiation for 1978 initiates Tuesday at 5:30 in the Student Center Ballroom. Dress is semi-formal.

ART FEST: School of Design Courtyard Mar. 31-Apr. 2. Registration Friday, Mar. 31 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Open to the public. Friday, 3 p.m.-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Info: 737-2302.

ATTENTION ENGINEERING SENIORS: EIT Review session on dynamics tonight in 1402 Broughton and Wednesday in 2211 Broughton from 7:30-9:30.

SOCIETY OF BLACK Engineers will meet Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in Mann 216. Elections will be held so please attend.

US ARMY WAR COLLEGE Current Affairs Panel: A dialogue concerning national security matters of current interest to the academic community and the Army. NCSU Stewart Theatre 7:00 p.m., today.

OUTING CLUB nominations for next year's officers are being taken. If you are interested, call Jeff Kurt (851-4397) tonight or Tuesday night. Elections will be held at Wednesday's meeting.

BRIDGES TO HOPE program needs 2-3 male volunteers who will be in Raleigh over the summer to act as supervisors for boys activity group. Boys are ages 6-12 years. Meet one day a week from 4-5:30. Purpose of group is to provide boys with dependable, friendly adult male role model. Call Volunteer Services, 821-0300 for information.

PRE-MED, PRE-DENT CLUB and AED will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 3533 GA. Officers will be elected. Speaker on admissions to UNC Dental School.

NCSU VOLUNTEER SERVICE is sponsoring a "Volunteer of the Year" contest. Anyone wishing to nominate a NCSU student can pick up a nomination form in 3115-E Student Center. The nominee should currently be involved in volunteer work in the Raleigh area. Nomination forms should be returned to 3115-E, or sent to Box 2217, NCSU, by March 24. The winner will receive dinner for two at the Village Dinner Theatre. "Volunteer Group of the Year" can also be nominated. Anyone having questions call 737-2193.

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Buying a stereo - Part 1

Find a reputable dealer

Editor's note: This article is the first of a weekly series that will explore the criteria one would consider when purchasing a stereo system. The Technician wishes to thank Soundhaus for permitting the photographing of their equipment.

by Eddie Jones
Features Writer

Listening to music used to be an easy thing for college students. One simply went to a department store, purchased a record player, stacked five or six Beatles and Herman Hermits' albums on it, and listened. It did not really matter what kind of record player one owned. Buying a stereo today, however, can be an adventure in itself.

Most college students are aware of how complicated buying a stereo can be. What should a student look for when he decides to buy a stereo? George Kaasa of Soundhaus said the first thing a customer should look for is a reputable dealer.

"I know that sounds a little high-minded, but I feel like a customer needs to have the trust and respect of a dealer," Kaasa said. "And he should also trust the dealer's opinion and advice. If a customer does not

feel comfortable with a dealer, then he is going to be working at a disadvantage."

Kaasa suggested that the customer evaluate the dealer and decide if he is the best man to deal with. From there, a customer should first look at speakers.

Manager Mark Nielson of Atlantis Sound Co. said loudspeakers are the most important feature of a stereo system.

"The customer should come right out and tell the dealer how much money he wants to spend and then they can work together in that budget and get the best system for the customer," Nielson said. "Loudspeakers are without a doubt the most important part. That is where the final product comes out. If the speakers are bad, then the system cannot function efficiently. A customer should decide if he wants good loudspeakers or very high efficiency speakers. If you have a small room, you may not want loud speakers per se, but you might like a very life-like sound. These are the two things to consider."

Nielson suggested that a customer select an amplifier that can suit the speakers best. Every amplifier has its own features, but most will do a good job, Kaasa said.

"A lot of people are hung up on the harmony distortion figure," Nielson said. "They try to buy the unit with the

lowest level, but that figure is really useless today, because almost every unit has the level very low. Some have the level a degree or two lower, but the customer probably will not notice the difference."

Kaasa said selecting a turntable is important, but reasonably easy when looking at the number of good turntables on the market.

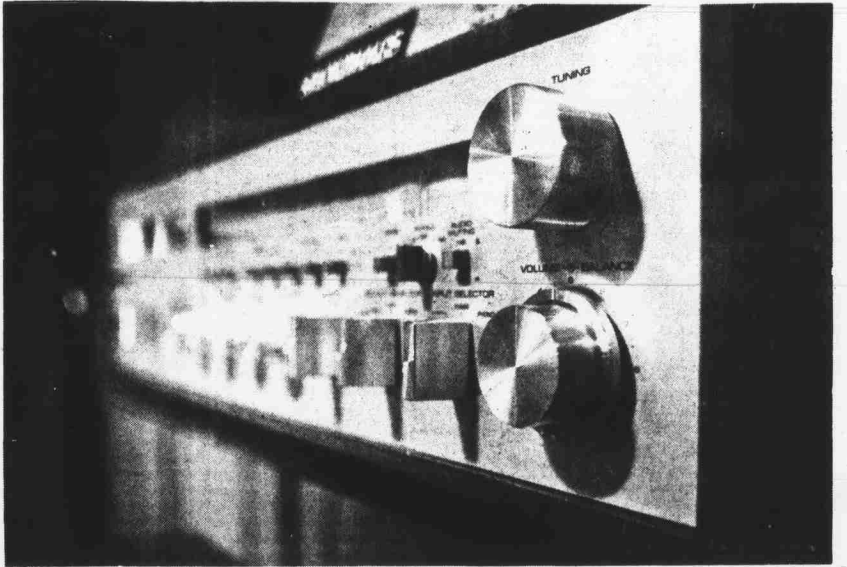
"The most important part of the turntable is how well it tracks the record," Kaasa said. "Does the arm let the cartridge track the record well? If the arm moves freely, then the record will probably track well."

Nielson suggested that the customer be willing to pay around \$125 for a turntable that he will keep for life.

"If you want to buy a turntable that you will keep for life, then that what you'll probably pay. There are four varieties, but the semi-automatic seems to be the most popular."

Buying a stereo system does not have to be an impossible task. It can be taken one step at a time, beginning with the loudspeakers, and can result in a fine sounding system.

"Always keep in mind that if you put garbage in by having a weak system, you'll get garbage out."



Finding the rainbow's end but no pot of gold - that's B+

by Terry D. Martin
Features Writer

In the realm of academic achievement, few accolades are so frustratingly ambiguous as a B+. From one's entry into the scholastic world via grade school primers, Weekly Reader tests and spelling bees, through the harrowing interrogation of a pre-doctoral examination, this ambiguity is nurtured, fortified and compounded. Throughout history, perhaps, few labels have so perpetuated the psychosis of inadequacy as B+.

Sure, from the outset, the ground rules are laid out. A is excellent, B is good, C is average, etc. Everyone's familiar with those cut and dried designations. But not so with B+.

No matter how you twist, turn or stretch it, a B+ translates as: "Nice try, but not nice enough."

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Better than good, but not quite excellent? What does that mean? Is that like "a little bit pregnant" or "almost a virgin"? Explore the possibilities:

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B+ is black tuxedos and white socks.

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B+ is being two runs down in the ninth inning and getting picked off while trying to steal second base, when, on the next pitch, the batter hits a home run.

B+ is getting off work late (because the power went off while you were in the elevator between floors) and hurrying to

catch the bus (because, as earlier stated, your car was towed), accomplished only with the help of a super-athletic dive and adrenalin-inspired shriek at the driver, only to find, ten minutes down the road, that you're on the wrong bus.

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B+ is placing second in the 6th grade regional spelling bee, having misspelled "consolation."

B+ . . . is a bitch.

Banks offer students various services

by Judy Berrier
Contributing Writer

If you're a college student you probably look for the best benefits in any type of financial matter because money is limited — you have high expenses and little income.

Banking can be a real problem, especially if your checking account is a hometown bank. Parents want explanations for that \$80 check to Schoolkid's Records when your statement comes; Living in Raleigh nine months a year with your bank 100 miles away can pose other real problems. As a result, you may need to open an account at a local bank.

It is important to shop around before selecting a bank because some area banks offer special benefits to college students. Your problem may be keeping that \$100 minimum balance in your account. Or you're in class all day and just can't get to a bank between 8:00 and 5:00. If you don't have a car you will want banking services within walking distance.

In a survey this month, 10 of the 14 area banks were checked for benefits. Items considered were free checking, minimum balance requirements, free checks, 24-hour service, and any additional services.

Five banks in the area offer free checking with no minimum balance requirements to full-time college students.

Branch Banking and Trust, Fidelity Bank, and Planter's Bank offer free checking as a special service to students with no stipulations. Capital National Bank offers the same as long as the initial deposit is at least \$50. Bill Henderson from State Bank of Raleigh said they offer free checking not only to students, but to all of their customers.

Of the other five banks studied, minimum balance requirements ranged from \$100-\$200. Carolina Bank and People's Bank require a \$100 balance. According to Pam Wilkinson, Central Carolina Bank requires \$100 in either a checking or savings account.

Wachovia and First Union National have somewhat stiffer regulations. Wachovia requires a \$200 checking account balance or a \$100 savings account balance, according to Elizabeth Howard. At First Union National, a \$200 checking balance is the rule.

Those students interested in a bank with 24-hour service can find it at four of the ten banks. These include People's, CCB, First Union, and Wachovia. BR&T has plans for one this year. State Bank does not have

this service, but offers longer hours, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at their drive-in window.

At a few banks, customers can avoid the average minimum \$3.50 fee on checks. Fidelity offers the first 200 checks free with an initial deposit of \$50 to all of their customers. People's and Wachovia also offer free checks.

Two banks have special plans for young adults, but are not beneficial to most students. A graduate making at least \$7,200 per year can qualify for Wachovia's Graduate Plan. First Union offers a plan called The Young Carolinian, but has a minimum age requirement of 21.

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Pack lady tankers rise to seventh



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Take your mark

Senior Michele Dunn placed fifth in the 50-yard backstroke.

by Tom Reimers
Sports Writer

A strong finish can mean all the difference.

Going into the final day of competition in the AIAW nationals held at Duke University this past Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, State's women swimmers were locked in a tie for eighth place with Carolina. However, a strong performance on Saturday enabled the Wolfpack to sprint past the Tar Heels and overtake the University of Houston as well for a seventh place finish, the best in the school's history.

Improving on last year's eighth place showing, the Pack fell short of sixth place by only three points. Additionally, four first year performers (Beth Harrell, Trace Rucker, Carolyn Guttilla and Debby Campbell) earned All-America ratings for State, while junior Jane Holliday achieved individual All-America for the first time.

Taking the title for the sixth straight year was Arizona State University, which beat out Florida by 69 points. Stanford

finished in third place, followed by USC, Miami and UCLA.

Easterling pleased

Though he was disappointed that State missed out on sixth place by such a small margin, Pack coach Don Easterling was pleased with the overall effort by his squad.

"We moved up, and that was our goal," said Easterling. "We were picked to finish seventh in the preseason poll, and by golly we got it. All in all it was a good meet... We broke an awful lot of school records... It's tough to miss out on sixth by only three points, but it leaves something to shoot for."

"We had some good swimmers and some bad swimmers," the veteran coach continued. "When you have had ones, you (as coach) have to take the blame for it. I think I might have rested them a little too much... just missed on the taper a little bit."

As far as individuals are concerned, Easterling thought that newcomers Harrell, Rucker and Guttilla, had especially fine meets, as did veterans Holliday

and Michele Dunn.

Harrell, who set numerous Pack records during the course of the season, placed second in the 50 fly (missing out on first by an eyelash, according to her coach), fifth in the 100 fly, and eighth in the 100 free. She also won the consolation final in the 200 free and was a major force in the relays (she was a member of State's second place 200 free relay).

The Alexandria, Va. native, who is now an All-America, will undoubtedly bring State three more years of continued broken records and honors. She was the Pack's top performer this year as only a freshman.

A transfer from Furman, Rucker earned All-America with State this year. Easterling elaborated on her performance.

"Her IM times improved tremendously," said Easterling. "She didn't place as well as last

year, but that just shows how improved college swimming is."

Guttilla swam her best times in both breaststroke events though she did not finish in the top sixteen. She was yet another tanker who aided the relay cause tremendously.

Holliday, aside from adding individual All-America for twelfth place finishes in the 50 and 100 free, was once again a steady relay performer. Easterling commented on the effective job done by the Pack relays.

"I'm real pleased with all of our relays. We big finished every one, and we've never done that before. Heidi (Jacobthuber) swam some real good relay splits... and Debby Campbell did a real good job," said Easterling.

Easterling was extremely happy for senior Michele Dunn, who swam her career best time in the 50 back for a fifth place. The Vero Beach, Fla. native

combines with fellow senior Eileen O'Brien, who added a fifth place in the 100 free and eleventh in the 100 free, to create quite a void for Easterling to fill.

According to Easterling, the two All-Americans will not be easily replaced.

"When you lose two real fine girls like Eileen and Michele, you can't expect to replace them. There just aren't girls in high school with their times," said Easterling.

For State's young divers, the meet turned out to be a learning experience.

Diving coach John Candler said that he had never seen as experienced a group of women.

Experienced group

"There were 68 girls there, and there weren't but about three that didn't deserve to be there. I've never seen so many old fads (former Olympians,

like Jenni Chandler...)" Candler emphasized.

On the one-meter board, freshman walk-on Laurie Clarkson was the Pack's best, finishing 21st after making the first two cuts.

Though finishing in seventh place is itself quite a feat for a team that has been competing (and nationally ranked) for only three years, the fact that State did not even enter three events (500 and 1650 free, and the 200 fly) makes the accomplishment look even that much better. Each year State has competed, it has done better nationally (13th in 1976, and eighth last year).

Who knows? With all the improvement that has been made by Easterling's squad in such a short period of time, next year could turn out to be the season when the women's swimmers are "on their way to number one."

Clemson nine captures pitcher's duel to spoil State's conference opener

by Denny Jacobs
Asst. Sports Editor

For six innings, it was a typical John Skinner performance and Wolfpack partisans expected typical results—a win. The brilliant right-hander had been touched for a lone two-out single in the top of the fifth and was locked in a scoreless pitching duel with Clemson's Bobby Kenyon.

But in the top of the seventh the opportunistic Tigers came to life, turning three hits into two runs en route to a 4-0 win over State Sunday afternoon at Doak Field.

"We were very disappointed," said Pack head coach Sam Esposito whose club is now 9-4 overall and 0-1 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. "It was a fine pitched ball game by both pitchers. We had our opportunities two different times but we just couldn't get the hit."

State had chances with men in

scoring position in four different innings to avert the shutout but Kenyon bore down each time to work his way out of trouble. The Pack's best opportunities came in the fourth and eighth innings when it had runners on second and third with one out.

Threat in fourth

Right fielder Rich White opened the fourth with an infield hit and, after John Isley lashed a line drive to deep left field for the first out, centerfielder Roy Dixon responded with his second double in as many at bats. But Kenyon induced Roy Tanner and Bill Maier to ground out to end that threat.

In the seventh inning, Neil Simons ripped Skinner's first pitch down the right field line and teammate Robert Bonnette followed with a sacrifice bunt to move him over to third. A heads-up play on a ground ball

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Down 2-0 with one out in the bottom of the eighth, White started another State uprising with a line shot over the shortstop's head. Isley followed

with a double but Kenyon settled down to get Dixon and Ray Tanner to pop out.

Clemson aided by two Wolfpack errors added two more runs in the top of the ninth on two hits to boost its overall record to 12-3, 5-0 in the ACC.

Tiger head coach Bill Wilhelm credited the strong pitching of Kenyon and the timely hitting of his team for the win.

"The guys felt like they were going to hit him (Skinner) but I wasn't sure," said Wilhelm. "In the short time he's been here people haven't been able to."

"We're very pleased to win over here on their field and to beat pitcher of Skinner's stature. He's a fine young man and an outstanding young pitcher."

In reference to his team's being out-hit seven to six and still winning Wilhelm replied, "I guess you'd have to say we were pretty lucky wouldn't you."

And how about freshman

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Staff photo by Art Howard

John Isley awaits the pickoff attempt.

Kenyon who recorded his first college win?

"He showed a lot of character out there. It's ironic. That was his first win and Skinner's first loss. I have a lot of confidence in the young man and he did enough to justify the confidence. That was his first win and I feel sure there'll be more."

But State's team is still somewhat of a question mark for Esposito.

"They have a good ballclub and their pitcher pitched very well," he praised. "We have a long way to go. We still have to see if this ballclub can beat good ballclubs. Winning games is fine

but we have to beat the good clubs."

"It's early," he continued. "The worst thing about it is that Clemson is jumping out in front of everybody again."

State will try to get back on the winning track today at 3 p.m. when it hosts Dartmouth at Doak field.

Semifinals set for Fuhrman

Invitational

Semifinal action for the Fuhrman Invitational are set for Tuesday night in Carmichael Gym. In the first game of the doubleheader at 5 p.m. the No. 1 ranked Dubies will face No. 8 Kappa Sigma. The No. 2 Backstoppers will meet No. 9 Turlington in a 6 p.m. game. The final is tentatively set for Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Soccer meeting on Tuesday

There will be a mandatory meeting for all persons who wish to play varsity soccer next fall Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in the College Inn. New head coach Larry Gross emphasized that anyone who wants to participate must attend this meeting.

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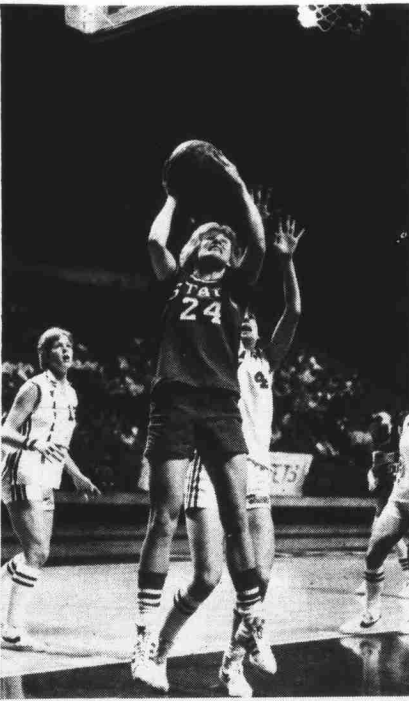
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Wayland out-defenses women



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Senior Faye Young puts up a two-pointer.

by Jimmy Carroll
Sports Writer

DENTON, Tex. — Though the field has been clouded with a horde of so-called favorites all season, only one team can win the women's national collegiate basketball championship. And it won't be State.

Second-ranked Wayland Baptist eliminated the third-ranked Wolfpack women in the AIAW quarterfinals at North Texas State University Saturday night, avenging an earlier State triumph and costing the Pack an extended trip to the west coast.

Both coaches, State's Kay Yow and Wayland's Dean Weese, credited defense with being the major factor in the 72-55 victory by the Queens, a game that was much closer than the final 17-point spread.

"I thought the game would be won on defense," said Yow, whose team finishes the season with a 29-5 record. She was right, but it was the Wayland defense that was most effective. State hit just 34.8 per cent of its field goal attempts, and while the Queens weren't setting Texas on fire with a 45.3 percentage, they were connecting on 57.7 per cent in the second half. The Pack's point total of 55 tied the team's low for the season.

Defense wins

"I told our girls defense would

win the game," said Weese, whose Queens are now 33-3 and in the national semifinals for the third time in the school's tradition-saturated history. "I'm proud of the way they responded and really believed defense would do it."

In every sense of the term, the Wayland victory was a team effort. All five starters scored double figures, and Weese used just one substitute. Senior forward Marie Kocerek scored 18 points and grabbed nine rebounds for the Queens who fought from seven points down early and spurred to an important five-point halftime lead then held off a desperate State rally that fizzled midway through the final half.

The crucial moments, as Yow noted, were the final minutes of the first half. In a near instant replay of the Wolfpack's 89-82 loss to Maryland in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament finals, the Pack was outscored 10-2 in the final 1:40 of the half, including a pair of three-point plays with less than 45 seconds showing.

State's 27-24 lead turned into a 34-29 advantage for Wayland at the half. The Queens quickly gained an 11-point margin in the second half, going ahead 42-31 with 17:08 left. The Queens, who had lost 98-86 to the Wolfpack Jan. 14 in Reynolds Coliseum, maintained the 11-

point lead, 52-41, with 10:45 to play when State threatened to make a game of it once more.

Slices lead

Genia Beasley hit two buckets, Trudi Lacey sank a pair of free throws, and Beth Fielden dropped in a 12-foot jumper to cut the Queens' lead to three, 52-49, with eight minutes to play. State trailed by just five when Beasley scored at the 3:07 mark, but the Wolfpack didn't add a point after that while Wayland was charring the nets from the field and the line for the game's final 12 points.

Now it's on to Los Angeles for the AIAW finals for the Queens, who'll play Maryland in the semifinals.

The last two minutes of the first half was the key to the game," said Yow after leaving a tearful scene on the Wolfpack's bench. "Those three-point plays (three in six minutes) put us down by five instead of up by one or three. It was so much like our game with Maryland in the ACC tournament when we gave them four points in the last 10 seconds of the first half."

"We went into the dressing room tonight with a mental setback. We became more concerned about catching up those five points than just playing our game.

"Another key time was when it was 60-55 with three minutes left. We had to gamble and break something wide open. We had to go for all or nothing. We came up with nothing."

Beasley, who had thrilled the appreciative crowd of Texans with a 29-point, 21-rebound effort against Missouri Friday night, scored 19 to lead the Wolfpack Saturday night. Lacey had 15, and no other State player had more than six points.

Rebounding even

The rebound battle was even, 40 apiece. Beasley had nine. Faye Young six in just 13 minutes, and June Doby and Ronnie Laughlin five each. Kocerek and guard Kathy Harston had nine for Wayland, and forward Breanna Caldwell added seven.

On Friday night, Beasley was the whole story for the Wolfpack. Her career-high 21 rebounds and a 14-for-26 shooting night provided State with a 70-64 win over Missouri, the nation's 13th-ranked team.

Beasley was the only State player in double figures. Faye Young had nine, Lacey eight, Crissy Earnhardt seven and Laughlin and Ginger Rouse six each.



Staff photo by Larry Merrell

Genia Beasley drives past Wayland's Jill Rankin.

Awesome Terrapin stickmen overpower Wolfpack

by Denny Jacobs
Asst. Sports Editor

Maryland's lacrosse team gave proof positive why it is considered one of the premier squads in the nation Saturday afternoon behind Doak Field. The Terps displayed an awesome attack en route to a 25-11 win over State. But, for the Wolfpack, it was not as bad as the score indicates.

"We played a lot better than we have," said Pack head coach Charlie Patch. "We still continued to do some of the things we were doing wrong. We had a little lapse in the third quarter but I thought we played very well in the first half."

"Maryland is just a super lacrosse team," continued Patch who saw his team drop to 0-2. "They have depth and great sticks all the way through. All of their players have good backgrounds and they're all fine ball players."

State rallied from an early first quarter 4-1 deficit to tie the powerful Terps at 4-4 on the strength of two goals by Stan Cockerton and a goal by Claude Dawson. But Maryland gave an indication of things to come, scoring with one second left in the period to take a lead it never relinquished.

State fell behind 8-4 midway through the second quarter before Cockerton and Dawson tallied again to pull the Pack within two with time running out in the half. But the Terps once again showed that they don't need much time to score. They scored twice in the final 45 seconds of the first half to take a 10-6 lead and, more importantly, change the complexion of the game.

"Those two goals at the end of the first half kind of killed us," said Patch. "It was simply a matter of us not communicating on defense and just not playing good defense."

"The constantly fast-breaking Terps broke the game wide open in the third

quarter, outscoring the Pack 8-1 but Maryland head coach Bud Beardmore was nonetheless impressed with what State was able to accomplish against his team.

"First of all I think N.C. State has a very nice ball club," he said. "It's super for ACC lacrosse. I'd like to see the day when lacrosse becomes like basketball and if things continue like they are..."

"Taking nothing away from them I thought we played relatively poorly in the first half. But they forced us into some of that," he continued. "But we played close to a perfect second half."

Big difference

About his team's ability to score late in each of the first two quarters, Beardmore felt it made a big difference in the second half.

"Whenever the other team can get a goal in a last minute it really emotionally kills

you," he said. "We called a timeout to call a couple of set plays and were hoping to get one goal. Fortunately for us we got two."

"But you had to be there to see what State was able to do. For a young team they played very well. They are a hustling team. I'm enthusiastic about ACC lacrosse. When you see N.C. State and Maryland you'll see a good competitive game like you saw today. They'll beat a lot of teams and they have nothing to be ashamed of."

"We're one of the better teams (Maryland has been playing since 1901) and hopefully we're the best," he concluded.

Cockerton paced State's scoring attack with four goals while Dawson added three and Marc Resnick three. Ted Manos scored State's other goal.

State assistant coach B.J. O'Hara was impressed with the Terps but he also felt the Wolfpack improved its play, particularly in the desire department.

"You can't find any better than Maryland," he said. "But we showed a lot more heart today. We had some blackouts again. But we've got to keep getting better. We can't stop now."

And as far as Cockerton is concerned Princeton is in for a tough time of it next Friday. He didn't think the final score was indicative of the contest and pointed to Maryland's awesome midfield as the big difference.

"Maryland's strength is their midfield and that's where they beat us. When we had the ball we were scoring on them and the defense did a good job against their attack," he said. "We lost the game in the middle of the field that's all there is to it."

"Teamwise we didn't give up," he continued. "Nobody quit. A game like this has to give us confidence. Even though we lost we showed ourselves that we can play with a team like Maryland. I think if we

played them again at the end of the season we'd give them a real good game. They think a lot of us now. It's going to take time that's all."

How much time?

"I think we'll definitely beat Princeton—pretty badly too."

Tryouts continue for cheerleaders

Practices for tryouts will continue today through Wednesday for 1978-79 varsity cheerleaders, including the wolves and mike-man. The practices will be held in Carmichael Gymnasium at 7 p.m. All interested students are invited to attend. Tryouts will be held in the first week of April.

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Technician Opinion Vote today

Today marks the beginning of balloting for candidates running for Student Government offices. The elections run today and Tuesday. The sad part about the elections, other than the disappointment that some candidates will face in defeat, is that few State students will participate in the election process if this election follows the pattern of past ones.

During the past several years, only about 2,000 to 3,000 students have shown enough interest to vote in Student Government elections each spring. With an undergraduate population of some 14,000 students, the percentage of student participation in Student Government elections at best stands at around 21 per cent. Each year at election time, many candidates will often comment on this poor response to the election process, and the Technician will sometimes make a statement on this important issue.

We do not want to run this issue in the ground and unnecessarily criticize students for their lack of participation in Student Government elections. We chose, rather, to face the facts of the issue. And unfortunately, these facts do indicate that students are disillusioned enough with the response they are getting from Student Government that they deem their vote useless. But

nothing could be farther from the truth. Even some of the candidates running for office now have singled out apathy among the student body as a problem. Reasons for this apathy are varied. Some feel that students are lazier these days than they used to be, and just won't take the effort to vote. Others, offering a more probable hypothesis, claim that while the Vietnam War was in process, students had something with which to be upset and concerned. Now they feel they have nothing for which to fight.

But whatever the reasons or causes are, the problem still exists. Apathy abounds on this campus so that less than a fourth of the student population votes in elections. But the problem is not peculiar to State alone. Many other campuses are experiencing the same lack of participation in the voting process.

Somehow, students need to be convinced that their individual vote really does count in the outcome of an election and in the policies which result from the candidates elected. The time that it takes to cast a ballot is but a few seconds. But those few seconds are precious seconds which could have a major impact on the students' lives at State.

So many important issues are confronting State today that need effective student leadership and representation in Student Government. There is the possibility of beer and wine sales on campus if correct leadership can be given toward persuading the General Assembly this way. Reworking the campus meal system should be a top priority.

But the fact remains that if the students do not vote for the candidates that can actively and dependably provide the effective leadership that students need to have, then we risk losing a great deal for the betterment of N.C. State University.

And it always seems that the students who complain the most about ineffective leadership in Student government are those who do the least in terms of participation in the electoral process. If you have a gripe or a problem which you feel needs attention, then vote for the candidate you feel will do the most in dealing with these problems.

Let's not take our right to vote for granted. Students' votes could greatly influence the direction next year's Student Government takes. Have some influence in this direction and vote today or Tuesday in the Student Government elections.

Consequences need consideration

Many issues in the heat of the moment seem to be exceedingly important to the student body. Other issues are less visible and have greater long term effects. Currently the students at State are faced with a situation that not only is highly visible now but also has long range consequences that will shape the relationships of student organizations for many years to come.

Through the years it has been my impression that the student publications (*Technician*, *WKNC-FM*, *Agromeck*, *Windhauer*) were overseen by a Publications Authority that was more or less independent of student government. This Authority supervised the general operations of the student publications and selected an editor or manager to carry out the day-to-day work.

If an editor or manager did not conduct this business properly, the Authority could remove him by a simple majority. The largest voting group of the Publications Authority was the Student Body Representatives, elected by the student body as a whole. This direct link to State students was the check to any excesses that may occur.

Friday, a Board of Review concluded that the Student Senate also has the power to remove an editor, manager of a student publication. I do not believe that this board acted with any bias against the student publications. However, I think the student body would do well to study the consequences of this novel interpretation.

Part of the job of the Technician is to report on the activities of the student government. Taken as

Martin Ericson

a whole, I think the Technician's reports have been accurate and fair. The Student Senate does many things that are important to the student body and which call for the student body to respond to their legislators. The Student Senate, subject to the weaknesses of any legislative body, may also do something silly. The student body must have a loud and accurate source of the actions of their student government. This source must give all the news—the blemishes as well as the masterpieces.

The Student Senate obviously will not always look favorably upon this role. Though the current proceedings in the Student Senate do not involve this point, I think this is the area that the Board of Review's ruling will have the greatest effect.

In the future the editor of the Technician will always have to keep in mind that he must answer to the Student Senate as well as to the Publications Authority. The mere threat of impeachment, even if it is only implied, may cause a less-than-courageous editor to slant the reporting of activities of the student government. Is this something the student body wants?

Does the student body really want a student government mouthpiece instead of an independent student newspaper? It's not as if the student

government doesn't already have more than adequate access to the student body. I cannot see a situation where an open letter to the student body by one of the student government officers would not be promptly published.

In fact, in the past, student government presidents have had regular columns in the Technician expressing their views, programs, and hopes.

The Technician, as well as any other student body organization and the student body as a whole, can only benefit from a strong and responsible student government and I think the Technician has the sense to realize that.

However, there are often two sides to important issues that deserve to be aired. I would hate to see the day in which student government controls the paper that reports on its own activities and I am afraid I see it coming.

I was a Student Senator. In spite of the many good works that the Student Senate does, I know that it finds it hard to produce something as tangible as a Student Center weekend film or a newspaper that comes out three times a week.

I regret to say that this year's student government has attempted two actions that would have tangible results, but in a negative way. I will remember this year's student government for its attempted disruption of the independent nature of the Student Center and the successful disruption of the semi-independent position of the Publications Authority. I, for one, am not willing to see this condition continue.



Letters

Astounded

To the Editor:
I seems that some of our Senators have forgotten about "freedom of the press." I'm astounded that some of our elected representatives would even consider trying to impeach our newspaper editor for the recent coverage of the ticket scalping incident.

As a former newspaper editor (*Sandhills Reflector*, Sandhills Comm. College) I was never harassed by the Student Government for my publications; we all understood that the government and the press must be independent of each other.

Perhaps the Technician over did it with the scalping incident; if so, this would be a professional judgement, and the only people who should act on it is the publications committee. In fact, even they should be very careful; Lynne Griffin has done a fine job and is truly a professional—she should be treated as one.

The Senate had better mind its own affairs; otherwise, it will become questionable as to what kind of government they are trying to pattern themselves after.

William D. Wilson
Jr., EE

Discrimination

To the Editor:
In this letter I would like to bring to the attention of all a blatant infringement on the equal rights of students at N.C. State. In the Wednesday March 15 Technician an article ran telling of the "spring intramural sports suffer setback" problem. In the article the plan to place the 90 team independent

softball league into a single-elimination tournament while the residence halls and fraternity league continue in a full season intact was outlined.

This was brought about directly by the chancellor's emergency equity program. I feel that the impositions should be bared by all students affected equally. We all pay the same tuition whether we live in a residence hall, belong to a fraternity or sorority, or not.

One reason given to be for the plan by the intramural department was that residence halls and fraternities are competing for overall sports awards. Maybe so but everyone should chip in equally to comply with Governor Hunt's, and Chancellor Thomas' emergency equity programs. The 90 team independent leagues over 900 students should not have to suffer for the 56 teams of the fraternity and residence hall leagues combined. In addition one of your staff writers who also works at intramural sports gave me the possible explanation that the intramural program is basically designed for fraternity and residence hall competition. If this is the case I would like to have it shown to me in writing.

Under the present plan 45 of the 90 team independent league would have a one game season and of the remaining, half every week would be out of play. The idea of intramural sports is for students to play not find champions. I would like to challenge the intramural department to develop alternatives that would treat the entire student population involved equally, not discriminating some for the sake of others.

Gary King
So. School of Design

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Closing loophole would be good start

by David Armstrong
Contributing Writer

What goes around comes around, according to a popular saying, and what's coming around for American consumers are pesticides, lots of them, toxic chemicals that are banned in the United States, but not in foreign countries from which we import food.

Outlawed pesticides enter the U.S. as residues on vegetables, in coffee, even in marijuana.

Ironically, many of them are produced by American firms that get around domestic bans by marketing poisons in poor countries where profits are high and restrictions minimal.

One such chemical is Benzene Hexachloride (BHC), a toxin banned here in 1976 after it was shown to cause cancer in laboratory animals. BHC shows up on American breakfast tables anyway, because it is routinely used on the coffee crop in Brazil, the largest exporter of coffee to the United States, as well as in Ivory Coast,

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Guatemala and Peru, other coffee-exporting countries.

According to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports, 99 per cent of the American people already have detectable levels of BHC in their bodies. The exact effects of this are unknown, and, since human cancers can take up to 30 years to incubate, aren't likely to be known for some time. But some experts worry that Americans may be harboring biological time-bombs.

"These pesticides are accumulating in everybody's body fat and in mother's milk at appreciable levels," University of California biochemist Bruce Ames, a respected cancer researcher, says. "Every little bit hurts."

BHC is only one of a group of pesticides that showed up in spot-checks of imported coffee by EPA inspectors last fall. Traces of five other pesticides—three of them outlawed here—also were found. The contaminated coffee was sold to American consumers anyway, because the EPA hasn't yet gotten around to setting tolerance levels for pesticides in coffee, and in lieu of standards, the coffee is considered salable.

Unfortunately, the BHC case is fairly typical. New chemicals proliferate far faster than the EPA and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the other federal watchdog, can keep up with them. Oftentimes, tolerance levels are set without proper testing, or set and not enforced. The result is a deadly production of poisons on parade—and profits that translate into global political power.

The world pesticide market now accounts for \$7 billion a year in sales. U.S. corporations have the lion's share of that market, selling over a third of their pesticide production abroad, through a loophole in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act that permits the manufacture of banned pesticides for export.

Not all pesticides sold on the world market are of U.S. manufacture, of course, but even so the U.S. is often involved in their use. At the urging of U.S. authorities, marijuana fields in Mexico have been sprayed since 1975 with the defoliants Paraquat and 2,4-D in an attempt to reduce the flow of illegal drugs into this country. The Mexican government buys the Paraquat in Europe, but the

helicopters used for spraying come from the U.S., and the pilots who fly them were trained by us.

Out of this air war against drugs has come another problem. Some of the dope that survives the spraying carries traces of Paraquat when it arrives in the U.S. Once again, opinions differ on what this means. According to Peter Bourne, a special assistant to President Carter on drug abuse, Paraquat, which can cause death if it is swallowed, breaks into a benign form when it is burned.

Others are not so sure. According to *High Times* magazine, Carter received an unreleased 50-page report from the EPA on March 6 in which some scientists tagged Paraquat as "a significant health hazard" when it's inhaled.

No deaths or serious illnesses have yet been reported among the estimated 15 million Americans who smoke weed regularly, but smokers' advocates are insisting that the spraying be stopped. The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) has, for example, sued the U.S. State Department and the EPA in an attempt to force the feds to file an environmental impact report on Paraquat and 2,4-D and to stop the spraying until, and unless, the chemicals are cleared.

Meanwhile, a national debate on the use of pesticides at home may be shaping up. Testimony before the House Commerce Oversight Committee in mid-February scored the EPA and FDA for failing to adequately protect the public from potential hazards of pesticide residues in meat, milk, bread and other grain products, fruits and vegetables and still other foods.

Moreover, the efficiency, as well as the safety, of pesticides is now being questioned. Thirty years ago, according to EPA figures, when American farmers used 50 million pounds of pesticides annually, they had losses of seven per cent of their preharvest crops. American farmers now use 600 million pounds annually, and lose 13 per cent of their preharvest crops.

As a result, some farmers are turning to integrated pest management (IPM) instead of pesticides to cut their losses. IPM relies on natural enemies to control pests—introducing the Vedalia beetle into California citrus groves to harvest its favorite snack, the cottony cushion scale, is an example—rather than petroleum-based chemicals to which, in many cases, insects have grown resistant. IMP has already helped cut the use of insecticides by 50 per cent in some Washington State apple orchards and by 20-30 per cent in Michigan and Pennsylvania orchards.

The deepest roots of the problem of pesticides, however, are not in the soil of Washington or Michigan or Pennsylvania. Nor are they in the croplands of America's client states in Latin America and Africa, where environmental protection laws have given way to technological fixes to overcome famine. They can be traced, instead, to America's executive suites where decisions are made, rationally and systematically, to subsume human health to the drive for power and profit.

Closing the loophole in American law that allows the dumping of pesticide poisons abroad wouldn't clean up the environment all by itself. But it wouldn't be a bad place to start.

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