



# Flurry of assaults prompts investigations and arrests

by Terry Martin  
News Editor



Blows exchanged at the West Campus Jam last Saturday and two separate unrelated cases of assault have highlighted Security investigations in the past week, resulting in at least two arrests, according to Lt. W.C. Bartles.

## Arrest pending

In addition, arrests are pending as Raleigh police continue investigating two reported central campus burglaries, which occurred Friday night.

State students Mark Bitter and Joseph Connors were arrested by R.P.D. shortly after 2 a.m. April 7 and charged with conveying a threat and assault and battery after the alleged assault of a Bowen couple and altercation with two student patrol members.

Bartles said the two apparently entered Bowen and engaged in a scuffle with a visitor on the eighth floor, allegedly assaulted another person who attempted to stop the fight, and ran over two student patrol members

in their flight before they were arrested.

No motive for the initial assault has yet been determined.

Raleigh officers making the arrest were on the scene at the time investigating a burglary in Carroll dorm, which resulted in the loss of \$65 in cash, and a breaking and entering report in Bowen.

Security was called to break up three fights at the West Campus Jam, although no charges were filed. Bartles said two cases were solved peacefully, but the other incident will be reviewed by Student Body Attorney General Andy Carmen.

Carmen said the case involves the report that four black College Inn residents were involved in the assault of a white male after words

were exchanged in reference to a girl in his company.

Carmen said he is currently reviewing the case to determine appropriate judicial action.

## Thief nabbed

Security also reported that State student William Alcorn was arrested Friday at 11:10 p.m. and charged with attempting to steal the tires from a vehicle owned by another State student. The car was parked in the lot north of the 1911 building fronting Hillsborough St. at the time.

In Judicial Board action, Carmen said an engineering freshman who was caught tampering with an emergency phone blue light March 16 has been sanctioned by the board.

"He didn't break it," Carmen said. "He just took the bulb off while in an inebriated state, and put it back when student patrol caught him."

For the offense, the student was censured, placed on semester disciplinary probation and agreed to work 15 hours for Security and the Dept. of Transportation in compensation.

Other action reported by Security for the week March 31-April 7 includes:

- Six assisted motorists;
- Seventy escorts;
- Twelve injury transports from Carmichael Gym and intramural fields;
- One animal investigation;
- Ten suspicious persons investigated;
- One vehicle investigated;
- Thirty-one maintenance calls;
- Three minor auto accidents, one hit-and-run property damage;
- Seven requests for service;
- Nine disturbances investigated;
- Five vandalism reports;
- One report of damage to state property, less than \$100;
- Ten false fire reports;
- Six thefts from residence halls;
- Three thefts from academic buildings;
- Eight thefts from autos;
- Ten bicycle thefts;
- One trespassing charge, in which a juvenile warrant will be drawn, as a result of the March 31 incident, according to Bartles.

# Junk and jewelry auctioned in Student Center benefit

by Mari Denning  
Staff Writer

Everything from watches to bicycles was sold at the Student Center-sponsored auction last Tuesday night in the cafeteria.

Several hundred students came just to see what items were being sold, while others came to buy back items they may have lost or had stolen from them.

The Student Union second floor served as a storage reserve for all lost and found items, with the exceptions of

Student Center President Ron Luciani said a lively crowd was on hand for the two-hour auction, which raised over \$300 for the general scholarship fund.

"Everything was sold, from umbrellas and rings to several bikes," Luciani said. "There was some tough bidding going on. One bike went for about the most, at \$45."

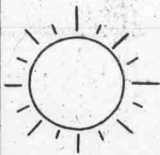
"In past years we've had some more items to sell—last year we raised about \$500, but it seems students are losing less these days."

bicycles, which were kept at the State Security department.

According to a spokesman at the second floor information desks, all articles are in reserve for a period of six months until they are claimed. If not claimed within that period, they (items) are put up for auction.

Textbooks comprised the majority of "lost and found" materials. Other items auctioned were umbrellas, jackets, coats, notebooks, wallets and eyeglasses.

## Weather forecast



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The last half of this week looks nice. We will have fair skies and warm daytime temperatures with cool mornings. Though the sky may be a little more cloudy on Friday, there is little chance of rain.

Forecasters: Mike Moss and Russ Bullock of the NCSU Chapter of the American Meteorological Society.

# Zoo Day here Sunday

by Mari Denning  
Staff Writer

Once again, folks, it is almost that time of year when students are transformed from humans in the dorms into animals in the zoo.

On The Zoo Day, Sunday, Apr. 22, students have the opportunity to become any animal roaming the surfaces of this planet, whether it be man or beast.

The Zoo Day, for the past few years, has become a very successful social happening

on campus. Sponsored by the Inter-residence Council and UAB entertainment committee, plans are well underway towards another successful year.

"It should go over real well," said Inter-residence Council President Margee McGrath. There is a lot more variety involved this year than in previous years because we hope to find different ways to appeal to different people.

"People are constantly asking about The Zoo Day. Enthusiasm is very high."

According to McGrath, providing the bands, constructing the stage and getting the T-shirts designed are the primary concerns. Bluegrass bands Wet Willie and Jack Skinner, as well as the Silver Springs rock band will perform at Sunday's gathering.

Mar. 30 a contest was held for students, to solicit designs for the T-shirts. The winner is to receive a \$25 first prize.

Again this year free beer is provided, along with the old reliables, Coke and Sprite. Registered students must

present both ID and registration card before acquiring any beverages.

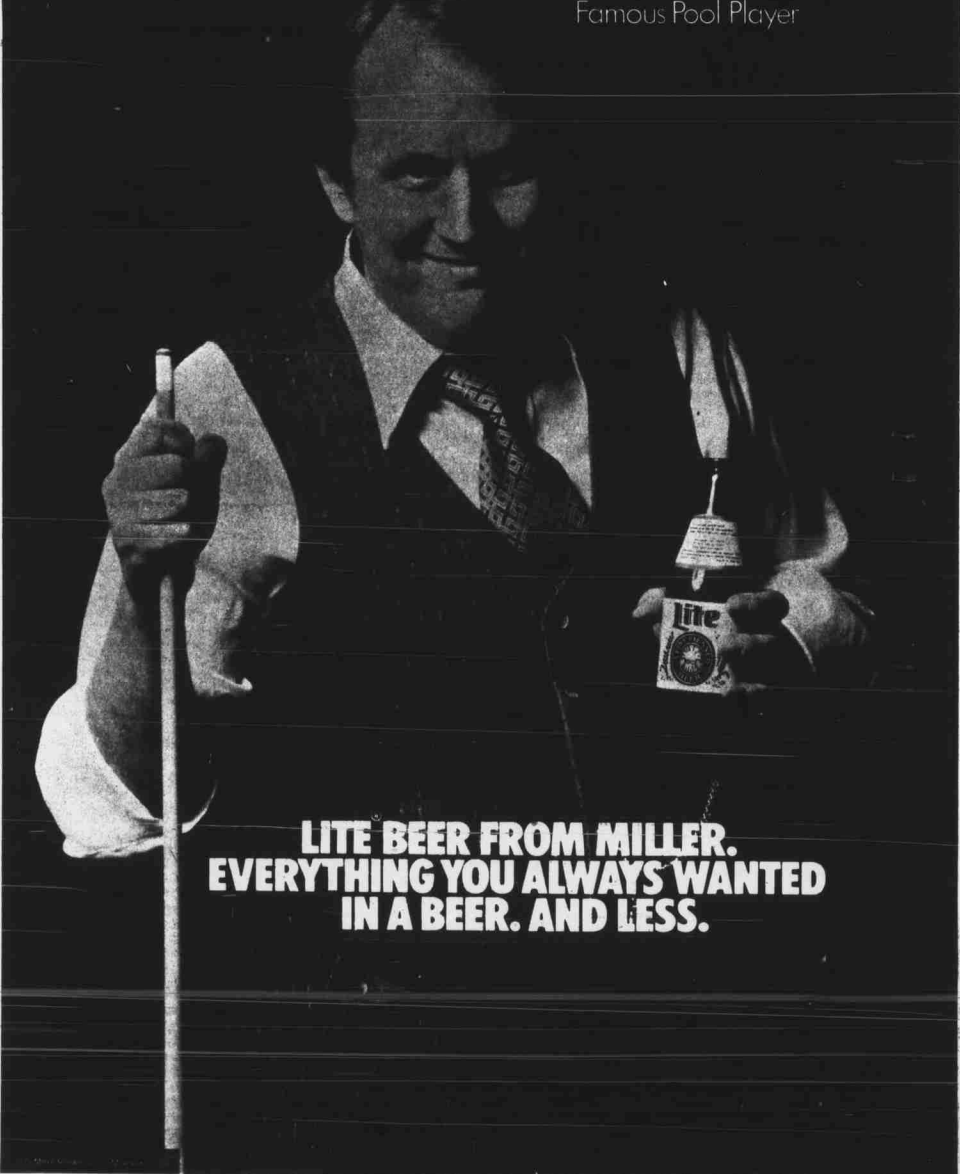
Invited guests should present some form of legal ID and have hands stamped to avoid confusion.

In the event of inclement weather, the affair will be cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

"If so, well over \$5000 will be lost," said McGrath. "We originally tried to plan The Zoo Day for Apr. 21 on a Saturday, but due to the Pan-African festivities, we decided to have it Sunday, Apr. 22."

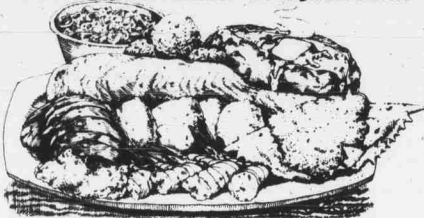
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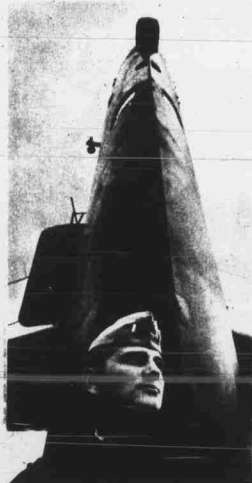

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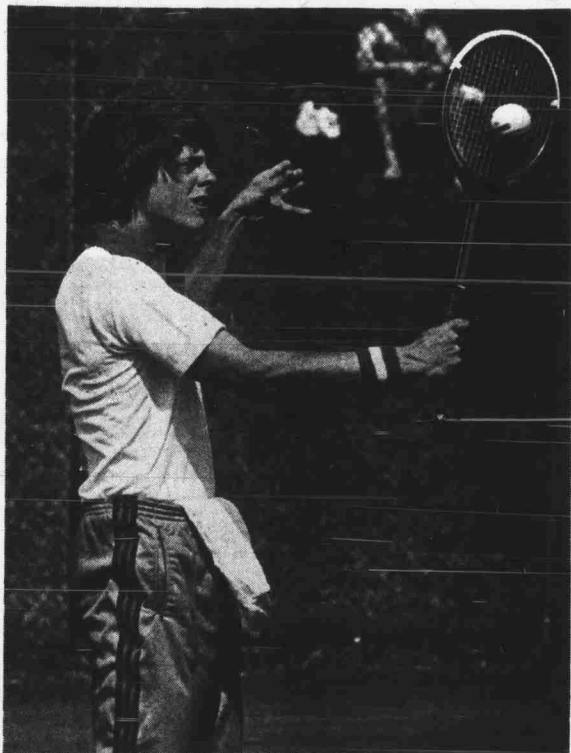
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## Head for the mountains.

## Tennis team captures ACC tourney crown



Staff photo by Chris Seward

State's super sophomore, Andy Andrews, took the championship at the No. 2 singles slot.

by Clayton Perrey  
Sports Writer

"We want to feel like we work harder than any of our opponents, both on the court and off." So said tennis coach J.W. Isenhour the week before the ACC Tournament in Charlottesville, Va.

"We worked hard all season and it is just a great way to top off a very successful season."

That is what Isenhour had to say this week, the week after his Pack netters brought home the first undisputed ACC tennis championship in Wolfpack history.

"For our seniors, Carl (Bumgardner) and Scott (Dillon), it is truly fitting. They have been here for four years and they have seen the program to where it is now," he continued.

### Pack upsets Tigs

State carried it to the favored Clemson Tigers, who came into the tourney unbeaten in ACC play. The final day pitted no less than four head-to-head matches between regular season winner Clemson and runner-up State.

Andy Andrews, Matt McDonald, Scott and Mark Dillon all brought home ACC championships for the Pack. Andrews defeated Clemson's Mark Buechler in three sets 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

The only singles flights that the Wolfpack failed to capture was at No. 1 and No. 5. Clemson's Mike Gandolfo defeated Duke's Ruby Porges 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 to capture the individual title at No. 1.

Ross Dubins of Duke, who entered the tournament with the No. 1 seed at No. 5, defeated Virginia's Brent Hendricks in two sets to claim the remaining singles position.

teamed with Matt to win at No. 2 doubles.

Freshman Mark Dillon enjoyed his first ACC championship by taking the crown at No. 6. The younger brother of Scott, Mark downed Virginia's Rodney Crowley 6-4, 6-0. Crowley had defeated Dillon earlier in the regular season.

Moving into the doubles, State had the tournament all but wrapped up. Scott Dillon and Andrews lost a tough match in the finals at No. 1 doubles 6-4, 6-2.

### Second seeds aplenty

Bumgardner and McDonald then won at No. 2 doubles 6-2, 6-2 before Mark Dillon and Brian Hussey lost to the undefeated team of Crowley and Geoff McDonald.

Overall team points were close going into the final day, with State holding a 54-51 edge.

"We had a three-point lead going into Monday's matches," said Isenhour. "Clemson had nine chances to score while we had eight. It came down to the fact that of the four head-to-head matches with the Tigers, we had to win at least two of them. We ended up winning three."

Clemson did take second place with 55 points, five less than State's 60. Duke held third with 49 points, trailed by Virginia with 48.

### Tar Heels zonked

Carolina, who has either won or shared the honors of 22 of the past 26 tournaments, finished fifth with 43 points. Maryland and Wake Forest rounded out the field with 30 points each.

For the Wolfpack netters it will be a time to wait and listen. What they want to



Staff photo by Chris Seward

Wolfpack senior Scott Dillon fought back to win the No. 4 singles title.

hear an invitation from the NCAA to attend the national championship which will be held in Georgia the last week of May.

"I think that Clemson will get a bid from our region," said Isenhour. "We should

hear something about the middle of May if we are going to go."

For now the team will spend most of its time catching up in academics. A few will play in spring tournaments and one, John Joyce, will work on getting

his ankle back into shape just in case a trip to Georgia should arise.

The junior will have his cast removed next week from the ankle that suffered torn ligaments against Florida back in March.

## Women netters head for NCAIAW match Thursday

by Clayton Perrey  
Sports Writer

Completing the regular season with an 7-3 mark, State's lady netters look toward the NCAIAW championships which begin tomorrow in Winston-Salem.

Two matches, one with Duke and one with William & Mary, that were rained out will not be rescheduled.

"We couldn't get together with the other schools to arrange a day to make up the matches," explained Pack head coach J.W. Isenhour.

### Telltale triumph

Duke, who has already beaten UNC this year 6-3, would have been the fourth ACC match of the year for the Pack. The women netters failed to win a conference match this spring losing to Carolina, Wake Forest and Clemson.

Wolfpack assistant coach Bill Cispkay was a little distressed following the women's 6-3 loss at Wake Forest last Thursday.

"We didn't play the singles well; we got behind and went

into the doubles down 4-2," Cispkay said.

Against the Deacons only Rebecca Barnette and Wendy Corey secured singles wins. Ginger Lancaster and Corey teamed to win their doubles match to make the final score 6-3.

"Our doubles teams have been playing real well. They have been consistent and have been winning their matches. But the singles is a different story," continued the first-year assistant.

"Against Wake, Kristen (Getz) lost badly to a girl that she had beaten last fall. Kristen is having a little problem lately with the consistency of her serve," Cispkay added.

Barnette, with her singles win over Wake, finished the regular season with a 7-1 record. Susan Sadri, at No. 1, finished 6-3, as did Lancaster, Getz and Corey.

Thursday, the women will play either Appalachian or East Carolina in the opening round of the state tournament. There will be six teams competing overall with UNC

and Duke receiving byes through the first round. Wake Forest will play the team that State does not.

"They take the top two teams out of the state to go to the regional tournament," said Isenhour. "Then they take the top two individual singles players."

If Duke or Carolina should falter it would be between Wake and State to see who would be the second team to go to the regional competition.

### Sadri has shot

Susan Sadri carries the most hope of receiving a bid as the top one or two players in the state. Isenhour pointed to the one-two punch that Carolina holds as the two to beat.

"Susan is probably the fifth or sixth best tennis player in the state. Duke has a couple of fine players but the Fleishman-Balant duo for UNC is probably the strongest in the state."

Who holds the strongest team in the state will be decided as the tournament draws to a close on Saturday.

### No. 2 pair wins

The Wolfpack entered the tournament seeded second in each of the two through five shots. Dillon was granted the No. 1 seed at No. 6, while Brian Hussey entered seeded seventh at No. 1.

McDonald defeated Virginia's Geoff McDonald 6-3, 6-1 to win his flight at No. 3. "A real key was the play of Scott Dillon," explained Isenhour. "He was down early in the first set and came back. He also was playing a crucial match in front of a whole bunch of people."

After dropping his first set 7-5, Dillon came back to win the next two 6-3, 6-4.

### No league victories

His victory at No. 4 was the clinching victory as the senior co-captain, who had fallen in the first round the past two years, finally earned himself a conference championship.

One disappointment that Isenhour pointed to was Bumgardner's failure to take a singles crown.

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# Football team ends spring drills

By Bryan Black  
Sports Editor

State football coach Bo Rein ended spring football practice last week without a big to-do. There was no extravaganza-of-a-scrimmage like many schools prefer in finishing spring practice, at the same time testing hopefuls and might-be's while showcasing returning proven stars.

"The Wolfpack simply put the lid on the drills Thursday afternoon with a routine practice and uneventful scrimmage at Carter Stadium.

Even without any fanfare, Rein is extremely confident about what next season will bring for his Wolfpack, feeling that improvement over last year's 9-3 record, including a 30-17 thumping of Pittsburgh in the Tangerine Bowl, is possible.

### Wolfpack pleases Rein

"We've won nine games before and we have a chance to be better than that," Rein said in assessing his squad's performance this spring. "There's really no way to evaluate spring practice because you don't play anybody, but we've been really pleased with what we've seen."

"There have been no really serious injuries, so we're very pleased with that. Overall, I think we've developed some depth."

Rein's biggest project is finding a replacement for All-America running back Ted Brown, who ended his four year career at State as the fourth best rusher in NCAA history.

"I think we're on the right track to finding a running back to replace Ted Brown," he said, but still leaving that replacement a big question as he named six top candidates for the job.

Rein cited seniors Rickey Adams and Ernie Emory, juniors Wayne McLean and Dwight Sullivan, sophomore Chuckie Canady and freshman Andre Marks as possibilities to fill Brown's spot.

"All of them have good hands, so all will be good receivers as well as running backs," said Rein, praising the work of each.

### Coach praises McLean

McLean is out of Lillington High School in Fayetteville and Rein had especially good words for him.

"Wayne has had a real good spring," Rein lauded. "He has showed signs of greatness. He doesn't have a lot of real game experience, but we're expecting great things from him."

Sullivan missed much of spring practice because of a leg injury and Canady was absent the entire spring, playing with State's baseball team and currently leading the ACC in hitting.

Rein also pointed to Canady as one with the capability of pulling off one of Brown's special tricks.

"Chuckie Canady is excellent at the halfback option pass," he said. "Chuckie will be a big plus for us next fall."

Reliable Billy Ray Vickers returns for his senior season at the fullback position. He

missed a lot of contact work during the spring because of a hand injury.

The State head coach is also very high on Scott Smith, who returns for his second season as the starting quarterback.

"We've improved our passing game this spring and Scott Smith has shown steady improvement. His play-action and drop-back passing fundamentals have gotten very strong. He is much more confident about the job he can do for us."

"As a team we're going to have to be much more diversified with our offense with the loss of Ted Brown. The fact that we have an established quarterback who has gone through it before gives me confidence. In third-and-short yardage situations, I thought Scott was about as good as anyone around last year."

"He's really improved his throwing, his arm is stronger and his leadership is a big plus."

### Powerful offensive line

Thoughts of next season's offensive line also bring Rein a great deal of pleasure.

All-America center Jim Ritcher, who is already being touted for the Outland Trophy as the best lineman in the country, is the cornerstone around which Rein has built an offensive line of three Chris's and a Chuck.

Senior Chris Dieterich, an All-ACC tackle last season, has been moved to guard, paired at that position with returning senior starter Chuck Stone. Dieterich moves into the spot vacated by Tim Gillespie.

With Dieterich switching positions, Rein

plans on starting a pair of mammoth sophomores at the tackle positions—6-6 Chris Carr and 6-5 Chris Koehne.

"In terms of size, talent and desire, I think we can stack up against anyone in the offensive line department," Rein assessed. "We should be very strong across the front."

Losing standout linebackers Bill Cowher and Kyle Wescoe has also posed a problem for Rein, who has named Robert Abraham and Dann Lute as the probable successors. "We've seen steady improvement from our young linebacking corps, which will be shouldering a big responsibility this fall," said Rein. "We're making some gains in that area."

### Strong secondary returns

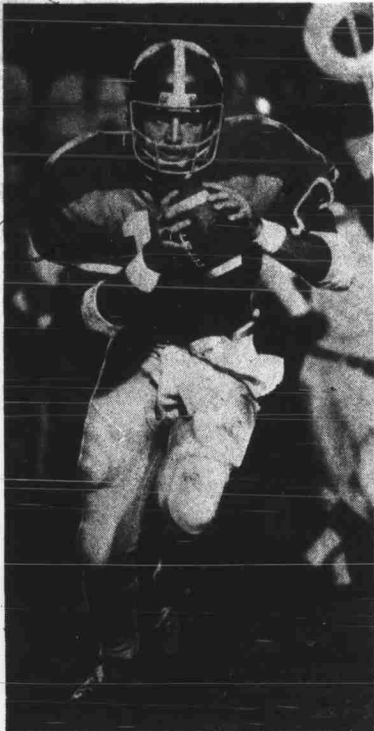
The defensive secondary is what really makes Rein smile. All four starters return, led by All-America candidate Woodrow Wilson at safety. Also back are Ronnie Lee, Donnie LeGrande and Mike Nall.

"The brightest spot has been the play of our secondary," Rein said. "With nine starters back and an All-America candidate, defense could be our strongest suit this year."

"I thought we were a good defensive team last year, but we should be even better."

Placekicking phenomenon Nathan Ritter will be back and Rein said the team spent more time on the kicking game this spring than it ever has.

Thus, Rein is optimistic about the upcoming season, but the bottom line, as always, is the win column, and Rein will be looking to bring State its first two-digit figure ever in that slot.



Staff photo by Larry Merrett

Scott Smith returns as starting quarterback.

## Ex-State runner, Benoit, wins big at famous race

By Peter Brunnaick  
Sports Writer

In only the second marathon of her career former Wolfpack All-America Joan Benoit ran her way to victory in the 83rd running of the Boston Marathon Monday. Overtaking hometown favorite Patti Lyons at the 20-mile mark, Benoit surged ahead on the rugged uphill stretches of Heartbreak Hill to secure the win. Benoit's winning time of 2:36:15 not only established a new Boston Marathon record but broke the existing American mark of 2:36:23 set last year by Julie Brown.

Her record run had additional significance as it tied as the third fastest time ever recorded by a woman in marathon competition. Benoit, now a student at Bowdoin College in Maine, described her race as "comfortable," despite soreness in her legs.

"I just did what my legs told me to do," said Benoit. "They were screaming at me but it was worth it." Her victory marked Benoit's third straight road race victory in Boston where she has established herself as the top road racer in the East.

## Pack track team comes away with 4 wins at Carolina Relays

State's track team had been scheduled to go to the Dogwood Relays in Knoxville, Tenn. last weekend, but instead, the Wolfpack decided to stay closer to home and participated in the 17th Annual Carolina Relays in Chapel Hill.

The Pack wound up with four first-place finishes in the meet.

In the discus, Dean Leavitt's throw of 158-10 earned him the top honor in that event. Leavitt added a second-place finish in the shot put.

Ron Foreman's time of 51.3 in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles was good for first in that event. Pete Beltres was third in the same race.

State's 1600-meter relay team, clocked at 3:09.7, finished first as well.

### Sharp wins race

In women's competition, State's Kim Sharp captured the 3,000-meters in a time of 9:59.

Calvin Laner was timed at 14.5 in the 110-meter high

hurdles for a second-place finish, while Nelson Grist cleared 6-10 for a second in the high jump. Also getting seconds were Dave Patterson in the 400-meters and Kevin Brower in the 5,000-meters.

The Pack's David Forsythe cleared 14-6 in the pole vault for third in that event, while Ed McIntyre took third in the 200-meters. Arnold Bell, who went 47-5 in the long jump, also got a third.

State's 400-meter relay team was another third-place finisher.

### Heartbreaking loss

"We're very disappointed about this loss to Carolina because that put an end to us really doing anything in the conference and around here, that's what it's all about," said State coach Sam Esposito. "I am proud of the fact that we came back late in the ball game and tied it up."

"And then we bounced back and beat a very good St.

John's team. As far as the rest of the season is concerned, we've got eight games left and we hope these guys can play the last eight as hard and with as much enthusiasm as we can to end the season on a winning note."

State committed four errors against the Tar Heels, aiding the bunch from Chapel Hill to the win. UNC scored two runs in the second inning after two were out, added one marker in the third, and two in the fourth and fifth innings to take a 7-2 lead.

The Wolfpack had held a 2-0 lead on a two-run home run by first baseman John Isley after catcher Chuckie Canady had doubled. Canady continues to lead the ACC in hitting with a better than .400 average.

Scoring five runs in the final three regulation innings, the Pack sent the contest into extra frames. Second baseman Chuck Harmon's lead off homer in the seventh made it 7-3 and four straight walks by Heel starter Bill Gallagher closed it to 7-4.

### White bombs one

Rightfielder Rich White slapped a solo home run in the eighth to pull State within two and a two-run single by Isley in the ninth tied it up.

The Pack mustered only one hit in the extra innings, while Carolina stole the victory by scoring two runs in the 11th.

The Tar Heels took the high-scoring affair without the help of an extra-base hit and only six of the nine runs were earned. Designated hitter Ray Wojkovich led State in the hit column with a three-for-four effort.

The Wolfpack used the power bats of centerfielder Ken Sears and third base-

man Tom Crocker in downing St. John's.

The Redmen took a 2-0 lead in the second, but a Crocker single in the third made it 2-1. Sears added a grand slam before the inning was over and it was 5-2 in favor of the Pack heading into the fourth.

### Crocker ends it

The fourth was all State as well with Crocker drilling a three-run shot to finish the Wolfpack's scoring for the day.

St. John's countered with four runs in the fifth, but could not make up the rest of the deficit over the final four frames.

Sears was three-for-four for the afternoon, as was rightfielder White. Crocker wound up two-for-four.

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# Technician Opinion

## Decide now

It's becoming depressingly obvious that higher gasoline prices will deter fuel usage about as much as inflated food costs will prevent eating—not at all. And if a recent *News and Observer* survey is any indication, most North Carolinians aren't exactly planning to lead the way in a crusade for conservation.

Information emerging from the travel survey includes the facts that more people traveled by car in N.C. during the first three months of this year than in Jan., Feb. and March of 1978; speeding is up, as 13 percent more arrests have been made so far this year, a record-setting pace; reservations along the coast are heavier and are being made sooner than last year; and boat dealers' business is booming at even greater rates than last year.

Such figures may seem inconsistent with the impending national oil crisis which is expected to force gasoline prices over \$1 per gallon by the end of the year. They indicate that, contrary to the beliefs of all too many governmental officials, Americans simply do not intend to cut down on their travel significantly, no matter how much it costs them.

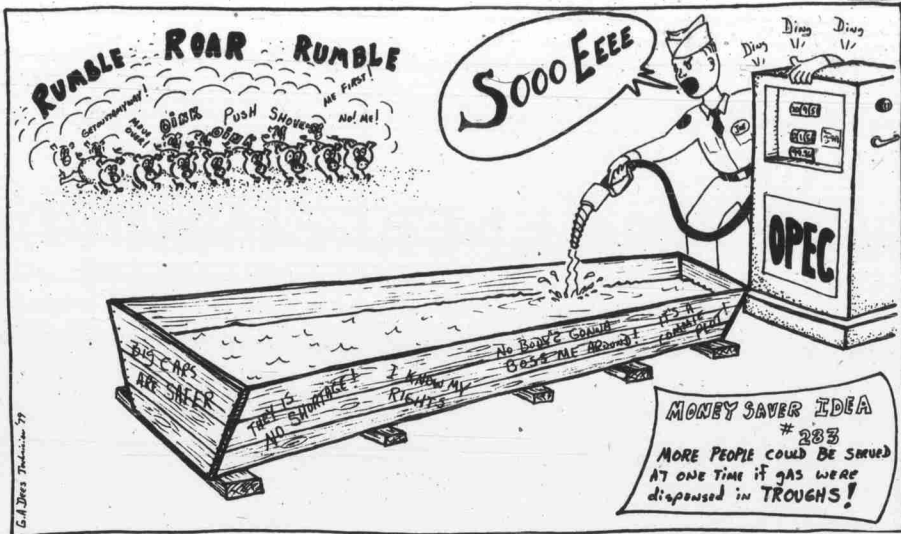
There's no denying the fact that people

need their vacations. And it's nice to be able to spend those leisure times away from home. But we fear that unless a widespread, sudden awakening occurs in our fair country, gas may someday become so scarce that we just won't have the luxury of deciding whether or not to conserve.

In the meantime, government officials need to snap out of their pipe dreams of voluntary sacrifice of those weekend trips to the beach. People aren't going to conserve voluntarily, no matter what, and if conservation is to provide any sort of answer—short- or long-term—to the problem, it's going to have to be forced.

We're not advocating rationing—yet. What we are saying is that the government is going to have to decide pretty quickly just how important conservation is, and if it's found essential, than rationing must be enacted.

Such a move certainly would be unpopular, and might cost some politicians some votes. But a decision must be made one way or the other, for the voluntary conservation presently pushed by the Carter administration is having all the effect of a water pistol aimed at the charging bull elephant.



## More accidents could happen

### American Journal

David Armstrong

There is a book, published a few years back, about a near-miss nuclear disaster, entitled *We Almost Lost Detroit*. Two weeks ago, we almost lost Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

I have a personal stake in the accident at Three Mile Island nuclear power plant. Harrisburg is my home town. I was born and raised there. Most of my family still lives in the area, including my sister and brother-in-law, who reside two miles from the contaminated plant. Some people live as close as 200 yards.

As I write, three days after the start of this nightmarish accident, the innards of the plant have not been calmed. No one really knows how much radiation has escaped or what its long-term effects will be. The anatomy of the incident will be studied by investigators in the coming weeks. Whatever the conclusions, the people of central Pennsylvania will bear the consequences of America's nuclear gamble for the rest of their lives.

Three Mile Island, as the accident makes clear, is the worst possible site for a nuclear power plant. It is in a river, thus running the risk (now greatly enhanced) of contaminating communities downstream. It is within spitting distance of a population center. It is hard by railroad tracks, where hundreds of passengers pass daily, and almost as close to the Harrisburg airport.

It was from a plane that I first saw the plant, on a holiday visit to my family last December. Driving to and from the airport with my parents, the huge conical towers of the nuclear

The accident cannot be erased, but several things can be done to aid the victims and prevent future nuclear disasters.

First, controlled, long-term studies should be done on persons who were most heavily exposed, especially workers in the plant during the days of chaos. If the past is an indication, we can expect soaring rates of cancer and birth defects among these persons and their children in coming years.

Second, Metropolitan Edison, the utility that operates the plant, should be held liable for any and all medical expenses arising from the accident, now or in the future.

Third, Three Mile Island should be permanently shut down.

Fourth, a nationwide moratorium on the construction of nuclear plants should be declared. During the moratorium we should examine the role of the nuclear industry in Third World countries, where nukes are being "dumped," and where there are minimal safeguards; on Indian reservations, where most American uranium is mined, at great risk and little benefit to the Indians; in our national energy policy, where alternatives like solar, thermal and wind energy have barely been considered.

We may be consoled by the fact that the Harrisburg accident could have been even worse and the possibility that it may save lives in the future. We almost lost Harrisburg. We were lucky. Some luck.

## Progress made

We applaud last week's recommendation by the Faculty Senate that faculty members be allowed to teach past the 72-year age limit on a case-by-case basis. If enacted, the revised policy would enable outstanding teachers to continue benefiting their students and the University without punishment by circumstances beyond their control.

The retirement issue, which came to a fever pitch this year through the efforts of Design School students and faculty to keep Dr. Henry Kamphoefner on the staff after he turns 72 in May, has been a hot one because of unfounded fears on the part of the opposition. Those against the policy revision say, for example, that it might result in retention of teachers for the sole reason of a lengthy record of notable service long after their teaching abilities have eroded.

Such a situation is highly unlikely, especially if the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees, who would have the final word in deciding whether to keep a teacher on, would make student opinion a major factor.

Students are, for the most part, unencumbered with past achievements; their main concern is simply whether or not a man or woman can teach. They are here to get an education and want the best they can find, and one can rest assured that they aren't going to sign petitions and write letters on behalf of a shoddy teacher, no matter how nice he is.

We encourage the upper administration to endorse the Faculty Senate recommendation and thereby allow teachers to continue past 72 if deserving. In all likelihood, the cases in which such a request will be made will be few, and the university will only benefit from the seasoned professors' presence.

## Forum

### 'Beauty of Islam'

In response to Abdulhalek Jafaar, if you don't like American media, why don't you go back to your Muslim utopia and listen to real media on government controlled radio?

Doug Bryan  
SO CHE  
Mark Hutchens  
FR EE

PS. I heard ABC was going to be nominated for an Emmy Award for the real life simulation of firebombing, death and machine guns making holes in flesh. In essence, they have captured the beauty of Islam.

### Well-wisher

Angry freshman here. Just thought I'd drop a note to the thoughtless cretin who crashed the humongous hole into my beloved magic horse while it was parked harmlessly in the Sullivan fringe lot and then drove away without even leaving a note. May your next accident consist of your being pinned between a hustling freight train and a white freightliner going downhill with a load of pig iron.

Furthermore, I hope the remaining mass of you and your vehicle is a square hunk of scrap oozing goo, just about the right size for use as a coffee table.

W. L. Powell III  
FR LUP

### Disappointment

On Thursday, April 12, several students suffered a severe disappointment. It was posted, on the locker room blackboards, that the pool would be open from 4:05 to 5:30 p.m. for a recreational swim. However, the numerous students who arrived with the intentions of swimming were in for quite a surprise. Due to the fact that no lifeguard made an appearance, the swim was cancelled.

It is understandable that the swim should be cancelled because of the absence of a lifeguard. However, it is not understandable that the Athletic Department should allow a group of students to wait in the locker room for up to 45 minutes, without notifying them that the pool would not be opened. This, unfortunately, was the case, as no announcement of the closure was made until nearly 5:00.

If the department was aware, before 4:00, that the lifeguards would not be present, the post schedule should have been revised to

show the cancellation. If, on the other hand, the ridiculous situation existed in which the department did not know that the lifeguards would be absent, some representative should have been present to inform the students of the situation.

Such unnecessary incidents of inconvenience are not only embarrassing to both the students and departmental faculty, they tend to widen the rift between the already alienated student body and the Athletic Department. In the future, the Athletic Department should strive to insure the student body of the normally good service which they provide in order to save its already shaky image. One such incident is not cause enough for widespread hysteria; however, should further incidents occur, the consequences may be unpleasant.

Danny W. Cartner  
FR LWE

### Don Juans?

I am in disagreement with the author of "Players Defended." He claims that the folks at the Mardi Gras felt inferior to Bo's Boys because Bo's Boys were physically superior. However, I believe that the opposite is true. I think Bo's Boys feel mentally inferior to the average student.

They compensate by trying to make one aware of their physical superiority. I think someone should tell Bo's Boys the difference between pulling their weight and throwing it around. Because if being tough were so important, dinosaurs would still rule the world.

The jocks at the Mardi Gras were loud-mouthed and conceited. The paradox is that their conceit is in inverse ratio to their lack of ability. Instead of studying, Bo's Boys seem to always be AWOL—After Women or Liquor. Some, I'm sure, have devoted the best years of their life to women. My feeling is that having a good time is fine as long as you don't keep someone else from having a good time. I hope Bo's Boys keep this in mind. Otherwise they'll be known as Don Juans. Nobody "Don Juan" to have anything to do with them.

Sharon Tilman  
FR ALS

### Go, capitalism

"Oil Deregulation Won't Help," Mr. Greg Rogers voiced a popular belief concerning the deregulation of oil prices. He was of the opinion that, upon the lifting of governmental controls, gasoline prices would skyrocket. Historically speaking, government price setting has not been advantageous to the

consumer. As any EB 201 student knows, competition tends to push prices down, not up. People fear that, without governmental controls, oil companies can charge any price that they desire. Well, theoretically they could, but the tendency of the consumer would be to search for substitutes for gasoline. Although gasoline is a relatively inelastic product, gasoline sold by a specific supplier is very elastic.

The government, out of unprovoked fear, instituted price controls. Now, let's give the free enterprise system a try.

Lee Taylor  
FR BEC

### Whose error?

In response to the letter by Alan Ward (Technician, Wed the 11th), Mr. Ward presented the argument that since human error was responsible for the Three Mile Island Plant accident, all nuclear facilities should be fitted with computerized control systems instead of human operators.

However, it is my understanding that human error was not the direct cause of the accident. Though the final report is not yet out, it seems that the direct cause of the accident was a mechanical failure, to wit, the failure of the feedwater pump. This failure was compounded by closed valves, which is where the human error came in, as these valves were left closed after a maintenance check.

Come to think of it, you could extend the blame to human error; after all, some human(s) (presumably) did design the defective pump. But how could a control system program be free of all possible defects?

It too is written by humans who are also prone to er. What it comes down to is this: Are you willing to entrust your life and the lives of any children you may have to a few electrons whirring along through some semi-conductor that doesn't give a microscopic damn about you? I sure as hell am not.

Mr. Ward made the observation that "as long as people are left to make important decisions they will occasionally make errors or just plain panic." His solution would be to "eliminate" those people. (I'm not sure what he means by that either.) I firmly believe that a better solution would be to avoid putting anything into a situation where an error in judgement, whether due to panic or to a voltage fluctuation, could potentially cause the lives of thousands to be forfeited. In other words, the only real solution would be a total moratorium on nuclear energy, instead of a patch job on systems that cannot be guaranteed safe in containment, control or dispersal.

Tony Bennett  
SO CSC

P.S. With all due respect to F. Zappa, it can happen here.

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