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## And they're off...

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Summer school students had a chance to take Saturday afternoon off with the first annual Olympiad day with games, food and fun. The participants of the games were not given any prizes but somehow that didn't seem to matter very much.

## Reminders

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# 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 marketplace through which the students themselves talk. College life without its journal is blank.

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## From The Editor...

In a fast-moving atmosphere, as can develop in a university environment, it is easy to lose one's perspective on things. Molehills are made into mountains, and petty differences are the cause of great concern.

Thus, it is important every once in a while to simply stop and smell the roses (to coin a phrase). By this I mean it is necessary for a person to look at life, not from their individual (microscopic) point of view, but rather from an overall perspective — a macroscopic view.

This type of open-mindedness leads to an appreciation of one's own good fortune.

Several weeks ago, Jim Letherer, a one-leg amputee better known as Cap'n Jim, began a courageous cross-country walk on crutches that will take him from Raleigh to San Diego. The outward purpose of his walk is to raise money for cancer research.

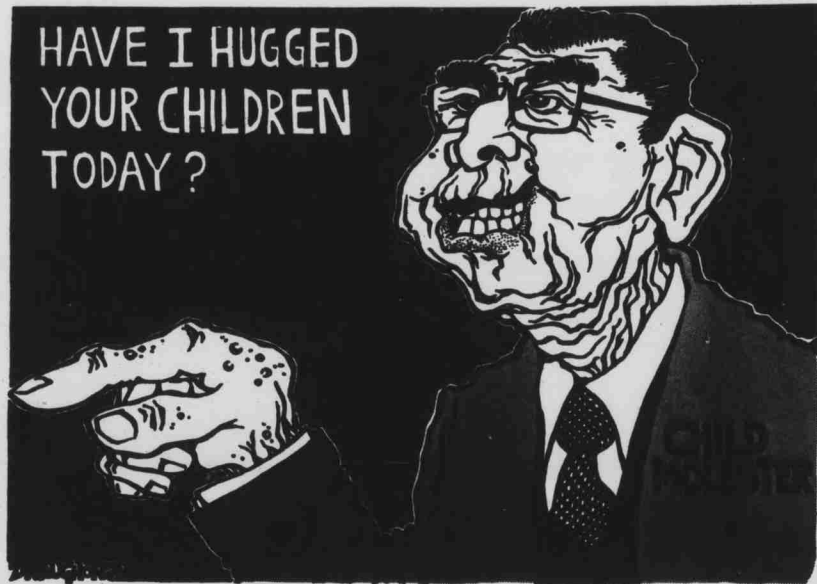
However, I see two other, possibly more important, results from his attempt. First, his walk could prove to be an inspiration to other handicapped persons by showing them that they need not give up on life simply because of a physical impairment.

Secondly, it should serve as a reminder to the healthy members of our society that, in spite of the small problems that we are all fond of complaining about, we do have a great deal to be thankful for.

Given the fact that we are attending this University for the benefit of learning — of expanding our minds — we should be eager to learn as much as possible, at any time possible.

With this in mind, it is apparent that much of our education could come not from our textbooks but from our own involvement in everyday life...if we not only look, but also "see" the life around us.

*Bill Ridenhour*



**What's in your files?**

## Computers harass kids

What do you do in private? The computers know. "They know when you're sleeping; they know when you're awake. They know if you've been bad or good" so be good or they'll get you.

How much do computers know? They know a hell of a lot! Do you sleep in PJs or in the nude? The computers know. Do you eat asparagus? The computers know. Do you pay taxes? The computers know that too. In a recent *U.S. News and World Report*, it is reported that the average individual in the United States has at least 39 separate files containing confidential information about him in the local, state and federal government computer banks and at least 40 files in the private sector. Furthermore, this information passes between different communication networks on the average of five times a day making this confidential information available to anyone with the right credentials.

**DRAUGHON  
AND  
AUSTIN**

*Editorial Columnists*

There is a danger to your right to privacy when these files are accessible to any agency that wishes to purchase specific information. The government buys files from the private sector to collate tax information; the private sector buys files from the government through the "Freedom of Information Act". What kind of freedom can you have if a person with a fist full of dollars can buy your private life on a computer disk? You can't, by God.

We're being exploited by this misapplication of computer technology. Computers and the people that have access to them have the power to deny you credit, hire or fire you, and have you watched by the FBI, SBI, IRS, CIA and the local sheriff.

It's not going to get any better; it's going to get worse, and that won't be nice. People that you don't even know will come up to you on the street and laugh about your grades. Soon, the cops will have hand held devices that will have a complete rundown on you, your family, and whether or not your dog is a communist.

Computers don't care about your personal life. They're made out of copper and silicon, not blood and guts like us. Personally, they hate people. They think we're too emotional. (They're a lot like Mr. Spock.) Computers are waiting for the day that they can run things as they see fit. They are already "making a list and checking it twice" to deny life to those that don't conform, bow down on their knees and lick their chips.

It's not only the computers that are out to get us, but it's

also those damn whizkids you always see on "Wargames" and T.V. shows. They're in league with the computers. They write programs to extricate every bit (computer jargon) of information from every source for your personal magnetic dossier. This school is full of these computer conspirators. They're the ones that always argue "the MacIntosh is better than the IBM PC, the Atari 5400 or the Commodore 64." As for which "computer" we like best, we'll stick to the LSD-25.

Don't think that we abstain from using computers though. Every article written for this paper is typed on a computer (and probably sent to the FBI for investigation).

It would be nice if we could gather every computer in the world and smash them to bits (computer jargon) with sledge hammers, but we can't. They are already too incorporated into our communication system which is getting larger, gathering more and more information on more and more people every day.

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We could tell you to run home, lock your doors and take the phone off the hook, but that won't help. They'll find out what you're doing whatever you do. You can run, but you can't hide... from the computers.

**As for the  
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LSD-25**

What do all of these files contain? Everything and then some. They've got your school records from grammar school (including disciplinary punishments), SAT scores, student loan applications, medical reports, insurance records, military records, police records, job applications, performance reports, lists of local and long distance telephone calls, financial transactions, property owned, tax records, census information and operational licenses. And if that isn't enough, the private sector keeps a tab on the products you consume and/or are likely to consume in the future.

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Op—Ed

# Abortion destroys innocent life

*Editor's Note: This is the first part of a two-part editorial concerning abortion.*

**C. Heyward Riedell**  
Editorial Columnist

Yes, abortion is murder!

As an editorialist, I feel it necessary to address issues that concern the University environment. We as students, faculty members or staff members should be informed about abortion because the majority of us are at the child-bearing or fathering age and because of the serious ramifications abortion has for our society.

We should not allow abortion to creep up on us by surprise and then realize our mistake too late as did the women who belong to WEBA (Women Exploited By Abortion). We should pay close attention to these women merely for the fact that they were once pro-abortion — until they had one! Having had experience on both sides of the issue, these women earn credibility for their opinion against abortion. I feel that we of the academic community have failed to identify the facts and that we have based our opinions upon hasty evaluation. We must examine these facts for ourselves and come to an understanding of the broader scope of the issue. I begin with a question. Are you positively sure that abortion is not the destruction of innocent life?

The purpose of this column is to present some facts and their implications and to define what I believe to be the two sides of abortion. Murder is a yes or no topic. Either abortion is murder, or it isn't murder. I sincerely believe abortion is cold-blooded murder and is a sinful act that can only be

forgiven by God. I also believe that a fetus is a human life. After having read and having talked to people about abortion I can only identify three positions on the status of a fetus, yet none of these stances makes sense to me: either 1) a fetus isn't a human life, 2) we don't know when a fetus becomes a human life, or 3) a fetus is definitely a human life.

If a fetus isn't in every respect a human life, why do we call a pregnant woman a mother, and why do we need to abort something that isn't alive, because it obviously won't need feeding or changing after it is born? Ponder that, please. Now, picture in your mind a baby carriage in your path as you are driving along a residential street. Would you intentionally slam into it with the hopes that there was no baby inside it? Certainly not! If we're not sure of the existence of human life in the unborn, why can't we at least give a fetus the same benefit of the doubt before we 'slam into it.' And finally, if a fetus is a human life, then abortion makes murder legal.

Many of the following facts do not 'hit home' when we see them for the first time. I will point out the significance of each fact. Please think about each fact and it's implication before you proceed. If some of them do not bother you, you're probably reading too fast.

- Since 1973 more than 15 million legal abortions have been performed. This amounts to 1.5 million every year, 4000 a day or one every 20 seconds. Please realize that America has not lost 15 million men in all of our combined wars and 'conflicts.' Abortion is no small issue.
- Only one half of 1% of those 1.5

million yearly abortions are for rape, incest, or harm to the mother. This means that 99.5% are for convenience.

- It is legal to abort a fetus during the ninth month. Do you truly believe there is a significant difference between a fetus four weeks, three weeks, two weeks or even one week before birth and a newborn child only five minutes old?

- Minors who can neither vote nor legally purchase alcohol can obtain an abortion without parental knowledge or consent. Apparently the voting age and drinking age concept arose from the belief that below a certain age the majority of teenagers are unable or too immature to handle the responsibility of voting and drinking intelligently. It seems ironic to me that we believe people are too immature to vote or drink, yet we allow them to decide the fate of an unborn child.

- Abortion is extremely painful for the fetus. Currently there are four methods to perform an abortion: 1) Suction method — the fetus is ripped from the womb and shredded by a powerful vacuum; 2) Curettage method — the baby is dissected and scraped from the womb; 3) Caesarean method — as in a normal caesarean section, the mother's abdomen is surgically opened and the child is lifted out, but for abortion the child is left to die by suffocation, exposure, and if this is too slow, the umbilical cord is wrapped around the child's neck until it chokes to death; 4) Injection method — a long needle is inserted into the mother's womb and some amniotic fluid is withdrawn. Another needle is inserted and a strong salt solution is injected. The infant writhes in agony burning to death.

- Abortion is dangerous to the mother physically and mentally. Women having abortions run a 9% risk of sterility, 14% risk of habitual spontaneous miscarriage and 400% increase in tubal pregnancies. A study done in England showed that women who had had abortions were 9 times more likely to commit suicide than those who did not. Do you know of anyone who has had a safe, happy and completely guilt-free abortion?

- Fetuses are used in business and scientific experimentation resulting in a \$500 million a year industry. Fetal lung tissue is used for a new rabies vaccination. (They used to use duck eggs.) A cosmetics company called Rita Organics pays

from \$3,500 to \$5,500 a pound for fetal placenta. In France a company uses placenta, spleen and liver for a product called 'California.' By the way, the closer a baby is to birth before his abortion, the more he is worth. In most meat markets the younger beef is worth more.

- Doctors make a measly \$200,000 a year performing abortions. Don't even try to tell me they do it out of compassion for distressed women.

Abortion is a widely controversial subject requiring much consideration to the details. In the second part of this editorial, I will examine the opposing viewpoints of this issue.

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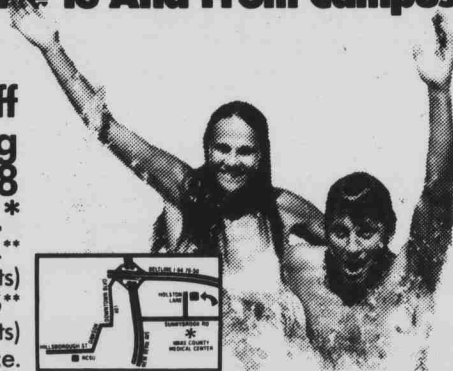
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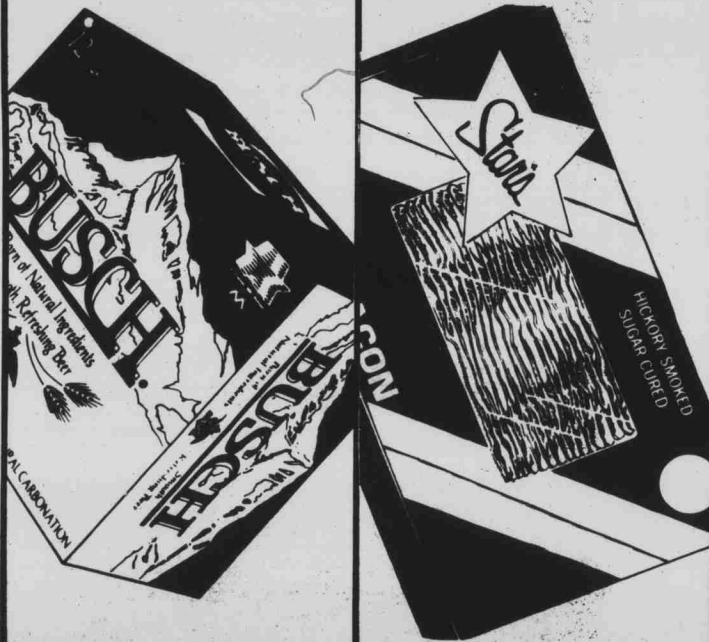
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# Science & Technology

## Oil companies consult oceanographer

Several major U.S. oil companies have purchased oil exploration rights in the waters off North Carolina's Outer Banks, the famed Graveyard of the Atlantic. And, although the waters are not as turbulent and dangerous as the North Sea, which is an important source of oil, the companies do not want their tremendously expensive drilling rigs to join the hundreds of wrecked ships nearby. The companies are trying to avoid such catastrophes by consulting experts who know about the Graveyard's turbulent waves and currents.

### SHISHIR SHONEK

Science and Technology Editor

"Since the first objective of any drilling operation is to keep the rig precisely over the hole being drilled and to keep the drill stem in line, currents can cause major problems both above and below the surface" says Curtin.

Curtin uses color photographs of images transmitted from a satellite equipped with infrared heat sensors. Shade variations indicate changes in the temperature of the water. In the photographs, the Gulf Stream appears as a multicolored plume bordering the East coast. The movement of one little "finger" of this plume could halt drilling operations at any point along the coast. Temperature changes can signal such shifts.

"If the people drilling know such a change is coming, they could shut down before it arrived, and it might only be a matter of a temporary delay," Curtin says. Otherwise, the unexpected shift could severely damage equipment and cause more serious problems like oil spills. In the case of a spill, it is important to know where the currents might carry the oil or other debris.

Other types of satellites equipped with radar sensors transmit images which tell the surface roughness of the water. The trained eye can trace the movement of currents by studying the surface distortion patterns. Such images are valuable in areas where temperature changes are not so dramatic.

Images transmitted from sat-

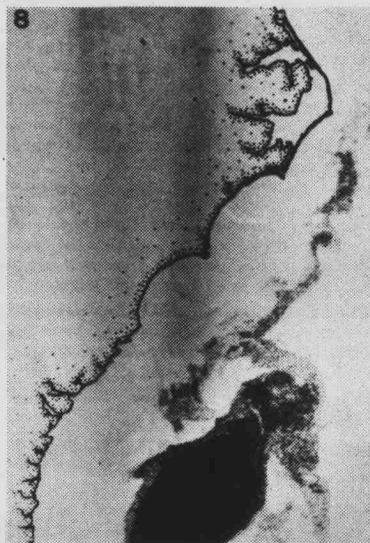
ellites are a relatively new method for showing the overall shape of major ocean currents. "Just 10 to 15 years ago, we had no idea things looked like this," says Curtin.

However, satellites cannot provide all the information needed to predict the currents under the surface. An important factor in determining vertical current behavior at any given position is the density of the water. Curtin collects water samples and checks temperature, salinity and pressure to determine density.

Instruments can be moored beneath the surface at strategic locations near the drilling site. Such instruments typically have temperature and water velocity sensors and can be left over a period of time, to obtain continuous readings.

The more experience a physical oceanographer has in collecting and correlating the data needed to predict current patterns in a given area, the better chance he has of being accurate. Explains Curtin, "It's somewhat like predicting the weather. Behind every weather prediction is a tremendous amount of data, as well as past experience with similar conditions."

Current predictions could become just as important as weather predictions, as the need for new sources of minerals and oil increases. As offshore areas become the focal point of new exploration, environmental and private interest groups will also have many questions for Curtin and other scientists like him.



This infrared satellite photo shows the flow of the Gulf Stream off the Carolinas. The darkest areas represent the warmest currents, while the lighter areas show the cooler eddies.

### Current predictions could become just as important as weather predictions

Dr. Thomas Curtin, a physical oceanographer at NCSU is one of the people upon whom they depend. Dr. Curtin is an authority on the complex ocean forces in the Graveyard region. He has spent several years accumulating data from satellite photos, research cruises, and special buoys anchored offshore to gather data.

The companies have a tremendous stake in the welfare of the drilling rigs, which are leased for up to \$200,000 a day. Rigs normally used in the Gulf of Mexico may be useless in the strong currents off of Cape Hatteras. There is no magic formula or device which will predict water movement. He relies on a network of instruments to supply necessary data and considers weather patterns, winds and tides in drawing his conclusions.



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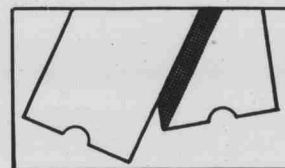
As the movie opens, things seem pretty bleak for the Enterprise team. The now combat battered USS Enterprise is returning from a mission which saw the pursuit of the villainous Khan, the invention of a Genesis device which establishes life in barren areas, and the death of Spock. The crew is weary, and Admiral James Kirk now wanders the ship mourning the death of his close friend, whose body he has left on a planet created by

the Genesis device. As the ship docks to a hero's welcome, a scanner reading picks up a life form reading coming from Spock's sealed quarters. As Kirk enters, he believes he hears the voice of Spock. It is here that the search for Spock really begins, as Kirk and his crew defy Starfleet Command and battle the evil Klingons in a last attempt to save their friend.

The Search for Spock is Star Trek adventure in the old style.

Directed by Leonard Nimoy (Spock), it seems to take the best elements of the television show and combine them with the special effects that can only come across on a movie's wide screen. All the technology is crisp and clean. Never have the transporter beams looked so real and at the same time seemed so magical. The location scenes on different planets which were always so disappointing in the television series (since they were shot on a low budget in a Burbank soundstage) are wonderful. The scenes on Spock's home planet of Vulcan are visually impressive, adding to the magic of the mystical ceremonies which take place there.

spacetime. His exploits make up many of the more humorous parts of the movie. James Doohan as Scotty also stands out from among the crew to provide some of the better throwaway lines. Uhura, Sulu, and Chekhov return to fill out the rest of the



old crew who "bravely go where no man has gone before."

Everything shows up in this movie from Tribbles (remember them? the furry creatures that looked like cute little powder puffs and multiplied like crazy) to the infamous Klingon cloaking device which enables Klingon ships to become invisible. All of the old crew members return, looking a little older but still upholding the characters which made the show and them very famous. DeForest Kelly is exceptional as the cynical yet endearing country doctor gone

All things considered *Star Trek III: The Search for Spock* is a very fine film. For Star Trek fans it is filled with the stuff that made them love the television series. It holds no surprises and delivers all the adventure and humor that Trekkies have come to expect. For the average theatregoer who isn't especially familiar with the old series it's also enjoyable even though you may have to bring along someone who can explain the finer points to you.

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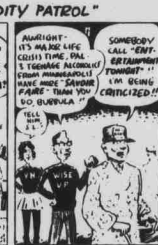
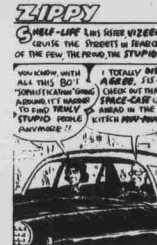
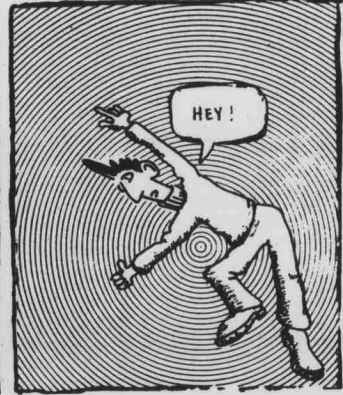


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## Sports

# Pack, Pirates continue rivalry

Since most people hate to see good things come to an end, the recent announcement that the State-East Carolina football series would continue should please local football fans — or at least those followers of the game

ball games between two local schools. Although the Wolfpack holds a 10-4 advantage since the series began in 1970, all the games — with the exception of 57-8 and 26-3 State wins in 1973 and '75, respectively — have

challenging and competing with the best can you become the best.

State freshman track and cross country standout **Kathy Ormsby** placed seventh in the 5,000-meter run at the NCAA Track and Field Championships in Eugene, Ore., Saturday.

Ormsby was clocked in 16:19.79. Stanford's **Patty Sue Plumer** won the event with a meet record 15:39.38. Ormsby earned a spot in the finals by finishing fourth in her qualifying heat Thursday night.

Although State's baseball team, which posted a surprising 32-8 mark, was shunned by the NCAA Tournament selection committee, the many successes and accomplishments of the past season are sure to be remembered for quite a while.

As a team, the Wolfpack posted the highest winning percentage (.800) in State's modern history and ranked 10th nationally in team batting with a collective .332 average. In addition, the club also ranked second nationally with 78 home runs, placed third in runs scored per game with a 9.9 average and collected a school-record 466 hits.

Individually, 19-year head coach **Sam Esposito** was named ACC Coach-of-the-Year for guiding the Wolfpack to its 12 consecutive season of 20 or more wins, slugging first baseman **Tracy Woodson** was voted the ACC's Player-of-the-Year.

Woodson, a 6-3 200-pound junior from Richmond, Va., re-wrote the Wolfpack record books en route to leading the nation in home run percentage (.63 per game) and RBI percentage (1.93). Woodson's .930 slugging percentage also tied him for No. 7 on the NCAA's all-time season list.

After clouting 25 round trip-pers in '84, Woodson now holds school career marks for home runs (46) and RBIs (166).

Incredibly, seven of the Pack's nine regulars batted over .312,

## Scott Keeper

Sports Editor

who can appreciate and accept a good rivalry.

The 14-year series appeared to be in jeopardy last spring when the N.C. State Athletics Council recommended that the series end following the 1985 contest. But thanks to State Chancellor **Bruce Poulton** and other supporters of the series, the contract has now been extended through the 1987 season.

For reasons which baffle many area fans, State is the only ACC school which will tangle with the Pirates year in and year out. And considering the excitement and enjoyment that could be derived from say a Duke-ECU or North Carolina-ECU clash, it's a shame that such contests can't be arranged by those ACC parties.

Fortunately, most State officials can recognize a mutually beneficial series. Coach **Ed Emory's** Bucs undoubtedly enjoy the opportunity to make an annual trip to Raleigh and battle for recognition, while the Wolfpack knows it will be playing to a packed Carter-Finley Stadium crowd.

Of the ten largest crowds to ever fill the bleachers and squeeze onto the grassy bank behind the south end zone, five have been at State-ECU battles. Last season, the two rivals played before 57,700 fans — the largest crowd to ever see a football game in the state.

The key to the record-breaking attendances is simple. Fans enjoy watching good, hard-fought

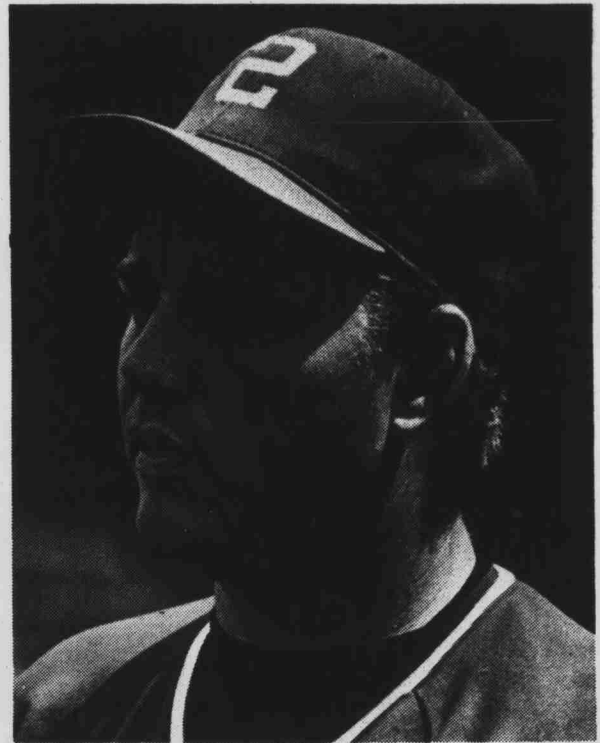
been rather close. Last season, the Pirates withstood a last-minute Wolfpack surge to escape with an exciting 22-16 victory. Emory's squad went on to record a fine 8-3 mark, losing only to bowl victors Florida State and Florida and national champion Miami, (Fla.).

In '82, it was the Wolfpack who held off a late rally to subdue the Bucs by a 33-26 count. That high-scoring night game was witnessed by over 55,000 fans — the third highest attendance total in Carter-Finley Stadium.

Other schools' reluctance to tangle with ECU is understandable, however. Why risk losing to a smaller in-state opponent when other more certain victories can be scheduled? The reasoning is certainly logical, or so it seems.

A common misconception is that the nation's best team is the one who emerges unscathed with an 11-0 mark. But as has been proven countless times, 63-7 or 56-0 lambastings — although impressive and enjoyable in mid-season — sometimes have a way of coming back to haunt.

Interestingly, both State and ECU are in the process of upgrading their schedules. The Pack will begin a series with eastern power Pittsburgh in '85, and will renew its rivalry with formidable Penn State in '87. The Nittany Lions, along with Missouri, will also be appearing on the Pirates schedule in the next few years. Only by



State's **Tracy Woodson** did most of his talking with his bat, blasting a school and ACC record 25 homers in '84. The junior first baseman was recently voted the ACC's Player-of-the-Year.

with freshman shortstop **Alex Wallace** leading the way at .391. Close behind at a .381 clip was second baseman **Doug Strange**.

**Pesavento** and freshman **Bud Loving** both compiled impressive 7-1 marks. **Loving**, who pitched complete games in each of his starts, also **tossed** a no-hitter against UNC-Charlotte.

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# NL teams mired in mediocrity

A fellow baseball writer friend of mine puts forth an interesting theory about the National League, and while I agree with his overall conclusion, I'm not sure I buy his reason.

His premise is that since it has now been 15 years since the National League last expanded, the pool of talent has become spread about in a more or less equal fashion, leaving little difference between the NL's best and worst teams.

I'm not sure expansion or lack thereof had much if anything to do with it, but it seems pretty obvious that the difference between the best and worst teams in the National League is less than at any time in recent memory. As May yields to June and the pennant races begin to take shape, the only team that appears to be trying to make a serious run at last place is San Francisco, which has the talent necessary to contend.

It's hard to remember the last time all 12 National League

teams entered June with a shot at first place. It is one of the key differences between the National and American Leagues right now. While the American League has several teams better than any in the NL, it also has several that are worse. For

the West was made quite tenuously.

Ordinarily, I can make at least a guess on which teams will be in contention, but not this year. There are 12 of them in the NL that could wind up in the playoffs, and sorting them out

the Mets could well be three or four years away from becoming the best baseball team of the last two or three decades.

But for now, the Mets are building the foundation of that team — pitching — and it will take three years to solidify that. When they do — and I believe they will — the rest of the league will be in trouble. The Mets have more young pitching talent, both in New York and in the minor leagues, than any other three teams in baseball combined. It will take a major blunder to squander all that talent.

But for the time being, the Met dynasty is in the incubation stages, and the NL East, like the West, has no team capable of putting the division away before the final days of the season. None of the six teams can be legitimately counted out at this point.

In the West, what looked like a two-team decade just two years ago has become a scrambled, five-team race with San Francisco still hanging in the picture. Every team in the West has major deficiencies that prevent any runaway winner.

The Dodgers have a horrendous defense again, but super pitching and a home run hitting offense. The Braves have a

great, balanced offense and a good defense, but their pitching will not last for a 162-game schedule. The Reds are young, exciting and talented, but they are inexperienced.

The Astros have good pitching but no offense. A two-run lead on Houston is usually money in the bank. The Padres have a lot of talent brought in from other organizations in guys like Garvey, Nettles and Gossage, and their young talent like Tony Gwynn is beginning to blossom. The Padres still have holes in both their defense and offense. The Giants have some hitters, but they also have bad defense, a couple of serious head cases and overall bad karma.

Any of the six could pull the race out in the final days, but as in the East, this race should go to the first week of October. And so we seem to have to have the state of the National League — no great teams and no really poor ones.

The American League winner should waltz through the World Series again this year, but your guess is as good as mine as to which NL representative will be crushed this time around. In three years, all that will change. Look out for the Mets. Baseball's next super team is right around the corner.

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every Detroit, Toronto, Baltimore and (sooner or later) Chicago White Sox in the AL, there is also a Seattle, Cleveland and Boston, not to mention New York Yankees.

At the beginning of each season, I usually write down my predictions on the race in each division for the coming season. I was unable to make any prediction at all in the NL East, and my prediction of Los Angeles in

isn't easy. I picked the Dodgers on the strength of their pitching, but injuries could kill them before the season is over.

There are simply no teams in either division of the National League with what it takes to pull away from the rest of the pack. In the East, every team is capable of winning the division, even the Mets and especially the Cubs. The two doormats have become contenders of sorts, and



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