

Student allegedly struck by laser beam

by Margaret Britt
News Editor

A State student was allegedly struck and temporarily injured by a laser beam near Cox Hall Wednesday evening, according to Public Safety investigating officer Sgt. Larry D. Liles. Paul Richard Green, of 229 North Hall, was walking between Cox and Harrelson halls when he was struck by the beam which was allegedly operated by James R. Huddle of 2824 Bartlett St., Parker said.

Rex Hospital, where he was later released.

The beam was from a very weak laser gun, Parker said. "It was one not capable of doing a whole lot of damage," he said. "Green has regained all of his vision and is doing fine."

Green could be not reached for comment Sunday afternoon.

Huddle was teaching a class at the time of the incident, according to Parker.

Huddle refused to comment on the incident Sunday afternoon pending a report he is scheduled to turn in to Public Safety today.

Richard R. Patty, head of the physics department and professor of physics, said Sunday, "We have taken

steps to bolt the laser down so it (the beam) won't go out of the window.

"I think it was poor judgment for the beam to have gone out of the window. We don't think very highly of having the laser beams pointed down at random."

He said the laser beam which allegedly hit Green was less than a thousandth of a watt.

"It is the kind one should not look into," he said. "Thousands of students see them demonstrated every year."

Patty said he did not know whether a person staring into a laser of this power could suffer permanent damage.

"We tell the students they should not look into the beam," Patty said.

These kinds of lasers are often used

for pointers at scientific meetings, according to Patty.

"We do not do this in this department," he said. "I don't know of any case on this campus where they use them as pointers."

He said Huddle is a graduate teaching assistant who has "taught these labs for three or four years."

Patty said Huddle would receive "some kind of reprimand. I haven't

discussed it with the person who directs the laboratory to discuss what kind of reprimand it will be. That will depend on my study into what his record has been as a teaching assistant in the past."

Vet school studies courses

by Patsy Poole
Staff Writer

The admissions committee of State's School of Veterinary Medicine has developed several ideas to help alleviate problems concerning the school's prerequisites, according to Ron Howard, associate dean and director of academic affairs at the school.

Eliminating certain courses from the school's admissions requirements is no longer being considered, Howard said.

Prerequisites include:

•Two animal-science courses which

are only offered at State and N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro; and

•Seven hours in either animal science or poultry science. One of the courses included in the seven hours must be in animal nutrition, according to Karen Youngblood, Howard's secretary.

Academic counselors from the 16 schools in the University of North Carolina system met in October to discuss the importance of requiring the animal-science courses, Howard said.

At the meeting Howard said he

found that "none of the committee members thought the requirement was unreasonable."

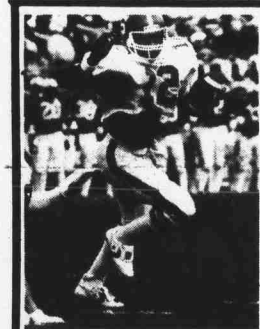
He said one solution offered by the admissions committee was a summer program which would offer these courses. "Such a program will be developed at State if it is deemed necessary. A&T, which has been working closely with State on the vet school project, is also willing to establish a summer plan."

Another solution suggested by the committee was a competency examination covering the necessary material. Howard said a student who passes this type of examination might not be required to take the courses.

Another alternative discussed by the committee was to accept a student who has not yet completed the animal-science requirement. Howard said, however, that this student must fulfill the requirement before he enrolls in the school.

Howard said he had received no reports of difficulties in meeting the requirements.

Applications for admission to the school will be available by the end of November and mailed upon request.



Staff photo by Lynn McNeill

Tol Avery dashes to his left in Saturday's 21-13 loss to Penn State. See story on page 4.

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University raises some admissions standards

by Margaret Britt
News Editor

Two schools and two academic departments at State have raised their admissions standards. University administrative officials said Thursday in a meeting of the Chancellor's Liaison Committee.

The committee is composed of student leaders and administrative officials. It meets an average of once a month for discussion of problems and ideas related to the University community.

The schools of Engineering and

Agriculture and Life Sciences and the departments of computer science and business management have raised their standards for admission, Chancellor Joak L. Thomas said.

Thomas said the School of Engineering is State's largest school. The schools of Design and Forest Resources currently have the highest admissions standards, he said.

"Every school could raise its admissions standards," Thomas said.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Banks Talley said a lot of the growth in enrollment at State this year is in the adult-education program where

students are taking one or two courses.

University administrators anticipated a need for a substantial adult enrollment because of the forecasted decline in regular student enrollment.

"We thought we would need that (adult enrollment). The response has been better than anticipated," Talley said. This fall's non-degree student enrollment is 3,286, according to Talley.

"We are beginning to serve increasingly a different population," Thomas said. "Almost the entire growth is reflected in that segment. Therefore

there is no pressure on dorm space or recreation space."

"Every urban center in North Carolina had an enrollment increase this year," Thomas said.

Student Body President Joe Gordon asked Thomas if he thought the current admissions standards were high enough.

"I am not opposed to raising standards. I would be pleased to consider a recommendation," Thomas said.

Gordon questioned the high enrollment figures in the School of

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by Sinthea Stafford
Staff Writer

Although there is a surplus of liberal-arts teachers, there is a shortage of teachers in fields involving scientific and technological subjects, according to Carl J. Dolce, dean of State's School of Education.

Dolce recently told directors of State's Education Foundation that the popular conception of surpluses of teachers in North Carolina and other parts of the nation does not apply to specialties like science and math education.

"Social studies and English are two primary areas that generally ex-

perience teacher surpluses," Dolce said. "Other areas such as trade and industrial education, industrial arts and vocational agriculture have been in short supply."

"Areas that have been in short supply the last three or four years are math and the physical sciences. These are national shortages."

"The overall surplus of teachers has caused mistaken publicity and some students assumed they would not be able to get jobs."

For example, elementary education was oversupplied, Dolce said. Because of newspaper publicity of the teacher surplus students have not gone into that area.

"They may experience a shortage within the next two or three years," he said. "It is conceivable that we might have a shortage in social studies and English."

Because math and science teachers are in such short supply, Dolce said, many of those now teaching math and science courses in N.C. public schools were trained in other areas. He said

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Tunnel art

The latest graffiti, painted just beyond the limits of the free expression tunnel, transforms an earlier "Vote Reagan" slogan to one which bombs President-elect Ronald Reagan's foreign policy.

Hearing yields support for increase

by Barrie Eggleston
Staff Writer

There was a general consensus of support for the proposed \$1 student-publications fee increase Thursday night at an open hearing concerning the increase.

The publications currently receive \$8.28 from each individual student's fees per semester.

Publications editors and managers gave their reasons for needing the fee increase in response to questions from students present at the hearing who

were not affiliated with the publications.

Student Body President Joe Gordon and Student Body Treasurer Steve Rea gave their recommendation for the fee increase.

"A lot of people in Student Government feel the same way that I do," Rea said. "We will recommend the \$1 increase if the publications move toward an independent source of revenue."

Gordon re-emphasized the importance of the publications moving toward financial independence.

"The majority of the student body

are paying for something they don't receive," he said, referring to State's yearbook, the *Agrimeck*.

Students present at the hearing were Ross Wagner, a sophomore in physical and mathematical sciences; Carrie Willis, a senior in zoology; and Kim Pepon, a junior in economics and business.

"I'm here to get some information about why the increase is needed," Wagner said. Willis and Pepon cited similar reasons for attending the hearing.

Publications Authority Chairman Mark Brooks cited inflation as a determinant of the \$1 increase.

"We're looking into the future and anticipate inflation in such areas as printing and the price of silver," Brooks said.

The publications' budgets are not determined by the number of students enrolled at State, according to John Gough, former Publications Authority chairman.

"We didn't look at enrollment for the increase. We looked at the costs of services we use and they are rising," Gough said.

The amount of money put in the publications' reserve account and the use of this money in connection with the \$1 increase were questioned by Willis.

"There is an illusion of money flying around and being taken out of accounts," Gough said. "Withdrawals from reserve are not made to supplement income. It is only used to pay big debts the publications can't pay."

In response to questions concerning the addition of supplementary revenue sources, editors and managers said they were willing to try to find additional sources of revenue.

The *Agrimeck* is trying to become more financially independent by rais-

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Professors' race brings high-psyche runners

by C.J. Allen
Features Writer

Green and gold Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity shirts, runners sporting T-shirts, tank tops and "n" shorts dominated the scene on the track at the third annual "Lite Great State Professor Race."

"I want to do well today," said No. 6, Richard Mowatt, a physics professor at State. "I feel good."

Before the race there were speculations about the performance of State assistant professor Jack Bachelier, who competed in the 1968 Mexico City Olympics. Some predicted he would place high in the 10,000-meter race. Others looked at Mike Shea, assistant professor of physical education, as a potential placer.

"Last year Mike Shea gave him (Bachelier) a run for his money and

also we have professors from ECU, UNC and Duke — we've never seen them run, so you never can tell," said Sandi McCracken, little sister of Alpha Gamma Rho, an auxiliary organization that conducted registration for the event.

Around 2 p.m. all participants in the one-mile race were asked to report to the starting point. "Is there a category for those who think they can finish?" asked No. 33 Keith Troutman, an assistant professor of military science and adviser to the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Another runner was making no claims in saying, "It's a long way — in high school I ran it."

The one-mile race was run in three heats and included both professors and participants from the

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Staff photo by Lynn McNeill

E.F. Harris (number 4) leads in the start of the one-mile race of the Lite Great State Professor Race. Rollie Geiger (number 12) finished the one-miler first, and Harris came in second.

ECU Fellows hosted by College Scholars members

by Sandi Long
Staff Writer

State's Scholars of the College members hosted the East Carolina Fellows for dinner Wednesday night in Berry Dormitory lounge. The dinner was jointly sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs and the Department of Residence Life.

The Scholars of the College program is an honors program for students enrolled in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The dinner followed a trip to the National Humanities Center in Research Triangle. The National Humanities Center is a research center for scholars working on humanities projects.

The group toured the building and held a discussion session with Dr. William Bennett, director of the National Humanities Center and Dr. John Agresto, director of programs at the center.

"The Scholars of the College pro-

gram is an association of outstanding teachers and motivated, curious students assembling weekly to discuss timeless ideas and issues," program Director Carmine Prioli said.

"Its chief purpose is to encourage the fullest development of each student's intellectual potential with as much physical, academic and moral support as the Division of Student Affairs and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences can provide."

"What we look for in our students is promise of academic excellence, willingness to accept challenge, and a determination to make the most of their undergraduate years. In return for the many advantages that the SCP offers, we ask our students to enroll in a sequence of four special seminars, participate in a series of cultural events, maintain a high academic standing and, at the end of their senior years, graduate with honors as 'Scholars of the College.'"

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University raises standards for certain admissions

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Humanities and Social Sciences in such a technical school as State.

"If we are to be a major university it is critical to have a strong humanities and social sciences department. It adds a great deal to the quality of the institution," Thomas said. The School of Humanities and Social Sciences is the third largest on campus, he said, and more than half of its students are in the business-management department.

Technician Editor Andrea Cole asked the officials what could be done about the decreasing availability of the Carmichael Gym for

general use because of the priority given to practices of varsity athletic teams.

Currently, varsity women's basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, wrestling, fencing and swimming teams practice in Carmichael.

Thomas said there is no current means by which to finance expansion of the gym.

"The present gym is being paid for by student fees," Talley said.

Tim Cole, representing the University Transportation Committee, asked Associate Athletics Director Frank Weedon if there were any way to stagger the practices of the teams.

Weedon said this was currently being done. "Our problem is that women's sports have been added. We have no space for these sports," Weedon said.

Talley asked Weedon what effect the new athletic facility would have on the problem. Weedon said the wrestling team would be about the only team to begin practice in the facility.

Thomas said the situation would be studied.

Also discussed in the meeting were tentative plans for more frequent review of non-academic fee increases and day-care facilities for children of University students, faculty and staff members.



Staff photo by Simon Griffiths

Wax job

Unseasonably warm temperatures in the Raleigh area during the weekend gave people a chance to do those things they didn't finish before the autumn weather set in. Bryan Waddell waxes his car Sunday afternoon before the weather turns cool again later in the week.

College Scholars host Fellows

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"The program is conducted by professors who believe that the process of education is often best served by lively, constructive interchange among themselves and their

students. Although they are all specialists, each recognizes that the answers to problems people have confronted through human history seldom lie in any one discipline."

The professors for the fall semester of the honors

seminar are Robert S. Bryan, professor of philosophy and head of State's philosophy and religion department; Richard E. Sylla, professor of economics and business; and John M. Riddle, professor of history.

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So that all Criers may be run, all items must be less than 30 words. No text items will be run. Only one item from a single organization will be run in an issue. All items will run at least one before their meeting date but no item will appear more than three times. The deadline for all Criers is 5 p.m. the day of publication for the previous issue. They may be submitted in Suite 2120, Student Center. Criers are run on a space available basis.

CHASS FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet at 5 p.m. Monday Nov. 10 in the Brown Room.

ALL GIRLS interested in competitive golf - meet in the golf room downstairs in the gym on Monday Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. For more information contact Miss Dunbar - 243 Carmichael Gym.

PHI SIGMA IOTA will hold its initiation banquet and ceremony Monday, Nov. 10. All students and faculty involved are reminded that the banquet will take place in the Student Center Ballroom from 6-8 p.m.

CIRCLE K is having its fall induction banquet Monday Nov. 10. Meet at 6:30 p.m. All new and old members welcome.

BREATHALYZER DEMONSTRATION and Alcohol Awareness program, Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 8 p.m. in Bowen Study Lounge. Refreshments will be served.

EXPLORE YOUR IDEAS. Join the NCSU Photography Club. Membership and planning meeting Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the Student Center (4th floor). All students welcome.

STORYTELLERS needed at Combs Elementary School for Thanksgiving program on Nov. 21, 13 p.m. Prefer Thanksgiving stories. Grades K-5. For more information contact Volunteer Services, 3112 Student Center, 737-3193.

JAM SESSION - Bring your guitars, banjos any musical instrument. Thursday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., Turlington Tap Room. Featuring Bill Wiles of Patchwork. BYOB and mimosas. Sponsored by Mu Beta Psi.

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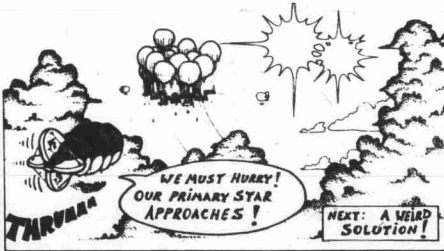
YOU TOO CAN BE A GEOLOGIST - Come to the AIME meeting Wed. Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Dave Jacoby from Tusculum will speak. Refreshments, 210 A Winters.

ASME LUNCHEON - 12 noon, Nov. 12 in Broughton 2211. Speaker: Mike Miller, from the Buehler Corp.

ANOTHER WORLD FAMOUS Bragaw Party and Homecoming Dance, featuring "Still Creek," Fri., Nov. 14, 9 p.m. 1 a.m. Proof of legal age required. Adm. \$2, 01 at Bragaw or Carroll Activity Card.

NCSU WOMEN'S SOCCER CLUB now practices on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. on lower in intramural field #1. Please attend. We need to get our roster completed.

SNOW SKI CLUB will meet Thursday Nov. 13, 7 p.m. in 214 CG. A ski film will be shown and a presentation of this year's new equipment. Everyone is welcome.



Dolce says state needs technical teachers

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that if there is a shortage of qualified elementary and secondary-school teachers, the school systems have to use available people even though they may not be thoroughly qualified.

When schools cannot find qualified teachers they may have no choice but to choose someone who has had only basic courses in math and science comparable to Math 111 or Biological Science 100.

"They have to take what is available because the students are there and they need teaching," Dolce said.

Instead of teaching math and science graduates are entering private industry in such fields as computer science, agricultural

business, physical chemistry and business education, Dolce said. This is mainly because of the salary differential between private industry and public school teaching, he said.

For example, Dolce said, the salary for an honor graduate in math education who teaches in N.C. public schools starts at approximately \$12,000 a year. That same graduate going into computer science will start at an average salary of \$18,000 a year.

"Private industry can respond to market conditions. In the shortage areas they pay higher salaries and lower ones in surplus areas," he said.

Dolce said that secondary-school systems cannot respond to supply and demand in the market because the

systems have a single-pay scale. They offer English teachers the same salary they offer math teachers.

"Overall there has been constant enrollment here at State. Within the school some programs' enrollments have increased while others declined," Dolce said.

"When the attention was focused on the handicapped programs in special education grew to help the state meet its needs. There has been a decline of undergraduate math-education majors. State is the largest supplier of math teachers in the state."

Dolce said he is concerned with teacher distribution in the areas of short supply. "The question is not to feed ourselves but to meet the needs of the state of North Carolina," he said.

According to Dolce,

whenever there is a surplus of teachers most of them want to work in cities. Rural areas have a difficult time attracting teachers. The

poorer areas can't offer a supplement to add on to the salary. This fact discourages teachers even more, Dolce said.

Hearing yields support

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ing the price of the book by a certain amount each year, according to Editor Lucy Procter.

"We've gotten in contact with other yearbooks at different universities to get ideas about advertising. At UNC-G and Carolina advertising has failed," Procter said.

Willis suggested the possibility of the Agromech and the Windhover contrac-

ting the same publisher to get a reduced rate. Windhover Editor Doris Guster and Procter said they would explore this possibility.

Director of Student Development Larry Gracie will give a positive or negative recommendation for the \$1 increase to Chancellor Joab L. Thomas who will then give his recommendation to the UNC-system board of governors, according to Rea.

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Vandals' punches cost

by John Gough
Features Writer

Editor's note: This is the first part of a three-part series on vandalism at State.

Thursday night, 9:15. The second big chemistry exam for the semester has officially ended. Students pour out of buildings on north campus and file through the tunnels — back to their dormitories.

A man strides into Owen Dormitory shoulders hunched, lips pressed tightly together.

Suddenly a shout tears from his throat: "God—Chemistry!" Without breaking stride, he punches his fist through a ceiling tile. A piece falls to the carpet, accompanied by a cloud of fine dust. The man walks on. He opens the door, hurls books into a corner, locks the door and heads back down the hall to go out into the night.

Later that night, there might be a grocery cart thrown from Lee balcony, a blue light smashed off an emergency phone and overhead tunnel lights blown out with rocks as some students try to lose their frustrations and anxieties in a few seconds of violence.

Those few seconds, however, are expensive. Vandalism repairs cost almost \$25,000 just for the 1980 spring semester.

That figure is an unofficial estimate compiled from statistics supplied by Eli Panee, director of the Department of Residence Facilities. It doesn't include the cost of "major projects" — repairs so extensive they have to be let out on contract — like the sand-blasting of Lee dormitory or overhauls for elevators. Generally those contracts are let for any repair costing \$2,000 or more.

However, it is frequent, small-scale vandalism mounting up over time that costs the most: ceiling tiles and windows punched out, graffiti splashed on walls, bathroom fixtures smashed. The bottom line on all this is higher rent for dormitory residents. Starting next fall dormitory rent will shoot from \$275 to \$355 per semester — except for North Hall where the rent will stay at \$500 per semester.

There has been no shortage of reaction to the problem since attention began to be focused on it this fall.

The administration has backed "preventative measures." Charles Haywood, associate dean of Student Affairs, has jurisdiction over the Department of Residence Life. In a personally formulated move to stem vandalism of west-campus elevators, he directed that the dormitory elevators on campus be locked Sunday-Thursday between midnight and 7 a.m. and between midnight and 9 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The result: vandalized locks, in Sullivan dormitory's case.

"Vandalism sometimes is the result of a student's negative feelings about a policy...like the locking of the elevators," Haywood said.

Students are quick to point out problems in Haywood's attempted solution.

Sarah Lykins, a resident adviser in Bowen Dormitory and an assistant in the Department of Residence Life, said bluntly that "it didn't work."

"Students just vandalize the locks," she said. "And it's my understanding that since the locks have been broken off, there hasn't been

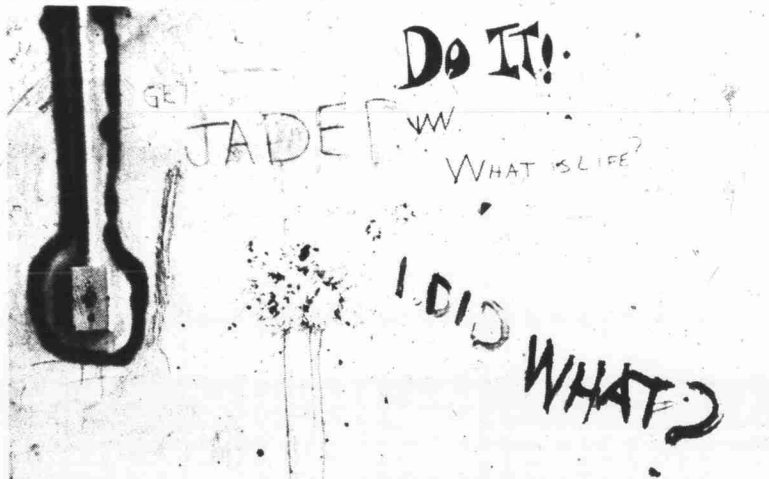
any damage done to the elevators."

Lykins said she thought that "there should be a crackdown" on vandalism. She said the University "should be more strict on convicting students on evictable offenses." An "evictable offense" is one that can get a student thrown out of the dormitory on first offense. It includes vandalism of safety equipment and other actions that immediately threaten other residents.

Lykins suggested that locking all of the main entrances to the dormitory during late hours would discourage vandals while allowing dormitory residents 24-hour access to their rooms and elevators.

"Locking the elevators is dangerous," she said. "Some people can be really inconvenienced by having to climb flights of stairs. Someone on crutches really has a hard time. What would happen if someone got hurt and an ambulance crew had to go up the stairs and bring someone back down? The people who have pass keys aren't always around."

Inconvenience is not the only issue, she said. "There are a lot of weird



Small-scale vandalism, like this graffiti, is a frequent occurrence at State, costing the University almost \$25,000 just for the 1980 spring semester.

dos who hang around in the stairwells," she said. "And the stairs are separated from the suites by two heavy, metal doors. Someone could be raped in the stairwell late at night and no one would hear."

Lykins' roommate, Scotti Holcombe, who also works in Residence Life, concurred: "There are a lot of strange cases out there at

night. I think they just hang around to do drugs. They'll harass people sometimes."

Holcombe has been a rather unhappy witness to some instances of vandalism. One of her friends was turned in once — "It was deserved," she said —

and one time after an east-campus party "some people painted my sister's car red."

But what kind of person is the vandal?

There does not seem to be a model; influences ranging from family to alcohol are too diverse to be centered in

a single population group. A clearer understanding can be attained by looking at probable factors: the vandal's psychological makeup, what state he's in when he does it, something and his place in relation to the campus environment.

Professors run 'litley'

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open division. Encouraging voices rang out from the stands and from the inside of the track.

"Way to go, Stevil Third lap's the hard one — let's go!" someone yelled.

State women's cross country coach Rollie Geiger, sponsored by Rho Lambda sorority, came up with the best time in the first heat and held this position overall.

There were 20 runners altogether with times ranging from 44:22 to 12:23.7.

Winners for the 1-mile professor division were:

*first, Geiger, Rho Lambda, State, 4:49;
*second, E.F. Harris, 4H Club, State, 4:50;
*third, Ted Bilderback, Horticulture Club, State, 5:04;
*fourth, Kenneth H. Reckbow, Duke, 5:08; and
*fifth, Steve Cotanch, Alpha Sigma Phi, State, 5:14.

Cotanch said after the race he felt "actually pretty good" and then turned and asked the man next to him "who was that guy (Geiger)?"

Winners for the 1-mile open division were:

*first, Pat Comyn, 5:12;
*second, Lucy Gardner, 5:33;
*third, Mark Thompson, 5:52;

*fourth, Doug Roberts, 6:38; and
*fifth, James Westbrook, 8:36.

"We had some good times in the mile this year," Thompson, running for the second year for Alpha Gamma Rho, said. "A lot of runners, too."

The 10,000-meter race followed a cross-campus course, winding up Sullivan Drive, on to Faculty Drive, re-entering the track and finishing in front of the stands.

Winners for the 6.2-mile professor division were:

*first, Jack Bachelor, 32:45;
*second, Keith Kretzmer, 35:47;
*third, Richard Mowat, 37:20;
*fourth, Mike Shea, 37:26; and
*fifth, David Chowneth, 37:56.

"It was fun to do it for a worthy cause — the race itself wasn't too much fun," was Bachelor's initial reaction to his third-consecutive victory in this race. His red tank top proclaimed, "I'm proud to be a farmer."

"I like longer distances...with the time I ran, I shouldn't have come in as high as I did," Kretzmer said.

Bob Boal, 68 years old, came in 15th out of a field of 34 runners. "It's nice...I must be the oldest guy here."

I think it would be great to have teams to run relays with this — students and faculty — to improve student-faculty relations," Boal said.

Boal started running when he was 54 years old. "I was 30 pounds heavier and 10 years younger then," he said.

Winners for the 6.2-mile open division were:

*first, Mike Kirchner, 39:45;
*second, Gary Haakenson, 43:08;
*third, Henry Vermillion, 44:28;
*fourth, Tom Pugh, 48:25; and
*fifth, Clark Moore, 49:50.

Trophies were awarded at a reception following the event to the first three professors who won both the one-mile and the 6.2-mile events. The open division winners of the one-mile and 6.2-mile events were also awarded trophies.

Trophies were awarded to the organizations that raised the largest amount of funds for each of the four campuses involved. Those awarded were: UNC Association of Business Students, for raising \$100; Duke School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, \$25; ECU Gamma Beta Phi and the Student Athletic Association, \$50 each; and NCSU Spanish Club, \$64.50.

Pat Day, campaign director of 17 counties for United Cerebral Palsy, was pleased with the turnout. The proceeds of the race will go toward "centers for children and adults," she said. Funds will go to occupational therapy and research to normalize and enrich these individuals' lives.



Participants register at the open division table — for the race not the beer.

Day added that the same amount of money that had been raised in previous races had been raised this year.

The reception continued with contestants and sponsors celebrating with Lite beer, pretzels and peanuts.

Lite beer T-shirts and hats were given out and conversation dealing with the runs ensued.

Chuck Lysaght and Associate Civil Engineering Professor Ed Gurley, participants in the 10,000-meter event, discussed their race at the reception. "Mike Shea finished about 15 minutes ahead of us," Lysaght said — to which Gurley commented, "It was the high-life of my life," as he donned a Lite cap and sipped his beer.

Staff photo by Lynn McNeill

by Susan Hankins
Features Writer

Short, petite, fragile-looking — yet one tough cookie.

That describes Beth McAllister, president of North Carolinians United for ERA.

McAllister spoke to the N.C. Council of Women's Organizations at Meredith Saturday on a possible decision to revive the Equal Rights Amendment.

McAllister said talk will ensue next week in the N.C. Legislature as to whether there should be a lobby campaign for the bill. But it will be at least January before the legislature knows if there will be a bill at all.

"It looks possible to pass the bill here in North Carolina but it is going to be much harder (than in other states)," she said.

McAllister strongly encouraged this district of the N.C. Council of Women's Organizations to lobby in order to get a positive vote for the amendment. A lobbying campaign is very important to the bill at this point because the election did not do the job, she said.

As a matter of fact, the ERA bill was not even an issue in this election, according to McAllister.

A poll taken during the election showed a 56-percent vote in favor of the bill and 32 percent opposed. So even though the bill was not an



Beth McAllister speaks to the N.C. Council of Women's Organization on the revival of the ERA.

issue, people are interested enough to keep it alive, she said.

As a result, McAllister said North Carolinians United for ERA will continue to assess the Legislature in November and December to find out if a lobbying campaign will make a difference.

McAllister, who feels strongly about this bill, said that something has to be done to pass ERA. In 1923 the bill was dropped in the confusion of the Depression. In World War II women worked and began to make gains, but again the bill was turned down. And it just keeps going on like this, she said.

But McAllister is hopeful. Support is widespread. McAllister said some of ERA's strongest supporters are religious people. The Council of Churches — made up of 19 faiths including

Judaism and Catholicism — sponsors a religious coalition effort for ERA. Only the Fundamentalists refuse to support the bill, she said.

Raleigh supporters of ERA are planning a rally that will be held when the Legislature begins to discuss the lobby. McAllister said, adding that the rally will begin with a religious service.

"Contrary to popular belief, God is not against this amendment," she said.

McAllister mentioned the role of the Reagan administration in the future of ERA. She said Reagan intends to uphold his party's platform, which is against the ERA amendment, and still support equal rights.

Even with such an obstacle, McAllister is optimistic. "I believe there will be an Equal Rights Amendment," she said.

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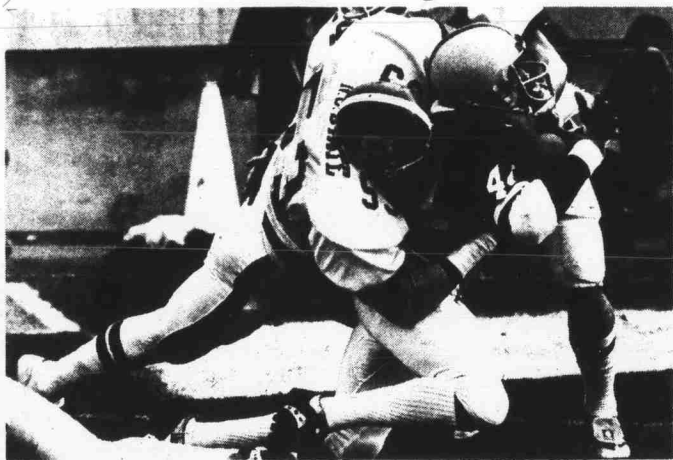
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Crucial plays hurt Wolfpack in 21-13 loss



Robert Abraham brings Penn State's Booker Moore to his knees, but is to no avail as Moore falls across goal line.

by Stu Hall
Sports Editor

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — The line on Saturday's State-Penn State game had ranged anywhere from 18 to 24 points.

It was understandable since Penn State was nationally 10th ranked, on its way to a 10th-straight bowl appearance and had dominated all its opponents this season with the possible exception of Nebraska, the Lions' only loss of the year.

But like the mystique that has controlled all other State-Penn State affairs, Saturday's was no different.

In front of 83,847 Beaver Stadium fans and the fabled Mount Nittany, the Wolfpack displayed a spark that hasn't been seen since State defeated Virginia in the season's second week — yet it wasn't quite enough as State fell 21-13.

The telling factors were State's inability to convert two crucial fourth-down plays and Penn State's tailbacks Curt Warner and Joel Coles.

"We let them off the hook and then we were in for a tough game," Penn State head coach Joe Paterno said. "They gained more and more confidence."

It was hardly a case of Penn State letting State off the hook, however, as the Nittany Lions clung to a slim 14-10 lead before the Wolfpack made a serious attempt to take control of the game.

State took the second-half kickoff from its own 28 and drove to the Nittany Lion five before Nathan Ritter connected on a 22-yard field goal.

"We had them on the run," State head coach Monte Kiffin said.

Penn State then countered on a score that would eventually seal the outcome of the game. Behind the running of Warner and Coles, who combined for 69 yards on the drive and 151 and 98 for the day, the Lions moved the ball to the State 10.

From there and under heavy fire from State's defensive line, freshman quarterback Todd Blackledge shook them off and fired a desperation pass to diving tight end Brad Scovill who reeled it in and gave Penn State a 21-13 lead.

"We thought the kids were really hanging in there," State defensive coordinator Pete Carroll said. "We made some big plays but it just wasn't enough."

The first of State's crucial first-down plays came when State drove 60 yards before Wayne McLean was thrown for a 2-yard loss on a fourth-and-two situation from the Penn State six.

"They just got to us," McLean said. "They penetrated real well on that play. I was trying to cut in but they penetrated on the play and stopped us."

The other of State's big plays came late in the fourth quarter when reserve quarterback Ron Laraway, in for injured Tol Avery, faced a fourth-and-two play. Laraway took the snap and went to his right before being hit by Lion tackle Chet Parlavocchio for no gain.

"On that fourth-and-two we had to pitch the ball," Kiffin said. "That was a big play but I don't fault Ron Laraway."

State prevented a blowout early in the game after place-kicker Herb Menhardt missed a 47-yard field goal which would have given Penn State a solid 17-0 lead.

Instead State mounted a passing attack between quarterback Avery and receiver Mike Quick.

The two connected four times for 55 yards as State drove 70 yards and nine plays before Avery bolted across on a keeper off the right side to close the Penn State lead to 14-7.

"We knew it (the lead) was just 14 points and that we had plenty of time to score," said

Quick, whose six receptions Saturday upped his season total to 35. "We knew we could throw the ball on them."

After the kickoff Penn State tried once again to open a breathable margin. The Nittany Lions drove to State's 8-yard line before Blackledge's intended pass to tight end Brad Scovill was seized by Louie Meadows who returned the interception 77 yards to the Penn State 19 before being tackled by Blackledge and stopping a sure seven for State.

"I was just trying to make the most of it," Meadows said. "He really had a good angle on me. I didn't really think I had a touchdown because I could see him out of the corner of my eye."

After a 7-yard gain and 10 yards' worth of losses, Ritter drilled a 34-yard field goal to close the gap to 14-10.

The Wolfpack threatened one more time before the half after punter's Ralph Giacommaro's 26-yard punt went awry at the State 49.

State drove to the Penn State 38-yard line before being flagged for 34 yards' worth of penalties.

"We had a great feeling out there in the huddle," said State receiver Curtis Rein. "We were in a frame of mind that we hadn't had for a long time."

Penn State got on the board in its first possession, driving 68 yards before fullback Booker Moore wedged through the line for two yards and a Penn State score.

The Lions scored on their second possession as well. Blackledge, who threw for 187 yards, found receiver Ken Jackson 39 yards down the left sideline and hit him with a perfect strike that gave Penn State its early lead.

"I felt we could have won," Kiffin said. "There were a couple of crucial fourth-down plays we needed to pick up and we didn't."

Rein and Quick expressed the sentiments that State should have come away with 14 points instead of three when it was down close to the end zone.

"We just couldn't put it in the end zone," Rein said. "That was the difference right there."

"We were driving the ball down the field against them," Quick said. "But not scoring one time and then settling for nothing really hurt."

State spikers nip Duke, tournament bid fades

by Devin Steele
Sports Writer

State's volleyball team's hope of earning an AIAW National Tournament bid has all but faded.

The only sure way the Wolfpack will compete in the prestigious event is if it captures top honors in the AIAW regional event in two weeks.

Another possibility for State's national tournament participation is if the National Volleyball Committee selects State as one of the top regional teams.

The chance of an at-large berth looks slim for the Pack, though, considering the qualifications on which the committee judges: a team's record, its schedule and its tournament places.

Although State's record is now 32-8 after Friday night's 15-5, 15-7, 9-15, 9-15 and 15-9 victory over Duke in Durham, the odds are still against the Wolfpack when one compares it to other regional powerhouses, such as Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina.

Tennessee and Kentucky participated in last year's

national and Kentucky has already upended State once this season. The Tar Heels have defeated State four times this season.

"It would be real hard to get an at-large bid," co-captain Susan Schaefer said. "The competition is so tough. We would also have to compete with the top West Coast teams for a berth. Their program is so strong."

But the chance still exists. The Wolfpack must continue to treat opposing teams to losses as it did to Duke.

The Blue Devils bowed to

State for the fourth time this season but it was their biggest effort yet. Duke found itself in a two-games-to-none situation right off the bat, losing 15-5 and 15-7. But the determined Devils fought themselves out of that predicament by outplaying the Pack in the next two games — 15-9, 15-9 — to set up the final-game showdown.

How did State burst to a two-game lead and allow Duke to even the series?

"I think we went into the Duke game overconfident because we've beaten them

so many times," Schaefer said. "A lack of communication and teamwork caused us to make a lot of mental mistakes and become frustrated. We also haven't had to execute as well since the ACC Tournament because we haven't had a tough match since then."

State coach Pat Hielscher and co-captain Stacey Schaeffer both agree that inadequate communication between the players was the biggest factor contributing

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Booters fall to Appalachian State, must wait for NCAA playoff bid

by Terry Kelley
Sports Writer

Some people judge the character of a team by how it responds to a pressure situation. If that is the only criterion for measuring character then State's soccer team has had its chances to be judged lately.

Pressure situations and must-win situations have become synonymous with the soccer team's games during the last couple of weeks.

With five games left in the season the team had five must-win games on its schedule and not one of those games was against a team with less than a .500 record.

Time after time the team responded. To make the NCAA playoffs a certainty the team could not lose

again. First the Pack shut out Wake Forest. Then it was on to Virginia for another win against an ACC contender.

North Carolina was the next test and that game was probably the most crucial to date. The Heels were nationally 16th ranked, had an 11-game win streak going and were playing at home. But the Wolfpack squad again met the challenge and with tremendous success. State whipped the Tar Heels 4-0.

That left Duke, and this game would be for the ACC title. For 110 minutes the game went on with unending aggressiveness on both sides before ending in a scoreless tie. The only thing standing between the Pack and a probable NCAA playoff bid was a victory

over nationally 10th-ranked Appalachian State.

Here the party came to an end. With the score tied 1-1 and 3:46 left in the game, Appalachian's top scorer, Thompson Usiyan, found the net when State goalie Chris Elmore got tangled up in the goal mouth.

The goal gave Appalachian State a 2-1 win over the Wolfpack Saturday on Lee Field.

So the regular season has ended and the Pack's hopes for a post-season playoff bid all but died in those last moments of the final game.

They choked, huh? Not a chance.

Very few teams probably would have even stayed in the running that long in pressure situations. The pressure was on for five games and the sustained drive faltered. The character had already been proven, though.

"We didn't play well," State soccer coach Larry Gross said. "They played well and they beat us. It's just a shame they scored the way they did but that's soccer."

"We gave them two goals that I don't think they particularly earned, but they

count. It's a shame that we couldn't score more in the first 30 minutes of the game when we were playing so well."

The difference between the first 30 minutes and the last 60 seemed to be one player.

"I think Gerry McKeon (was the difference)," Gross said. "Gerry was banged up. He played the first 25-30 minutes. The injury bothered him so we took him out. He's a big key to our offense. Gerry played 12-15 minutes of the second half but we felt it was difficult for him to move."

Appalachian certainly had the credentials coming into this game, but the pressure of the last games kept the Pack from being able to show its own potential.

"They have a good team," Gross said. "They have skillful people. I think we were the better side. I think with the strength of schedule we had with Duke and Carolina, it took its toll."

"It seems like in the second half we lost a little bit of the edge we had against Duke. I didn't think we had as much of a sustained effort. I think that might have to do with playing a lot of important games."



Staff photo by Todd Anderson

State's Eric Vanderwilt is in hot pursuit of this stray soccer ball.

With a 12-6-1 record the Pack's hopes for post-season play are apparently over, and Gross said he feels his team is probably out of contention for a spot.

"I'll keep our team's name in for possible selection," Gross said. "With Duke losing to Wilmington (Saturday), I think Wilmington and South Florida are still in. I guess Carolina might be out. Realistically there is not a big chance we'll be selected."

The Wolfpack is not

however out of competition for a share of the ACC title. Winning the title though does not guarantee a bid to the playoffs.

"The Duke loss gives Carolina a great deal of momentum (going into its game—with Duke)," Gross said. "I really think the ACC is possibly the best conference in the country, bar none. I don't think our winning it adds any more weight, though."

"It's difficult to go with

six losses. It's not impossible but difficult. Some teams have two or three losses. I think 13-5-1 and we're definitely in, but not with that sixth loss."

With the firepower Appalachian possessed the Pack did a fairly good job of putting it away.

"I thought we shut it down," Gross said. "Their firepower is Usiyan. Danny Allen did a good job on him. He only had two shots on the day. The one that went in should have been caught by

the keeper and cleared out by Joey."

Although the entanglement in the goal mouth was a mistake, Gross praised Hutson along with Elmore and the defense.

"I honestly feel Chris got us to where we are," he said. "He's going to have a lot of good games ahead of him. I thought Joey Elmore played extremely well. I thought the defense played very, very well. We were unscored upon at home. We kind of ran out of gas."

Hielscher eyes win No. 100 at State

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score — before the match. She also expected to win in three games.

But obviously, Duke tallied 51 points and extended the match to five games.

"At times we blocked real well," Hielscher said. "They sometimes got an off-speed hit against us, though. Susan's setting was off. Her defense was below par. She just had a real tough time."

She never really pulled herself out of it. Joan (Russo) struggled, too." State will try to pull itself together in its regular-season finale against High Point in Carmichael Gym Tuesday at 7 p.m.

For Hielscher this game has added meaning: a win would give her 100 victories at State while having only lost 33 matches.

"High Point has always had a good volleyball program," Hielscher said. "It went to nationals a few years ago."

to the Wolfpack's frustration.

State regained the elusive momentum in the second half of the final game and dumped Duke — 15-9. Throughout the first half of that game the score was never separated by more than two points.

"Duke probably played one of its best matches of the year," Hielscher said. "We got lulled down and really had a hard time coming back. We were lucky to leave Durham with a win. I was real disappointed with our play at times."

"Comparing the play of both teams Duke deserved to win. They gained momentum and we never really pushed ourselves."

The third-year coach set a 25-point spread — the number of points State was allowed the Blue Devils to

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Technician Opinion

A paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through which the thoughts, the activity, and in fact the very life of the campus, is registered. It is the mouthpiece through which the students themselves talk. College life without its journal is blank.

— the Technician, vol. 1, no. 1, February 1, 1920

Cocaine costs ? per ounce

The Technician provides plenty of useful information to the University community. Specifically, the paper runs public-service announcements, paid advertising and recently began printing grocery-price comparisons at selected supermarkets in the area.

The Chicago Illini, the student newspaper of the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, also includes information that the publication's editors deem useful to its readership. The Illini prints a monthly drug-price index — a handy guide to the street prices of marijuana, cocaine and a host of other mind-altering substances.

There is nothing illegal about the listings. Local law-enforcement officials and campus administrators cannot violate the paper's First Amendment rights by forcing it to cease publication of the index.

An immediate reaction is to applaud the Illini's exercise of its constitutional privileges. After all, a student newspaper should serve the needs of students, perhaps there is a demand for guides of this type on the Chicago Circle campus.

And college campuses are great places for this brand of humor.

The sale and consumption of hard drugs, however, is not funny to a lot of people — even in the ethereal world of a college campus. No matter what the intention of the Illini, the existence of the index indicates that its editors are insensitive to the problems created by drugs when they become more than just recreational therapy.

The Illini's drug index probably won't create more of a problem with drug usage than already exists on the Chicago Circle campus. Non-users will laugh nervously at the listings, while users will put the guide to good use — the drug prices are reportedly unfailingly accurate.

Even though the Illini's "consumer guide" is probably tongue-in-cheek, the listings should be discontinued. Too many people continue to wrestle the problems of drug usage for the paper to thumb its nose at the realities of drug addiction among segments of the population.

This type of humor dies after the first chuckle.



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Reagan and New Right run anti-campaign

As I watched the election returns Tuesday night, I could only feel a sense of concern for this state and our nation. My concern lies not only with the fact that Ronald Reagan, John East and a majority of Republican senators were elected but, more importantly, with the way and the reasons they were elected.

Americans have requested change and they have surely received it with the New Republican Party sweep. But will this change bring about progressive and innovative ideas?

I emphasize New Republican party because its platform reads like no other Republican platform of the past. This New Republican Party is a large part of this nation's ultraconservative trend called the New Right. The New Right definitely seeks change. But the change it seeks is not progressive — it is regressive.

The New Republicans appear to be in favor of very little. Their campaign rhetoric was actually almost strictly an anti-campaign. They were against: abortion, the Equal Rights Amendment, school busing, racial quotas, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of Education, the minimum wage, arms limitations and virtually every other social reform this nation has seen in the past century.

Reagan seemed to typify the New Right's ignorance of social reform when in the debate with President Jimmy Carter he said, "I was not aware of a race problem when I was growing up."

Frankly, the American people, in their haste for change, have not changed in a positive direction. I will be the first to wish success to the New Right, but in our attempt to correct our current problems, let us not regress to our old problems of race relations, poverty and hunger — that are currently besought advising this semester has been able to arrange a consultation with an adviser either on the spot, as during registration and pre-registration, or within a reasonable and predictable time through appointment during the remainder of the semester.

Our students have not had to repeatedly visit their assigned advisers' doors only to find them dark and locked, even at times when posted office hours were in effect. Furthermore the advising sessions that have been undertaken have provided personal attention to the students' needs with accurate, considerate responses to students' questions.

Students may of course also consult any of our other faculty members on their courses and areas of expertise, and I expect that they receive a much warmer reception by professors who are not burdened with routine, though necessary, administrative student procedures.

Our system appears to be working well, to the benefit of both students and faculty. But don't rely on what I say; ask our students what they think before condemning our efforts.

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From the Left Tom Carigan

ing corrected — strictly in the name of change. Social change is a slow process. Imagine, it took over 100 years for this nation to accept a southerner as president. Perhaps because of our slow acceptance of social change we won't quickly retreat to a previous decade even though Reagan is fond of talking about "the good ole days" of nickel Cokes, Model Ts and Burma Shave advertisements.

Perhaps what concerns me most is the tone of this year's campaign. Mudslinging and negativism seemed to pervade every major race. President Carter should be criticized first for attempting to win re-election via mudslinging at Reagan.

However, Carter basically restrained his remarks to political speeches, eventually ran as a traditional Democrat and ceased his personal attacks on Reagan. But in the case of John East and other ultra-right candidates such as I. Beverly Lake and the Republican senatorial candidates who ran against targeted progressive Democrats, their campaigns were insults to the American voter.

Instead of offering new solutions to our nation's problems, their campaigns merely offered blatant criticisms of their opponents that

often misrepresented their opponents' views. These negative campaigns were a high financial media show that neglected grass roots support and traditional campaigning.

East's campaign is a fine example of how well-financed special-interest groups outside North Carolina literally bought the election through a negative media blitz. East's campaign was coordinated by Jesse Helms and the Congressional Club, the Moral Majority — a right-wing, religious fundamentalist group — and almost every big-business and big-political-action committee in the nation.

East spent over \$3 million on the campaign, mostly on television commercials. One estimate stated that the average television viewer saw more than 50 East commercials in the last six weeks of the campaign. Although television commercials in themselves are not bad, it is deplorable that East rarely spoke of what was even shown talking on the commercials. Many voters were surprised to learn that East is confined to a wheelchair because of polio.

I commend East for overcoming his handicap and don't feel that being handicapped should even be a consideration when voting for someone, but the fact that many voters didn't know about East reflects his lack of grass-roots campaigning. It is shocking to think that the people of this state elected someone whom they know so little about.

Nonetheless, I wish the utmost in success to the New Right in correcting our nation's current problems. The American people have asked for and received change.

The New Right is definitely in power and for at least the next four years, must shoulder the responsibility that the American people have placed on it. Every American should keep a vigil eye on the New Right. It has been given the mandate to change and only we can ensure that the changes will be desirable and progressive.



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All of us might be happier about our newspapers and our broadcasting if we worked harder at that old American custom of speaking up, of dissenting, even applauding, but, above all, of being heard — and counted.

— Vincent S. Jones

United we stand

The Libertarian opinions of Ms. Ratcliff (Oct. 24 Technician), however academically interesting, display a tragic loss of touch with reality common to all ideological purists. The underlying assumptions she makes about human motivation are probably generally true, i.e. acting in self-interest is more common than acting in the interests of a large group to which one belongs.

Thus, a political ideology that depends upon the first is more realistic than one which depends upon the second. But we maintain that a political ideology that considers both is preferable to one that seeks to maximize the effect of one motivation and minimize the effect of the other.

That is, to feel free, an individual must be able to act according to immediate self-interest or group-interest when he deems it appropriate. The most realistic political system will continually seek to balance for its citizens the opportunities for action from both motivations. And hopefully those people in positions of political or economic power who ignore the group's interest will be democratically forced out.

Ms. Ratcliff claims that private ownership of resources will prevent their abuse — which is implied to be inevitable — by the public but who can prevent abuse by the private owner? Later she contends that private owners, having a longer-term interest in the resource, will naturally avoid abusing it.

But in the case where short-term profits are the main interest of the owner there are nothing other than weak laws to constrain him from rape and pillage of the land. She carefully chooses a renewable resource — forests — as her example; let us choose a non-renewable resource for ours — coal. Clearly her contention breaks down when we consider a strip-mining operator who must choose between making his Cadillac payments or preventing ecological damage that peaks 50 years after he's dead.

Secondly, some of Ms. Ratcliff's assertions and arguments seem rather foggy. It is hard to believe that private forestry companies do more damage to rented public land than rented private land since there is a fairly uniform attempt to regulate the use of public land. Irrespective of who reaps the benefits later, at least the government has regulations requiring private lessors to maintain and recondition the leased land, with penalties under law if they do not.

With respect to her solution for river pollution,

she again maintains that too many people having too little interest in the resource — the river — is the cause of the problem. Is she implying, conversely, that the ideal solution would involve one owner having sole interest in the river (or all other resources for that matter)?

If so, she is advocating a return to the feudal economy of 18th-century Europe, to which, we might add, the Libertarian movement was a revolutionary reaction for that day and time.

In conclusion, we heartily applaud the notion of strengthening an individual's right to sue corporations polluting his air. But there is a danger in relying on that solution alone. For what individual can afford to sue a multi-national chemical corporation?

She might contend that should the menace presented by the chemical company grow so large, people would band together to protect themselves, would organize and could then afford to sue. But isn't that, after all, Ms. Ratcliff — i.e. protecting us from large, concentrated threats — what government's all about?

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Never forget

On the eve of what seems to be a resolution by the Iranian Parliament to free the American citizens who have been imprisoned for over a year in the American embassy in Tehran, a first reaction would be to rejoice in their possible homecoming. This is a proper act. But let us first consider these recent events before our merriment comes about.

Americans should not forget the torment and suffering the Iranian people have caused the hostages and their families. The uncalled-for actions which the Iranian people have undertaken is unforgivable.

As the Jewish people were dying in the gas chambers of Nazi extermination camps, they scratched the words "Never forget" in the walls with their fingernails. They did this as the last flicker of life they had was lost. The uncalled-for suffering the Iranians have caused the hostages, as well, should never be forgotten.

Once the hostages are home America should never again befriend this Middle Eastern country. The agonies the Iranian people have caused America should not be repaid with kindness. America should completely break all contacts with Iran and have no further dealings with that country.

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Ask our students

We in the electrical engineering department were pleased to see a mention of our improved advising system in Wednesday's Technician "Staff Opinion," Oct. 29. We regret that Ms. Williams did not identify us because we would be happy to be recognized across campus as a department that dares to be innovative in trying to better meet students' needs. Our only real regret, however, is that Ms. Williams did not choose to research and present all of the facts.

Had we followed the traditional advising system this year, we would have divided our 941 undergraduates by our 20 full-time, non-administrative faculty members and arbitrarily assigned some 47 students as advisees to each professor. For most of the faculty who are carrying heavy loads of teaching, research and extension activities, this advising duty would have come as an overload, shaving precious little available time with committee work and other similar responsibilities.

What kind of personal attention, as Ms. Williams put it, do you think these students would now be getting in their pre-registration efforts? In our new system, which was put into effect this semester, we recognize that the majority of our students, capable of solving differential equations and designing digital systems, are also capable of planning their own academic programs.

Most of the information they need is material that can be supplied in written form for study at their leisure. We do not need 20 professors telling students 941 times that the maximum number of credits of D that can be used for graduation is 12 and that EE 441 is an appropriate course to take to pursue an interest in microelectronics. What we do need is a staff of advisers who are interested in advising, who understand the curriculum and the field, who know the rules and procedures and who are available to see students.

We have met this need by assembling a relatively small staff, four professors for whom advising is treated as a specific percentage of their assigned load, with me serving as coordinator and back-up. Two of the advisers indeed do the bulk of the advising demand.

In my 17 years of working with students at State I have learned that few students seek advising except at those times when University procedures require them to do so. Unfortunately, these are usually the very times at which most other students are also seeking assistance and students are therefore precluded from obtaining the kind of careful attention that Ms. Williams describes.

While our system is new and is certainly not perfect, I believe that any EE student who has

The "Right" is riotous

I was once again distressed to find no "serious page" in Friday's Technician. But after reading an article on the back page, I realized that the Technician had cleverly hidden some outrageously funny material under the title "From the Right."

I have to admit, Mr. DeWitt, that you had me going for a while. I almost thought your article was a serious editorial. But your punch line was too good: "Freedom by itself is a cancerous aberration that is ultimately destructive." Funny stuff.

Such comical gems as "Liberals are cringing... a direct onslaught to the spiritually empty confines of their philosophy" are priceless. A liberal view is spiritually empty. Boy, is that funny. It makes right-wingers look incredibly hypocritical.

But, alas, I began to realize that we now have such narrow-minded people as John East, Jesse Helms and, of course, good ole Ron running the country. I'm not laughing anymore.

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