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## Officials take new positions

by Brian Faulks  
Staff Writer

Leadership changed hands Wednesday night as the Student Senate inaugurated three Student Government officers and inducted newly elected senators.

Jim Yocum and Sandi Long took their new positions as senate president and treasurer, respectively. Then 1980-81 student body president Joe Gordon turned the helm of leadership over to Ron Spivey.

"Student Government has accomplished a lot this year," Gordon said, "and a lot of it has been through the three newly elected officials installed here tonight."

"The three of them are capable of excellent performance but they need more help," he said. "Students will have to help them accomplish the goals they will set for next year."

Gordon also said that there is more to student politics than meets the eye. "A lot of people get the idea elected officials are there for figureheads but that's a misconception," he said.

"There are a lot of programs and policies to set up. There are only so many things you can do with so little time. If I had another ten years maybe I could accomplish some of those other things."

Gordon said he had no regrets about



Staff photo by Simon Griffiths

Ron Spivey was sworn in as student body president for the 1981-82 school year Wednesday night by outgoing President Joe Gordon. Sandi Long was sworn in as student body treasurer and Jim Yocum as Student Senate president.

any of the decisions he made this past year. "I wouldn't have done things differently — just strived for more student input, cooperative Student Government and more direct involvement with students," he said.

Student body president Ron Spivey said he is eager to begin work on committee structures.

"We have about 16 standing committees," he said. "In all there are about 30-40 spaces for interested students to fill. It's a good way to become active in Student Government."

"I'll be a student representative on the committee to pick the chancellor," Spivey said. "I'll be looking for someone who will keep interests of the students in mind."

Spivey optimistically looks forward to Student Government in the coming year. "This past year we had a very good officer team and I feel we can

also accomplish a lot this year," he said.

"Jim and Sandi have had a lot of experience in the Senate and that will really help. We're looking for a good year."

Earlier in the meeting the Senate approved a \$16,870 budget for 1981-82 and passed bills allocating funds to 10 different groups or committees.

Fund appropriations totalled \$7,300 with the two largest allocations being a \$2,000 package to the Child Care Committee and \$1,200 going to entertainment for Zoo Day.

## Covington wins race

by Patsy Poole  
News Editor

Michael Covington was elected State's Student Center president in last week's election.

"I am definitely looking forward to the transition period between being chairman and president. I am sure I will be able to help more people next year," Covington said.

He said he plans to take student opinion into consideration when making decisions about Student Center activities.

Covington said he was very pleased with the outcome of the election but was not thrilled with the way the elections board handled it.

"I don't think Rick Taylor, elections board chairman, did a good job at all," he said.

According to Covington, Taylor informed him about two complaints that had been lodged against Covington's campaign.

State's elections rules state that candidates may not put up campaign posters less than four feet apart.

Taylor told Covington that he would disqualify him if he received another complaint, according to Covington.

"Taylor told me that someone said some of my posters were too close together but that he didn't know where they were on campus. So I had



Michael Covington

to walk around the whole campus looking for violations I might have committed," Covington said.

"I was not aware that any rule allowing disqualification after three complaints even existed."

He said he saw other candidates' violations as he looked for his own. "I didn't want to intentionally hurt their campaigns so I didn't report what I saw. I think anyone who committed violations did it by mistake," he said.

According to Covington, there were several violations in the recent Student Government elections but the elections board did not reprimand candidates.

"There should be some set policy as to what is a disqualifying offense. The rules are not very clear now," Covington said.

Neither Todd Clanton, Covington's opponent in the election, nor Taylor were available for comment Sunday.

## Senate refuses funding to new gay organization

by Brian Faulks  
Staff Writer

The N.C. State Gay Community, a newly formed campus organization, was denied a \$600 allocation from Student Government funds to pay for Gay Awareness Day. The decision was made at a meeting of the Student Senate Wednesday night.

The Community was the only organization denied funding at the meeting. The bill sponsoring the request was narrowly defeated by a 14-to-16 vote.

"We are, at this point, the only voice on campus for gay students," the group spokesman said.

The spokesman asked not to be identified because of the effect it could have on his enlistment in the armed forces.

"We are chartered and have 21 members at present," the spokesman said, "and we have a number of speakers who are engaged to speak here."

"We're already committed to Gay Awareness Day. Some students come

here to campus for the first time and don't even know what a gay is."

The spokesman said the group is not limited to homosexuals.

"We represent all different types of sexualities. We have some straight members and some of us even have girlfriends," he said. "Whether you agree with us or not, we are needed."

### Bill opposed

Student Senator Sandi Long opposed the bill because "It's really not our place to fund a bill pertaining to a sexually oriented group," she said. "This money would be put to better use in a sexual-awareness program."

Graduate School Senator Mark Daeschel viewed the bill's defeat as "a step backward in student government. It is our job as a legislative body to recognize and represent every part of the student body."

"We're all very disappointed," group member Caren Akin said. "People need to know there are other gay friends that they can talk to." In a position paper submitted to the

Technician, assistant coordinator of State's gay community Matthew Walters said he is "disappointed to witness the Senate's blatant endorsement of ignorance and fear over truth and fellowship."

According to Walters, Gay Awareness Day was planned to be an educational experience that would attempt to dissolve the barrier of fear and ignorance between gays and straights.

### Senators reminded

Walters said he wants to remind the senators who voted against the gays that they have not stopped the gays' efforts for Gay Awareness Day.

"They have instead given us inspiration to rally and redouble our efforts," Walters said.

"We're not taking away their freedom of speech," one senator said. "They'll still have Gay Awareness Day but I had to vote the way I feel most students would have it. So I voted 'no.'"

## Yale professor speaks on need of changes

by Brian Faulks  
Staff Writer

Yale psychology professor Seymour Sarason addressed nearly three hundred State students and faculty members Wednesday. His speech was titled "Again: The problem of educational change."

Sarason, an internationally recognized speaker and author, gave the lecture in honor of State professor Howard G. Miller, who will retire in June after serving State's psychology department for 25 years.

Sarason discussed several myths held about the American educational process today.

"Many people believe that our school systems are oases of purity within the society," he said. "But that myth was exploded with the rise of

militant teacher unions."

Sarason said that educators need to be more sensitive to the voices of those who are affected by education and that their needs should be met too.

"The fact is that for all practical purposes the educators have owned the school," he said, "and they have no sense of the concept of constituency. Without constituencies you are a dead duck and that is the problem our teachers have gotten themselves into."

One other theory that Sarason considers to be false is that "schools can be agents of social change."

"Whatever changes have come about in our schools have come about

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Staff photo by Clayton Brinkley

Seymour Sarason, a Yale psychology professor, spoke at State Wednesday. His speech on educational change was given in honor of Howard G. Miller, a State psychology professor who will retire in June.

## Recent statistics show rise in student suicides

by Syntha Stafford  
Staff Writer

Recent national statistics indicate that suicide among college students has been gradually increasing and is the third leading cause of student deaths.

M. Lee Salter, Counseling Center director, said that, although there has been no consistent increase of reported suicides at State, the causes of suicide warrant significant attention.

"The causes of suicide attempts and suicide threats are very much a part of the lives of State students," he said.

Salter attributed the national rise of suicide rates to social and economic pressures of the past few years.

He said students may feel these

pressures more than people already successfully integrated into the work force. They may react with increased fear of failure, depression or feelings of alienation, he said.

They may overwork to the point that they cannot make and maintain emotional relationships, he said. The lack of real friendship can cause loneliness even on a crowded campus, according to Salter.

"When additional problems pile up and we all have losses and failures in life, students who are lonely, depressed or anxious may feel helpless and need the support of the university community of which we are all a part," he said.

Salter said State's Counseling Center works with several hundred students each year who report tem-

porary suicidal feelings but successfully regain control of their lives.

According to Salter, it is extremely rare that a college student really wants to die. He said the thought of death has crossed everyone's mind.

Salter said suicidal thoughts are usually the result of the desire to escape current painful feelings.

Part of the student wants to live and suicide attempts and threats are cries for help from that part of the person. A listening and caring friend may make a real difference, he said.

"It is important for anyone who knows someone who talks about suicide or even repeatedly jokes about it to talk to a friend honestly and openly and to suggest one of the many campus resources for help," he said. He mentioned the Counseling

Center, the resident-advisor staff, the infirmary, close friends and the campus chaplains as sources to whom students can turn.

"Suicide is like sex. People often joke about it because they are uncomfortable. It's OK to talk about it openly. You won't be bringing up a new idea," he said.

Salter said anyone considering suicide can contact the Counseling Center day or night. He said a counselor is on call 24 hours a day through Clark Hall Infirmary if the Counseling Center is not open.

"Services are free and totally confidential," he said. For information on suicide, students may call Wolfline Teletip at 737-3737 and ask for tape numbers S-351 and S-359.

## 'Lay back and hold the rails' — bed racers rally to conquer MD

by Jay Blackwell  
Features Writer

As the sun's rays parted the cloudy sky, the Cameron Village Racetrack opened its lanes to a host of participants in the Jerry Lewis Annual Invitational Bed Race Against Muscular Dystrophy Saturday at 10 a.m. Some merchants had decorated their donated hospital beds with different colored streamers, flags and other paraphernalia and began their parade up Cameron Street. There were clowns, balloons, covered wagon-beds, gaping mouths and visits from Santa Claus and the Bud Man.

David Holt, president of State's Vocational and Industrial Club of America (VICA), the sponsors of the Bed Race, called the early morning activities "mass confusion." Hickory Farms' contestants were shouting their battle cry of, "Beefstick, beefstick, beefstick!" A team leader was asking for her whip, rules were being reviewed and a frantic mother pointed to A Friend of Muscular Dystrophy — a bed sponsored by a donor who wished not to be identified. The mother cried, "They're the Wolfpack and they've got my son!"

When the actual races began there were seven qualifying heats and four semifinals before the runoffs. Jonathan

Lambe, Sam Bass Photography and A Friend of Muscular Dystrophy positioned themselves at the starting line and roared down the "track." A Friend of Muscular Dystrophy sailed in first; its members fell on the ground and vowed never to push another bed in quite a while.

There were quite a few original beds and costumes entered in the race. Coca-Cola draped a red-and-white canopy over its bed. Hickory Farms had two huge beefsticks connected to theirs. Sheraton Hotel's entry had ropes attached to it.

Some came prepared for the event, bringing oil-spray to lubricate the bed's wheels.

Advice given throughout the day covering bed-racing: "Don't hurt the girl but come in first" and "Lay back and hold on to the rails!"

The only real rules were to keep the beds within their lanes and contestants were not allowed to tamper with another's bed.

Everyone seemed to have profited from the day's events. Muscular Dystrophy raised \$1,500 for Jerry's kids. Cameron Village was able to excite the public's awareness of critical issues and the array of people who attended the event got their share of the sun, which shone brightly throughout the event.

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### weather

Today — partly cloudy, breezy and a bit cooler with a high in the mid-60s. Tonight's low will dip to near 40. Tuesday — clear skies and plenty of sunshine with a high approaching 70 and a nighttime low in the mid-40s. (forecast provided by student meteorologist Kirk Stopenhagen)



Staff photo by Clayton Brinkley

How often do you see a bed being pushed down the street? That's what happened Saturday morning as demonstrated by these participants in the Jerry Lewis Annual Invitational Bed Race Against Muscular Dystrophy.



## Pipes and drums

Staff photo by Michael Lates

These pipes and drums provided a change of pace for spectators at the Renaissance Fair held Saturday at the Student Center.

## Sarason speaks on change

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in spite of our educators," he said.

Sarason expressed concern in the area of teacher preparation. "If you look at how we train teachers, there is no doubt that their preparation has no relation to their experiences," he said.

"Anybody who wants to enter the field of education should be required to be exposed to a year of what I call the 'school culture.'

"It would give them more exposure to what they're getting into. I'm not talking about student teaching. They need a much more realistic conception.

"Educators need to learn more about school-board operations, teacher-administration relations and how to talk to parents.

"The idea is something we'd have to work out. It would have to be done in conjunction with knowledgeable faculty members."

Sarason pointed out that education and the arts and sciences operate at different levels and focus on different goals at the college level.

"Within the university, arts and sciences rest on the assumption that the better you know your subject matter, the better you are at teaching.

"However, education holds that just because you know the subject matter doesn't mean you can get it across to others," Sarason said.

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IF YOU HAVE LOST an item on campus, please check the Lost and Found, Information Desk, Student Center. All unclaimed items will be auctioned on Apr. 14, 7:30 p.m., first floor of the Student Center.

PRE-MED, PRE-DENT CLUB, Wed. night, Faculty Club. Get tickets from Nancy Cochran 104-90 by Monday.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE meeting to day at 5:00 p.m., Conference Rm., mandatory.

PRE-VET CLUB meeting, 8:00 p.m. today, 2722 Boston Dr., Duxbury. Will speak.

NCSU FORESTRY CLUB meet Tues, Apr. 6, 7:00 p.m., 2010 Biltmore. All interested welcome to attend.

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS CLUB (NAMA) at NCSU meeting Mon., Apr. 6, 7:30 p.m., Rm. 2 Patterson. All members please attend.

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## Valvano coaches 'Iona' through tumor treatment

by Gall Gregory  
Features Writer

In the spring of 1979 Iona Neely, who has been working with State's archives for 12 years, heard of a basketball game State was playing against Iona College, New Rochelles, N.Y. "I became curious where their name came from since my own name is Iona," Neely said. "Iona," a Scottish name, originates from an island in Scotland called Iona.

Since Neely likes basketball she wrote to Iona College's basketball coach to find out any information he might have on the origins of the college's name. "I thought I might get a T-shirt," Neely said. What she did get was the beginning of a long and unusual relationship.

Iona College's basketball coach at the time, Jim Valvano, wrote Neely back. He sent her a great deal of information on Iona College — its size, enrollment, origin — two Scottish brothers founded it — and so on. Neely and Valvano continued to communicate frequently from then on.

One year after Neely and Valvano's initial contact, Valvano came to State. It was spring 1980. "My friends teased me and said I must have had something to do with it," she said, laughing.

Neely tried to contact Valvano several times by phone but he was too busy. Not for long.

In November of 1980, Neely's doctors told her she had

a malignant tumor in her mouth and had to enter the hospital for treatment. "That was one of the most traumatic experiences of my whole life," she said. Neely underwent numerous test series and endured a total of 34 cobalt treatments. "Cobalt treatments — now that's mean stuff. It kills not only cancerous cells but also normal cells," she said. "I got so I really wanted to die."

But then things changed in the guise of a beautiful get-well card. It said: "Finally I have found out where you are." It was from Valvano. Neely cried as she read of his concern with her struggle.

Later that afternoon Neely called Valvano. Thinking Valvano would once again be busy, Neely was surprised to hear his voice on the other end of the line. "So we finally got to talk. How are you?" Valvano asked. "That call really cheered me up," she said. "He made me promise that I'd fight the cancer and have a positive attitude. He said he tells all his players to have a positive attitude."

The call came to a close when Valvano invited Neely to have lunch as soon as she was feeling better. One month later, December of 1980, Neely had lunch with Valvano and his athletes at Case Athletic Center.

"Coach Valvano told me I didn't look sick," she said. "His words of encouragement meant a lot to me with my fight and struggle. He was very supportive. He



The beginning of a long and unusual relationship began when Iona Neely, of State's archives, and Jim Valvano, then coach of Iona's basketball team, began exchanging information through letters.

also told me that any basketball game that I might want to get into, he would get me tickets."

So when the State-Carolina game was played on January 31 of this year, Neely asked Valvano if she could get into the game. Not only did she get in, but she got players' bench tickets. "Because of where I was sitting the television camera picked me up several times," Neely said. "It so happened that my twin sister in West Virginia and other sisters in Ohio saw me on television."

Neely said, "They knew I had cancer and was sick, and so were anxious to see how I was. After the game my sisters all called me and said, 'You don't look sick. You look fine.'" "Coach Valvano is a real caring person. Whenever he would talk with me about my problem, he would become almost emotionally sympathetic," Neely said. "Then he would tell a joke to cheer things up. My doctor says, 'Coach Valvano is a super human being. We need to have more coaches like that.'"

"He was there when I needed positive support," she concluded. "But there is more to that than meets the eye. Neely said her radiologist recently informed her: "It appears that the malignancy has been arrested."

## Nighttime sets pace for morning ride

Peco's Saloon was filled with more tunes than it was people Thursday night. Arriving there at 10 p.m., a friend and I placed our quarters on a pool table in the back of the large bar-room.

After finishing a few rounds of pool, my friend and I left for another form of entertainment — P. C. Goodtimes. Met a girl there we both knew. She said the band had finished but we didn't miss anything. Took off to Mitch's, the three of us.

### Pen-pointing

Mike Mahan  
Features Editor

At Mitch's, things looked better. They always do: there seems to be an aura of contentedness that surrounds the people there almost every night. We drank a few more beers, played some more pool and talked to a few people we recognized. Then we left Mitch's, dropped the girl off at her car and headed into the night.

And that's when the adventure started. It was the kind of night that might send chills up your arms if you sat still too long. The sky was clear. Over a dozen stars could be seen by just glancing up. It was a cool, slightly breezy night.

On bikes, Jess and I sped past bushes, hotels and street signs along Hillsborough Street. It was 1:30 a.m. Only an occasional car whizzed by and we opted to ride the street, and be heard



This sight caught my eye and I stood mesmerized by the streaming water for more than five minutes.

Jess, Jess behind me and both of us together, side by side.

We didn't look at each other, but pedaled furiously up a slope on Morgan Street. Soon the street lights of downtown could be seen ahead of us, bathing the empty streets with yellow.

I looked over at Jess, his face set in concentration, his legs pumping up and down quickly.

"Empty," I said. "During the day these sidewalks are filled with people. At night

they're gone. There's not a soul around."

"Yeah," Jess said. "I know what you mean."

There was a soul around, though. We hit Fayetteville Street Mall and turned our bikes up the sidewalk that lines the shops. A security guard turned around in his steps as he was walking away from us down another sidewalk. He turned in the direction he was going and walked on, acknowledging us only in his mind.

The mall was fun but what

a sight this is now, I thought, one foot on the ground, one on the right pedal of my bike. I stood in front of a fountain at one of the administrative buildings downtown. Behind the fountain, a floodlight flooded the streaming water with white light. A flower was stuck in the top of it, twirling slowly because of the water.

The sight was mesmerizing me and I must have stood in this position for over five minutes. Jess was traveling around the building, which had columns lining its walls, and raised garden-like pits between the building and the end of the walkway that surrounded the building.

I realized Jess was gone and thought hard about where he could be. Just then he showed up with a smile on his face. I showed him what I was looking at and he told me about weaving through the plant life around the building. I saw the columns and told him to follow me.

After more than fifteen minutes of daredevil riding, we finally stopped at the fountain again, breathing heavily. We shared a jug of cold water and talked. The words came easily.

"You know what I used to do?" I asked. "I used to lay on our dock down in the Keys and look up at a star until all the other ones disappeared. You ever do that?"

"Yeah," Jess said, slowly. "I've done that."

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## Vincent Price comments about his life and career

by Eleanor Williams  
Entertainment Editor  
and Tom Alter  
Entertainment Writer

"The thing I hate the most is for someone to come up to me and say, 'Did anyone ever tell you that you looked like Vincent Price?' What am I supposed to say? I am Vincent Price!"

This anecdote was one of many the veteran actor told on his visit to Raleigh this weekend. Price spent several days in Raleigh relaxing before his two performances Sunday in Stewart Theatre. When asked what he planned to do for the weekend, Price laughed and said, "Probably sit right there," as he pointed at the bed in his hotel room. "No, really — I will go to the museums and then maybe go shopping — you know, just to be a human being for the day."

"Well, what would you do if you turned on the TV and saw yourself in a movie?" we asked.

"I'd throw up!" Price exclaimed. Even though Price has made 105 movies, he prefers performing on the stage. "The stage is a lot more work," Price continued, "and most stage people don't like making films. I do because the technical end of it fascinates me."

Price feels most commercial television programs are only "fast, sloppy movies." He has, however, had fun doing several commercials and spots on talk shows such as the Dinah Shore Show. Once Price, an avid practical joker, cooked a trout in a dishwasher on the Johnny Carson show.

"Gags are only funny if they're brilliantly manipulated," Price added. "The art in making a practical joke work is to spend a lot of time setting it

up, so the gag looks spontaneous. You never can tell, though, what will pay off. Anything you do that makes you famous is good for you."

But Price's easily recognizable public image does get in his way sometimes. He admits to having developed a kind of defense system he sometimes uses to keep his peace — being nasty. He doesn't like handing out autographs or having people stare at him in public.

"I'm in that old-age stage where I just turn around and say 'What are you looking at?' When someone doesn't recognize me, I usually go up and kiss them," he laughed.

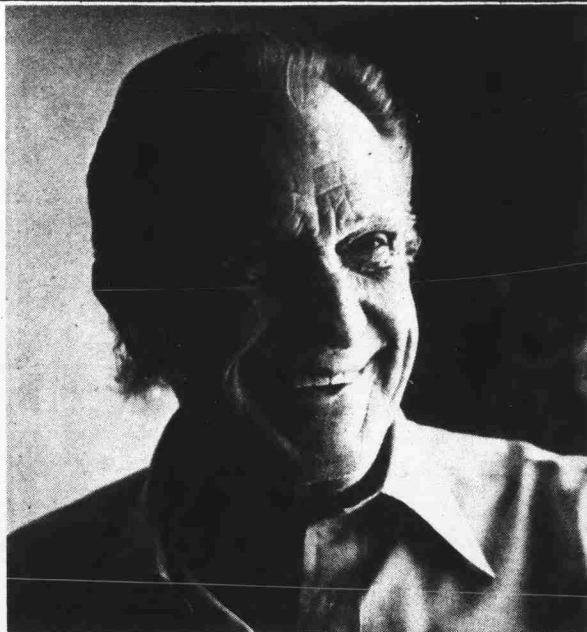
### Full schedule

Price then spoke of his "terribly full life" and his desire to have more time for hobbies. But he will continue to tour because he can still feel himself "growing — not so much as an actor but as an artist. Everything is art, you know."

That growing experience is what playing Oscar Wilde is all about. "To be able to understand (to project the feelings realistically), you have to have experienced the feelings," Price said. "You can play your own age. A very old person can play a younger man, but a younger actor can't play an older man (with realistic intensity)."

"Wilde was a fool but he was a brilliant fool. The premise of the play is that of a man exiled to Paris and completely broke. So what does he do to make money for himself? He holds a benefit — for himself."

"Life is a series of beginnings. At commencement when you receive your diploma, it is only the beginning of learning. The only great sin is stupidity.



Though he has a very busy schedule, Vincent Price will continue to tour for artistic reasons.

Staff photo by Clayton Brinkley

"I went into college (Yale) in 1929, the beginning of the depression. It's the best thing that ever happened to me. Those four classes of people (graduates in 1929-1933) were the most productive bunch of people I've ever known. You had to be. My first job was driving a bus.

"But great people, well, sometimes they run out of talent. That's a self-destructive thing. Some go to the

bottle — it's a weapon against lack of talent. But it's a question of survival. You can't always do Hamlet. Good artists should take chances.

"Get off your ass! That's the best advice given to anyone. God, we're the laziest people!"

Price then relaxed and smiled. "I'm not barking now," he said. "I've always been barking."

## Greg Kihn Band's newest release takes listener back two decades

by Duncan Brown  
Entertainment Writer

Let's do the "Pony" while we bop 'till we drop. So sums up the latest release of the Greg Kihn Band entitled *Rockin'roll*. (Get the pun?)

The album is a 10-song set of music that takes you back to the late 50s or early 60s when the guitar-bass-drums groups were making the rounds of American Bands-and.

If you are at all familiar with the Greg Kihn Band this is no surprise to you. This is no major change from any of their past releases.

That is not to say that this album — released on

Berserker Records — is not a good one — far from it. Matthew King Kaufman has done a good job producing an album that is crisp and to the point. What you hear on this album is what you probably will hear in concert since there is nothing like string ensembles adding an artificial sweetness to each song like some groups insist on using.

But what makes this group different is its versatile vocals. No one vocalist really dominates (though Greg Kihn rightly sings more than the rest). Every member of the group is credited with contributing to the vocals.

The band is made up of

Greg Kihn, of course, with rhythm guitar, Dave Carpenter on lead guitar, Steve Wright with bass and keyboards (I wonder if he does 'em both at the same time), newcomer Gary Phillips with keyboards and Larry Lynch handles all of the percussions.

### The album

Side one opens with "Valerie." "The Breakup Song," "Womankind,"

"Can't Stop Hurtin' Myself," and "Trouble in Paradise." "Valerie" reminds me intensely of Buddy Holly but the best cuts on the side are "Womankind," with its good use of the keyboards to fill in the voids and "Can't Stop Hurtin' Myself" because of its intensity.

Side two is equally as impressive with the remake "Sheila" (which by the way is the first "45" from the album), "Nothing's Gonna Change," "The Girl Most

Likely," "When the Music Starts," and "True Confessions."

Best cuts on this side are "Sheila," "The Girl Most Likely" and "True Confessions."

"Sheila," originally done by Tommy Roe, just might be the song that breaks The Greg Kihn Band into the big time. Its done with intensity yet tenderness so its appeal could be widespread.

Kihn himself thinks this is his best album yet.

"I had more fun making this album than any of the others, and I think having fun is the main point," Kihn said. "We're a positive band — there's very little negative energy involved with this group. We just want to go out and have fun and have other people get into the groove with us." The Greg Kihn Band has

been around for about six years and has played mostly around Northern California. Kihn is originally from Baltimore but moved to Berkeley, California in 1974 and shortly thereafter joined Berserker Records (which is still the band's label).

About a year later the nucleus of the band was formed and an album released. *Rockin'roll* is the band's

sixth LP following last year's *Glass House Rock*.

The Greg Kihn Band's acceptance has grown over the years, though the sound is much more accepted in Europe (the group has toured there several times) and if the new album is any indication of what to expect, they really put on a good live show — one I'd definitely like to see.

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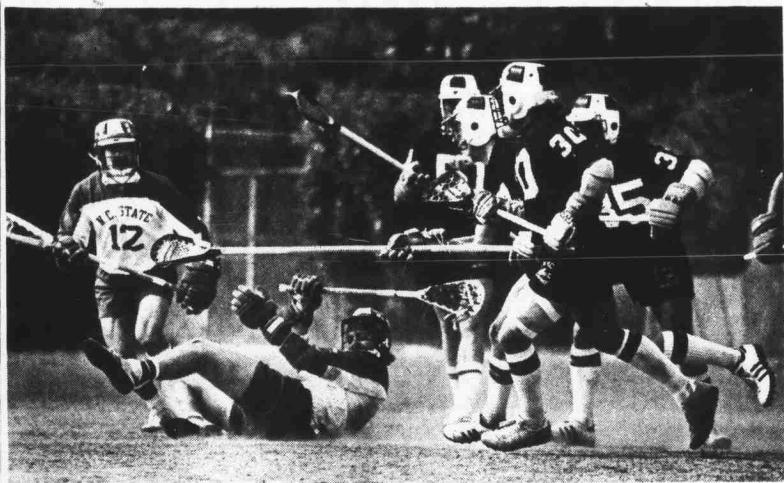
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A pack of Retrievers are set to trample State's Ben Lamon while teammate Jon Swerdloff heads them off.

## Pack cops NCAIAW meet; Heinrich topples old mark

### NCAIAW State Championship Track Meet

**TEAM SCORES:** 1. State 168, 2. St. Aug's 164, 3. UNC 137, 4. App. St. 50, 5. ECU 39, 6. N.C. A&T 14

**First day finals**  
**Shot put** — 1. Lynette Antoinette (St. Aug.), 43.7½; 2. Lisa Gray (ECU), 40.8; 3. Janette Poitier (St. Aug.), 39.4½.

**Javelin** — 1. Poitier (St. Aug.), 117.6; 2. Julie Hamilton (St.), 115.3; 3. Lu Holshouser (UNC), 107.10.

**10,000 meters** — 1. Julie Shea (St.), 34:31.3; 2. Majorie Mayer (St.), 39:52.2; 3. Karen Myers (St.), 39:52.6.

**Sprint medley relay** — 1. St. Augustine's, 1:48.26; 2. North Carolina, 1:52.09; 3. Appalachian State, 1:55.88.

**Long jump** — 1. Lisa Staton (UNC), 19.9½; 2. Arlene Plummer (St. Aug.), 17.8½; 3. Ros Major (ECU), 17.7½.

**3,000 meters** — 1. Betty Springs (St.), 9:22.47; 2. Sande Cullinane (St.), 9:32.94; 3. Sue Overby (St.), 9:36.94.

**Second day finals**  
**Discus** — 1. Gray (ECU) 135.11, 2. Antionne (St. Aug.) 135.2, 3. Lisa Llewellyn (St.) 120.1.

**400-meter relay:** 1. St. Aug's (Mary Gardin, Charlita Whitehead, Antionette Gilbert, Denise Daye) 47.2, 2. UNC 49.0, 3. ECU 49.7.

**1,500-meter run** — 1. Suzanne Girard (St.) 4:30.9, 2. Overby (St.) 4:36.9, 3. Nancy Radford (UNC) 4:39.7.

**100-meter run** — 1. Gilbert (St. Aug.) 12.06, 2. Staton (UNC) 12.24, 3. Daye (St. Aug.) 12.40.

**100-meter hurdles** — 1. Mary Kay Williams (ASU) 15.15; 2. Marquita Brown, (UNC) 15.22; 3. Deborah Staley (St. Aug.) 15.93.

**High jump** — 1. Yvonne Heinrich (St.) 5.10, 2. Michelle Langan (UNC) 5.4, 3. Lynn Richmond (St. Aug.) 5.2.

**400-meter run** — 1. Whitehead (St. Aug.) 57.25, 2. Smith (St.) 58.2, 3. Janice Ray (N.C. A&T) 59.2.

**800-meter run** — 1. Cullinane (St.) 2:14.26, 2. Karen Fischler (UNC) 2:15.70, 3. Denise Levy (N.C. A&T) 2:18.2.

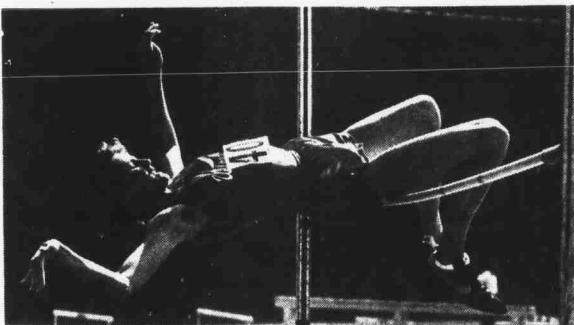
**400-meter hurdles** — 1. Williams (ASU) 64.9, 2. Donna Kozlowski (ASU) 65.0, 3. Lauren Lewis (UNC) 67.4.

**200-meter run** — 1. Gilbert (St. Aug.) 24.46, 2. Staton (UNC) 24.83, 3. Mary Gardin (St. Aug.) 25.16.

**5,000-meter run** — 1. Kim Sharpe (St.) 17.44, 2. Marla Daniel (UNC) 17.46, 3. Myers (St.) 18.00.

**1 mile relay** — 1. State (Springs, Cullinane, Shea, Smith) 4:02.37, 2. UNC 4:03.39, 3. St. Aug's 4:04.84.

**Two-mile relay** — 1. State (Overby, Girard, Springs, Shea) 9:05.61, 2. UNC 9:31.85, 3. St. Aug's 9:36.69.



Staff photo by Simon Griffiths

On this successful attempt State's Yvonne Heinrich set a meet record in the high jump at 5-10.

## Retrievers fell stickmen

by Devin Steele  
Sports Writer

State's lacrosse team has proven time and again this season that it can apply a forceful offense and an unperforated defense to dispose of its foes.

And in its last two outings it continued to employ its incisive attack and near-impenetrable defense — but only during the first half of both games.

The Wolfpack played the type of game expected of it Saturday during the first half against the University of Maryland at Baltimore County but its offense fell apart, allowing the 11th-ranked Retrievers to depart Lee Field with a satisfying 10-9 victory.

Wednesday, State played the same type of first half against Duke but at that time its defense collapsed during the second half.

The Blue Devils scored nine of their 12 points in the second period but couldn't muster up enough goals, losing a 17-12 decision to the nationally 10th-ranked Pack.

"Poor offense on our part in the second half was the difference," State coach Larry Gross said of the UMBC game. "Our shot selection was poor. Our defense was good though."

State opened with a 1-0 lead over UMBC in the somewhat low-scoring game on a Kevin Sullivan goal at 11:04 after a fast break. A few minutes later, it looked like the Retrievers had tied the score but State's goalie Ron Aviles blocked a quick shot to give the Wolfpack possession, which amounted to another score by State senior Ben Lamon at 7:49.

UMBC responded with two scores at the 4:42 and 4:02 marks after its slow start to tie the score at two. The Retrievers took the edge at 2:28 on a Jay Quattrini goal.

At 1:03 State mid-fielder Mark Thames resoundingly tied the score again, but only briefly as UMBC took the face-off and scored 10 seconds later to take the first-quarter lead at 4-3.

UMBC took its biggest lead at two in the second quarter when Dennis Wey struck at 13:04 to make it 5-3. State delivered next at the 7:17 point on a Lamon score following a fast break but UMBC put another goal on the board at 2:49 to maintain the two-point margin.

State was quick to reply, answering 20 seconds later on a tally by Jeff Goldberg, assisted by Bill Tierney to put State within one.

Again at 1:54, Lamon put the Wolfpack in a halftime tie situation at 6-5.

The Retrievers didn't start the second half slow, scoring at 13:04 and 12:58 to take a two-point edge.

It didn't take too long for State to catch fire. On a fast break, senior Jon Swerdloff dished off a behind-the-back pass to Tierney, who passed it back to Swerdloff, who quickly dumped it off to Lamon who scored from the right side.

Following this razzle-dazzle, the Wolfpack tied the score again at eight on a Thames-to-Tierney hook from the left side.

At 6:05 UMBC's leading scorer Jay Robertson looped a netter to give the Retrievers the lead for good at 9-8 going into the final quarter.

The almost scoreless fourth quarter saw UMBC connect at 10:39 and State's Swerdloff hook one in at 3:23 but from there UMBC held the ball to add to the Wolfpack's frustration.

State didn't lose the game by itself though. The Retriever's goalie Matt Christian was a big factor, blocking high and low lightning-like shots continuously throughout the second half.

"Matt was very instrumental in the second half," UMBC coach Dick Watts said. "He made some fantastic saves. I would have to say the difference in the game was probably the number of mistakes made by both teams. It wasn't a very artistic game."

The Wolfpack's record dropped to 4-3 while UMBC's mark was increased to 5-1.

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# Technician Opinion

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## Apathy strikes again

This year, as usual, an all-too-small part of the student body has elected our Student Government officers for the coming year. It seems ironic that so many students complain about problems at State — and actually expect the campus to improve — when so few bother to vote.

According to Student Government officials, about 2,300 students voted in the general election and roughly 500 students voted in the runoff election. This means that only about 10 percent of State's students are participating in Student Government and care what will happen to their University.

Student Government, along with other organizations, has accomplished much. But apparently most students don't feel the \$2.65 paid by full-time students every year in Student Government fees is large enough to justify the two minutes it takes to vote.

There should be no reason for any student not to vote in every election — campus, state or national. The campus elections were well-publicized and every student on campus should have seen the campaign posters.

The students who missed the multitude of posters should have noticed the numerous articles concerning the election

in the Technician, which also published the position papers for executive-office and Student Center presidential candidates. WKNC-FM held a forum with the student body presidential candidates. Ignorance of the elections couldn't have been possible.

The terrible part of this latest example of student apathy is that campus elections traditionally don't spark much enthusiasm. Throughout the years, usually only between 2,100 and 2,400 students have voted in the elections.

Voting is a right that every student should feel obligated to take advantage of. Students should not complain about the way Student Government operates unless they have done their duty.

In addition to voting, more students must start running for office. It is intolerable that only two students ran for the senior Student Senate seat in Agriculture and Life Sciences when three seats were vacant.

There will be many issues confronting Student Government in the coming year that will concern all students. Perhaps in the future students will realize the importance of Student Government and get involved by voting and seeking available positions.

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## Women should have freedom of choice

### Guest Opinion Terri Thornton

I believe in freedom of choice. I believe that in the first trimester of pregnancy a woman has the right to decide whether to have an abortion. In accordance with Thomas DeWitt's brilliant classification of these beliefs into one sadistic category, I also believe that newborn puppies should be deep-fat fried and served with generic ketchup and that nuns should be used in cancer experiments.

his narrow-mindedness. Pro-choice individuals are not sadistic murderers out to massacre millions of unborn children. Abortion is in no way comparable to Auschwitz.

If DeWitt's column ("Abortion represents man's ultimate inhumanity to man," March 20) served any purpose other than to give many of us a good laugh, it served to show us

To me, the most ridiculous part of the anti-abortion legislation is the premise on which it is based: that the fetus is a person from the moment of conception. What human being could possibly know this? The Roe Vs. Wade case determined that "we need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins. When those trained in the respective fields of medicine, philosophy and theology are unable to arrive at any consensus, the judiciary . . . is not in a position to speculate as to the answer." So the National Right to Life Committee, backed by the Life Amendment Political Action Committee, has determined for all of us that the fetus is in fact a person and therefore has human rights.

Many anti-abortionists sensible enough not to justify the fetus' personhood by saying "because it is" or "because the church says it is" rely on the fetus' potential to become a person. They say that since the fetus has the potential to become a person it already is a person.

Judith Jarvis Thomson in "A Defense of Abortion" points out the absurdity of this claim: "Similar things might be said about the development of an acorn into an oak tree and it does not follow that acorns are oak trees or that we had better say they are." Whether anti-abortionists are merely accepting church

standards or arguing the fetus' potential, they are basing their beliefs on a question that may never be answered.

I think outraged anti-abortionists don't really care to protect the life of what they believe is a person but only care to protect the nuclear family. They see the family "deteriorating" — cohabitation, contraception and abortion provide alternatives to the nuclear family. To a traditionalist that's very frightening.

The first anti-abortion laws had nothing at all to do with protecting the fetus. They were enacted to protect the mother. Abortions were unsafe and the government didn't want women losing their lives.

When technology removed the risks from abortion, anti-abortionists, still with that gut-level feeling that the family was being threatened, had to look for another excuse. "Aha," they said, "if the fetus is a person then killing it is murder. So let's tell our bureaucrats in Washington to say that it is a person and we'll make anyone who disagrees look like Charles Manson!"

It's working. Anti-abortionists have the churches behind them and all the publicity they need. There's just one group that's being overlooked in this abortion fight — the women who will be affected by the decision.

The woman's health, mental or physical, is seen as a secondary concern to the rights of the small clump of cells growing inside her body. Thomson best asserts the woman's position in this matter: ignoring the woman's right to her own body, anti-abortionists refuse "to grant to the mother the very status of person which is so firmly insisted on for the fetus." Thus anti-abortionists ignore the rights of the one who is undeniably a person and grant human rights to the one who may not be.

## forum

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 opprobriating, but above all, of being heard — and counted.

—Vincent S. Jones

### Back it up with facts

If Tom Carrigan feels he has the right to express an opinion about how Ronald Reagan and Jesse Helms are hurting the poor, he should back up his opinion with some facts relating to the reason for the actions of these politicians.

The Reagan-Helms policy relates back to the original concept of capitalism which was presented by John Locke. This model stresses the need for economic production. In order to allow for economic production there is a need for the political community to allow its citizens to be as productive as possible. This means the government has to cut back on both its regulations and taxes. This reduction applies to everyone in society.

In the past the liberals — a label which most certainly classifies Carrigan — have been putting regulations and taxes on American citizens and this decreases their freedom of production. Reagan is trying to turn this trend around and he should not be criticized for his efforts.

Reagan does want to limit the number of automobiles imported into this country because it would help the automobile companies to be more productive. Being more productive allows for their businesses to operate at full capacity and thus it provides jobs for society. In the long run the society will benefit, both the rich and the poor.

In Locke's opinion, inequality between citizens in a political community is helpful. If the factory owners are allowed to operate freely they will be able to provide income for the rest of society. The Reagan plan would eventually cut down on the unemployment problem that has plagued this country for so long — that is, if people will give this plan a chance to prove itself.

As for the poor, the jobs provided by the factories would give them a chance to improve their standards of living. Many have complained that the poor have not been given a chance in America, well, this is it.

As for the Helms support for federal-government price support, Helms has the same ideal in mind. This price support allows farmers to stay in business from year to year, even if they have a bad season. This federal support assures the farmer against great losses. Farmers have been hurt enough by inflation; they make less and less while it costs more and more to produce. To do away with the federal-

government price support would almost do away altogether with tobacco during a bad season.

It is surprising to me that Carrigan would attack the tobacco market in the first place. Tobacco is the backbone of this state and every N.C. citizen knows it.

Mickey Chambers JR LAP

### Impossible not impossible

All current and future owners (masochists?) of Rubik's Cube should be aware that there is help available. When you grow weary of the endless frustration, send \$2 to the manufacturer:

IDEAL  
P.O. Box 72  
Hollis, N.Y. 11243

You will receive a 14-page solution booklet that, although somewhat complicated, will enable you to solve the @#!\* thing no matter how jumbled it has become. Not a bad setup actually. First they sell you an "impossible" puzzle, then set the hook by selling you the solution. Isn't free enterprise wonderful?

Bob Carroll SR LEB

### Cable TV needs coverage

As a student member of the TV advisory committee, I feel it is my duty to inform the student body of issues. This task, I have found, is unbelievably difficult without the help of the student body newspaper!

The current issue of debate is the possibility of this University programming one of the local Cablevision channels. In light of this, the other student committee member and myself have recommended that the University obtain cable TV on campus so that the students might take advantage of this resource.

So, during the past five weeks, I have made four trips to the Technician attempting to have an article written on this issue. I have yet to hear from a reporter as I was told I would.

I can now understand why there is so large a communication gap between the administration and the students. Even though the Technician is understaffed, I feel that this issue is more deserving of recognition than the Technician allows it.

Chris Huff SO EE

### DeWitt errs on abortion

This letter is in response to Thomas DeWitt's March 20 column, "Abortion represents man's ultimate inhumanity to man."

I'm glad to see that you boys agree on what a woman should do with her body. I'm not going to banter semantics with you. You must know that a fetus does not become a baby — i.e., cannot normally survive outside the mother's womb — until the sixth month of pregnancy.

I would like to point out that not all women who have abortions are promiscuous. Married women, women who maintain a relationship with one man, and victims of rape and incest also have abortions. Or maybe they should have practiced continence?

Pregnancies are terminated for many reasons: the physical health of the mother — or doesn't she have a right to life? — birth defects and the mental health of the mother. Into the last category fall women who know they can't properly care for a child or an additional child.

Could it be there would be less child abuse if more people realized that being a parent is a hard and demanding job? Few women use abortion as a sole means of birth control but some have to. For one reason or another the pill can't be taken and barrier methods can't be used. Among those women are many breast-feeding mothers.

Even you must know that having a baby a year is not a good idea. And it is possible to get pregnant while nursing.

Destroying "our" future children? When was the last time you were pregnant or became a parent? It was six and a half months ago for me. Could it be that Mr. Jimmy Carter and the people polled know something you and the people you quoted don't?

Being a parent is more than just having a child. It's a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week, full-time job for the rest of one's life — a job that too many people learn too late they can't handle. I suggest that before you take your head out of the sand and put pen to paper, you find out what you're talking about.

No woman making a decision about abortion does so lightly. You'd better learn that life is more than quoting people who agree with you.

Marion Browning Dudley SO RRA

## Capitalism ineffective in Latin America

### Guest Opinion Nauman Mohammad

This is in reply to the March 20 guest opinion "Leftist propaganda promotes ignorance" by Francisco H. Itriago. It was interesting to note how boldly a person who has never been to Cuba and is unaware of the socioeconomic basis of Latin American societies can attack the in-depth study and personal experiences of June Lancaster.

Most of the Latin American nations broke away from the colonial yoke for about 150 years. Since then they have been developing under the patronage of the big brother. Following such a long period of capitalist development, today none of these countries could be termed "developed." Millions of Latinos are living in subhuman conditions, deprived of all basic human rights.

The state of "constant insecurity" is not created by the "leftist guerrillas" but it has persisted for decades. The very existence of dictatorial regimes, repeated cycles of military coups, and political repression reflects the constant insecurity felt by a majority of the population striving for a better life.

In Venezuela five dictators ruled for 80 years in sequence — excluding 1946-48 — up to 1958, all before the Cuban revolution. Who had supported these dictators from outside and who had determined the share of oil profit for Venezuela, the producer, to be just about 10 percent?

The reason for recent turmoil is not Cuba. It is the march of history making the people conscious of the poverty and backwardness. You insult the democratic struggle waged by the Latin American people when you declare them "ignorant" and "used" by the leftists. Today the fact that not only the masses but also the intelligencia of these societies — including the church — are united against the repression is becoming known to more and more American people. The solidarity shown by America to the people of El Salvador is the best example.

Compare the achievements of Cuba with any Latin American country and not with the economic and technological potential of the United States. If the United States opened its borders to any Caribbean country, virtually the whole population would be here the next day. But the great majority of the Cubans — whom you call "healthy slaves" and "captives" — preferred to stay in their country and were even more determined to defend their revolution.

You should ask the poor white students.

workers, blacks and Indians of this free society how "free" they are feeling after the recent budget cuts. Logically the system that exploits underdeveloped societies will not spare the common American.

Capitalism does not and cannot solve many problems. No underdeveloped country in this century has been able to transform into a developed capitalist country. Eighty-two percent of U.S. investments in underdeveloped countries is in Latin America (1977 figure). How would "big business" allow these countries to be independent?

Most of the development is in the export-oriented industries that utilize cheap labor. Most production and its export has increased in Guatemala but at the same time meat consumption has fallen. The malnourished Guatemalans are not getting even the minimum recommended caloric intake. I call it "underdevelopment."

If disarticulating the indigenous development by the raw material, cheap labor and marketing priorities of the big corporations is not economic exploitation, and if planting and supporting dictators, direct military intervention and CIA-sponsored coups is not political exploitation, and if converting big cities and beaches of the Caribbean countries to entertainment places for the rich is not their cultural exploitation, then would Mr. Itriago like to enlighten us with his definition of exploitation?

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