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## Candidates for major offices prepare for run-offs

**Chrissy Cortina**  
Assistant-News Editor

Front-runners Michael Parker and Steve Hilliard qualified for a run-off election for the position of Student Body President in the Student Government elections held Tuesday and Wednesday.

Run-off elections will be held this Monday and Tuesday.

Parker received 23% of the votes and Hilliard had 22%. Third-place candidate Shannon Carson with 21% of the votes did not qualify for the run-off election.

Student Senate Presidential candidates Steve Greer and Perry Woods and Student Body Treasurer candidates Gary Mauney and Brenda

White will also participate in run-off elections.

The new Student Center (Union Activities Board) president is Laurie Dunlap.

The four person UAB Board of Directors for next year will be a run-off between Michael Lowry, John Kivett, Alan Lennon, Walt Perry and David Robertson.

All three constitutional referendums were passed.

Approximately 12-13% of the total student body voted in this year's elections, a 150% increase from last year, said David Heller, chairman of the Senate elections committee. "Although we expected a larger turnout, we've greatly increased student

participation in these elections."

Heller attributed the increase to the larger number of candidates, more intense campaigning and the greater amount of publicity this election has received over other elections.

Student Body Presidential candidate Steve Hilliard, commenting on the present election situation said, "I think that it's a shame Shannon (Carson) can't be in the run-offs. It just goes to show you that every vote counts."

Carson was only eleven votes behind the other two candidates and at first it was believed that he would also qualify for the run-off election.

Hilliard, currently executive assis-

tant of the President's Task Force to Combat Apathy, said that he has no major changes for his campaign at present.

"I gave this election my best the first time, and I just hope to continue that. I've come too far, there are too many people depending on me to give up now." The only change Hilliard saw in this election would be the amount of time he spent campaigning, he said.

"During the first election I spent a lot of my time helping to put together and distribute the (student) voting guide. Now all my time will be dedicated to campaigning."

Michael Parker, run-off candidate for Student Body President stressed

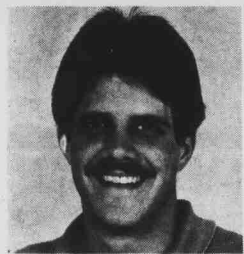
his desire to thank all of his supporters.

"I'd like to go around the common areas, meeting people," Parker said of his plans for the upcoming run-off election.

Parker also stressed his goals and enthusiasm for the position. "This past year's increase in student fees, the new State image and the 32 million dollar trust fund established for the University promises that next year will be one of unprecedented growth. It is important for the students of this university to be getting as much benefit from this growth as is possible because they (students) are the center of this university."



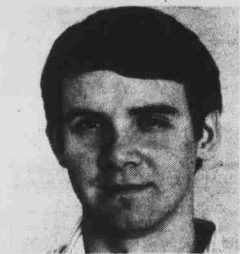
Laurie Dunlap



Steve Greer



Perry Woods



Steve Hilliard



Michael Parker



Gary Mauney



Brenda White

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* - elected	
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<b>Student Body President</b>	
William Terry Kelley	3%
Frank Coble	10%
Marold Kamai	18%
**Steve Hilliard	22%
**Michael Parker	23%
Michael Haas	3%
Shannon Carson	21%
<b>Student Senate President</b>	
**Steve Greer	41%
**Perry Woods	37%
Todd Powell	22%
<b>Student Body Treasurer</b>	
Schaeffer Fisher	11%
**Gary Mauney	29%
Greg Fidler	5%
Pete Anthony	9%
Kevin Hight	21%
**Brenda White	25%
<b>Student Center President</b>	
*Laurie Dunlap	62%
John Higdon	38%
<b>ALS Senators</b>	
Sophomores - 2 seats	
*Clarence Hauer	33%
Johnathan Grooms	31%
*Jason Doll	35%
Juniors - 2 seats	
Bob Gaskin	17%
Lisa Radwan	19%
*Vicki Carter	26%
*Catherine Gordon	38%
Seniors - 2 seats	
Harvette Jenkins	25%
*Dave Koury	38%
*Joe Ellis	36%
<b>PAMS Senators</b>	
Sophomores - 1 seat	
**Voris Williams	39%
**Charles Wells	34%
John Dyson	27%
Juniors - 2 seats	
David Dulling	21%
Fred Boss	13%
*Mike McGee	38%
*Barry Hicks	29%
Seniors - 2 seats	
*Peggy Edwards	50%
*Phillip Moore	50%
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**Shawn Dorsch	10%
**Barbara Wood	13%
**Steve Shrum	9%
**Steve Pope	6%
*Scot May	11%
Robert Thompson	4%
**Michelle Farr	9%
Tim Tompkins	3%
Guy Arcuri	5%
Don Honeycutt	5%
Mark Farnsworth	4%
**Eric Seagraves	7%
Rick Glassey	4%
**Bill Meyer	9%

## Pack hammers Deacons, 29-10

**Todd McGee**  
Sports Writer

State's baseball team rode a strong wind blowing towards Doak's center field Thursday for seven home runs to trounce Wake Forest, 29-10.

The win raises the Pack's record to 22-4, 4-1 in the conference, heading into two key ACC road games against Clemson and Georgia Tech this weekend. The Deacons dropped to 15-14 and 0-5 with the loss.

Wolfpack coach Sam Esposito reached a milestone with the win, his 400th in his 18-year tenure at the State helm.

"When you've been in the game as long as I have, it tells you you're getting a little old," he said with a smile. "It's nice to be involved in the college game that long."

The contest was ended, mercifully, after the top of the seventh inning because of cold weather and lopsidedness. Rookie hurler Bud Loving picked up the win for State, his fifth of the year against one loss, while Wake Forest starter David Walters absorbed the defeat to drop his record to 2-3.

"It was really a terrible day for pitchers," Esposito observed after the game. "It was amazing that Bud went seven innings."

The contest quickly turned into no contest. After the Deacons nicked Loving for a run in the first inning, the Pack responded by batting around in their half of the inning.

Sophomore Lane Lindley, filling in for injured regular Bob Marczak in the outfield, started things off with a walk. Lindley advanced to second on a single by shortstop Alex Wallace, and then scored on a single from second baseman Doug Strange to knot the score.

Walters appeared to settle down as he struck out Woodson and got catcher Jim Toman, the only Wolfpack batter not to get a hit, on a pop-out to third, but he was not out of the woods yet.

A walk to Tracy Black loaded the

bases, a single by designated hitter Doug Davis scored two runs, and Fava hit the first of three home runs, poling Walter's last pitch of the game over the center field fence.

The Pack scored one more run in the inning, as Lindley singled in Dickie Dalton, who had doubled.

The first inning set a precedent for State, which tallied eight runs in each of the next two innings. In the second frame, all the runs came off round-trippers. Dalton and Lindley hit back-to-back blasts - Dalton's a grand slam - and Woodson connected for his 15th homer, a three-run blast, after Frank Kavounis came in on relief of Gregg Nuti.

In the third, following four runs by Wake in the top of the inning, including a three-run home run by Kevin Bunn, the Pack once again played long ball. Woodson delivered

his second three-run job of the day, and Tracy Black chipped in an RBI triple to pace the State outburst.

"I've never seen a field affected by wind like this one," Esposito said after the game. "Wrigley Field (home of the Chicago Cubs) is comparable to this one."

Shocked by the massive barrage - State ended up with 26 hits for the day - Wake batters went down quietly in the next three innings. Loving set down seven in a row in the stretch, an amazing total considering the windy conditions.

Pack batters, meanwhile, didn't let up. Fava struck for two more home runs to give him eight for the season, and Lindley added four more singles to his total. For the day, he went 5-for-5 at the plate, scored four runs and drove in two.

"My hits had a lot of eyes today,

they were finding the holes," Lindley said. "It felt pretty good to get five hits."

Lindley, who only had five hits for the season going into the game, said he did not notice the severe weather.

"I wasn't even thinking about it. I thought it was pretty warm out there," he said.

Esposito, whose team may have snuck up on some people earlier in the year, realizes the schedule-makers have left him a difficult road ahead.

"We're catching two hot ballclubs this weekend," he said. "Everybody we play from here on in will be a hot team."

It's hard to imagine anybody being hotter than State, though, especially on cold days at Doak Field with the wind blowing out. Just ask the Deacs.



Staff photo by Marty Allen  
The Pack's Fava (15) is congratulated by Dalton (7) and Davis (17) after rapping one of three homers against the Deacs. State coach Sam Esposito reached the 400-win milestone with the 29-10 massacre.

## State radio operators aid victims

**Helen White**  
Staff Writer

State's amateur radio station, WA4TC, served as a control center for emergency information concerning the tornado disaster in eastern North Carolina this week.

WA4TC went on the air Thursday morning about 8 a.m. as a relay station coordinating much of the information amateur radio operators were transmitting.

Amateur radio operator Dave Redfern coordinated the "traffic" on the air waves. Redfern is a university staff member with the department of mechanical and aerospace engineering.

Dennis Herman, staff member in the animal science department, logged all incoming messages. Constantly receiving calls, Redfern transferred information to other operators in the disaster areas.

Information was identified according to the emergency broadcast

identification system used nationally by amateur radio operators. All messages were classified as routine, health and welfare or priority traffic.

Most of the priority calls that WA4TC handled concerned the availability of emergency food supplies within the emergency areas.

The majority of the routine traffic through WA4TC Net Control concerned health and welfare. A message of this type allows concerned citizens to know if relatives are all right.

Amateur radio operators involved in these emergency transmissions relieve the phone company of overloaded lines.

Many of the transmissions handled by Redfern and Herman were from the Red Springs area, where all but two phone lines remained after the tornadoes struck Wednesday night.

A National Guard helicopter was in contact with WA4TC throughout the day Thursday. Reid Whitten, State Emergency coordinator, was a pas-

senger in the helicopter and relayed the tremendous destruction caused by the tornadoes.

"Red Springs is still there contrary to some reports," he said. "The steeple is beside the church. . . These things like to eat mobile homes."

Redfern said that during an emergency situation such as Wednesday's tornadoes, repeater transmitters are used to extend the range of amateur radios so that emergency operations may be carried on.

"They are on-command for operation. The base repeater is always available," he said. These repeaters serve as links between different operators so that what goes in one repeater can come out of another, allowing for state-wide communication.

WA4TC is operated by State's Amateur Radio Club. The station is located on the third floor of the 1911 Building. Persons using this station must be associated with the university and have the appropriate FCC license.

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**Raleigh Area Forecast:**

**Friday:** Partly cloudy and windy today with highs in the mid 50s. Fair tonight with a low of 33°.

**This weekend:** Fair Saturday with a high in the upper 50s; partly cloudy with chance of rain Sunday with highs about the same.

"We're all as honest as we can afford to be, except for a few."  
Lenny Bruce

## Corporation seeks board

State's Student Legal Defense Corporation is accepting applications for students interested in serving on its Board of Directors.

Any student interested in applying should stop by the Student Government Office on the fourth floor of the Student Center to fill out an application. The Thelma Galloway (737-2797) will furnish blank forms and accept completed ones. Applications will be accepted until April 6.

The elections will be held on April 9 at 6 p.m. in the board room of the Student Center. Applicants should plan to give an informal two-minute speech highlighting their abilities and expectations. After all applicants

have been heard, the board members will vote for four candidates to serve as at-large members of the board. The 1984-85 chairman and secretary of the board will be those applicants who receive the largest number of votes.

The Legal Defense Corporation is available to provide financial assistance for student legal actions whose outcome will have a significant impact upon the university student community. Cases submitted will be screened by the legal advisor and reviewed by the Legal Defense Board, comprised of eight pre-appointed and four at-large members.

# 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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## Voter turnout increases

This year's Student Government campaign was one of the most competitive in years, and the run-offs promise much of the same. All of the literature, signs and general campaign materials bring one question to mind; how much money was spent on this campaign?

There is a \$100 limit on spending for campaign materials for all major position candidates and an additional \$50 for the runoffs.

The spending limit guidelines prevent a candidate from buying an elected post simply by putting his name before the student body more predominantly. They should boost the race on competence and the issues, not on visibility.

One of the shortcomings of this rule is that it is not enforced prior to the election dates. A candidate that over-spent during the campaign, even if caught and disqualified, could make the election results meaningless. All the votes that were made for the disqualified candidate would be votes that may have been cast for a different candidate, entirely changing the outcome of the election.

It is hard to believe that this year's campaign entirely meets these guidelines. It could be that due to the relatively dull campaigns in recent year's that this year's looks extravagant. Hopefully, the campaigns of all candidates meet all requirements and none will

have to be disqualified. However, this year may bring some difficulties due to the intense campaigns waged by the candidates.

Most of the guidelines that regulate campaigning are vague. It could be said that many, if not most, of the candidates could be disqualified from the elections this year for minor violations due to the vagueness of the guidelines.

The final turnout for the initial elections was over 2200 students, or approximately 13 percent of the student body. Although this figure seems low at a glance, it represents a substantial increase over last spring's 6 percent turnout. Some of the reason for the still-low turnout could be attributed to the heavy rainfall during part of the second day of voting, and the large number of students that are not on campus when the polls are open.

Although the voting guide, a new idea this year that was designed to help students make more intelligent decisions when voting, had distribution problems, it was definitely an aide in voting. This year, students got to see the candidate's platform and photo.

Although the turnout can be looked at as encouraging, improvement is still needed. A turnout in the 30-40 percent range would be considered a success, a figure that may be attainable in the future.



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## Presidential race overshadows gubernatorial campaign

# Herd of candidates present

With the glamour and glitter of the presidential race, many races that are also important are being ignored. One of them is the North Carolina gubernatorial race. This race is of particular importance to State students, especially those who are residents of North Carolina. The governor has much influence on decisions concerning higher education. And the governor as a whole can shape the agenda of the state.

The governor's office has grown in power in recent years. The ability to run for a second term has increased his leverage with legislature. And the appointive powers of the governor have the effect of help shaping the policy of key state agencies.

With this in mind it is not surprising many people want the job. And after eight years of Jim Hunt being governor it seems the dam has burst with candidates. There are six major candidates seeking the Democratic nomination, and one major candidate seeking the Republican nomination.

The frontrunner for the Democratic nomination for a long time is Attorney General Rufus Edmisten. Edmisten comes from the moderate to liberal wing of the Democratic Party and has stayed in the middle. He favors raising teachers pay, the Equal Rights Amendment and likes to portray himself as a tough and law order sort of candidate.

Edmisten's broad base of support has eroded in recent months. Liberals and moderates have been going over to former Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox and former state Rep. Tom Gilmore. His conservative support has gone over to Clinton businessman D.M. "Lauch" Faircloth.

Edmisten has also been in running a feud with Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green over Green's indictment in the FBI's COLCOR probe. Green has alluded that Edmisten initiated the investigation. Edmisten has denied it.

Green himself is running for governor and is running fourth in the latest polls. He comes from the conservative wing of the party and draws most of his support from eastern North Carolina businessmen. He also supports raising teachers pay but opposes the ERA and state funding of abortions. Recently, the *Moral Majority Report* commended Green for his stands on social issues. At least he can claim a mandate from heaven.

A candidate who shares Green's conservative views—except on state funding of abortions and the ERA — is D.M. "Lauch" Faircloth. Faircloth is by far the wealthiest candidate in the field, and probably could fund his own campaign. He has used his money to get a couple of endorsements. Recently, former state Rep. Mickey Michaux, a well known black political leader, endorsed Faircloth.

Michaux had a campaign debt of \$100,000 left over from his unsuccessful bid for Congress in the 2nd Congressional District. It would take very little for Faircloth to pay off that debt.

Faircloth, in addition to money, has much connection with the business community in part due to his service as commerce secretary. He likes to boast that he single-handedly recruited \$13 billion worth of new industry to the state. What he fails to mention is that he never looked closely at their environmental records.

Faircloth is running third in the polls. Running ahead of him is former Charlotte Mayor and State graduate Eddie Knox. Knox, like Edmisten, comes from the moderate to liberal wing of the Democratic party, and he too stands in the middle. He favors raising teachers' pay, finding a solution to the problem of hazardous waste and a pay equity fund for female state employees.



**HENRY JARRETT**

Editorial Columnist

Knox has recently gained an Edmisten and is now running even with him. His style of leadership is compared with that of Gov. Jim Hunt. His base support comes from the Charlotte area and attracts a broad cross section of people.

Running near the rear of the herd is Insurance Commissioner John Ingram. Ingram calls himself the "People's Conservative." But it is more appropriate to call him a populist demagogue. The main issue he is pushing is an elected utilities commission. If he becomes governor North Carolina will probably need one.

Running at the rear of the Democratic herd is former state Rep. Tom Gilmore. Gilmore's stand on the issues makes him the most liberal candidate in the race. He favors raising teachers' pay at or above the national average with a career ladder, appointing women and blacks to key positions in proportion to their numbers in the population and recycling hazardous waste. In addition, he is for opening up Council of State and Advisory Budget Commission meetings to the public.

Gilmore has the endorsements of the state AFL-CIO and the North Carolina Association of Educators. He runs a campaign almost totally dependent on grassroots support. In addition he hopes to work 84 jobs before the May 8 primary. Gilmore, a State graduate, has thus far worked as a teacher, salesman, turkey farmer, college

student, waiter and almost every job one can imagine.

The major Republican candidate is 9th District Rep. Jim Martin. Martin has a 95 rating from the American Conservative Union. He favors merit pay for teachers, jetties on Oregon Inlet, and like Gilmore favors opening state meetings to the public.

Tom Ellis, chairman of the National Congressional Club, questioned Martin's conservative credentials because of his association with the more moderate Holshouser wing of the state Republican Party. The Club wrested control of the party from them in 1976 and has since made sure that only true blue conservatives get the Republican Party nomination.

Ellis tried Bill Cobey, but Cobey decided to run for Congress. Ellis thought about running himself but dropped the idea. So for right now Martin is their man.

The Democratic race is pretty wide open. With the candidates' media blitz to pick up steam this month there will be a lot of movement in the polls. Someone like Green or Gilmore could pull an upset. Ingram could make a strong showing with the constant support he has. Knox and Edmisten are peaking and their support may soon fall off. And Faircloth may blitz the state enough with his commercials to get into the June 5 runoff.

Whoever is the Democratic nominee will face a tough battle against Martin. Martin will get what money is not spent on Sen. Jesse Helms' re-election campaign. And the Democrat will compete for money with Gov. Jim Hunt's senatorial campaign.

With as many candidates as there are people should look closely at them. There are many critical issues such as education, the environment, low industrial wages, the elderly, and providing a fair tax system. And people should look to find a governor who will not just follow public opinion, but one that will lead it.

## forum

### Student rights must stay unrestricted

I am writing in response to David Renegar's condemnation of Gay Awareness Week. (March 28 Technician) He contends in his letter that the university has not only a right but an obligation to judge and control the rights of students to organize and speak freely. The University is not endorsing homosexuality but rather granting gays the same rights that it grants to any other group.

David Renegar finds homosexuality to be in violation of his religious morals. I, on the other hand, find Christianity repugnant. The difference between us is I recognized his right to organize on our campus.

I think David Renegar fails to realize that North

Carolina State is not a religiously affiliated private institution but rather a government funded public institution open to the people of all religious beliefs. If he is unable to cope with the granting of organizational freedom to those who disagree with him, he has the option of attending a religiously affiliated school where minority groups can be forbidden to express ideas contrary to his interpretation of the Bible.

If the David Renegar of this world are allowed to restrict the rights of gays who will their next target be: Jews, Catholics, Moslems.

Michael Strickland, II  
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### Accusations fail to consider majority

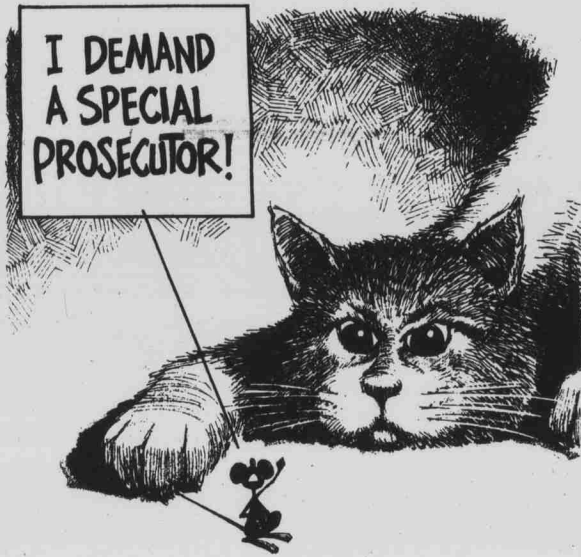
In response to the letter from Derek Beatty concerning Steve Greer, we would like to address the points, "accusations," made in his letter. Mr. Beatty states that the proposed calendar is worse than the present calendar. This is a short-sighted accusation that fails to consider the majority of the students. He fails to consider that travel time is an important consideration for out-of-state students. Out-of-state students do not go home as frequently, so every day at home is important to them and their families. Also, the proposed calendar changes will allow State students to be competitive for Christmas jobs that are on a first-come first-serve basis. Contrary to Mr. Beatty's opinion, this money allows many State students to pay their ever-increasing fees.

Mr. Beatty also fails to realize that a college education is not merely academic. An education involves a socialization process that teaches us how to function in society. Interaction among college students at such events as the UNC game is

part of this process. The UNC game also contributes to school spirit and demonstrates the importance of friendly competition. Greer's proposal will allow more students to enjoy this game.

The most serious flaw in Mr. Beatty's letter is his personal attack on Steve Greer and his qualifications. Steve Greer is very active in extra-curricular activities while remaining a serious student. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, an engineering honors fraternity. He is also a member of the N.C. Fellows Program and a Chancellor's aide. We certainly feel that Steve Greer is eminently qualified to serve as Academics Committee Chairman.

William Howard  
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# Features

Engineers develop shock-absorbing crutch

Bill Ridenhour  
Feature Writer

"Engineering design is, of course, what engineers are supposed to want to do, but when you get the opportunity to use your skills to help someone, that's fantastic because you can really see what you've done for the person. It gives you a great feeling!" C. A. McDonald said, referring to the work being undertaken by a group of mechanical engineering students to develop shock-absorbing crutches.

The project to design a pair of shock-absorbing crutches began late last fall when Cap'n Jim Letherer came to an ASME luncheon and explained his unique goal to the student members. Cap'n Jim, who lost his left leg to cancer, had the inspiring goal of walking across the country to raise money for cancer research. In training, however, walking and running as much as 10-15 miles per day, the stress on his hands and shoulders from the crutches was proving to be quite a problem for Cap'n Jim.

A group of approximately eight students decided to investigate the possibility of developing a special pair of crutches.

According to McDonald, each of the members of the design team worked on possible designs during the Christmas break. When classes resumed at the beginning of this semester, the students met again and decided on a final design.

One set of tests was run

on the crutches using strain gauges in order to determine the magnitude of the loading of the forces. During the design process, the decision was made to build a prototype set of crutches. Cap'n Jim, tentatively wanting to begin his walk in May, would use these crutches during his training during April.

McDonald explained the rationale used in deciding upon this approach to the crutch development. "Crutches are a much more complicated system than we had originally expected them to be. We had first tried to do all of our analysis on paper, but there were just too many unknown factors complicating the problem."

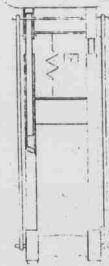
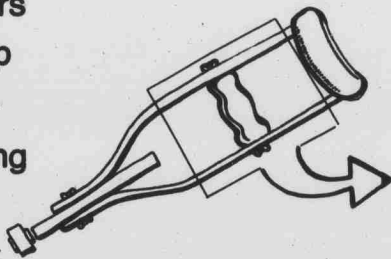
"We then decided to do tests during his month of practice. We'll run more tests after construction to insure that the spring constants and damping coefficients will be adequate to withstand the trip."

Cap'n Jim, who can run a nine-minute mile, plans to walk most of the way across the country. McDonald said the group was designing the crutches to withstand a maximum stress load, that is, as if Cap'n Jim were going to run the entire distance.

In addition to being a valuable experience from a practical engineering standpoint, this project has undeniable merit from a human point of view. "Not only are we doing this for Cap'n Jim, but also for cancer research because we're aiding him in his

fund-raising efforts for cancer research, and this is what really makes the

whole project so worthwhile." McDonald said.



## Club members sponsor livestock show

Jeaney Sapp  
Feature Writer

The Animal Science Club is sponsoring a livestock show Friday. The show gives the club members an opportunity to display their skills in handling and showing swine, sheep, beef cattle, dairy cattle and horses. These students have spent most of this semester learning to care for, clean, clip and handle the animals which they are assigned. Many of the members have had little or

no experience with large animals. The purpose of the Animal Science Club Day is to familiarize the club's many members with

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## ISHMAEL REED VISITS NCSU, DISCUSSES DRAMA

PERSONAL PROBLEMS, a topic close to everyone's heart, is a new video work that will be screened and discussed on Mon. April 2 at the Student Center Ballroom at 8pm. by guest artist, Ishmael Reed, who conceived, co-wrote, and appears in the drama.

Reed, who is a prolific writer of novels (MUMBO JUMBO, THE LAST DAYS OF LOUISIANA RED, and THE TERRIBLE TWOS are examples), poetry, and essays has always been charmed by conventional literary forms such as the Western or detective novel. He injects the familiar forms with his satiric, surrealistic wit. Now entering video with PERSONAL PROBLEMS, Reed has again chosen a conventional form, that of the soap opera. He was attracted to the format for two reasons. It is an American invention and it remains a relatively un-lampred form since it is not taken seriously by critics. Consistent to his eclectic literary designs, Reed and cast/crew of PERSONAL PROBLEMS have developed a realistic portrayal of middle class Black Americans which is in sharp contrast to the traditional fabrications of Black Americans such as

THE JEFFERSONS on TV and film. It has been lauded as the first real portrayal of working class blacks.

The soap opera, shot in and around New York City, escapes the traditional claustrophobic interior locations of TV soaps. The typical one-dimensional sound is unleashed to a layering of background sounds adding to the naturalistic style. Furthermore, the dialogue among the characters is sparkling due to much of it being improvised by an exceptional cast.

The main character in PERSONAL PROBLEMS is Johnnie Mae Brown, played by South Carolina writer/actress Vertie Mae Grosvenor, who is a nurse at Harlem Hospital. Her daily life is mixed with marital arguments, a live-in father-in-law, a free-loading brother, and a lover. Walter Cotton, the show's producer, is Johnnie Mae's unfaithful husband. His father is played by one-time matinee idol Jim Wright. Johnnie Mae's lover is portrayed by musician/composer Sam Waymon.

In one humorous scene, Johnnie Mae and two of her women friends meet at a sidewalk cafe to discuss the impossibility



of life and men. In a scene following the father's death, four of the men friends share a bottle of Scotch concealed in a paperbag as they walk together and celebrate their survival and their grief with bittersweet comradery.

Directed by Emmy Award-winner Bill Gunn, PERSONAL PROBLEMS is a collaborative effort by Black writers, actors, and crew. "It's a people's form," explains Reed. "You get all points of view not just of one writer. That's what's left out of commercial television-different points of view of the lives of other Americans."

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**Correction**

In the Intramurals correction Wednesday, *Technician* inadvertently omitted the person to call in order to make suggestions or complaints about the weekly page. Please call Jeff Butler at 737-6000 if you want to give the intramural editors feedback.

**Thacker qualifies**

Staff Reports

State heavyweight wrestler Tab Thacker qualified for the Olympic Trials by finishing second in the National Open Free Olympic Qualifying Meet this past weekend at Stillwater, Okla.

Thacker pinned three opponents and shut out former Olympian Mike McCreedy (6-0), before losing a default match to

Bruce Bumgardner, a silver medalist, in the finals. Thacker did not wrestle the bout because of a mild ankle injury that he suffered in the semifinals.

One of 24 Olympic hopefuls, Thacker will participate in a mini-tournament at the Olympic Trials in May. The top four survivors will then go to "wrestle-offs," where two wins in three bouts is required to make the Olympic squad.



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**Pack tracksters host world-class field**

**Staff Reports**  
More than 40 men's and women's track teams are expected to participate in the biggest meet ever held at State's Derr Track, the WRAL-Atlantic Coast Relays Saturday.  
Competition begins at 9:25 a.m. with the afternoon session starting at 1 p.m. There is no admission. Featured in the field of world-class performers are Jason Grimes, the No. 2 ranked long jumper in the world behind Carl Lewis; Steve Riddick, a former U.S. Olympian in the 100-meter dash; 1983 NCAA finalist Harvey McSwain of the Wolftrack Club; former NCAA champion Rodney Wilson in the 110-meter high hurdles; and former Olympic high hurdler Charles Foster. Grimes, who has jumped 28 feet, also will compete against Riddick, McSwain and current State standout Gus Young and Perry Williams in the 100-meter dash. His biggest challenge in the long jump should come from ICAA indoor champion George Mason's John Parker, who has a 26-plus leap to his credit. Outstanding competition also should take place in the triple jump, where 10 entrants have leaped more than 50-6; the high jump, where four competitors have cleared 7-3 or better; the javelin; and the 400-meter intermediate hurdles.

**Women netters falter to Deacs, Tigers**

**Devin Steele Sports Editor**  
The Wolfpack women's tennis team, who Coach Crawford Henry says is a year away from being an ACC challenger, fell twice to league foes to slip to 1-4. State, 5-7 overall, suffered a 7-2 setback at Wake Forest Wednesday, before faltering to nationally-ranked Clemson, 9-0, on a chilly, windy Thursday at Lee Courts.  
Lewis ran her record to 9-3 overall and 4-1 in the ACC, while the Lewis-Kolehma team went to 9-3 and 3-2 after Thursday's action.  
No. 2 Gretchen Elder (8-4 overall, 2-3 in the ACC), No. 3 Kerri Kolehma (6-6, 1-4), No. 4 LeAnna Lewis (4-8, 0-5), No. 5 Susan Carpenter (3-9, 1-5) and No. 6 Isabel Santo Tomas (0-2, 0-2) all lost a pair.  
CLEMSON 9, STATE 0  
Singles  
No. 1 - Forman (C) d. Leslie Lewis 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2 - Seigler (C) d. Elder 6-2, 6-1; No. 3 - Bobby (C) d. Kolehma 6-3, 6-2; No. 4 - Trucks (C) d. LeAnna Lewis 6-1, 6-3; No. 5 - Neville (C) d. Carpenter (6-1, 6-1); No. 6 - Miller (C) d. Santo Tomas 6-1, 6-0.  
Doubles  
No. 1 - Forman-Trucks (C) d. Leslie Lewis-Kolehma 6-3, 6-7, 6-1; No. 2 - Bobby-Cash (C) d. Elder-LeAnna Lewis 6-2, 6-3; No. 3 - Seigler-Neville (C) d. Santo Tomas-Underkofler 6-0, 6-1.

**Women gymnasts finish 4th at NCAA Regionals**

**Mike Grizzard Sports Writer**  
State's women's gymnastics team concluded its season in the NCAA Southeastern Regionals Saturday with a fourth-place finish among six schools.  
Florida, who hosted the competition for the third straight season, dominated the affair with a score of 187.95 to earn a spot in the NCAA finals in Los Angeles. Georgia notched an at-large berth with a total of 181.85.  
West Virginia claimed third at 174.85, edging the Wolfpack's total of 174.20. ACC representatives North Carolina and Maryland finished fifth and sixth, respectively.  
State was paced by sophomore Leah Ranney and freshman Annette Evans. Evans garnered a team-high 35.50 points, including a mark of 9.20 on the balance beam. Ranney posted consistent scores in the meet, highlighted by a 9.05 performance on the uneven parallel bars.  
Coach Mark Stevenson feels the opportunity to compete in the regionals benefited his young squad. "Going to the regionals gave the young kids some good experience," said Stevenson. "It gave them a chance to look at the teams that they will be competing against in the next few years."  
State gymnasts Jenny Ladner, Vicki Kreider and Karen Nagle turned in valuable performances in their final appearances as collegians.  
"I was really pleased with Vicki and Karen," said Stevenson. "Vicki scored a 35.10 in the all-around, and Karen had a good meet except for beam."

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