

## State's negative image subject of staff seminars on race relations

by Steve Watson  
Staff Writer

The black community in Raleigh has a negative image of State, according to administration findings, and a series of seminars have been held to increase faculty and staff awareness of the problem.

The 3-hour long seminars, coordinated by Assistant Provost Lawrence Clark (one of the few black administrators at State) and his administrative assistant Claudia Pattison, received primarily favorable comments last semester from those attending, although less than half those invited to a given seminar usually show up, according to Pattison's figures.

"We give the participants an evaluation sheet at the end of the seminar," Pattison said. "In answering the question, 'Do you feel you gained personally from this experience?' 244 said 'yes' and 24 said 'no.' Of course, those who didn't come at all may be those who would have answered 'no.'"

The seminars are led by two administrative "facilitators," and consist of a videotape explaining the image problem of State among blacks in the state, and in Raleigh in particular, and several related discussion sessions dealing with the problem of racism and equal opportunities.

The average attendance at the seminars is 15 out of 45-60 invitations, Pattison said. Attendance by blacks has increased since the coordinators

realized that many of the blacks invited were physical plant employees, and that they should be scheduled only for morning seminars since their work day ends early.

### Negative image

Not all participants have felt the seminars achieved their purpose of informing the University community that State has a negative image in the black community, and that the problem is important.

"Going over there (to the seminar) and having someone tell me I'm a racist is not going to help," said one participant. "If I hadn't felt like I was forced to come to it I might have gotten more out of it. I change my attitude on things

when I want to, not because someone tells me to."

The questionnaire results indicate that most people did feel the discussion of race relations was beneficial, however.

The seminars were created as a result of recommendations a special task force made to Chancellor Joab Thomas in April of 1978.

"The University is perceived by blacks to have consistently resisted those changes which would threaten its traditional white domination," the report states.

"The importance of the University's agricultural program and the association, by blacks, of agriculture with a

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### MASH 4069

No, that's not Radar and his teddy bear from the TV series "M\*A\*S\*H." It's just some friends of tennis team member John Joyce who showed up for Saturday's match with UNC to cheer him on. Watch out, CBS, here comes M\*A\*S\*H 4069. (Staff photo by Linda Bradford)

## ROTC withdraws rifle team funding

by Eleanor Williams  
Staff Writer

Funding for State's Varsity Rifle Team has been withdrawn by State's Army ROTC Department, according to rifle coach John Reynolds. The team, which won its 11th consecutive ACC Championship this spring, has been operating under joint funding by the athletic department and the Army ROTC since 1970.

Most rifle teams in the ACC are funded by ROTC departments. State, however, has had a civilian coach since

the 1970-71 season and has received some equipment and ammunition from the ROTC department.

According to Reynolds, the team practices at the old natatorium (swimming pool) behind Thompson Theatre. The facility has been "temporary" since 1958.

### Range unfit

When a group of inspectors from Fort Bragg declared State's rifle range unfit in mid-February because it did not meet military regulations, the

ROTC members were no longer allowed to practice there and the ammunition supplies were terminated.

"They (ROTC) cut our ammo off one week before the biggest match of the year," Reynolds said in an interview Sunday. "I don't blame them for withdrawing support. I'm not really coaching an ROTC team. I took the top shooters available to me. We now have more of a varsity team."

Reynolds is currently budgeted \$2,400 per year from the athletic department. He has asked for an increase which he hopes will cover the

cost of ammunition. With one match left in the season, Reynolds said that "if team members want to practice, they must buy the ammo themselves."

"The cost of ammunition is approximately \$10 for 500 rounds and each person was allotted 200 rounds per week," Diane Bishop, one of the three women on State's 12-member team, said. "I don't know about the others," she said, "but I need to practice."

Ralph Graw, a sophomore member of the team, said, "Because we are a non-

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## Runoff elections

Students presenting current registration and ID cards may vote in the Student Government runoff elections at any of five polling places today from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ballot boxes will be located at the Students' Supply Store tunnel, Reynolds Coliseum tunnel, D.H. Hill Library near the ice cream bar, first floor of the Student Center and in Syme Dormitory snack bar.

Student Government officials said Sunday there may be ballot boxes inside Nelson Hall and outside Hodges Wood Products Lab, depending on manpower.

Students will have a chance to decide who will be student body president and student body treasurer and who will fill several Student Senate seats.

## Recommendations concern textbook policy

by Margaret Britt  
Staff Writer

The textbook subcommittee of the Campus Stores Advisory Committee (CSAC) made five recommendations for improving the textbook ordering system in a report presented to the committee Friday.

The subcommittee found the error rate "remarkably good despite the many hand operations required by the system," the report said.

"We perceive the 'weak link' in the system to be the communications link between the faculty and the Students' Supply Store (SSS) concerning book ordering information," Parks Newby, committee faculty representative and head of the subcommittee, said.

This finding served as the basis for the recommendations, he said. "The system is only as accurate as the information supplied."

The first recommendation reads: "the scheduling officer from each department becomes the official liaison to the SSS for all matters concerning textbook orders."

"This does not remove the first step in ordering from the professor," Newby said.

Secondly, the report recommends that the provost or his representative sponsor a yearly meeting with these department representatives for purposes of communication, reminding of deadlines, and to encourage and recognize these representatives for "their important role in the textbook system."

Robert Armstrong, supply store manager and store representative to the committee, suggested combining these yearly meetings with department meetings within the University so that this end might be accomplished.

The third recommendation urges the

CSAC to "do everything in its power to facilitate the speedy acquisition/installation of the proposed computer system for the SSS and especially the book department."

The hand system the SSS uses now can be programmed into the new computer facility, Armstrong said.

Fourth, the report recommends that this computer system "be linked with the Registration and Records data bank" to give the book department actual registration figures for updating ordering information more quickly.

Newby added that this "should have been done a long time ago."

### Guide distributed

Finally, the report recommends that the "Faculty Guide to Textbooks" be distributed to new faculty," with a discussion of its importance accompanying the presentation.

Charles Wright, CSAC chairman, suggested the accompanying discussion to ensure awareness of the importance of being familiar with the guide.

Charles Anderson, a faculty representative on the committee, suggested that extra copies of the guide be available from each liaison officer around the time of the yearly meeting for faculty members who did not have one.

"We are going to try and find out who has a copy of the guide and who doesn't and get it to them," Wright said.

From the committee, the recommendations will go to George Worsley, vice chancellor for finance and business.

It will be Worsley's responsibility to come up with the final decisions made on these recommendations, Sam Schiltz, administrative liaison to the CSAC, said.



## Only a mother

A face only a mother could love—or an Ag & Life Science major. The brickyard was the primary point of Ag Awareness Week March 17-21. Exhibits, events and good old-fashioned food brought more than one student to see what was happening. (Staff photo by Todd Anderson)

## Campus escort service expanded by new van

by Terry Moore  
Staff Writer

Public Safety's night escort service was expanded recently by the addition of a 15-passenger van, "the Blue Lite Special," which operates nightly from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., according to Public Safety Director James Cunningham.

The van, which can be recognized by an illuminated taxi sign on top reading "Blue Lite Special," is operated by Student Patrol officers and equipped with a radio linked directly to Public Safety's headquarters in State's Fieldhouse.

The van began operating in February and is a joint venture between the divisions of Transportation, Public Safety and Student Affairs, Cunningham said.

The van is primarily designed to ensure female student, staff and faculty safety, Cunningham said. During the day, however, it operates as an emergency and medical transport.

### Safety paramount

Students can summon the van by calling Public Safety (737-3206) or by using a blue lite telephone. Blue lite

telephones operate 24 hours per day and are connected directly to Public Safety's switchboard. Also, the van can be flagged down if a student is especially frightened, Cunningham said.

Emergency calls must receive first priority, Cunningham said. If an emergency call comes in, "we will be there immediately." As for escorts, "we will get to the escort as fast as we can get there," Cunningham said. He said the van usually gets to the person requesting an escort in approximately two minutes. However, if an emergency call comes in following an escort call, the person asking for an escort may

have to wait 5-10 minutes. Cunningham emphasized that the van is not a shuttle bus. "It's an option to escort service."

He said students should not abuse the service by fake calls or by unnecessary use. "It could disappear tomorrow if it's abused," Cunningham said.

He said Public Safety still supplies Student Patrol officers to walk students to their destination. Cunningham is pleased with the van, which is one of the first of its kind in the country. "It's a pretty dynamic and unique service," he said.

## State's special student enrollment expected to double in next decade

by Lise Thornbush  
Staff Writer

The number of special students at State is expected to double within the next decade, according to Bob White, director of adult special programs in the Division of Continuing Education.

Special students attend classes but are not formally enrolled in the University and are not currently working toward a degree. Presently, 2,917 special students are enrolled at State.

"Most of these students have it as their plan to get into a degree program," White said, "but because of their lifestyle find it more convenient to enroll as a special student." Others take classes simply to learn or because it's fun, White said.

In the early '60s, according to White, there were so few of these students that the word "special" seemed appropriate. But now, White said he prefers to use "continuing education student" as a more descriptive title.

"Across the country there are more part-time students than full-time students," White said, attributing this to the higher cost of living and the number of women going to work.

Special student candidates must meet three requirements. First, they must be 18 years or older, although some high school students enroll in one class at State, particularly math, if they are more advanced than their classmates.

Second, the applicant must have completed high school or earned a

General Education Diploma (GED) through testing.

Finally, the student must not have been suspended from State or any other institution of higher learning within the previous three years. The reason for this, White said, was that during the '60s evening classes became the next logical step for students who had been expelled from day school.

"We want to discourage people from using the evening program as a dumping ground," White said. "You have to consider that in three years they've changed significantly."

Until this semester special students could not use Health Services or buy tickets to intercollegiate athletic

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Applications are now being accepted for officers and chairpersons for the Union Activities Board. The following positions will be open: Student Center vice president, secretary and treasurer; "Billboard" editor; and chairpersons for the lectures, films, black student board, international students, entertainment, recreation, Stewart Theatre, fine arts, dance, publicity and College Bowl committees.

# Seminars aimed at State's poor race image

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"plantation society" have been given as reasons for North Carolina State's image as a "red neck cow college." Interestingly, however, this same stigma does not seem to be associated with such agriculturally oriented institutions as North Carolina A&T, Tuskegee College and Tennessee A&I, the report states.

The task force made several recommendations to Thomas intended to remedy the problem. One of them was the creation of the seminars now being held. The seminars will probably continue for another year or two, since the goal is to involve all faculty and staff, eventually, Pattison said.

Some of the participants have said they thought the administration had initiated these seminars as a result of pressure by the U.S. Health, Education and Welfare Department (HEW), a contention denied by the administration.

"I wouldn't be any party to this if it was just for

HEW," Clark said. "This is not some kind of a game to me."

The project has not even been reported to HEW as far as he knew, Clark said. The seminars are a step in the right direction in improving race relations among the faculty and staff at State, Clark said.

"To have these seminars is an expression of growth," he said. "After all, if we can't deal with the race issue here at an institution that professes to seek truth objectively, to stamp out stereotypes and myths here, then what hope does our society have that people in other kinds of communities can do it?"

State's faculty consists of 30 blacks out of a total of 1,100, Clark said.

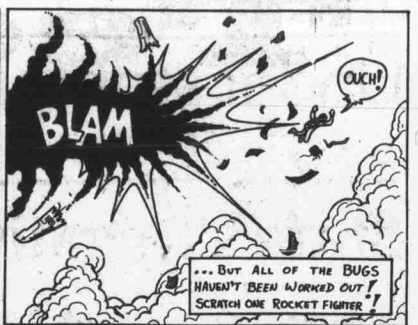
Although State is making an effort to recruit high school blacks, the seminars' goals are centered on simply improving race relations on the campus, according to Clark.

"We are striving to make the campus more of an equal opportunity environment," he said.

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Showers and thundershowers will dampen the beginning of the week but spring-like temperatures will persist. Conditions should improve from the west early Tuesday morning and sunny skies will return. Fair weather will continue Wednesday with a few high clouds moving in late in the day.

Weather forecast provided by Kathy Brehme and Russ Bullock of the University Forecasting Service.

## State's rifle team funding withdrawn by Army ROTC

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revenue sport, we can't enjoy the publicity or budget some sports do. It's a kind of double standard. I think you should have sports for the sake of sports—for the sake of winning. But you have to look at the other side of the coin. Our whole budget is less than the football team uses to clean towels."

Reynolds feels that the main problem is non-recognition. "We are ranked 18th in the country now.

Next year, I hope we can do better than this. I don't know, but I'm hoping to make the top 10. This is the first year the NCAA has been running the National Championships, and some schools that didn't participate this year may be included in competition next year.

Hard to support

"It is very hard for a school to support all 17 programs recognized by the

ACC," Reynolds said. He feels most of the efforts of the athletic department go to performances which can win the Carmichael Cup. His sport offers a special opportunity, however, he said.

"Rifle competition gives a person a group of friends to associate with for four years," Reynolds said. "My team learns a lot from competing. Everything at the college level is mental competition. Rifle gives a person a chance to learn mental control."

## Enrollment increase

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events. Now, for the first time, students who take as little as one hour can take advantage of these benefits.

"Graduate students who were more or less full-time students wanted the Health Services open," White said. Special students are eligible for admission to a degree program once they have completed 15 hours with a "C" or better grade average.

Their courses must include a math and an English. "It doesn't make a lot of sense for someone who's 30 years old to take SATs and dig up the old high school record," he explained.

"Special students don't fit into any particular slots," White said. "We're so used to thinking freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors, and this is going to die hard."

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## Correction

Because of incorrect information supplied by State's department of Public Safety, the Technician incorrectly reported Friday, March 21 that State students Lester Robinn Best, Barry Keith Flood and Phillip Wade Peacock were found

guilty of breaking and entering and larceny in Wake County District Court.

Best, Flood and Peacock were found guilty of misdemeanor larceny in connection with four thefts in State's campus laundry.

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# State softball team pushes record to 7-0



## Hokies had

State's Sarah Harmer won 6-1, 9-6, 7-6 and the Wolfpack whipped Virginia Tech Sunday on Lee Courts for its first win of the season. (Staff photo by Simon Griffiths)

## Women netters hit road for 2

State's women's tennis team is on the road this week after having a match scheduled for last Thursday at Wake Forest rained out. Today at 2:15 p.m., the Wolfpack faces Duke in Durham. Tuesday, State is in Greenville for a 3 p.m. encounter with East Carolina. "Duke has a good team, probably the second best in the State next to (North) Carolina," State coach J.W. Isenhour said. "I would expect us to do better against them than we did against Carolina (a 9-0 loss)."

As for the Pirates, the Wolfpack mentor isn't sure what he's taking his team up against. "Last year we beat them," he said, "but I really don't know that much about them. We haven't had them in a tournament this year."

Isenhour feels his team is beginning to work into shape.

## Golf team winds up 9th

GREENVILLE, S.C.—State's youthful corps of golfers finished ninth Saturday in the three-day, 21-team Furman Intercollegiate. Wake Forest won the event with a team total of 876. The Wolfpack's 906 was just nine strokes back of Alabama's 897.

"How can you really be satisfied with a ninth-place finish?" State coach Richard Sykes pondered. "But I took a young crowd down there and I thought we played well. In that kind of field, we didn't fare too badly."

State freshman Roy Hunter wound up in a four-way tie for eighth in the individual chase. He had rounds of 73, 72 and 76 for a total of 221.

"I was pleased with Roy," Sykes praised. "His finish shows some good playing."

Sophomore Neil Harrell was the Pack's second finisher with a 227. His best day was Saturday when he fired a 73. Freshman Nolan Mills totaled 230.

Another sophomore, Benny Surles, also shot a 73 Saturday to wind up at 236. Eric Moehling, also a sophomore, rounded out State's scoring with a 243.

by Terry Kelley  
Sports Writer

Well, they said they were going to surprise some people.

And after State's women's softball team defeated three tough opponents Saturday in the East Carolina Tournament in Greenville to up its record to 7-0, no one is going to deny the Pack is doing a pretty good job of it.

State got some strong offensive play en route to victories over UNC-Greensboro, Appalachian State and Western Carolina.

"The tournament went real well," State assistant coach Sherri Pickard said. "We're playing real smart right now. We're not real flashy, but we're doing the

things we need to do, and eventually we beat you.

"I never dreamed we would win all of them. I was extremely pleased. The team's morale is good and we've been much more successful than I thought we would."

The team started the day with an 11-1 rout of UNC-G. State used a four-run first inning and a 14-hit attack to take complete control of the game which was called after five innings because of a 10-run lead rule. Julie Stander, Gwyn Moseley and Ann Keith were all two for three to lead the Pack.

In the second game, State scored two runs in the first inning, five in the third and three in the fifth to gain an 11-7 decision over Appalachian State.

"Our pitching has been the key to our success," Pickard said. "Susan Rizzo has been doing a good job pitching. She has only walked about three batters in seven games and she is getting better with each game. She is also one of our leading hitters and has been playing some good defense. We've really come through in our pitching."

State overcame five errors in the first two innings of the third game to defeat Western Carolina 8-6. Diane Snook was three for four with a double and three RBI to lead State's 14-hit assault. The Catamounts took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first frame, but State came back and tied it in the bottom of the first and added six more in the fourth to seal the vic-

tory. Rizzo got the win in all three games, making her record 6-0.

"We were very excited to beat them (WCU)," Pickard said. "Western was our toughest game. They are a good hitting team and constantly had runners on base. We took advantage of their mistakes and got ourselves back into the game."

"We came together and got out of some tough situations. We played a very good and very smart game after the first two innings. I'm pleased with our

baserunning. We have some very smart baserunners."

Against UNC-Wilmington Thursday Keith was two for three and State scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to take a 4-0 victory over the Seahawks in the first game of a doubleheader.

In the second game, Keith homered and Snook was three for four to lead State to an 8-0 victory and a sweep of the twinbill. Vera Worthington came on in the fourth inning to pitch four innings of shutout ball in relief of Rizzo and pick up

her first decision of the season.

"The women will put their undefeated record on the line in Chapel Hill Tuesday in a doubleheader with the Tar Heels beginning at 2 p.m. Pickard feels the Heels have a strong offensive team.

"They're pretty much in the same boat we are," she said. "They had a really good recruiting year. They have a good coach and a good system. They have some young players at key positions, but have more experience than we do."

## Pack stickmen foiled again

by Gary Hanrahan  
Sports Writer

Close, but no cigar. That about sums up State's lacrosse team's search for its initial victory

of the season. The Pack dropped its third game of the season Saturday in Lexington, Va. as it narrowly lost to Washington & Lee, 13-11.

The sixth-ranked Generals scored seven consecutive goals in the first half in building to a 10-3 lead, but State scored two goals with three minutes remaining to cut it to 10-5 at intermission.

The Pack continued its comeback effort in the third quarter, outscoring W&L 4-1 to come within two goals of the lead. The Pack put a shot into the nets that would

have made the score 11-10, but that was nullified by a penalty. The Generals scored shortly thereafter, and they held on for their second win of the year.

For State, senior Stan Cockerton and sophomore John Jordan notched three goals apiece, while freshman Bill Bierney had two. Sophomore Scott Nelson, freshman Rob Dalsell and junior Ben Lamon each had one goal apiece to round out the scoring. In the goal, senior Bob Flintoff had four saves, while junior Ben Aviles had 11.

## Baseball team hosts ACC

by Stu Hall  
Assistant Sports Editor

The last time State and Atlantic Christian hooked up to play baseball was two weeks ago and the Wolfpack came away with a convincing 14-2 rout. The Bulldogs will try to redeem themselves today when State hosts Atlantic Christian at 3 p.m. on Oak Field.

The Bulldogs are led by rightfielder Mark Watkins and designated hitter Jim Satterfield. Those two combined for four of Atlantic Christian's five hits in the previous meeting. Chuckie Canady was the Wolfpack hero, going three for five with a double, home run and three RBI. Ken Sears also added to State's 17-hit attack, belting out two triples and a single in

addition to scoring three runs. Junior college transfer Chris Conroy picked up the win for the Pack, while Henry Baker recorded his first save.

Against Ohio Thursday State scored three runs in the sixth to pull out a 5-3 victory in the first game of a scheduled doubleheader at Doak Field. The second game was called because of rain. The Pack also had a game scheduled for Saturday at Maryland, but rain nullified that one as well.

With two outs in the sixth, pinch-hitter Ray Wolkovich, with a 208 career average, ripped a double down the left field line to score two runs and break a 3-3 tie.

The Wolfpack down 3-2 going into the sixth, tied the score when shortstop Dave Conway stole home with the bases loaded. Ohio relief pitcher Doug Stanhouse attempted to pick off Danny Bass, who was headed toward second base. In the ensuing rundown, Conway broke for the plate and beat the throw to catcher Denny Wilson.

Baker, who came in to relieve starter Mark Roberts, picked up his first win for State, giving up one run and one hit in two innings.

The Bobcats scored single runs in the first, fourth and sixth, while the Wolfpack scored in the first and third, before the sixth inning eruption.

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# Bryan responds to Technician story, editorial

*Editor's note: The following guest editorial is in response to last week's news story and editorial involving Dr. Robert Bryan and State's failure to receive a Phi Beta Kappa chapter. We welcome his comments; however, we respectfully stand by our account and viewpoints.*

I appreciate the opportunity to reply to the story involving me that appeared in the Technician last Wednesday and to the subsequent editorial that appeared on Friday. In 1976 the University submitted to Phi Beta Kappa what that society calls "preliminary information" about the state of the arts and sciences here. On the strength of the information submitted, we were invited to submit an extensive general report and to receive a visiting team that would conduct an on-site study of the University. In August, 1978, upon completion of its study Phi Beta Kappa elected not to award us a chapter. Phi Beta Kappa considers applications for chapters only once every three years. Consequently, if we were to be considered for the

next triennium, we had to submit "preliminary information" again in the fall of 1979, just a year later. We chose to do so, and on the basis of that information, Phi Beta Kappa declined to make another study of us during this triennium. The society did not reject us based upon a new study. What it did was to elect not to conduct further study, a decision based on the extensive study completed just the year before and upon our new statement conveying our efforts to respond to their criticisms. When I received Phi Beta Kappa's decision in January, I reported it by memorandum to our application committee. Because this time our negotiations were preliminary in nature, I said in that memorandum, "I see no reason for a grand announcement." I then said, "I shall not report to the Technician or The Raleigh Times." This statement was a figure of speech—a synecdoche meaning simply that I did not intend to announce it to the press. That was my honest and, I think, reasonable judgment and also, I presume, my prerogative. On Tuesday, March 18, 1980, Jeffrey

## Guest commentary

Dr. Robert Bryan

Jobe, representing the Technician, phoned me and inquired about the status of our pursuit of a Phi Beta Kappa chapter. I replied that we had submitted the "preliminary information" requested by Phi Beta Kappa; that, based on that information and Phi Beta Kappa's earlier study, we were not invited to pursue the matter during this triennium; and that it would be several years before we could apply again. Let it be clear that I did not withhold any information concerning our status from the Technician.

Mr. Jobe then stated that he was acquainted with a memo from the reporting that the University had been rejected by Phi Beta Kappa and that I would withhold this informa-

tion from the press, mentioning the Technician by name. He also impugned to me the motive of resentment against "biased" reporting. I was incensed that he should have apparent access to a private memorandum of mine and asked him to identify the memo. I asked to whom it was addressed. He refused to say. I then replied, "I shall not comment on a memo that you refuse to identify." I said this many times during the conversation. At no time did I make a denial of anything. I simply refused to honor his questions under those circumstances.

A short time later Mr. Jobe phoned again, stating that Chancellor Thomas had informed him by phone that the chancellor possesses a copy of a memorandum from me to the Phi Beta Kappa Committee in which I mention the Technician. Mr. Jobe acknowledged that he himself was not in possession of the memorandum.

I therefore said to him, "All right, I want you to get this straight," and I quoted from my memorandum. I emphasized that my decision

not to announce had nothing to do with "biased" reporting, as he had suggested, but stemmed from the fact that our negotiation were preliminary and from my desire not to invite undue criticism of the University. That reason that I chose to discuss the memorandum in the second conversation was the full hope that, since he did not in fact possess my memorandum, he would not misrepresent or me. I have expended literally hundreds of hours of uncompensated work in an effort to bring chapter of Phi Beta Kappa to State. Not for me. I already belong. But for generations of students to come. I consider it the height of injustice that I should receive in return a public attack upon my honor. The harm imposed upon me can never be undone.

I readily acknowledge anyone's right to disagree with my judgment. A person's integrity, on the other hand, is probably his or her most precious possession. No one has a right to impugn it without both great and just cause and absolute certainty of the facts. Thank you.

## Technician Opinion

### Force-feed the freshmen?

It appears that in spite of anything students can say or do, the administration is bulging ahead with plans for a compulsory meal program. The plan would require all freshmen living on campus to enroll in one of two meal programs once the new dining hall is completed in 1982.

We will not waste useful space commenting at length on the lack of regard for student rights the scheme reveals. Students abhor the idea of a required meal plan and the administration knows it, but the fact makes no difference.

Why must freshmen be required to participate in the meal plan? Assistant Vice Chancellor for Food Services Arthur White says the reason is money. Construction of the new facility can be justified only if sufficient patronage can be ensured, he said in an interview last week.

In order to guarantee the financial stability of the building, White said, 2,500 people must eat there regularly. Thus, the building will have at least 2,500 spaces reserved for the freshman captives and another 200 for miscellaneous customers.

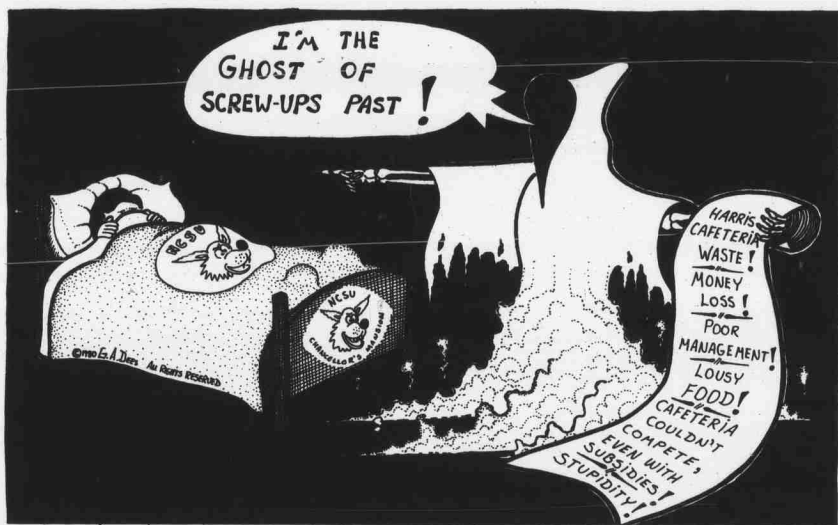
(Does White have so little faith in his planned dining hall that he expects a mere 200 customers daily, excluding freshmen who will have no choice but to eat there?)

We certainly understand that a full house is needed to keep the new dining hall sound financially. We do not understand why the administration seems so certain that coercion will be needed to fill the building. After all, students have to eat somewhere. And they wish to eat where the food is good. As we have argued before, we simply cannot see why it is necessary to force student patronage of the new dining hall if the food and service are good and the price reasonable. The dining hall will be conveniently located in comparison to the private restaurants it will be competing with. Students will flock to day after day, meal after meal—if the food good.

And if it is not good? In the "real" world, restaurant with poor food goes out of business. That should be the case at State, and about 10 years ago it was, as Harris Cafeteria closed because students could not stand eating there.

But with the new dining hall it will not matter what the food is like. Students will be forced to pay for it regardless. And the new dining hall will remain in business with virtually no incentive to provide top-quality meals.

Aren't you glad you won't be a freshman in 1982?



## forum

### Action, not reaction

After serving one term in the Student Senate, I feel Nick Stratas is the most capable to provide the best Student Government for all of State's students. After my first term, I see the extremely important need for a student body president to inspire student interest, provide leadership and to have a thorough knowledge of how student legislation is implemented.

Why take a chance? Nick Stratas has proven his ability to lead by serving as Student Senate president. Nick initiated 5-cent copying machines, free phones, more parking, better lighting and better security when he served as Senate president.

If there are solutions to the increasing demand for parking and providing a more responsive Student Government, Nick has the talent to find them. The most important thing is to exercise your right to vote today and tomorrow. Keep Nick in mind; after all, he is the most qualified student for president.

Let's elect Student Government that acts and not reacts.

Bill Thome  
FR LEB

### Elect Gordon

Now that the controversial first round of Student Government elections is a thing of the past, it is time to focus on the importance of the runoffs today and tomorrow.

Despite the fact that poll workers were encouraging voters to vote for Joe Gordon, we should not hastily cast our votes the other way as a means of combating dirty politicking. The voter coaching scheme, as far as we know, could have been conjured up by a committee to ensure Joe's defeat. In talking with Joe last Thursday, there is still no doubt in my mind that he had nothing to do with the vote coaching.

However, it is evident that Joe may fall victim to unjust circumstances and lose if we are forced to believe he was involved. My mind is clear. I hope your mind is clear also. Therefore, I sincerely hope all of you will join me this week and cast your vote for the best candidate on the ballot: Joe Gordon for student body president. Let's make this the biggest State voter turnout ever!

Hugh H. Moore  
JR LEB

### Stratas endorsed

I would like to express my support for student body president candidate Nick Stratas and student body treasurer candidate Phil Segal. I feel that these candidates fill all the important qualifications best for their prospective positions.

Being actively involved in Student Government this year, I see the real need for experience in these positions. Nick and Phil have that experience. Would you want someone handling \$45,000 of your money and solving problems on campus without the experience that Nick and Phil have? Think about it. Please vote in the runoffs and vote for Nick Stratas and Phil Segal so that we can have a great upcoming year for Student Government.

Sherry B. Williams  
SR LAP/LEB

### Rea recommended

I have known Steve Rea for four years and have lived with him for one. I have seen him work hard and enthusiastically at every task he has undertaken. He tried out for the State varsity soccer team and within three years he gained a starting position.

Academically, he is starting graduate school, teaches a course here at State, and is chapter president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

He is a warm, talented person who listens intellectually and explains himself very well. He is a work horse and always finishes what he starts. It is with no hesitation that I recommend Steve Rea for student body treasurer, and I urge everyone that knows him to get out and vote.

Greg Myren  
JR CS  
President, Phi Kappa Tau

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Mark Reed  
student body treasurer

### Stratas more qualified

As an associate of student body president candidate Nick Stratas during my years at State, I think I can give valuable insight as to why our most qualified candidate risks the chance of losing for the second year in a row.

First let me explain why I think he is the best candidate.

Nick's opponent has promised an open office for all students if elected. As Student Senate president, Nick Stratas not only encouraged strong student involvement, he went out to seek it. Not only did he promise results as a candidate, he delivered them as an officer.

Nick's promises were backed repeatedly by such tangible results as 5 cent copiers, free phones in the library, extra parking throughout campus and constant and vigorous student representation for issues of concern such as lighting, fences, security and bookstore policy.

Nick proved to students and faculty that the actions of student government officers could make very real differences in our school.

Nick's work in Student Government as Student Senate president was successful not because he wanted the office, but because he wanted the job.

Promises to listen are not enough. The ability to act and a genuine concern for the ideas he constantly seeks more than qualify Nick for the office.

Nick's years as a student senator, one year as aide to the student body president, and as Student Senate president tend to overshadow his opponent's one year as a student senator. An office of this importance should not be used as a training ground, or its effectiveness is lost.

But despite all of these qualifications, Nick will enter his runoff election as an underdog. Perhaps this is because Nick feels that a discussion of issues is more important than a hand-shake.

### But my Pop Tart's stuck ...

Not to decide is to decide. It's one of those old sayings which expressed another way means simply, get off your ass and vote.

What a poor turnout we had in the first Student Government election with only about 2,500 voting. But of course there are plenty of available excuses for not voting: I couldn't find my shoes. My goldfish died.

I choked on the pizza and banana milkshake I had for breakfast. My Pop Tart got stuck in the toaster. I lost my toothbrush.

Not to imply that these aren't legitimate excuses, but at some time during the two days of runoff elections, Monday and Tuesday, March 24 and 25, surely you can get the Pop Tart loose, find a toothbrush, borrow a pair of shoes, walk a short distance to a voting box, and elect the person you want to voice your gripes and concerns to the administration next year.

Come on. How long could it take? Maybe five minutes if you make big X's. But probably you'll put a normal X beside: a) a person you know and respect; b) someone who's been highly recommended; or c) the person who makes you think, "hey, haven't I heard that name somewhere before?" and it'll only take a minute.

You may argue, "Ah, Student Government never does anything. I don't care if we even have a Student Government." Although Student Government officials aren't constantly in the limelight, they are there working for you. And like it or not, they are the liaison between students and administrators.

But there's a catch. You must elect the person you think will look out for you. Take a few extra minutes. Find out something about the candidates.

Locate a pen or pencil. Then use it. Go vote.



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