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Young, Crippen make first flight

by Jim Yocum
Contributing Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — John Young and Bob Crippen became the first two men to ride in NASA's space shuttle Columbia into space at four seconds past 7 a.m. April 12.

After a two-day delay to get the craft's computers into working shape, Young and Crippen were strapped into the Columbia at 4:30 a.m.

Two and a half hours later, the three main engines of the orbiter roared and were drowned out after six seconds by the two solid rocket boosters.

In 15 minutes the shuttle slipped into orbit.

Launch Director George Page began his post-launch press briefing by saying, "We've got a very professional crew up there flying a super machine."

Page, holding a small American flag, received a standing ovation from the press corp gathered at the launch site grandstands. "As a first launch, it was fantastic. We had very few problems in the minus count (before the launch)," Page said, "but you should be applauding the thousands of people who worked long and hard to make this launch a reality."

At 1:30 a.m. Young and Crippen were awakened and began their prior-to-launch sequence. After breakfast at

2:15, they suited up and left for the launch site for the orbiter ingress.

At this point there was a small problem with the breathing apparatus but it was solved with no delay.

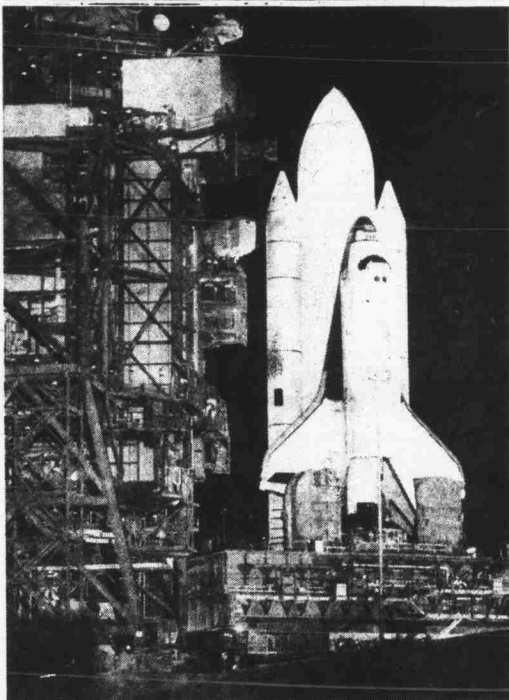
When the last 20-minute scheduled hold on the countdown ended at T-minus nine minutes the crowd cheered. Cameras were trained on the pad, the launch site readied and cleared, and the chase planes launched.

At T-minus 30 seconds the fueling cap was removed. Everyone followed the 10-count in the firing room.

Tiles lost

At the 12:30 press conference, Flight Operations Director Neal Hutchinson, his deputy Gene Kranz and thermal specialist Jim Smith discussed the loss of some heat-resistant tiles. Hutchinson said he was "not concerned about it," minimizing the importance of the damage. Smith attributed the loss to a transonic shock wave not foreseen in testing.

The use of ultra-high resolution lenses was planned to determine whether more tiles had been jarred loose during the launch. These ground-based scopes were operated by the Air Force and were based in Malabar, Fla., and Maui, Hawaii, according to Kranz. No extra-vehicular activity was foreseen by any of the three men.



The STS-1 space vehicle, composed of the orbiter Columbia, two solid rocket boosters and an external tank, undergoes prelaunch checkout at Complex 39's Pad A at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

State professors work for NASA

by Brian Faulks
Staff Writer

Two State engineering professors have been involved in planning procedures for NASA's space shuttle series which began Sunday with the liftoff of space shuttle Columbia.

Aerospace engineering professor Fred R. DeJarnette conducted research which yielded information used by NASA to design a tile heat shield for the space shuttle.

"As a result of our research NASA developed a synthetic material which is very light and heat-resistant," DeJarnette said. "The shuttle re-enters the earth's atmosphere at a 40-degree angle of attack, traveling at 20,000 miles per hour. The re-entry heat gets up to about 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit and the heat shield should withstand 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit."

DeJarnette said he is currently working on further developments for the space shuttle.

"Right now we have a grant with NASA to work on calculating heat measurements beyond the shuttle," he said. "We expect to have completed this research by sometime this fall."

Graduate student Alex Chitty and senior Lee Kauia, both in aerospace engineering, are working under DeJarnette on the project through an assistantship funded by NASA.

Electrical engineering professor Jimmie J. Wortman served as a consultant to NASA in the development of a micrometeoroid detector.

"A micrometeoroid is a tiny particle in space traveling at a very high speed," Wortman said. "The micrometeoroid detector will help us to learn more about these particles."

"My connection with NASA was through the Research Triangle Institute. I've only been here (at State) since August."

RTI contracted

Wortman said that RTI was contracted to build 800 sensors for NASA. The sensors are composed of three layers: the inner layer being a silicon capacitor, the center layer silicon glass and the outer layer a thin sheet of aluminum. The sensors measure two inches in diameter.

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Students express opinions on funded abortions

by Patay Poole
News Editor

Students interviewed on the brickyard Thursday expressed mixed opinions concerning whether North Carolina should fund abortions for women who cannot afford them.

Janice Sherian, a junior majoring in economics, said, "I think denying abortions to the poor is man's ultimate inhumanity to man. If a woman is not deliberately being promiscuous, why should she be punished by being forced to raise a child she doesn't want?"

Chuck Nevitt, a junior in business management, also expressed support for state-funded abortions. Nevitt said he did not see "why a woman should be stuck with the responsibility of



Chuck Nevitt



Elaine Barnes

In contrast, Elaine Barnes, a freshman in food science, said, "I am totally against abortions because of my religious beliefs. Therefore, I am not at all for the state funding abortions."

Lee Cooke, a civil-engineering major, said, "I really think North Carolina shouldn't fund abortions. I think the state should not have to pay for women who don't practice birth control in the first place."

Donnie Harper, a freshman in electrical engineering, said the issue of state-funded abortions is a highly controversial topic. "There should be a cut-off line somewhere. If the women can afford to raise the child, I think she should not be given the money."



Janice Sherian

ON THE BRICKYARD

having to raise a child she cannot afford." He said he thinks if a woman cannot afford an abortion she should be granted the money for it.

"If the woman can't afford an abortion, she probably wouldn't have enough money to raise the child," Debbie Jackson, a sophomore in pre-med, said.

Tony Langley, a junior, said that, as a social-work major, he thinks "anyone who can't afford to do things for themselves needs to be helped."

Similarly, sophomore business major Keith Kennerly said, "If a lady can't afford to have a kid she would

probably end up on welfare anyway. I'm not against abortions at all."

Tom Engel, a freshman majoring in physics, said he agrees with abortion so he also agrees with North Carolina funding them.

"If a woman can't afford an abortion she certainly can't afford to raise the kid," he said.

"I think there should be some discretion as to which abortions are funded," said Candy Lucas, a junior majoring in sociology. "I can't see funding abortions for the same women over and over. We should look into the cases further before granting money."



Lee Cooke

Members of the N.C. State Gay Community conducted a Gay Awareness Day in the Student Center Wednesday.

Gays' day called success

by Patay Poole
News Editor

Members of the N.C. State Gay Community called Wednesday's Gay Awareness Day a successful project.

The organization, in an attempt to make State's population more aware of homosexuality, set up an information table in the Student Center lobby. Books, album covers of gay artists and Gay Awareness Day buttons were displayed. There were also gay speakers on various topics dealing with homosexuality from 12-4 p.m. in the Student Center and a dance Wednesday night.

"We have been up since about five o'clock this morning (Wednesday) working on this. It has really been worth the effort we put into it," said Caren Aiken, a member of the organization.

Another member said they had good student response on petition signatures urging elected representatives to oppose legislation designed to deny lesbian and gay rights.

Petitions supporting the Equal Rights Amendment were also available at the table for those interested in signing.

Gary Woody, secretary of the campus gay organization, said most passers-by "looked at materials and

asked questions rather than expressing interest in joining the group."

According to Woody, Gay Awareness Day will probably become an annual event at State. He said UNC-Chapel Hill has had gay awareness events for the past 10 years.

"This is one of the most exciting things that has happened to this campus in a long time," said organization member Mike Flood.

Flood said he is not a State student this semester because he is taking time off to work.

"I am still very involved with the group though," he said.

Organization members said State's Student Senate's refusal to grant funds for their awareness day forced them to "try harder and tap more resources."

"We had to use money from our own pockets to finance this," Aiken said. "There have not really been any significant problems today."

She said signs painted in the free-expression tunnel were covered over by students but had lasted longer than they expected.

The N.C. State Gay Community is a campus organization that currently has about 20 members and has approximately 90 percent student membership.

Westmoreland recalls past, remains soldier for democracy

by Jess Rollins
Asst. Features Editor
and Fred Brown
Staff Writer

This man looks every inch a general. Even in civilian clothes, the ramrod-straight back, sunburned face and



deep lines of worry etched into his brow bring to mind visions of far away battlefields with their attendant victories and defeats.

This man is retired Gen. William C. Westmoreland.

As commander of American forces in Vietnam from 1964-1972, Westmoreland was one of the country's most respected military leaders. As a military figurehead during most of America's involvement in the unpopular conflict, Westmoreland was also disliked by many who saw him as the personification of the blood-thirsty warrior. But Westmoreland is above all a man — a man with a sense of conviction and responsibility to his nation.

Westmoreland retired as a four-star general in 1976 and has since spoken periodically throughout the country conveying his views on international and national issues. His speech in Stewart Theatre Tuesday night was entitled "National Insurance for Peace" but the content went far beyond strictly military matters.

Speaking glibly yet with authority, Westmoreland freely gave his opinion

on current issues. At the beginning of the speech, he compared America's strength to a three-legged stool, supported by the military, the economy and morality of society. Later during a question-and-answer period following the speech, Westmoreland spoke of duty to country.

"Many young people have no appreciation of the obligation to nation," he said with conviction. "Without a sense of duty or obligation democracy will not work."

"The last 10 years you've heard, 'Rights, rights, rights for everybody.' Have you heard anybody say anything about duty?" Westmoreland's words were accompanied by tremendous applause.

He further criticized the air of moral permissiveness in today's society.

"No one seems interested in morality anymore. Our permissive society has spilled over into economic and military decline," he said.

Perhaps the most tender issue with Westmoreland stems from American involvement in Vietnam. At a recep-

tion after the speech he talked easily but guardedly about the issue.

"We weren't defeated on the battlefield. We were defeated by propaganda on the homefront," Westmoreland said. "There was no consensus on the part of the American people."

"Their (the North Vietnamese) strategy was to defeat us on the homefront. During these emotional years the liberal propagandists here at home did everything they could to intimidate speakers who spoke out in support of the war."

"I'm not intimidated. I've been subjected to abuse but it's a damn small price to pay to express the other point of view. I enjoy talking to college students who have never heard the story I have to tell. All they've heard is a bunch of liberal crap."

According to Westmoreland, the United States has lost its military "predominance" due to the more liberal politics present in the country over the past 10 years.

"We lost it over the liberal political regime," he said. "While we were pouring money into social programs

the Russians were building up their military strength."

"The only thing wrong with building up social programs is that you have a lot of people living off Uncle Sam instead of working for a living." Westmoreland said President Ronald Reagan is trying to reverse the trend by cutting back social programs and using that money to build up the military.

"It will take five to eight years to build the military back and in the meantime we are in danger."

Westmoreland said he feels Vietnam has deeply affected America's image among foreign nations.

"Vietnam was an absolute tragedy. The tragedy was we did not win it. This has hurt our prestige around the world."

Westmoreland said the main difference he sees between El Salvador and Vietnam is El Salvador's close proximity to the U.S.

Westmoreland said he thought the future of communism looked dim. "I don't think communist regimes will survive because they are providing nothing for the people."

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weather

Today — cloudy skies with a chance of showers developing by late afternoon and continuing through the night. Daytime highs will hover around the mid-70s.
Saturday — partly cloudy and warm with a high in the low 80s.
Extended weekend forecast — fair skies and good beach weather with high temperatures around 80. (Forecast provided by student meteorologists Joel Cline, Barry Coble and Kirk Stopenhagen.)

Budgets rejected

by William J. White
Staff Writer

A plan to purchase United Press International satellite reception equipment and a vote to rescind a previous approval of publications budgets highlighted Wednesday night's Publications Authority meeting.

WKNC-FM Station Manager Bill Booth offered a proposal, which was passed, to purchase a satellite-to-earth reception dish for \$6,165 plus finance and installation charges, with \$6,000 of that amount to be recovered as a rebate over five years.

The dish will enable the radio station to greatly improve its signal quality and dependability of its UPI Audio and teletype news data, which are used to produce news programs. Operations Director Duncan Brown said the satellite connection would "sound like you are in the UPI studio in New York."

"The system would last for 10 years and we can sell rights for the signals to other customers," Booth said. "Our future long-range plans include use of UPI Audio for many things in the future — like all-night shows," he said.

Jim Clark, an English professor and non-voting faculty member of the authority, said he felt the dish was a

very expensive piece of equipment, which would be redundant in an area "saturated with world and national news."

Brown said that to reject the dish would be a "great loss to WKNC, students, the University and to our listeners."

Booth also said he plans to make WKNC-FM a 24-hour station. Acquisition of albums was cited as an increasingly difficult problem for the non-commercial station, since many record companies in the past had sent courtesy albums to the station.

In other business, the 1981-82 budgets of *Agronomy*, \$70,922; *Technician*, \$228,667; and *Windhover*, \$22,683, were tentatively approved by unanimous votes, but the approvals were rescinded when a question was brought up concerning the adequacy of the Publications Authority's reserve account.

"Everywhere there are budget cuts. Sometimes one has to get the best with less," non-voting member Janet Reagan said in response to Clark's statement that the publications budgets need more serious attention. Clark said there is serious erosion of the trust fund.

The Publications Authority will consider the budgets further at its next meeting, Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Student Center board room.



Staff photo by Simon Griffiths

A request by WKNC-FM for an audio satellite downlink was approved at Wednesday evening's Publications Authority meeting. Approval of preliminary budgets of all publications was delayed one week.

Professors work for NASA

(Continued from page 1)

"You know, there is more junk in orbit around the earth right now than man put there than there is that God put there," Wortman said. "From my calculations the sensor ought to detect one particle per hour per square meter of detector unit. Hopefully we'll be able to measure the density of

the particles and find out where they come from.

"This experiment is scheduled for the fifth or sixth shuttle flight. The remarkable thing about this experiment is that we'll be able to recover the detectors after placing them in orbit."

"This could be one of the first experiments brought back from outer space."

Two other State pro-

fessors, John A. Bailey of the mechanical and aerospace engineering departments and Charles R. Manning of the materials engineering department, also worked with experiments for early shuttle flights.

Bailey's experiments have no definite priority among the shuttle flights at present. Manning was unavailable for comment.

by Patsy Poole
News Editor

The Walnut Room and a newsstand, both located in the University Student Center, will not be reopened after this semester, according to Henry Bowers, associate dean of student affairs.

The Student Center board of directors voted in favor of Bowers' proposed changes at its Wednesday night meeting.

"Generally speaking, the escalation of labor costs and the low usage of these services was responsible for my recommendation to the board to discontinue the services offered by the Walnut Room and the newsstand," Bowers said.

The newsstand on the first floor of the Student Center has been a money loser for some time, according to Bowers, and has an estimated deficit of over \$9,000 for 1980-81.

Likewise, the Walnut Room's income is much less than its expense.

Bowers said it will probably suffer a loss of at least \$21,000 for the year.

In his recommendation to the board of directors,



Henry Bowers

Bowers said the area currently occupied by the Walnut Room could be "used for meetings (with or without food), receptions, etc. Service at the Commons on the first floor will be expanded to include a wider variety of hot entrees at both lunch and supper."

"Although the Commons won't be quite as elaborate as the Walnut Room, it will offer a very limited selection of hot foods," he said.

According to Bowers, the average number of customers on a good day is about 180 for lunch and about 155 for dinner.

"Most of the people using the facility are not students so I don't feel this decision will affect the student body very much," Bowers said.

Furthermore, Bowers suggested that the newsstand be closed July 1 and the area converted for another purpose. He named the volunteer services information center, a copy center and a travel center as possible alternatives for filling the space.

The final decision as to what will replace the newsstand will be made by a committee appointed by the board.

"The television lounge in the building will not be affected by these changes. Only the small area used by the newsstand will be changed," Bowers said.

Benefit

"I think this will actually be a benefit. Of course we can always go back to the Walnut Room type of service if this doesn't work out."

Bowers said the amount of student labor will probably be reduced next year but no one will be fired this semester.

Briefly

The hours of operation of Carmichael Gym have been extended from 9 p.m. until 10 p.m. this week and next week. The amount of student use of the gym during the extended hours will be measured and if there is a sufficient increase the hours will be in effect for the remainder of this semester.

Extended pre-registration

The last day for continuing degree students to pre-register was Friday, April 10. An extended period is provided primarily for new, readmitted, special and evening-degree students who were unable to pre-register during the regular collection period.

Evening-degree and special students should turn in forms to the Division of Continuing Education, McKimmon Center, Monday — Thursday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

New, readmitted and continuing students should turn their forms in to the department of Registration and Records, room 100, Harris Hall, Monday — Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Continuing degree students who are allowed to pre-register for the fall semester after April 10 will be charged a \$10 late fee. If they fail to pre-register and request to late register, a \$20 fee will be charged. The late fee should be paid to the Student Bank, room 2, Poole Hall, before submitting their pre-registration forms to room 100, Harris Hall. Important dates to remember are as follows:

Tuesday, April 21 — last day to pre-register for first summer session;

Tuesday, June 2 — last day to pre-register for second summer session; and

Wednesday, July 15 — last day to pre-register for the 1981 fall semester.

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WINDHOVER 1982 now accepting applications for design editor. Applications at 3132 Student Center or call Ann Houston at 737-3914. Deadline is April 24.

NCSU HOST NORTH CAROLINA FRISBEE DISC CHAMPIONSHIPS April 19-19. Contact Tony Tomassini 735-0413 for more info.

INDIA ASSOCIATION elections 5:30 p.m., April 24, Brown Rm., Student Center. Mail nominations to India Assoc., Box 5017, NCSU, Raleigh, 27650, by 5:00 p.m. April 17.

ALEXANDER INTERNATIONAL Easter Bunny Sale, price \$1.00. Near No. 1 tunnel and Student Center today.

COLLEGE DEMOCRAT meeting, Blue Rm., Student Center, Tues., April 21, 8:00 p.m.

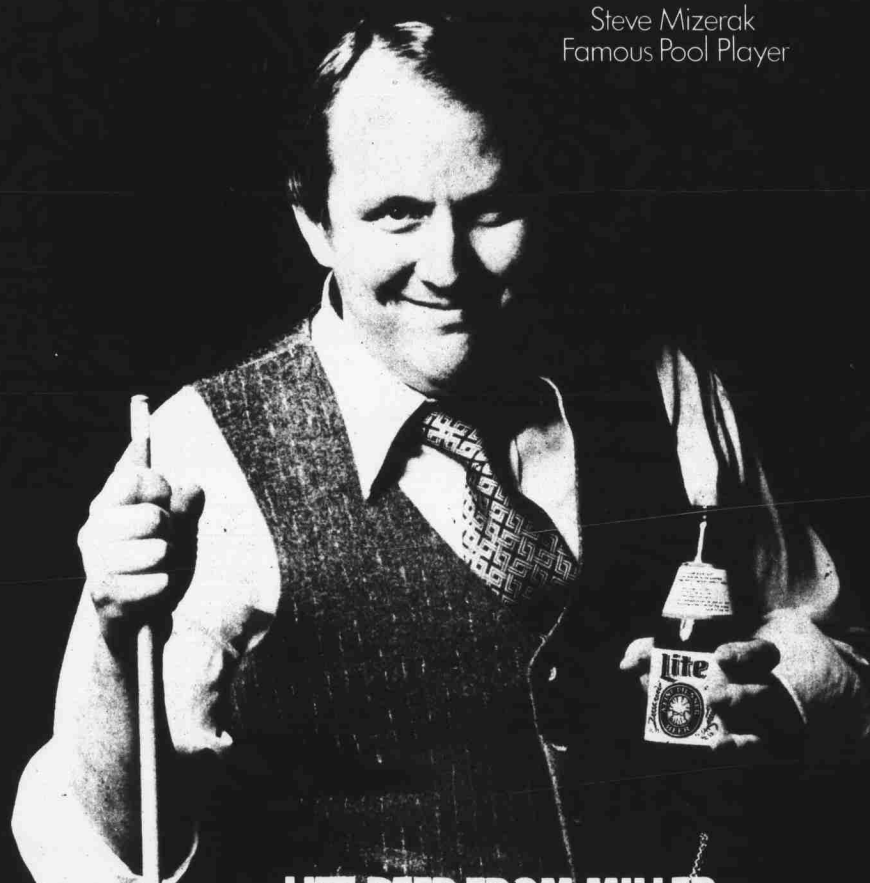
THREE YEAR ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP board held April 24. Applications must be made prior to that date. Captain Jim Wiley, 737-2476, Rm. 154, Reynolds Coliseum.

AGRICULTURE SOCIETY meets Tues., April 21, for a beer, wine and cheese party. Elections for next year's officers 7:30 p.m. in the Packhouse. Everyone welcome.

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Slick's new album shows some awesome abilities

by Duncan Brown
Entertainment Writer

Following last year's mediocre journey into middle-of-the-road music, Grace Slick has returned to the rock-and-roll world that made her famous and that return is nothing short of awesome.

Welcome to the Wrecking Ball on RCA Records is Slick's latest solo effort and her second solo album following her departure from Jefferson Starship. Judging from the sound of it, she has definitely regained that classic rockin' vein that everyone remembers from her Airplane and Starship days, especially around the time when "Somebody to Love" was released.

The driving force behind this album is Scott Zito, who wrote or co-wrote and arranged every tune used. He also plays lead guitar and harmonica and sings backed vocals, all of which are done very effectively. Zito, if you'll remember, wrote the rocker "Angel of Night" and the ballad "Face to the Wind" from last year's *Dreams*. Slick was evidently impressed.

Slick and Zito did a number of things that make this album much better than *Dreams*.

For one thing they formed a band. That in itself is a great help because it gives the LP a particular sound. *Dreams* used an ever revolving merry-go-round of studio musicians which gave the album an overly "orchestrated" sound.

Slick and Zito, along with guitarist Danny Gulino, bassist Phil Stone and drummer Bobby T., with help from producer Ron Frangipane, use a continuous gutsy-rock sound.

For another, they used songs from a limited source making the album's continuity more evident.

Side one opens with the title track of sorts. "Wrecking Ball" is easily one of the best tunes on the album with its hard-rocking instrumentation and singing. Another goody is "Mistreater." "Shot in the Dark," "Round and Round" and the rock/ballad "Shooting Star" round out the side.

Uniform tone

Side two continues the tone set for the album with "Just a Little Love," a good rocker. My personal favorite is "Sea of Love." Here, Zito's vocal ability becomes very evident as he sings a lot of backup. "Lines," "Right Kind" and "No More Heroes" are the only tunes Zito co-wrote with Slick. "No More Heroes" reminds you a lot of "Dreams" with the emotion-filled vocals.

Slick is a veteran professional who can rock with the best of them and *Welcome to the Wrecking Ball* reminds all of us of that fact. If you like rock, you'll love this.

This may be the last Slick solo effort for a while because she has rejoined Jefferson Starship. Although she did not contribute much to their new album *Modern Heroes*, which you'll hopefully see a review of very soon, she is touring with the group. That in itself will make a lot of good music. RCA and Grunt Records are delighted, I'm sure.



Grace Slick has regained that classic rockin' vein that existed during her years with Jefferson Airplane.

Jam by the sea



LeRoux

The University of North Carolina at Wilmington's Program Board is having its second annual Seaside Jam on April 25. Gates will open at 10 a.m. with the show starting at noon. LeRoux, The Rob Crosby Group, Choice, Mainly Mice and Dr. John's World Champion Frisbee group will be entertaining the crowd until 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 and the proceeds will go to the "Save the Whales Foundation." The activities will take place on Brooks Field at UNC-W. For more information, call Julie Russ at (919) 791-4330, ext. 2285.

Twenty-one concerts canceled

Current N.C. Symphony season curtailed

North Carolina Symphony officials announced Sunday that due to a lack of funds, the current symphony season will be curtailed. Members of the orchestra committee were told at a 9:30 a.m. meeting in the symphony offices in Raleigh that all concerts after April 26 would be cancelled.

The cancellation affects 12 evening concerts and nine educational concerts in May and three evening concerts in April. Also cancelled is a week of in-school discovery programs involving small ensembles of symphony players.

Chairman of the Board Charles B. Wade Jr. said that the musicians would be paid through April 26 and that the trustees were confident that the symphony will be able to begin its 1981-82 season in September.

"We have to be fiscally responsible and operate within a balanced budget," Wade said.

He also said that the crunch was caused by the ever-rising expense of maintaining a traveling orchestra coupled with insufficient increases in ticket revenues, contributions and state support.

"Fund raising and ticket drives for next season will continue. Although we are finishing our season early this year, we do not plan to curtail our concert schedule next year," he concluded.

Increases needed

Francis B. Kemp, chairman of the board's finance committee, explained that the symphony, which receives \$1.2 million from the State of North Carolina, needed an increase of several hundred thousand dollars in income to satisfy this year's \$2.7 million budget.

"Our budget rose from \$2.3 million to \$2.7 million



North Carolina Symphony

in one year. Meanwhile our state appropriation increased only \$100,000 and total ticket sales and contributions remained about the same as last year. We

'Unexpected' neon art displayed

"I try for the unexpected," said sculptor Jerry Noe, whose neon art will be displayed in a new Collectors Gallery at the N.C. Museum of Art.

"Neon by Jerry Noe" continues through April 26. Noe, a UNC-Chapel Hill art faculty member, will exhibit 10 works, all for sale or rent.

The recipient of several major awards, including two grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, Noe has exhibited his works in individual and group shows in New York, Chicago, and Washington as

well as in shows throughout the South.

For the past 10 years, he has explored the artistic possibilities of neon by treating the hard, harsh-colored commercial medium as if it were a soft, limp rope.

Among the wall-pieces for the Collectors Gallery exhibit are "pure" neon hangings in which the effect is produced solely by the colors with which the glass tubing is lit and the graceful shapes into which it is bent.

The forms become luminescent triangles for other pieces from which lengths of rope hang.

have borrowed all we can borrow. Now we're going to have to retrench and reorganize.

"Shortening this season is what the symphony must do to survive. By taking this action, and with the cooperation of the orchestra, we hope to have a good season next year," he said.

Symphony officials are hopeful that the pops concert in Raleigh scheduled for May 1 will be performed — perhaps as a benefit for the symphony.

Symphony educational concerts now cancelled were scheduled for Henderson, Jefferson, King's Mountain, Marion, Mocksville, Raeford, Robbins, Aberdeen and Williamston.

Decorated with feathers or sticks, these works seem to be tribal icons rendered in a combination of primitive and 20th-century materials.

Natural and man-made elements are again juxtaposed in Noe's pedestal pieces.

featuring wood or sand encircled by coils of gleaming neon tubing.

Editor's Note: The N.C. Museum of Art, at 107 E. Morgan St. in Raleigh, is open Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 2-6 p.m.

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Between the Lines

Stu Hall
Sports Editor

The king has been dethroned but not for long — or has it?

That's the question to be answered at the 28th annual ACC Track and Field Championships Friday and Saturday at Duke's Wallace Wade Stadium in Durham when Maryland, long-time king of the outdoor meet, attempts to tote home its 26th title in 28 years.

Last year the perennial king, which had taken 24 straight ACC outdoor titles, literally gave the championship away when it dropped a baton on the 400-meter run and Chris Persons false started.

Vying to break Maryland's grasp again this year is defending champion Clemson and third-place finisher State.

"Maryland's the favorite," State head coach Tom Jones said, without hesitation. "We'll probably be in the top three. You know Maryland could screw up but I think they're a 20-point favorite."

Is that right? There seems to be some discrepancy to that prognostication from Maryland track coach Stan Pitts: "I think we're the underdogs to N.C. State. We're going to have a tough time, they're just too strong. It might come down to the wire like last year."

And with all the debating on who is the favorite, Duke is pushing its eight-lane Olympic-caliber track as "one of the fastest tracks in the nation."

Jones seems to disagree with that as well: "It's all right but not that good. The reason they're doing that is because Duke is trying to get the NCAA's (Championships) in 1984."

This year's meet is going to be missing Wolfpack shot putter and discus thrower Dean Leavitt, who died tragically in a car accident in February.

Leavitt was the defending champion in the shot put as well as the runner-up in the discus and will be missed not only on the field but in the hearts of many

— one being teammate and fellow shot-putter Ernest Butler.

"His death has sort of drifted out of our minds," Butler said, "but when I walk down to practice it crosses my mind. He helped me a lot and we were good friends."

The talent in this year's meet is some of the nation's very best — no question about it.

"Our strength is in the weight and field events and we're going to be weak in the running events," Pitts said. "We have two good pole vaulters in Chip McCarthy and Jon Warner as well as Alan Baginski in the discus."

Both McCarthy and Baginski are defending champions and along with Cornelious Cousins, the defending champion in both the triple and long jumps, the Terps should be rather strong.

"Maryland has four vaulters at 16-6 or better and have a lot of weight people and they'll pick up some cheap points," Jones said.

According to Jones, one of the keys to Maryland's title hopes is sprinter Darren Walker, who has lately been plagued by injuries.

"It's going to get close if he doesn't run," Jones said, "because they don't have a sprinter without Darren Walker."

In simple layman's terms, there goes the 20-point margin.

The forte of the Wolfpack is the running events, mainly the 400- and 1,600-meter relay teams and the 400-meter hurdles where defending champion Ron Foreman returns.

"We're going to take some chances — like doubling up in some events," Jones said, as he assessed the team's strong points, "but I hope it pays off. I hope we don't have to run trials and semis."

The field events look strong where javelin thrower Mike Murphy, shot putter Joe Hannah, high jumper Mike Ripberger and long and triple jumper Arnold Bell lead the Pack.

"We have to get help from everybody," Jones emphasized. "Hannah should win the shot and Murphy should find some competition in the javelin."

A strong foreign Clemson contingent gives the Tigers a shot at the title.

"Maryland is fairly balanced, we're balanced but Clemson is lopsided," Jones said.

The Clemson foreign legion is headed by Hans Koeleman and Julius Ogaro, last year's Outstanding Performer in the meet after winning the 3,000 meter steeplechase along with both the 5,000 and 10,000 meters.

But who is to come in fourth after Maryland, Clemson and State?

Try Georgia Tech. Nah.

That's where Yellow Jacket coach Buddy Fowlkes believes his squad will place: "We wanted to accomplish several things this year," Fowlkes said. "We wanted to finish at least fourth in the ACC, we wanted to finish at least second in the Georgia Championships, we hoped to qualify some people for the NCAA's and we wanted to set at least two school records. So far, we've done all those except for the first and we'll try that one this weekend."

The rest of the field has names that will be heard from, like North Carolina's Willie Cummings in the 110-meter high hurdles and Todd McCallister in the 1,500-meter.

McCallister, Wake Forest's Darryl Robinson and State's own Mike Mantini and Steve Francis are expected to give Koeleman a run.

"Virginia and North Carolina have some milers that have been running crazy lately," Jones said. "Both those teams will be up there after us."

Jones and Butler summed up the true meaning of what it's going to take to win the championships:

Up, up and away goes this javelin thrown by State's Mike Murphy and up go the Wolfpack's hopes for its first ACC Track and Field Championship.

Staff photo by Sam Adams



"It's going to take some luck and some breaks to win this thing," Jones said.

"Every point is going to count and every point is needed," Butler said. "It depends on who chokes and there's going to be a lot of choking."

You can count on that.

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	Track & Field, at ACC Championship, Durham

No. 9 Pack to face Towson under lights

by Devin Steele
Sports Writer

After showing its talent before the national television camera a week ago against Roanoke College, State's lacrosse team has to prove the worth of its ninth-placed national ranking Saturday night under the lights against strong Towson State in Towson, Md.

State coach Larry Gross

doesn't foresee any negative effects from the artificial lighting but the experience is certainly a new one.

"It's a night game — we haven't played at night," Gross said. "Whether it will strongly affect us I don't know. I just hope the long trip up there won't adversely affect us."

And the Wolfpack can't afford a setback now with its 5-3 record and the following games after Towson State

— Baltimore and North Carolina.

"Towson may be a big stumbling block of the playoffs," Gross said. "We'll still be on a showdown course with UNC no matter what happens."

The Tigers have accumulated a 4-4 record from a rugged schedule including a 19-11 victory over Washington & Lee, which was a 19-12 loser to the Wolfpack.

Other common foes include Bucknell, which both squads defeated, and University of Maryland at Baltimore County. UMBC edged Towson State 13-10 and squeaked by State 10-9.

Featured in the Tigers' game is an imposing attack composed of a 1-2 punch of last season's leading scorers and an outstanding situation in the goal consisting of ace-in-the-hole Tim Hastings, who has been labeled the

"fastest goalie in the game of lacrosse."

"There's no doubt in my mind that there isn't another goalie in the game of lacrosse that can do the things Tim can out of the cage," Towson State coach Carl Runk said. "He's so quick he can involve himself in the offense and still get back in time to cover the cage."

Towson's midfield is

young but explosive, while the defense appears to be the weakest aspect of the game.

"The encouraging thing about our midfield is that we'll have a lot of young people," Runk said. "Especially with our sophomores in the game we should have one of the most explosive midfields we've ever had here. These kids will run 100 miles an hour."

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State tees up for ACC showdown

by John Peeler
Sports Writer

After a fluctuating year of many ups and few downs, State's golf team has arrived at the crescendo of its season — the ACC Tournament.

The three-day event at Rocky Mount's Northgreen Country Club has no clear-cut favorite this year but, based on previous encounters this year with ACC schools, the Wolfpack is definitely a contender for the team title.

For the first time in quite a few years Jesse Haddock's Wake Forest team doesn't have the inside track on the title, leaving him to believe that it will be a wide-open tournament.

"Picking a favorite this year will be tough to do," said Haddock, who has 13 team titles to his credit. "Some of the teams have played well at times and anyone of four or five schools is capable of winning it this year."

State coach Richard Sykes has confidence in his team's abilities to play well in the tournament.

"I expect the teams with the best chances are North Carolina, Wake Forest, Duke, Clemson and ourselves," said Sykes,

whose club goes after its first ACC title. "Of course, you never know in golf, any of the eight might win but those five look the strongest going in."

"It will definitely take a total team effort for us to win but we've got the talent to do it."

The ACC Tournament has always been a showcase for some of the nation's top golfers and the pressures that go with it usually leave

them a step away from the PGA Tour.

This year's top individuals include State's own Roy Hunter, who finished third a year ago; Duke's Charlie Bolling, who has won five tournaments this season; North Carolina's Frank Fuhrer and John Spelman; Clemson's Larry Penley; Virginia's Ford Bartholow; and Wake Forest's Robert Wrenn.

After a very fast start, in

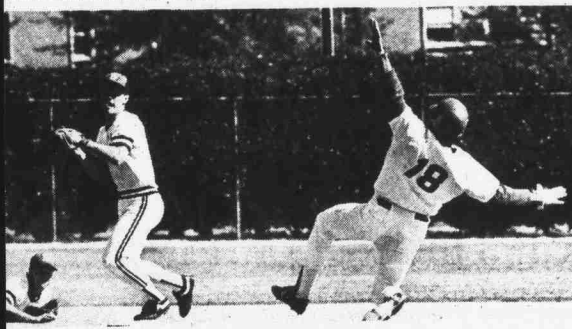
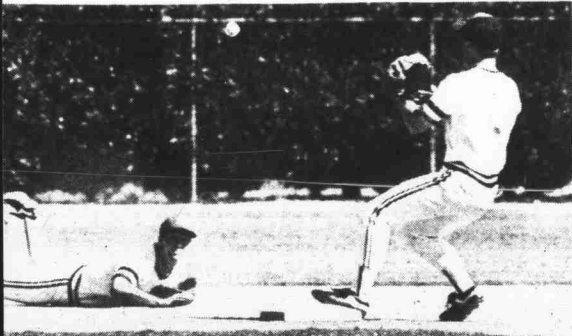
which State finished second three times in a row before winning the Iron Duke Classic, it has been erratic lately and Sykes believes his team is in good shape going into the tournament.

"Last tournament we steadily improved each round," Sykes said. "So hopefully that improvement will carry over to this week. We'll just have to wait and see."

A possible NCAA Tourna-

ment bid may hinge on just how well the Wolfpack fares: "We'll be ready," Sykes said. "We're just trying to take it calmly. Our goal since the start of the season has been to win the ACC, so we are excited about it."

If we play our best we've got a real good shot at accomplishing our season's goals and maybe getting a NCAA bid, so it is a very big tournament for us."



Danny Bass takes the relay on this double play from shortstop Mark Brinkley (top) and finds Don Pruett (middle) flying toward him but Bass steps aside and makes the throw (bottom).

Pack 9 launches Devils, heads into final weekend facing Deacs, Tar Heels

by Terry Kelley
Assistant Sports Editor

One of the statistics compiled every year in baseball is a list of which major-league ballpark gave up the most home runs.

Over the past several years Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium has been near the top of the list.

The number of home runs given up in that park each year has brought about a nickname for the stadium — the launching pad.

After this season such a name may be given to Doak Field if many more performances such as the one in State's 11-2 win over Duke Wednesday take place.

The Wolfpack clouted four round-trippers, two by right fielder Chris Baird playing for the injured Tracy Black.

Doak Field has been the sight of many of State's record-breaking homers this season as the Pack has now hit 49, breaking the old record of 36.

State's power-laden team has closed out its home schedule and plays North Carolina Saturday at 2 p.m. in Chapel Hill, before traveling to Winston-Salem for a twinbill with Wake Forest on Sunday.

State was going against one of Duke's best arms Wednesday in Todd Lamb, 5-1, a pitcher whose only loss was a 1-0 defeat to the Wolfpack in Durham.

In Durham it was State lefthander Dan Plesac who rose to the occasion to match the freshman's performance but in Raleigh it was righthander Joe Plesac who stopped the Duke bats.

The Wolfpack unloaded on the young Duke pitcher while Plesac raised his record to 5-3 by allowing the Devils only nine hits with runs coming in the fourth and sixth innings.

On State's offensive side it was Baird's day. The freshman drove in four runs with a three-run homer in the seventh after hitting a solo shot in the fourth.

"The thing I was impressed with the most was our guys off the bench," State head coach Sam Esposito said. "They came in and made a good contribution. We're very pleased with that anytime in college baseball when you get anything out of the bench."

Other injuries hampering the Wolfpack included an arm injury to shortstop Mike Sprouse and a hamstring injury to first baseman-designated hitter Louie Meadows.

Ken Sears hit his sixth home run of the year in the fifth inning for State while third baseman Ray Wojkovich was completing his fourth free stroll this season, just as Baird came out to hit his solo shot in the fourth.

Baird also has four home runs in only 43 at bats this season while batting a cool .325. State had trouble fielding the ball in the

third inning with two errors but didn't allow a run across on errors until its fourth miscue in the sixth contributed to a Blue Devil run.

"We started kicking the ball around again today," Esposito said. "But we made some good plays too."

State started its assault in the second, scoring two runs and added runs in each of the next four innings after registering a goose egg in the third.

The Wolfpack hitters added two runs in the fourth, one in the fifth and three each in the sixth and seventh to ice the game.

Lamb's luck against State isn't that impressive but his credentials over the rest of his first season are hard to beat with a 5-0 record beyond the State games.

"Lamb was an excellent pitcher," Esposito said. "We beat a good college pitcher today. He's a gutsy guy. He just kept coming at you."

Plesac meanwhile was busy completing his eighth game in as many starts this year. "I thought he pitched excellent," Esposito said. "We got a finely pitched game from Joe again. They just had two or three fly balls all day. I think they're leading the league in hitting."

State resumes ACC action Saturday against North Carolina in Chapel Hill, which is the sight of the ACC Baseball Tournament next week.

The Tar Heels are not living up to the expectations of their fans this season as they are trying to escape a seventh-place finish in the ACC.

State holds one victory over the Heels this season with a 4-2 win in Raleigh. Another win over the Heels would keep the Pack in contention for no less than a third-place conference finish.

On Sunday State faces Wake Forest, playing a double-header to make up a game that rained out last week. State needs to win the rest of its ACC games to stay in the race for the conference title.

The twinbill against the Deacs will close out the Pack's regular season before the tournament begins Wednesday.

Both the Tar Heels and the Deacons are mathematically out of the conference race but that does not keep the two teams from playing their best.

"There's no way there's going to be a let-down," Esposito said. "This is the time of year when you hope you're playing good as a team. They want to be going into the tournament on a happy note. They've both got fine ballclubs and we have to play them on the road."

State carries a 27-10 overall record and a 7-4 ACC mark into the game. The 27 wins by the Pack ties a season record for wins by any State team.

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Technician Opinion

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

As decreed by the 14th ...

Currently the N.C. Legislature's Appropriations Committee is deciding what programs it will continue to fund next year. The program causing the most controversy is state funding of abortions for those women who otherwise couldn't afford to have one. While right-to-life groups oppose state funding, the Legislature should continue the program as it has since 1978.

The issue before the Legislature is not whether abortion is morally right. The decision to fund abortions for poor women should be based on the principles set forth in the 14th Amendment — equal protection under the law. As Pat Bullard, member of the N.C. Social Services Association, said, "Denying this funding will discriminate against poor women."

This state should not allow income to determine the quality of medical care that its citizens receive. Currently all women in North Carolina are permitted to have an abortion if they feel it is in their best interests. This does not occur in all states; only a handful are continuing to fund abortions since the federal government discontinued its funding in 1977. North Carolina needs to continue to demonstrate to the rest of the nation that all citizens should be treated fairly regardless of their socioeconomic status.

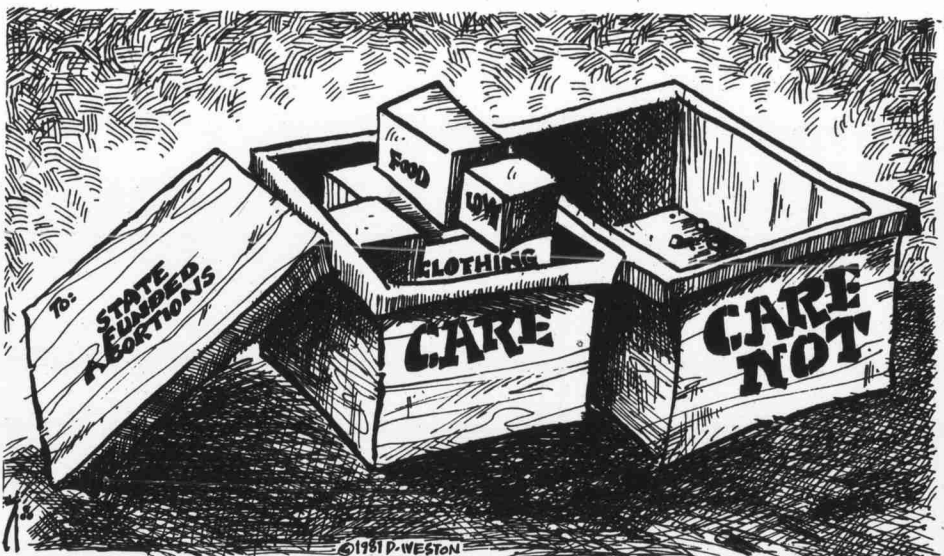
The amount of money involved, \$1 million, is small compared to the social costs if funding would be discontinued. If

all poor women who received assistance from the state were suddenly left without money to finance an abortion, some would be forced to carry their pregnancy to full term and some would have illegal abortions performed by persons who have no medical training. But whatever the alternatives, the consequences would be dire.

The number of people who would require other forms of public assistance would swell. But the most compelling reason for continuing to fund abortions is the number of lives that will be rescued from becoming burdens on society.

From July–December 1978 over 90 percent of the state-funded abortions were performed on women who were unmarried. Thirty-nine percent were for girls under 19. Fifty-six abortions were for girls 14 years old, 17 for 13-year-olds, four for 12-year-olds, one for an 11-year-old and even one for a 9-year-old girl. Many of these cases were the result of rape or incest. Imagine how the lives of these girls would have turned out if they now had a child.

The Legislature should not allow the morality of some powerful lobby groups to influence its decision. The legislators must make their decision based on something more powerful than the whims of a few right-to-life groups. They should read the Constitution and continue to act in accordance with the 14th Amendment.



Columbia kindles fires of patriotism

From the Left Tom Carrigan

behind schedule and \$1 billion over budget seemed insignificant to the 500,000 people who gathered near the launching site and the millions who arose early on a Sunday morning to watch it on TV. Even when the nation learned the ship had lost a few of its 30,000 insulating silicon tiles, spirits weren't dampened.

Enthusiasm was the word that best described the mission. Everyone from the president to drunks on the beach was ecstatic over the launch. The TV room in State's Student Center erupted with applause as Columbia's wheels touched the desert landing strip in California.

As President Ronald Reagan said, watching the launch on TV at the White House, "It's a spectacular sight."

Unfortunately some observers were critical of the mission and the space program in general. Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., said on ABC's "Issues and Answers" he felt we should re-evaluate our goals concerning space flight. Let's hope Proxmire is alone in his beliefs. The vastness of our cosmos, as poet Walt Whitman described it, is simply too incomprehensible for us to neglect exploration of it.

In the words of Dr. Carl Sagan, noted

astronomer, "To stop the exploration of space now would be like stopping the sailors in the 16th century from exploring the rest of the world." Of course the shuttle costs a tremendous amount of money but the potential of the space program is so unlimited we would be foolish to curtail our efforts in that area.

Aside from the quest for knowledge, the military benefits of the shuttle are boundless. By having a reusable ship, efficiency will increase and costs will decrease. The shuttle will be able to more than match the Soviets' ingenuity in the use of space as an element of defense systems.

While "keeping up with the Russians" is not imperative, the ability to have manned space flight is definitely in our nation's best interests. One official said the technology behind the shuttle has opened a new era in space travel. An understatement was never more appropriately spoken.

According to news reports, the crowds at the launch site were shouting, "Go, go, go" as the shuttle lifted off the pad. The "go" they were shouting was not only directed at the Columbia but also at the country.

The shuttle gave Americans a reason to be proud, an essential ingredient for correcting the mistaken attitude that this nation has lost the insight and courage to be the world's leader.

Astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen have renewed our faith in the American dream. We salute them for we know they are opening the door to the unknown.

Give silent few a chance

I am writing to comment on the recent articles that have appeared in the Technician concerning the funding of Wednesday's gay awareness day. As a student of State I am aware that gays do exist. Yes, somewhere in the shadows of this great University there are the silent few who are gay.

Guest Opinion Debbie Neal

Some of these people are possibly your best friends, presidents or officers of your clubs or organizations, or even hard-working volunteers. You probably wonder why they are ashamed and why they do not come out of their so-called "closets" — maybe you yourself can answer that.

For some unknown reason those people who call themselves "straight" think they are superior to those who are "gay." How this myth ever got started I'll never know. Who gave prostitutes and gigolos the authority to call themselves superior or "straight"? I do admit that there are the select few who do live their lives "as they should." To those people I

extend my apologies because I do admire people who "wait until they are married" and do not follow the crowd.

For the rest of you; can you make fun of a gay person just because he or she happens to be like a person of the same sex? I honestly do not believe that there is not a person on this campus who has not felt a strong attraction for a person of the same sex. People seem to stereotype gays as sex maniacs or people with severe mental problems. What people do not understand is that gays are not going to attack anyone — they are normal.

There is data currently available that shows that gays may indeed suffer from chromosome imbalance. Gays are not always happy about the way they are, but they learn to adjust. Most of them would give anything to lead a normal life, but because of excess male genes, excess female genes, lack of female genes, or lack of male genes, they are outcasts of sorts.

Why is it that the Student Senate can fund Zoo Day and the alcohol awareness fair but could not fund a gay awareness day? Everyone on campus enjoys Zoo Day — good music and socializing. The alcohol awareness fair was good also. These are all useful activities.

The gay awareness day was designed to let gay students know they are not alone. It was also held to enlighten other students as to how to react to their gay friends.

Gays have taken enough ridicule. It is time to make them feel needed. Just because they have a different sexual preference does not mean that they could not be useful as a campus organization. Does anyone even mention anything about the sexual activity of the fraternities, sororities, drama clubs, choirs or various other groups? No. So why should we pinpoint that fact on the gays?

It is true that the N.C. State Gay Community is a new organization, but as the Technician stated in an editorial "it does have the potential to be an asset to the campus." The Student Senate should have reconsidered its decision and given the organization a chance. If the organization does not prove worthwhile, it would not have been the first time the Senate had misappropriated funds. Just give gays their equal rights; they are human.

No one is asking you to condone gays. Just give them a chance to live their lives as you are living yours. They only want their fellow students to learn more about them and possibly understand their views and values a little better. They do not need opposition. All they ask is for understanding and support.

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

— Vincent S. Jones

Get rid of handguns

In response to Mr. McBane's letter on handguns ("Guns are inanimate objects," April 18) I'd like to challenge him to ask himself a few things.

First, if handguns do not significantly contribute to violent crime, why do other countries that do not allow handguns have drastically lower rates of crime — including murder — than does the United States?

You can argue that economic circumstances — unemployment, poverty, inflation — cause crime; however, not for long. Other countries have much higher rates of each than does the United States, and their crime rates still do not even approach ours. It is because we allow handguns, and they do not. It is actually very simple.

Second, would people still commit crimes without handguns? Perhaps, but not at such a high rate. The easy concealment and tremendous killing power of the handgun make it an ideal weapon. Concealing his small gun, the criminal has the element of surprise which renders the victim helpless.

I question whether one could be easily surprised by a club, rifle or shotgun. Though a knife is concealable, its killing potential is much less than the handgun's. Given a choice, I would rather be attacked by someone wielding any weapon except a handgun.

As for your statement that "the principle use of handguns in a free society is self-protection" — if that is their principle function, then they have no function. A person who attempts to defend himself is statistically much more likely to be injured or killed. In fact, if his house is being robbed, his handgun will probably be stolen by the burglar rather than prevent him from robbing.

As a perfect example, let us read Ronald Reagan. He had numerous individuals around him for his protection. All were professionally trained and well-armed. However, in a matter of seconds, a man with a handgun rendered the president and three others helpless and bleeding.

Two of the four were armed. Even the persons who were not shot were helpless to prevent the shooting. You see, the weapon had great power, easy concealment, and easy as well as inexpensive availability. So much for the notion of self-protection.

The handgun has only one purpose and that is to kill people. It is too bad that in America it does so far too often. Admittedly, it has helped, but I suppose that ridding society of the handgun would rid society of a large portion of its violent crime.

Mark Blue
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Leave 'em penniless

Concerning the seemingly touchy subject of funding the N.C. State Gay Community, I say this: If God clearly defined, along with other circumstances, his "anti-gay" guidelines, then I will certainly abide by them. And by doing so I am wholeheartedly opposed to giving one red cent of any portion of my fees to an immoral organization such as the gays, as I would be opposed to giving money to the Bestiality Community, Adultery Community, or Abortion Community.

It is true that men have their own choice of how they live and express themselves, as they have a choice between eternal life and death. But they should use restraint in their attempts to be recognized as individuals when their morals and ideals override the authority of God.

Realistically, they are in for a monumental struggle in a country such as ours, with its foundation and success based on God's laws of truth and human existence. So gays obviously cannot expect much better than an anti-gay attitude on this campus, or anywhere, when so many know it is wrong by nature and morally.

G.S. May
SO Speech Communication

Majority not infallible

I'm very disappointed in Student Government's refusal to allocate funds to the N.C. State Gay Community. All the other groups at the Senate meeting were allocated funds. The Technician reported April 6 that one senator said, "I had to vote the way I feel most students would have," so I voted "no."

I would like to believe that higher education has made people less prejudiced and more accepting of other people who are different from themselves. Apparently this senator believes that most students are still prejudiced and unaccepting of gays so this is how she or he justifies not voting positively for issues pertaining to gays.

Well, this senator should be reminded that the majority of people in the pre-Civil War South thought blacks were inferior to whites. As a result of this, blacks had to suffer the consequences and they still do — even today.

Also, only 36 years ago in Nazi Germany,

Forgive me as I wave the flag around my typewriter, but Sunday's successful launching and Tuesday's letter-perfect return of the space shuttle Columbia gave all of us a much-needed renewal of patriotism. While our nation and its leaders have at times been criticized, the Columbia restored our national dignity.

The fact that the shuttle was three years

millions of Jews were tortured and put to death. And do you know what happened? Nothing. The majority of people in Nazi Germany did nothing at all!

So just because a majority of people express prejudice and hatred toward a minority group, it does not mean that the majority is right. How easily we forget.

Andrew Talbot
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'Technileak' a beast

I was appalled with the lack of humor, good taste and readability of the Technician's "Technileak." The banner should have tipped us off to the nature of the beast and saved us all the tedium of wading up to our necks in excretory expletives.

We could have thrown the whole thing on the dung heap but I, for one, kept looking for some shred of the good-humored, cleverly written April Fools' editions of the past. There was none.

Marjorie Hobgood
University Staff

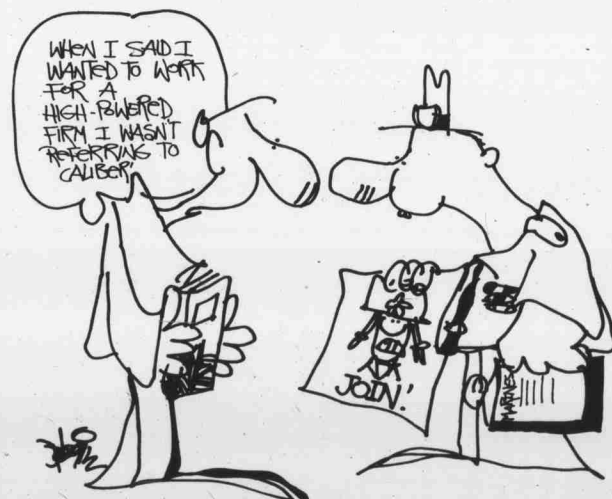
Senators ignorant

I wish to make a few comments regarding publication of gay awareness day planned for April 15. In regard to Melinda Lee's comment concerning harassment (April 8 "On the brickyard"); gays and lesbians are not constantly harassed because we keep pushing the issue of rights.

A perfect example: I attended the Senate meeting during which the N.C. State Gay Association was denied funds. The next day as I walked along Hillsborough Street, I received verbal assaults from two senators — heterosexuals supposedly. Okay, I expect to encounter all sorts of harassment, but from elected student senators — people we are to look up to?

That bill was killed by only two votes — and that is not speaking for the whole student body. I wish to thank Student Senate President Jim Yocum too. He knows of the verbal incident and is disillusioned by people's ignorance too. The money may not have been granted, but gay awareness day will go on. Hopefully people will benefit from it — gay and straight.

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