

Kiffin resigns State post, mentions lack of support

by William Terry Kelley
Sports Editor

State head football coach Monte Kiffin did something Wednesday, that he hadn't done before in his three years at State. He quit. But he resigned saying it was in the best interest of State, ending weeks of speculation concerning the status of his future with State.

Kiffin posted a 6-5 record this past season and had a 16-17 three-year mark, prompting criticism from the Wolfpack Club, State's booster organization, and the Athletics Department. It was that failure to win the support of those factions that prompted Kiffin's resignation, ending the State mentor's 10 day post season fight to keep his job.

In a prepared statement Kiffin said: "After a period of lengthy deliberations and meetings with the Athletic Director, Willis Casey, and Chancellor Poulton, I feel it is in the best interest of North Carolina State that I resign my position as Head Football Coach."

"This has been an extremely difficult decision, but one that I feel is necessary. Quite honestly I do not feel that the support I have received from the Athletic Department was sufficient to my needs and the needs of the football program, and further, I cannot find the assurance from the athletic director that such support will be forthcoming in the future."

"We have worked very hard in recruiting over the last three years and have an excellent group of experienced young players. I would like to commend the football staff and players for staying together through this whole ordeal."

"I do know that we are leaving the

program in great shape. There will be eighteen players who started one game or another during the 1982 season and a more favorable schedule for 1983. Next year should be a good year for North Carolina State football. After getting to know Chancellor Poulton, I feel the football program will make great strides and the future is in good hands. We felt that this was going to be an excellent recruiting year for us, and I want to urge all of our recruits to strongly consider North Carolina State. North Carolina State is a fine university and is headed for a championship football program."

Finally, I would like to thank all the Wolfpack fans, students and backers including the media over the last three years for their support. With that came the end of another era in State football. Kiffin had been seeking a one-year extension of his agreement that was to have expired soon. He commented Tuesday, citing the number of returnees next season, an easier schedule and the potential for a good recruiting year in the ACC because of a probation against Clemson and a coaching change at Duke.

Kiffin's resignation follows a season in which State lost five games, all to opponents who had been ranked in the Top 20 - Clemson, Maryland, Penn State, Miami and North Carolina. White State was plagued by injury and inexperience most of the year, the Pack still managed to win six games. But the Pack lost to Miami, Penn State and the Tar-Heels by wide margins, and that was one of the arguments against Kiffin.

Kiffin's decision preceded a decision that was to be made by State

Chancellor Bruce Poulton but never came down. Many players and fans had voiced support for Kiffin, and he had received support from almost every media outlet in the area. Poulton reportedly had expressed support, at least until the last couple of days.

Kiffin came to State in December 1979 to replace the late Bo Rein who left to become head coach at Louisiana State and then died tragically in a bizarre plane crash. Kiffin came to State from Arkansas where he was assistant head coach and defensive coordinator for three years under former State coach Lou Holtz. He previously coached at Nebraska, where he graduated in 1964 after lettering for three years as a tackle.

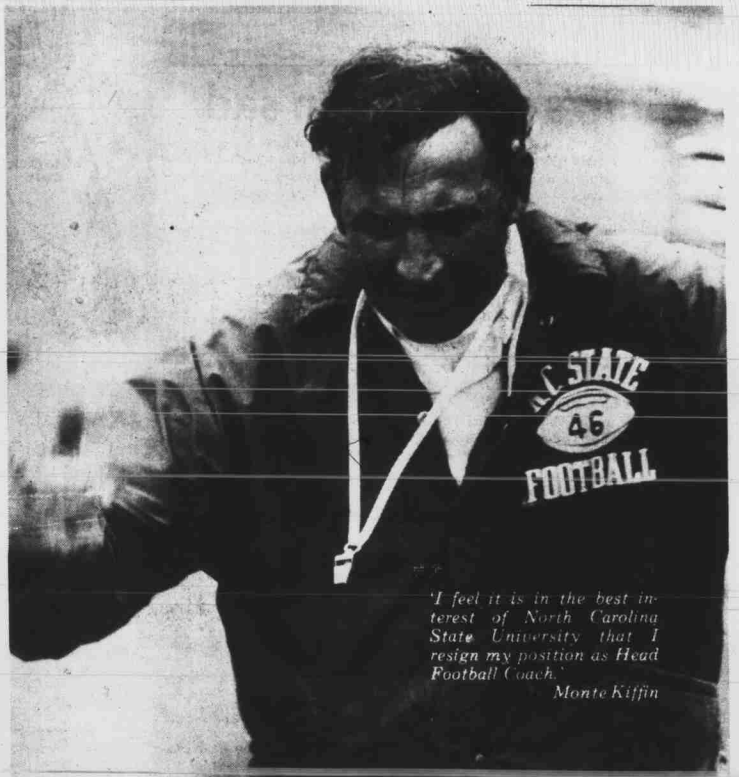
His playing experience extended into the Canadian League before an injury ended his career, and he returned to Nebraska as freshman coach in 1973. He moved to the varsity staff two years later.

The pressure on State administrators to fire Kiffin had increased during the early part of the week as about 95 percent of the hierarchy in the Wolfpack Club voted not to support Kiffin. The Club had threatened to withdraw some financial support if State rehired Kiffin.

Kiffin, 42, announced his resignation at a 2:30 p.m. press conference after having met with Poulton. Tuesday had been a full day of meetings between Kiffin, Poulton and Casey at different times.

Poulton, who was apparently surprised at the move stated in Thurs-

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"I feel it is in the best interest of North Carolina State University that I resign my position as Head Football Coach."

Monte Kiffin

The picture of frustration would be a good way to describe Monte Kiffin in this game and now. Kiffin resigned as head football coach because of lack of Athletic Department support.

D. H. Hill expansion proposed

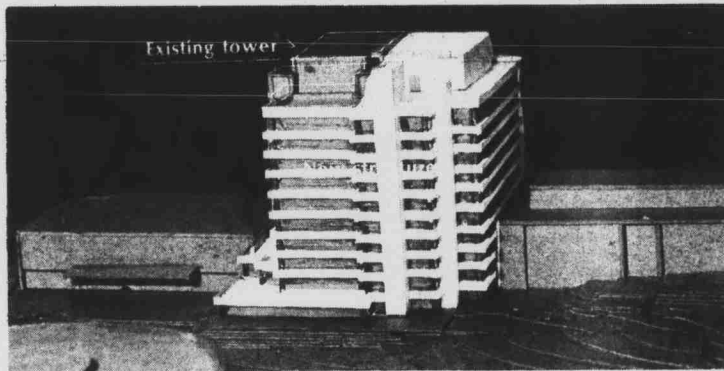
by Pete Elmore
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D. H. Hill Library may be expanded by up to 100,000 square feet if the 1983 legislature approves the necessary funding in their spring meeting. Edwin F. Harris Jr., director of campus planning and construction, said.

"Architects have developed plans to build an addition to the library," Harris said. "The building would be a lateral addition to the tower on the east and south."

Funding for the project will be under the Capital Improvements Program and must be approved by the State legislature. It was first introduced as a Capital Improvement matter in 1981 and is currently a high priority project, Harris said.

The addition is needed because of a large increase in the enrollment in the University and also because the



Staff photo by Patrick Chapman

The proposed addition to the D.H. Hill Library would add 100,000 square feet to the east and south sides of the building. A funding request for the addition will come before the legislature in the spring 1983 session.

push to have over one million books in the library has taken some space from students.

"The addition would provide significant volume and seating capacity increases and a new entrance," Harris said. "It would also provide for a clearly articulated circulation system."

There may be a major problem

before construction begins however.

According to Donald S. Keener, assistant director for General Services in D. H. Hill, the whole project has been placed on hold until the 1983 legislature meets in the spring.

"We are just in the preliminary planning stages now," Keener said. "We can't do anything until we know how much money is available, and I've

heard rumors that there may not be as much to go around as we need."

The legislature will decide how much money, if any, is allocated, and the expansion will have to conform to that amount.

If the money is allocated work may begin as soon as the fall of 1983 and be finished by the fall of 1985, Harris said.

'Working for Warmth' provides wood for needy, unites State community

by Beth Beck
Staff Writer

In an effort to improve faculty-student relations on campus, the student-initiated "Working For Warmth" project is underway.

The Inter-Residence Council, in coordination with the State extension of the Wake County Volunteer Agency, will be asking organizations all over campus to participate in the project by chopping wood and bagging coal for needy families in the Raleigh communities.

Besides reaching out to needy communities, the project will put faculty, administrators and students to work opening communication lines sometimes tangled by the traditional settings.

Tracy Freeman, chancellor's aide and chairman of "Working For Warmth," outlined the purposes of the project.

First, the project will show unity of

the State community as a whole reaching out to the Raleigh community.

In addition, the wood-chopping project will provide a "regeneration of unity between the community and the University" which, according to Freeman, has waned as a direct result of the tremendous growth of the University in recent years.

Most important, Freeman said, the student-initiated project will be a "positive effort to improve public relations right here on campus."

Melissa Lawson, State volunteer services coordinator, is working with Freeman to assure a positive turnout for the project, set for Jan. 22, 1983.

Volunteers are needed to chop wood or bag coal in this campus-wide effort.

"Vice-Chancellor (Banks) Talley has had very positive feedback from the faculty," Freeman said. The "support of the faculty and administrators with initiative from the students," who have the "energy and motivation to develop this project," can only be positive factors in the undertaking.

Students will also extend written invitations to faculty to encourage participation.

On Jan. 22, three shifts will keep the operation going from 9 a.m. to noon, noon to 3 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. Warm refreshments will be served and safety and emergency personnel will be on hand in case of an accident.

All over campus, organizations are being contacted to inform and encourage a good turnout. The help of all students, faculty members and administrators is needed for the project.

If by chance your organization has been overlooked and would like more information, please call Melissa Lawson of the State Volunteer Services Office at 737-3193.

Students get more food for their money

by Louis Munoz
Staff Writer

"You're really getting much more than what you're paying for," State's Director of Food Services Art White said in reference to the various University-wide meal programs. White appeared at Wednesday's meeting of the Student Senate to answer any questions regarding Food Services.

White noted the "exceptional demands" placed on Food Services, which include paying for the new Dining Hall. He responded to criticism of the high cost of meals for students by saying, "We are as expensive as any other institution and significantly cheaper in some areas."

"There's no magic just because we're a school facility... We have a lot of benefits and programs McDonald's will not offer you."

Senators questioned the flexibility of Food Services and asked what provisions were made for vegetarians and those with other specific diets. White said, "It is up to the individual" what he eats, but urged any student who requires special consideration to consult with Nida Vance, director of the Dining Hall, and try to work out a special meal plan.

White ended by saying a third meal plan would be available next

semester, and added that sophomores would receive priority for these.

A resolution to commend White and his staff was defeated later in the meeting. However, a recommendation was passed that a letter of thanks be written to White for appearing at the meeting.

Other recommendations made at the Senate meeting were to write a letter of commendation to Monte Kiffin, who resigned as head coach Wednesday, for his work while at State.

In response to Wednesday's lead article and editorial in the Technician regarding the recent death of Dane Allan Cox, Student Senate passed another recommendation asking the Athletics and the Academics Committees to review the five demands made by Cox's parents to change the physical education system at State.

Student Senate President Jeff Baker reported on officers' recent meetings with Chancellor Poulton.

Poulton said he was willing to ask that mandatory evaluations from faculty be available to students before the end of the four-week long drop period.

Currently, the administration has reviewed the possibility of extending the drop period. Receiving evaluations

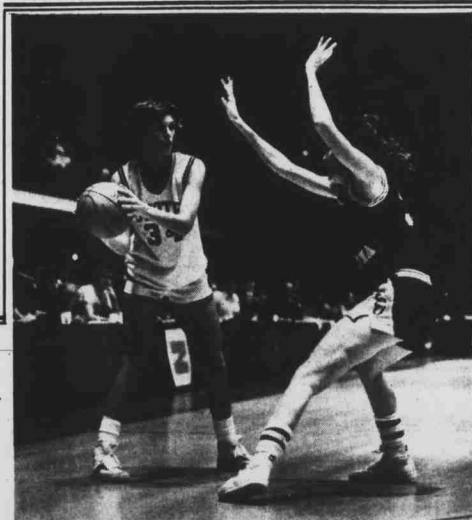
would enable students to make decisions on which courses to drop.

Poulton asked students to become an integral part of lobbying for money and general influence at the State General Assembly. Renovations of several campus buildings and the expansion of the D.H. Hill Library are "urgently needed," Baker quoted.

Poulton also expressed his wish that students meet with General Assembly members, especially if they would like to see proposed tuition increases either stopped or reduced. Also to be reviewed at the General Assembly is a bill to raise the legal drinking age in North Carolina.

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Staff photo by Jim Frei

Mary Jane Wild looks for an opening against this ECU defender during last night's contest. See story page 6.

Thought for the day: American comedian Steve Allen said, "Man was not put on this earth primarily to have his record albums, to be utterly irresistible to the opposite sex, to use cocaine or to wear the tightest possible jeans."

Opinion

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

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Kiffin's resignation sad

The resignation of head football coach Monte Kiffin is a sad reflection on State. The fiasco surrounding the resignation is nothing short of despicable.

Many things were wrong with the manner in which Kiffin lost his job.

Chancellor Bruce Poulton contends that the media accelerated what should have been a "process of several months." On the contrary, consideration should have been given to the question of renewing Kiffin's contract as early as the beginning of the season, not at the end of the season, as Poulton would lead us to believe.

When it comes time to make a decision, a decision must be made. Poulton never publicly made a decision. An obviously distraught Kiffin took the initiative and made the decision. The chancellor could do nothing more than meekly accept the resignation; his silence was obviously intended as a method of avoiding controversy.

He failed.

Is Chancellor Poulton strong enough to make rational decisions on his own? This is athletics we are talking about. How will the chancellor react when State faces a real crisis, as in academics, financial aid and/or responding to federal judicial decrees concerning affirmative action.

The chancellor is hardly the only one to blame for the mess surrounding Kiffin's resignation. Athletics Director Willis Casey's off-the-record actions are in-

sulting to this institution of supposed higher education. Casey must realize his position in the hierarchy at State. Contrary to his opinion, he is not God.

Casey's power comes not from the athletes, the students or the administration. He relies on the money-laden, glory-seeking Wolfpack Club members. A Wolfpack Club member was quoted as saying, "But we wanted to be fair to everyone — to the University, the Athletics Department, the fans and the football coaches." Hardly the truth. The Wolfpack Club was anything but fair to Kiffin and his family. The Wolfpack Club and its idle threat to withdraw money geared for athletic scholarships is just another example of the growing trend of big-bucks special interest groups interfering in everything, in this case amateur athletics. Its intentions, however legitimate the club deems them, are all for naught. The end does not justify the means.

Several times this year, the Technician has taken the stand that college athletics has become big business. It is tiresome to say the same thing over and over, yet it is terribly discouraging to discover that all decisions concerning amateur athletics must be stained with greed.

Students are encouraged to learn from their mistakes. Do-Chancellor Poulton, Casey and the Wolfpack Club feel any wiser? Let's hope so.

Good-bye Monte Kiffin. You have our support, if not the Athletics Department's.



TRAUGHON

No real need for MX missiles

President Ronald Reagan finally announced how the MX missile is going to be deployed. After such suggestions as putting the missile in a huge plane, on a sort of race track system or on a tractor-trailer, Reagan decided to put them into silos, but in silos packed close together. Reagan's "dense pack" proposal is based on the notion of fratricide. The fratricide theory assumes that if an incoming missile hit one of the missiles in an area densely packed with missiles, the resulting explosion of several missiles would cause any incoming missiles to explode before they hit the ground.

However, there are questions being raised not only about the "dense-pack" proposal, but

also about the need for the MX missile. A lot of the questions being raised concern the cost of building the MX, and whether there is any strategic need for the missile.

A Liberal View

HENRY JARRETT



Editorial Columnist

The questions concerning cost center on the fact that, with the deficit continuing to rise, some major cutbacks are going to have to be made in defense spending. The cost for building the 100 MX missiles is estimated to be about \$30 billion, and future deficits are expected to rise to about \$200 billion. High deficits so far have been partially responsible for the current economic woes, and many members of Congress are searching for ways to bring the deficits down. The primary focus so far has been on cutting defense spending, and the MX missile could face the budget ax.

Yet, one also has to consider the strategic value when considering whether the missile should receive funding. The question of whether there is really any strategic need for the MX is probably the most important question. The question is important because one has to consider both the strengths and the weaknesses of the nuclear arsenals of the United States and the Soviet Union.

Reagan argued in his speech that the MX is necessary in order to have some bargaining chip for negotiations. He says the Soviets would think we were bluffing if we did not

have the MX missile. He supported his argument by saying the Soviets are ahead of the United States in the nuclear arms race.

However, in looking at who is ahead in the nuclear arms race, one not only must consider quantity but also quality. Although the Soviets may have more and larger land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles, the United States has the advantage of more warheads on its missiles; these warheads are more accurate, also. In addition, the United States has many more bombers capable of delivering nuclear weapons and is in the process of modernizing the bomber fleet by replacing the aging B-52 bomber with the new B-1 bomber.

The United States also holds an edge in submarine-launched missiles. The new Trident submarines can carry 24 missiles with 8 warheads per missile; the missiles have an estimated range of 4,000 miles. U.S. submarines spend more time at sea than Soviet submarines because Soviet submarines spend more time in port being repaired. Soviet submarines also spend a lot of time in port because the Soviets do not have access to a warm-water port and therefore are often hemmed in due to ice.

So, Reagan's argument that the Soviets are ahead in the nuclear arms race is shaky. It would be accurate to say the United States and the Soviet Union are roughly equal in strategic nuclear arsenals. The MX is not really needed as a bargaining chip for negotiations, nor is it needed for any other reason besides being a symbol for the United States.

Since the only reason for funding would be for symbolic effect, there is no real reason for funding the MX. The money saved by not funding the missile could be used towards reducing the deficit and thus helping economic recovery.



J. J.

Minimum wage discriminates

As a result of America's high unemployment rate, each one of us experiences a degree of insecurity and fear. But aside from the unemployed themselves, no other class of citizens experiences the discomfort of joblessness as does the politician fearful of becoming unemployed in a tide of electoral vengeance.

So it should come as no surprise — as a lame duck congressional session flounders about in a post-election stupor — that the politicians are looking at short-term employment measures which ignore America's structural labor problems. They need to "do something" without greatly damaging themselves. So they seek easy answers and ignore the real problems because to tackle them would be to enrage those special interests that thrive on the federal machine.

Unemployment is second only to inflation as a debilitating factor for any economy. The generally accepted goal for the American economy has been to seek a non-inflationary, full employment balance. Now there are reams of esoteric theory one might utilize to explain just what such an equilibrium entails. But that is for another time. As things now stand, we have sought the balance through the manipulation of market forces. The federal government has used the minimum wage as an "anti-poverty" weapon intended to ensure a reasonable wage for those working. But the measure has backfired and resulted in unprecedented levels of unemployment.

The minimum wage is one of the major obstacles to a full employment economy. While it is also inflationary, this federal price floor on the labor market has boosted the jobless rate among young people — and young black men in particular — to historically abominable levels. How is this so? And in what way does this effect society's ability to maintain the upward mobility of those entering the labor market? Further, how many people does it simply shut out of employment opportunities?

To answer the first question, the minimum wage is a government mandated price floor on the labor market. Employers are simply not allowed to hire anyone at less than the legal minimum other than in those few industries exempt from the provision. For example, suppose you are a poorly-educated teenager with little skill and your services for a given job are worth \$2.50 per hour. Today's minimum wage is \$3.35 an hour. An employer in search of help will not hire you unless he feels like bestowing upon you 85 cents an hour in charity. Is it any wonder that he will hire a more skilled worker who will be worth the \$3.35 an hour and leave you out in the cold? Before the minimum wage became law, businessmen had the option of hiring workers for a small price. This generally worked to the advantage of those he employed at such rates because they were unskilled. By setting a mutually agreed upon wage rate, the employer can then train the unskilled workers in a task so that they may then become skilled and be worth much more to their employer. In effect, the businessman paid unskilled

workers to learn a skill so that the workers might earn a decent living.

As things stand now, the minimum wage has shut out the most unskilled pool of laborers in any economy — young people just entering the job market. This is especially damaging to young blacks who, as a result of poor education, are thus penalized twice. Not able to receive a quality education, the young black is also prevented from accepting wages that will allow him to learn a skill and thus become employable.

From The Right

THOMAS PAUL DEWITT



Editorial Columnist

The minimum wage, at the end of World War II, was 40 cents per hour. Wartime inflation made such a wage meaningless, and in 1950 the minimum was raised to 75 cents, in 1956, to one dollar. In the early 1950s the unemployment rates for black and white teenagers were approximately equal — about 10 percent compared to 4 percent for the over-all labor force. In fact before those increases black youth had a lower unemployment rate than white youths — 9.4 percent to 10.2 percent respectively. Following the acceleration of the minimum in the '50s, the youth unemployment rate skyrocketed; a gap opened between the rates for white and black youths with blacks on the losing end.

Additionally when the minimum wage rises, an employer will also raise worker qualifications, and some currently employed people will lose their jobs while others will not be hired in the first place.

It is a sad but true fact that minimum wages also serve to reinforce racism and related discrimination. Economist Walter Williams of Temple University offers the following example: "Type X workers are willing to work for \$2 per hour, and type Y are willing to work for \$2.65. The costs to the employer of discriminating against type X workers is 65 cents per hour per employee. If, however, there were a law requiring all employees to be paid a minimum wage of \$2.65 per hour, the cost to the employer of discriminating against type X workers becomes zero! According to the Law of Demand, given a taste for racial discrimination, there will be more discrimination when its cost is lower."

Thus it should not surprise one — though it will indeed surprise many — to find that South African white, racist labor unions are among the strongest supporters of the minimum wage for blacks. With skilled jobs in the building trades reserved — by law — for whites, the right-wing white unions, perceiving that those laws were breaking down in the face of cheap black labor, demanded that a minimum wage be enacted.

An article in the Nov. 28, 1972 edition of The New York Times states: "The conservative building trades have made it clear that they were not motivated by concern for black

workers but had come to feel that legal job reservations had been so eroded by government exemptions that it no longer protected the white worker." As with the minimum wage in America, it is vociferously supported by labor unions — not as a means to prevent poverty or exploitation — but as a mechanism to prevent unskilled workers from entering the market in the first place. The minimum simply prices high-skilled labor's competition out of the market enabling such workers to then demand even higher wages.

Recognizing that such employment obstruction creates a time bomb of dissatisfaction in the terminally "unemployable," the unions also are among the strongest supporters of welfare programs. Perhaps the greatest tragedy of this "anti-poverty" tool is the effect it is having — not only on the efficiency and productivity of the labor market and thus the economy — but on the socio-political position of an entire generation of blacks. Many of them being locked out of the market, they find themselves almost hopelessly wedded to government hand-outs. As Williams states, "If 'minorities' do not politically support union goals which put them out of work in the first place, the unions will not support the government handouts that they receive as a result of being out of work." As a result, great black statesmen like Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois referred to labor unions as "the greatest enemy of the black workingman."

Economist Lester O'Shea has pointed out that the combination of entry restrictions into the labor market and the minimum wage has created what is commonly referred to as "social dynamite." He states that "frequently the only way an unskilled worker can obtain the skill that will make his or her time worth more than the 'minimum' figure is by working, so unskilled workers are often dumped into a rubbish pile of 'unemployable' persons, living 'on welfare' and ready to explode in violent dissatisfaction. Elaborating on the subject, Williams points out that in spite of billions of dollars spent, in spite of civil rights legislation and thousands of cases of such litigation, the situation may give rise to a general public attitude that ascribes the plight of American blacks to "group incompetence." He argues, and rightly so, that society's most racist elements will deem their prophecies realized. He continues by saying that "no one ever considers that an important difference between earlier migrants and today's is that other ethnic groups came to our cities when we had a freer society."

The situation is tragic. America is denigrating an entire generation or more of one race and is further penalizing young people of all races in their attempts and desires to be productive and worthy citizens. As we attempt to grapple with today's unemployment problems, we will only serve the forces of avarice and decline if we fail to recognize the destructive nature of the minimum wage. The politicians in Washington could secure their own jobs better and strengthen the bonds of American society immeasurably by abolishing the minimum wage altogether.

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Billy Joel opens ears with new LP *The Nylon Curtain*

by Steve Tracey
Entertainment Writer

Since the release of *The Stranger* in 1977, Billy Joel has risen to stardom in the recording industry. *The Nylon Curtain* is Joel's latest example of his outstanding song-writing ability.

Before 1977, this high school dropout from Long Island had made three albums and only the single "Piano Man" had gained any popularity. His recent concert in the Greensboro Coliseum can be cited as proof that Joel has come a long way, and his new album should also boost this credibility.

Like most of his previous albums, *The Nylon Curtain* is filled with tunes that have a steady beat provided by an energetic drummer named Liberty DeVito. Songs like "A Room of Our Own," "Allentown" and "Pressure" walk the tightrope between rock and pop which is the style that has made Joel famous. Bass player Doug Stegmeyer and guitarists David Brown and Russell Javors are the other main band members responsible for the rock 'n' pop sounds on the album.

Richie Canata, an outstanding saxophone player, does not perform on this album, and his absence may be the only detriment to the album.

Two of the songs on the first side of the album parallel in a unique way. "Allentown" and "Goodnight Saigon" are both written in the first person about a painful American experience. "Goodnight Saigon" follows a group of American guys from the day they meet at boot camp on Paris Island until the time they come back from Vietnam as either corpses or asylum inmates. The song describes details of a Vietnam soldier's experience that makes the listener appreciate the fact that he wasn't there.

"Allentown," in comparison, is about an all-American town that is having hard economic times. The story is told by a dissatisfied working man who is living in a place that has fallen short of his American dream. He says that "they're closing all the factories down," and he is waiting for "the Pennsylvania (he) never found."

Songs like "Captain Jack," "I've Loved These Days" and "The Entertainer" are previous examples of Joel's ability to write about American lifestyles and cultural experiences.

No Joel album would be complete without a few songs about the women in his life. "Laura" is the new woman giving Joel problems. In this LP he is her Godfather and is trying to help her grow up, but "she's slamming her doors in (his) face." He insists that he's on her side, but sometimes, "She makes (him) lose (his) cool." In contrast, "She's Right on Time" is a song about a nameless woman who can do no wrong.

This latter cut and a song titled "Where's the Orchestra?" add a mellow touch to *The Nylon Curtain*. "Where's the Orchestra?" tells about an observer who is watching a play that falls short of his expectations. He is expecting a musical, but there is no orchestra to be found in the whole theater. Joel's piano

work in the song provides the listener with a sedate ending to the album.

The Nylon Curtain is an impressive musical collection, and the popularity of "Pressure" and "Scandinavian Skies" among FM radio stations may be a hint to the success that this album may achieve. Joel writes songs about real life situations that many people can relate to, and some of the messages he gets across have great value. The reason for his popularity may be that he can describe life situations so well in his songs. ★★ ★

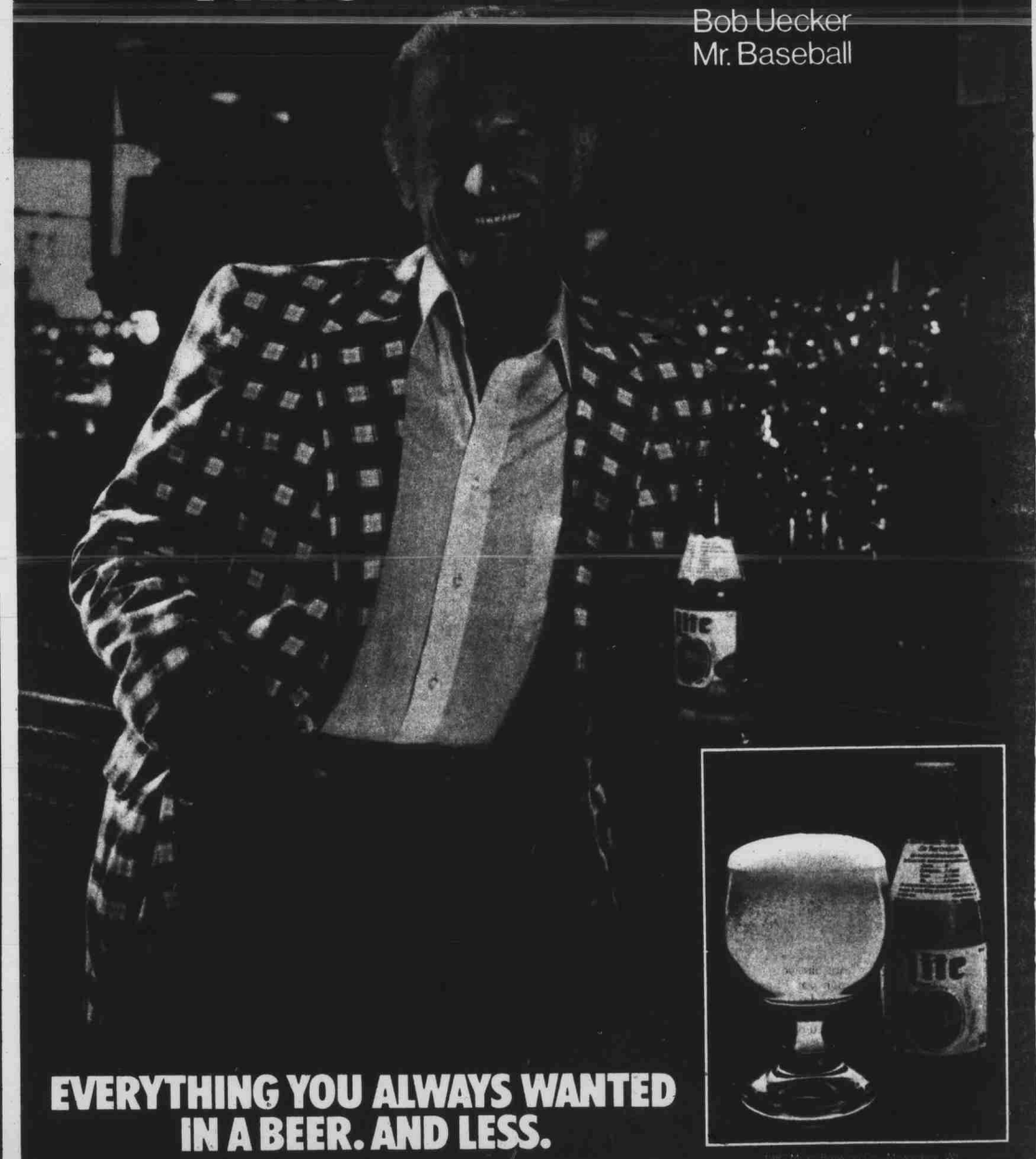
The Nylon Curtain, Billy Joel's latest hit, is making it big on the airwaves. "Pressure" and "Scandinavian Skies" from the new album are receiving extensive radio airplay. Joel is known for his numerous recent popular albums such as *The Stranger*, *52nd Street* and *Glass Houses* as well as oldies like *Piano Man* and *Streetlife Serenade*.

Technician file photo



"GREAT BALLPLAYERS DRINK LITE BECAUSE IT'S LESS FILLING. I KNOW. I ASKED ONE."

Bob Uecker
Mr. Baseball



EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED IN A BEER. AND LESS.

Entertainment Brief

The North Carolina Symphony and the North Carolina School of the Arts School of Dance and School of Design and Production will offer three performances of their annual holiday treat, *THE NUTCRACKER*, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

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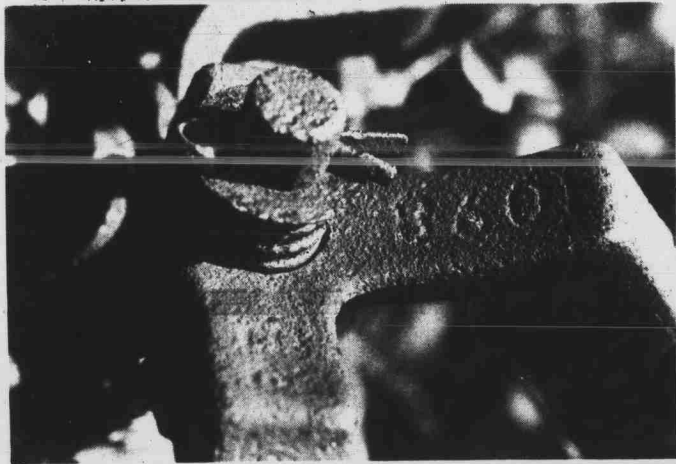
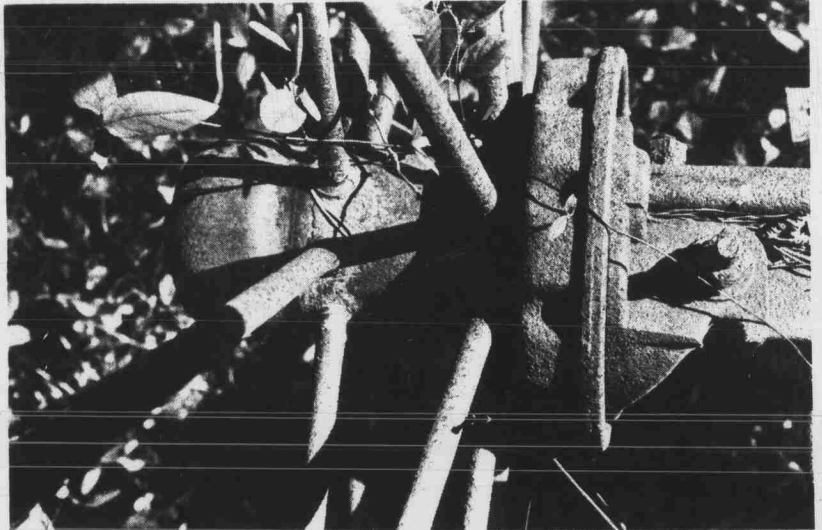
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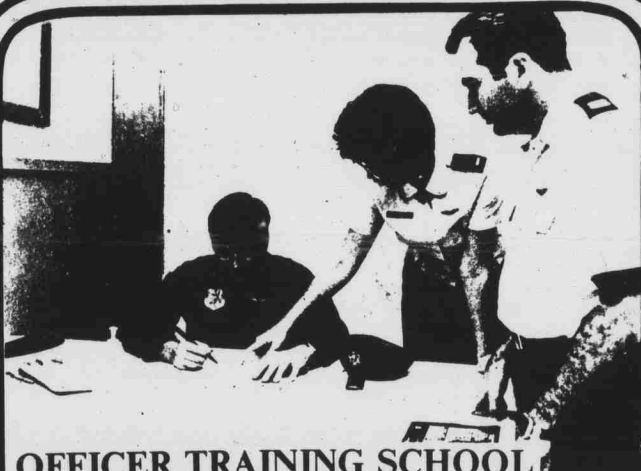
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Features

Fraternity holds Achievement Week celebrations

by James E. Turnage
Feature Writer

On the night of Nov. 19, beginning at 7 p.m. on the campus of Shaw University, the Kappa Lambda Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity held its annual Achievement Week celebrations.

This year's celebrations were held in conjunction with the Raleigh graduate chapter, Iota Iota. During Achievement Week, recognition is given to individuals making exceptional contributions to the community and the fraternity, as well as those high school students who have participated in Omega Psi Phi's National Essay Contest. This year's achievement theme was "manhood, scholarships, perseverance, uplift, Beacons For Guidance During Difficult Times."

While Iota Iota awards were presented to individuals in the Raleigh community, Kappa Lambda's awards were presented to individuals on State's campus. After Michael Wright, a Kappa Lambda brother, addressed the audience on the importance of this occasion in respect to the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, the presentations began.

The first award from Kappa Lambda was a plaque honoring co-citizen-of-the-year Eleania Ward. The

citizen-of-the-year award is given by the fraternity to the individual judged by the members as having contributed the most in terms of community service. This person does not have to be a member of Omega Psi Phi.

Ward was chosen by the brothers of Kappa Lambda due to her diligent work in the formulation and development of New Horizons, State's black gospel choir. The latest achievement of the choir has been a record album. Ward has a great relationship with the students at State. She serves as a motivating factor, an excellent blank role model, and to many students, she's like a mother. Kappa Lambda is proud to single out Ward because she is an asset to the State community. Currently Ward is assistant director of music at State. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

Kappa Lambda also bestowed the honor of citizen-of-the-year award upon Thomas E.H. Conway Jr. who is a member of Omega Psi Phi. Conway came to State in 1976 as a counselor. Besides acting as advisor to such organizations as the Society of Afro-American Culture and the Karate Club, Conway has contributed programs designed to prepare black students academically.

He has initiated a tutoring program (special services) and a mentor program. All students see Conway as an excellent role model, and seemingly, his influence on black students on State's campus cannot be measured. Conway once said, "My greatest joy professionally is to see students who think they can't, decide they can, then get things done."

Since Conway is an outstanding individual who gets things done, Kappa Lambda proudly selects this Omega member as its citizen of the year.

The next honoree of Kappa Lambda was the Minority Affairs Adhoc as organization of the year. A viable organization, MAA is composed of basically all black student leaders on campus who work along with the black faculty to ensure that relevant minority programming is done at State.

With faculty advisor and coordinator Wandra Hill leading the way, MAA has conducted leadership, parliamentary procedure and assertiveness training workshops, job interviewing techniques for seniors, interviewing strategies, a couple of minority professional nights in which minority professionals in various fields share their experiences of climbing the ladder of success, programs on off-campus housing and how to conduct a meeting, newsletters, and two

very successful minority career fairs.

Kappa Lambda selected Andre Anthony Marks to take home the prestigious chapter Omega-Man-of-the-Year. Marks was selected because of his outstanding service in exemplifying the cardinal principles so often during his 2 1/2 years as an Omega brother. He has represented Kappa Lambda professionally in all matters relating to the chapter, the district, and State campus. Marks has served Kappa Lambda as vice president for two consecutive years, chairman of Talent Hunt and Achievement Week committee, and an integral role in pledging activities.

Besides being the starting fullback for State's football team, this man of "purple and gold" known as "Dreghost" is probably one of the best "stepping" Ques around. Currently Marks is a senior at State joring in business management and computer science. As one of Omega's finest, Andre Marks is well deserving of this award.

Awards from the Raleigh graduate chapter went to a local Raleigh physician, Dr. George L. Debnam for citizen-of-the-year and area high school essay contestants.

State's assistant professor of botany and biology instructor, Tommy Wynn, was honored as the Omega-Man-of-the-Year.

Madrigal Dinner guests to spend evening in past

by John Linsie Hoskins
Feature Writer

Jugglers, singers, a jester, dancers, fencers, 60 or more costumes, brass bands, 70 cast members and waiters slide over for "The Greatest Show on Earth," State's Annual Madrigal Dinner.

Once upon a time, the elite royalty and the wealthy of France and England would meet for a Madrigal Dinner where they feasted and sang contrapuntal songs—songs with parts for several different voices. They would also be entertained by jugglers, jesters and musicians.

Times have changed, and now, even the hot polli can enjoy this type of entertainment at State's Madrigal Dinner. The idea for the Madrigal developed about four years ago at University Dining. Thompson Theatre was called in to assist the

Dining System. Ironically, now, Thompson Theatre does most of the production. Still, rightly so, Charles Martin, the director of Thompson Theatre calls it a "cooperative venture." University Dining provides the meal which, according to Monica Hayes, a veteran of the dinner, is "surprisingly excellent." The main course is roast beef. By the way, unless otherwise requested, the guests are given only a knife which was traditional in the medieval era.

Also in keeping with the authenticity of the show, the ballroom has been transformed into a medieval castle. This redecoration includes a raised platform where the lord, played by John Boyd, and the lady of the manor, played by Sara Baker, sit and view the festivities.

The facsimile of a medieval castle must account for the great response

the dinner gets. Some of the guests even come dressed as their favorite personalities from the era. The show is in its third year and still sells out. Martin said, "I'm still getting friends calling asking for tickets." They have nearly sold out, so, if you want one, you better hurry.

The show has certainly gained credibility, because it is getting excellent responses on the other side of the coin also. Martin also said that people are still asking if they can be in the show. Auditions began in early October and the turnout was great. Martin also commented that he wished he could have used them all.

From their auditions cast of seventy or more was chosen. Nearly the whole cast is made up of students. The only exception is the Collegium Musician group mastered by Patricia Peterson. They play woodwinds from the medieval era that

are so specialized and difficult to play that they could not be played by students. Peterson is the musician-in-residence here.

Another group, The Society for Creative Anachronism, is donating its talents. Although last year's group got paid for their efforts, the SCA members willingly volunteer their time. Eleanor Ide, the dance teacher and a more-than-willing-proxy for a sick dancer, said, "The SCA is delighted to finally be able to take part in the Madrigal Dinner." They perform several dances: the simple pavanne (easy for them to say), the jolexia (which means jealousy), the Branle Charlotte and the Verceps. The dancers are Merrie Flynn, Bil Schaaf, Renee Pope, Denise Whitman and Randy Buckland.

Also, another set of volunteers is State's own men's swim team. They

volunteered to be the usher-soldiers.

Another group that adds authenticity to the show is the jugglers. Both the jugglers, Patrick Cox and Doug Lipke, are freshmen and have never performed in the Madrigal Dinner. However, they perform as if they were veterans. Patrick, the more dexterous of the two, does a solo act with devil sticks and rings.

Although they have practiced extensively, there is still a chance one of the jugglers may drop a ball or stick. Still, Martin is not worried. "Someone (from the audience) will pick them up; they always do," he said. The show is divided into five parts. In fanfare one, the audience enters and for the first time has the pleasure of hearing the brass band. The lady and the lord give a brief greeting in fanfare two. Also, the Madrigal singers perform the first of their 12 songs. The highlight of fanfare three is a recital of the rules of Etiquette, done wonderfully by Susan Hankins. The heyday of fanfare four is the jugglers. They return in fanfare five and the lady and the lord close the proceedings. In the last section, the audience exits.

Much talent and work goes into the show. Everyone rehearsed extensively, even the waiters and waitresses. Fortunately, this will not be the last show. "To the best of my knowledge (this will not be the last show)," Martin said. "This is an annual event." The Madrigal Dinner will start today and will play until Wednesday. All shows will start at 7 p.m. except Sunday's, which will start at 5 p.m. The dinner will last about two and a half hours.



The Madrigal Dinner has long been a favorite event at State. There is a lot of fun, and strange characters, like the jester. The dinner is both enjoyable, and entertaining.

Engineering Reflections

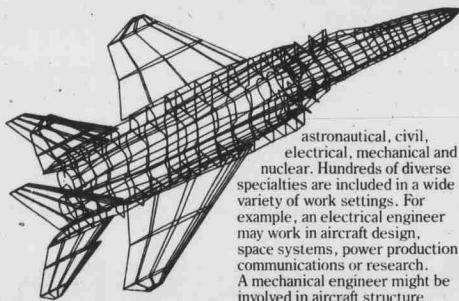
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Men tankers win

by David Kivett
Sports Writer

State's men's swim team stroked past East Carolina with ease Thursday night. The Wolfpack was led by freshman Glen Barroncini and senior Bob Menches in the 79-34 victory.

Barroncini, a diver from Brentwood, N.Y., recorded two first places against tough competition, and Menches beat the fastest time in the ACC this year by two seconds in the 500-yard freestyle.

"It felt smooth like it was supposed to," Menches said. "It makes you feel like I can get in and do another. I was surprised to be so far ahead at the first of the race because it felt so natural." "I was pleased with some

of the races and not pleased with others," said Wolfpack coach Don Easterling. "We set up 27 goals as a team for this meet, but we only met nine of them. Our distance free is still not what it needs to be, but we did get some excellent swim from some guys like Scott McCauley, who had his career best time in the 200 individual medley, (Rusty) Kretz and Todd Dudley."

Pirate coach Rick Kobe, whose team's record is now 3-2, was very pleased with his team and said, "We swam against one of the better teams in the country and improved over last year with a couple more wins."

For State, this was its 12th consecutive dual meet win and brings its record to 2-0 overall.



Staff photo by Jim Frei

Priscilla Adams was one of three newcomers who saw action in State's convincing, 75-63 win over East Carolina Thursday night in Reynolds Coliseum. The Wolfpack improved its record to 3-0 with the win.

State's helm, one student at tested.

"I don't think it's really fair to give him three years to turn around a program," said sophomore Paul Eckerd, a chemical engineering major. "It should take at least five years."

Some students, however, felt Kiffin's resignation was in the best interest of State's football program.

"I feel sorry for him, but I think State's football program will be better without him," said one student, who asked not to be identified.

"I was sorry to see him go, but under the circumstances, it was necessary for a change," said another student. "We're gonna lose ground on recruiting, but we had to take on a new look."

John Sprinkle, a junior in geology, said, "I think we needed a stronger figure, but I think he deserved at least one more year. Still, when you see him make one of those bad calls, you start to wonder."

"I think he made the best decision for himself because in his (resignation) statement, he mentioned that he didn't have the support he needed," he said. "I think it will be awfully hard to replace him. That goes further than his coaching ability, too."

Steven Hilliard, a sophomore in electrical engineering, also felt the school's lack of support prompted his resignation.

"I don't see how he could stay with so many people against him, and no solid support from the university," he said. "One student expressed his dissatisfaction in the administration's handling of the situation."

"I'm really hacked off about it," Mike Simpson said. "I think the administration screwed it up. If they were going to fire him or keep him, they should have told him immediately."

Kiffin was not given sufficient time to prove himself after three seasons at

Students react to Kiffin's move

by Devin Steels
Assistant Sports Editor

State football coach Monte Kiffin's resignation Wednesday brought mixed reactions from State students, but most interviewed understood Kiffin's decision and supported him.

Many students thought the administration treated Kiffin unfairly by not making an immediate decision about his future. "I can't blame him for resigning because of all the waiting around," said Shawn Poole, a freshman agriculture and food science major. "I think if he felt he didn't have people behind him, it was useless."

Added Joan McHugh, a senior in agriculture economics: "It was a wise decision on his part because they probably would have canned him anyway. I hate to see him go, though."

Johnny Elmore, a senior in social work, felt Kiffin resigned because of lack of support by the administration.

Men's basketball team entertains Aggies tonight in 2nd game

by Devin Steels
Assistant Sports Editor

State's men's basketball team, coming off an impressive 103-66 victory over Western Carolina, will face its toughest challenge of the young season tonight when it hosts North Carolina A&T State at 7:30 in Reynolds Coliseum.

The game is the opener for the Aggies, who return three top-notch players from a 19-9 squad which made a visit to the NCAA Tournament last season. Joe Binion, a 6-8 wing player who averaged 19.1 points and nine rebounds per game, is A&T's leading returnee. Forward Antoine Collins (8-9 and 7-7) and guard Eric Boyd (8-1 ppg) also return to the Aggies' lineup. Juan

Armstrong propels Pack past Pirates

by Bruce Winkworth
Assistant Sports Editor

A tough trapping zone defense in the second half, solid transition play and a standout performance by point guard Angie Armstrong propelled State's Women's basketball team past dogged East Carolina last night, 75-63, at Reynolds Coliseum.

The Wolfpack jumped out to an 11-point lead in the first six minutes, 20-9, behind eight points by Armstrong and four each by Linda Page and Ronda Falkena. East Carolina settled down at the 14:00 mark and scored eight unanswered points, and the first half was over and take the rest of the way.

The Lady Pirates tied the score three times, at 26, 30 and 32, but were never able to wrest the lead from the Pack. Linda Page hit a five-foot follow shot with 1:50 to play in the half, and the Pack never trailed again.

The second half was much like the first as far as the score was concerned, with the Wolfpack's final margin of 12 being twice the halftime lead. Armstrong led the Wolfpack with 20 points on an eight-for-11 shooting performance, while Page added 15.

Guard Lorraine Foster led the Pirates with 24 points, many of which came from what would be three-point range in ACC men's play. All-America candidate Mary Denkler added 20 points and had a game-high 11 rebounds, but her effectiveness was limited in the second half by the Wolfpack's zone defense.

"I was pleased with our defense in the second half," said Wolfpack head coach Kay Yow. "In the first half, I was really disappointed with the way we rebounded and the way we played defense."

The game was a physical one, which is typical for an East Carolina team, but Yow was pleased with the way the Wolfpack responded to the rough play. "I felt that this was one of the first times in the last several years that we've matched their aggressiveness," she said. "I never thought their aggressiveness took us out of our offense. It always has before, but tonight we didn't panic and go away from what we were trying to do."

Yow was also pleased with the Wolfpack's offensive movement and transition game, which is where Armstrong did most of her damage.

"Our transition game was good," she said. "I felt we did a good job getting back and stopping their transition game. We had a number of easy baskets ourselves, and I'm pleased with that."

Yow singled out several players for praise, in particular Armstrong, but felt that as a team the Wolfpack never got it moving to her complete satisfaction. "I never felt that I found the exact combination tonight," she said. "I never found the exact five that could get it clicking at both ends of the court. We played a lot of people and a lot of combinations in the first half, but fewer in the second. The second half may have been better due to fewer combinations."

One other area of concern to Yow was the inability of the team to successfully exploit the size of towering Ronda Falkena, who stands 6-7.

"I thought that was a very ineffective part of the game tonight," she said. "That's not Ronda's fault or the team's, but as a coaching staff haven't done a good enough job working on that."

The biggest key to the game, Yow thought, was the Wolfpack's second-half zone.

East Carolina (63)
Truske 0-0-0, Hooks 4-0-1-8, Denkler 9-2-5-20, Foster 12-0-0-24, Mabry 4-1-3-9, Bragg 0-0-0-0, Squirewell 0-0-0-0, Harrison 1-0-0-2. Totals 90-9-63.

State (75)
Branson 4-0-1-8, Page 7-1-1-15, Falkena 4-0-0-8, Armstrong 8-4-6-20, Lawson 4-0-0-8, Kreicker 3-2-8, Wild 1-0-0-2, Mayo 3-0-0-6, Rogerson 0-0-0-0, Adams 0-0-0-0, Mulligan 0-0-0-0. Totals 34-7-10-75.

Halftime - State 38, East Carolina 32. Total fouls - State 17, East Carolina 14. Technical fouls - East Carolina 1. A - 3,000.

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Women swimmers take 9 firsts, drown Pirates

by Scott Keeper
Sports Writer

State coach Bob Wiencen's women's swimming team swept to nine first place finishes out of 13 events to score a methodical 68-45 victory over East Carolina Thursday in the Wolfpack's natatorium.

A determined Pirate squad posted a meet-opening win in the 200-yard medley relay, but their quick eight-point lead and hopes of an upset soon diminished.

Freshman Hope Williams scored the Pack's first points by breezing to an easy victory in the 100-yard freestyle. Senior co-captain Beth Emery finished second in 10:40.77, seven seconds behind Williams. The pair drew praise from Wiencen.

"Neither of them normally swims the distances," Wiencen explained, "but both swam well. Hope had a really good race."

Emery also added a victory in the 200-yard intermediate, and a third place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Junior Ruth Elliot, who won the 100-yard freestyle in 55.177, was another bright spot. "She had our

played almost the entire game in a man-to-man defense.

"I certainly was pleased with the defensive effort," Valvano said, "giving up 66 points and playing almost 38 minutes of man-to-man defense, which is something we haven't done since I've been here."

best 100-yard freestyle of the year," Wiencen said. Sophomore Perry Daum also had a good day against the Pirate tankers, claiming a first place in the 100-yard fly, and a second place in the 50-yard freestyle. Freshman Sara McCauley turned in a 5:23.3 in the 500-yard freestyle to easily win her first collegiate race.

Coach John Candler's divers put the icing on the cake with a 1-2 sweep in both the one-meter and three-meter events.

Freshman standout Jackie Devers won both, followed closely by first-year counterpart Susan Gomak.

Wiencen's women will face UNC-Wilmington a week from Saturday before plunging into the "meat of the conference schedule in January."

"There are some areas where we need to improve," Wiencen said. "We need to get much better before the upcoming semester." But overall, Wiencen was pleased with his team's second victory in as many meets.

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Sports Editor

Like a long ordeal with a terminal illness, the situation has ended. The turmoil that has faced the State football program for the last two months is over — or at least, in the words of Winston Churchill, "it is the end of the beginning." Like draining a boil that was festered and sore, the pressure has been removed. Former State head football coach Monte Kiffin drained the boil himself Wednesday afternoon by handing in his resignation, citing lack of support from the State athletics department.

Billy Joel couldn't handle "pressure," but Kiffin could. He just decided to take the initiative and stop the leech that was sucking the life out of State football — the leech of time and worry. Why stick around where the boss doesn't like you? But more leeches remain.

Many hours of research and study had gone into a decision that all awaited. State Chancellor Bruce Poulton was to have decided Kiffin's fate, but he waited too long. All those hours were wasted as Kiffin was the one that ultimately had to make the decision.

Certainly Poulton was wise to be thorough, but when the proper time came, Poulton didn't have his crap together. The coach is gone because he took responsibility for the team, but when Poulton screwed up by procrastinating, he passed the blame to the media.

So it is that two ACC coaches have been fired after producing winning seasons — Red Wilson got the shaft as well, and both had 6-5 records. One battled with a lack of facilities and talent, while the other battled against one of the toughest schedules in the nation. But both battled against the odds — and won. Therefore both leave as winners.

But why was it that a coach who obviously deserved more time was forced out of office by a lack of support from the athletics administration.

Obviously, State athletics director Willis Casey was not in support of Kiffin. He didn't think Kiffin was a good sideline coach. Granted, he needed improvement there. But the game is not won entirely on the sidelines.

Casey was all but outspoken on his wanting Kiffin out. But why did Casey have this desire to get rid of Monte? Maybe it was because he didn't hire him.

When Kiffin was hired, Casey was not available to make the decision. Instead, then Chancellor Joab Thomas made the decision. According to sources inside the athletics department, that was the first coach to be hired at State by anyone besides the athletics director. Was Casey jealous because Kiffin wasn't his choice?

Casey and the Wolfpack Club may have been interested in another candidate, former East Carolina and present Auburn coach Pat Dye, for instance. Had Dye not made remarks against the Pirate administration when he left ECU, he might indeed have had the job. Are the higher-ups admitting now that they made a mistake?

Also supporting Casey and his burning desire to get rid of Kiffin were the ever present big wigs in the Wolfpack Club. Well bless ye, thou almighty dollar, oh ye redcoats. So what if you money-hungry mongrels wanted Monte out. Neither Willis nor his backers in their shiny red coats know enough about the sport to make that decision, no matter how much money they pump into the program.

The decision shouldn't be made by sportswriters either. But there are some people who should be consulted. How about the players for one. They were hardly considered and remained in the dark for most of the ordeal. Then there are the students, who pay without choice, 42 dollars per semester (84 year) to see State teams win. That's more than any 35 dollar-a-year man in the 10,000-person Wolfpack Club, and the students don't even get a newsletter. Then, how about the fans. Other than the players,



Monte Kiffin in a moment of despair.

Technician file photo

informed fans may be best qualified to make a decision of this caliber. And most of the players and fans were in favor of retaining Kiffin.

Instead of listening to these overtones, like in any big business, the money talked. The big bucks kept Poulton from making his decision on time. That brings to mind another point. During the time in which Kiffin's future was being hashed over, he was in total darkness.

The decision was delayed over and over because of Poulton's indecision, a result of the athletic powers being against Kiffin. Word has it that Poulton wanted to retain him. But Kiffin is gone. So who is in charge at this university? Is it run by the Wolfpack Club, Willis Casey or Bruce Poulton and his entourage?

Kiffin's decision was forced by the fact that he was thrown into a hellish 10-day wait. What was accomplished? Nothing by those that supposedly ruled. Casey and the Wolfpack Club came out looking bad because they produced the delay. Poulton looked bad because he couldn't establish the ground on which his authority should stand.

Maybe the only guy that came out of this thing really well was Kiffin. He got out of the mess that is called State Athletics.

So what now? A new coach? Will they try another experiment by getting somebody who has yet to win on the major college level? Will they elect to go with a proven winner, and if so, will one come here? What is the course for State football?

The best interest of the program, like the Wolfpack Club said, is to look 10 years down the road. But the tunnel is still dark. Hiring a new coach, even a proven winner, won't change that.

As Kiffin's wife Robin told the *News and Observer*, "He's given his life — three years of it — for this football program. And what does it get him?"

Kiffin received lots of praise about his personality. Many talked yesterday about his stature as a person, and all the good things are true. But even as a coach he was good. I'm not going to change my thinking now. I still contend he should have been kept, and I explained that weeks ago. I'm not alone. UNC President William Friday as well as other officials also reportedly wanted him to stay. But he is gone.

The situation now is who is responsible for the stupid ploys in which the matter was handled? It's quite obvious that Poulton, Casey and the Wolfpack Club had a lot to do with it.

Maybe State will learn from this latest venture into the world of bad administration. And maybe not. If history is any indication, they won't. It's almost a safe bet that Monte Kiffin has more success ahead of him than State athletics does.

College athletics: a big, big business

The best word I can think of to describe the whole situation is tacky. It was not a matter of letting head football coach Monte Kiffin go or not, but the way it was mishandled and the questions it raised. The powers that be should get all the credit due them: They somehow managed to surpass the Duke debacle in terms of tastelessness and bad public relations, and the Duke situation was a tasteless, public relations disaster.

I'm not going to use this space to argue pro or con of whether Monte Kiffin should have been retained. I have my feelings, but keeping Kiffin is no longer the question. The real question is why was this thing so badly handled and evidently misanderstood?

In a situation like this, rumors fly so fast that it is hard to keep up with them. But there was one rumor which was a constant — Director of Athletics Willis Casey was firm in his opposition of Kiffin, and evidently the Wolfpack Club felt the same way. So why was Kiffin strung along like a rabbit chasing a carrot on a string? Somewhere, someone must have taken the opposite view.

So for ten days, Kiffin had to squirm while whoever was in charge of this mess was trying to decide what

course of action to take. We have all been led to believe that the long waiting period was designed to insure a fair decision for all parties, including Kiffin, but this strikes me as a verse right out of Nick Lowe's hit tune of three years ago, "Cruel to be Kind."

State Chancellor Bruce Poulton said Wednesday night on WPTF-radio's Sports Line that he felt the media had put undue pressure on him which prevented him from following normal university procedures in the Kiffin affair. To an extent, he may be right, but is the head football coach a normal university employee?

Poulton also said he was surprised upon coming to North Carolina at the way "football coaches and their effectiveness were bandied around on the sports pages." He can blame the press if he likes, but I think a much bigger question is at the crux of this whole catastrophe.

What priority does this or any university place on athletics? Should it be treated as a big business or just another department in the university? That question is not easy to answer, but what about the way things actually are? Is the Athletics Department a business or is it the same as any other department at State?

Sports As I See It

BRUCE WINKWORTH

Assistant Sports Editor



I think the answer is all too obvious. College athletics is a big, big business, and the events of the last 10 days proved that dramatically. If the newspapers cover it that way, is that unfair? Did the press create the big business atmosphere in college athletics, or is it only reacting to and reporting on it?

Yes, the newspapers give a lot of space to the successes and failures of college coaches, but so do the fans, and for that matter, so do the booster clubs, who seem to have too much of a say in matters like this in the first place. The word was that if Kiffin was retained, Wolfpack Club contributions would have gone down. Money doesn't talk, it swears.

If the chancellor wants to treat athletics as anything other than what it is, a business, then that's fine, but it should be treated that way all the time, not just

when a coach's contract expires, and by all parties involved, including the booster clubs. Winning-at-all-costs is a situation we've never faced at State, but on the other hand, we have never pretended that athletics is just like any other part of the university, because it very definitely is not. We're not like Princeton or Yale, either.

The hiring and firing of a head football coach is not the same as hiring or firing a chemistry teacher. That may be a reversal of priorities, but that's the way it is.

So the press can't be blamed any more than the current status of intercollegiate athletics, on which the press is dependent, and which in turn is dependent on the press. The press did not treat this any differently than any other big story, but it was and still is a big story and deserves to be treated thus.

Wolfpack rifle team to shoot against Keydets

by Ralph Graw
Sports Writer

The Wolfpack rifle team will travel to Lexington, Va., Saturday to compete against the Keydets of Virginia Military Institute. VMI was the site of the 1982 NCAA Rifle Championships where State placed ninth overall.

Both schools will shoot a half course — 20 shots prone, standing and kneeling with smallbore rifles — and a 40 shot air rifle course.

State's "red" team, or top four shooters, will consist of team captain Jeff Arman-

trout, Keith Miller, Dolan Shoaf and John Hildebrand. Kevin Elvin will also participate in the match to gain match experience.

Normally travelling to matches with six shooters, State will have only five for this match since new team members obtained during tryouts are not yet eligible for NCAA competition.

Head coach John Reynolds sees this match as an opportunity to improve the team's current 1-5 record.

"We shouldn't have any problem with VMI," Reynolds said. "We beat

William & Mary several weeks ago, and they beat VMI worse than we beat them."

According to available sources, State's rifle team has not lost to VMI in at least 14 years, if ever.

If past history repeats itself — and Reynolds' team is determined it will — the match should prove to be a confidence builder for State. Having lost two weeks ago to Navy and Appalachian State, the Wolfpack is eager to set its record.

Benny Coughlin, a top performer at the Navy match, will not participate at VMI

due to illness. At Navy, Coughlin finished with 1,481 overall — two points above Armantrout. Miller was third at 1,465. Shoaf was the red team's fourth man, bringing in the final 1,404 points.

Led by Jim Hudson, the Navy team won the match with a team score of 5,944. Appalachian State was second in the smaller phase of the match with a score of 4,438 but won the air rifle segment with a 1,462 — beating Navy by six points and placing second overall. State finished third with scores of 4,384 smallbore and 1,445 air rifle.

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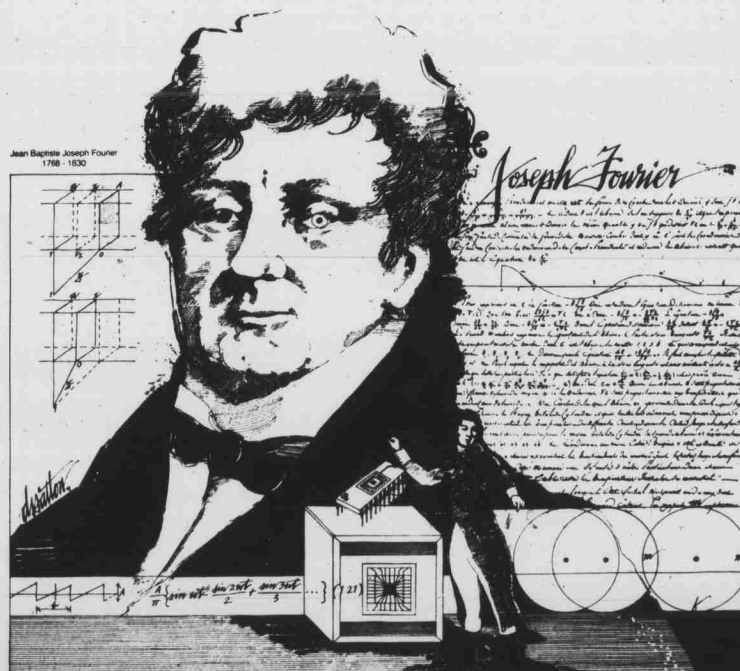
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State football players give reactions to resignation

by Tom DeSchriver
Sports Writer

Outside of one individual — Monte Kiffin — no one knew what was coming when Kiffin returned from Chalmers Bruce Poulton's office Wednesday afternoon to confront the press.

As Kiffin read his statement, rumbling began which would be felt from the chancellor's office to the College Inn.

As head football coach at State the last three years, Kiffin has had an input into the lives of over 100 student-athletes. Upon hearing of their mentor's resignation, the players' reactions ranged from surprise to bit-

terness.

"I was stunned," freshman Anthony Hicks said. "We (the team) didn't know anything. I don't think that it should have happened."

Although not stunned, sophomore I-back Joe McIntosh was surprised by Kiffin's move.

"It surprised a few people. If they were gonna fire the man they should have done it two weeks ago," the Lexington native said.

Although surprised, McIntosh understood why Kiffin stepped down.

"I guess he figured if people weren't backing him, he might as well move on," he said.

While not surprised by what happened to Kiffin, sophomore tight end Tim Foster is disappointed to see the 42-year-old coach leaving.

"I was disappointed," Foster said. "I hoped he'd get the opportunity to stay. I thought he'd done some good things, and he had the right to see his players do well."

Like everyone else the players couldn't understand why the decision took so long.

"I think it took too long to make the decision," sophomore Dwayne Greene said. "The length of time isn't gonna help the university. I'm not questioning the

decision. I'm questioning the decision process," the Raleigh native said.

Greene said the team was kept in the dark during the whole affair and had no input into the decision.

"I think if the players were gonna be considered, we'd of had to step up front and be shown," he said. "I guess we weren't that kind of a unit."

Agreeing that the decision was long, Foster felt that the chancellor had his reasons.

"I believe that Chancellor Poulton was the one that made it long, and he did it on purpose," Foster said. "He didn't want to make a rash decision."



Athlete of the Week

State women's basketball player Angie Armstrong is this week's Technician Athlete-of-the-Week. Armstrong led the Wolfpack women to two straight wins last week scoring a combined total of 33 points in the two games. The Pack opened with a 103-70 win over Howard, and then followed with an 82-43 win over George Mason.

Kiffin's resignation ends another Wolfpack era

(Continued from page 1)

show was in support of Kiffin, and some criticized Casey. Media attention to the matter was mostly in favor of the State coach Thursday. *News and Observer* sports editor Joe Tiede, Raleigh Times sports editor Bruce Phillips and writer Joel Chaney, as well as WRAL sports director Tom Sutor all have voiced support for Kiffin since his resignation.

The lengthy debate over Kiffin's status had prompted much pressure on Kiffin and his family as well as State assistants and the Wolfpack administration.

So now the Pack begins a search for its sixth coach in 12 years. Another era has ended.

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Grapplers to compete in 2nd meet

by Todd McGehee
Sports Writer

State and Lockhaven State usually field strong teams.

Following the Sheridan event, the Pack takes on Nebraska Sunday in a dual meet. Though his team will be wrestling three days in a row, Guzzo does not expect that to hurt the team.

158-pound junior Chris Mondragon is sixth and 167-pound Craig Cox is eighth.

Mondragon will be defending the title he won in the event last year, while Thacker will be trying to make it to the finals for the third straight year.

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The meet features three teams ranked in the latest top 20 wrestling poll in Nebraska (5th), Lehigh (6th) and State (13th). Ninth-year Wolfpack coach Bob Guzzo expects the winner to be one of these three teams.

Once again the Pack's strength will be the upper weights, led by the trio of Cox, Mondragon and Thacker, but the lower weights have quality wrestlers too. Guzzo expects junior Vince Bynum to challenge for a title in either the 134-pound or 142-pound division, while freshman Billy Starke should be a favorite for honors in the 118-pound class.

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"I would imagine that the strongest competition would be among those three teams," said Guzzo, but also added that Bloomsburg

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