

### Sky Fives

Setter Melinda Dudley and blocker Patty Lake, a pair of State freshmen, reach high for the block against Wake Forest Tuesday night in Carmichael Gym. The Wolfpack cruised to a 15-3, 15-2, 15-8 victory for its fourth straight in the ACC. Story, page 6.

Staff photo by Scott Montgomery

## Poulton clarifies football remark

Todd McGee  
Sports Editor

Chancellor Bruce Poulton in an effort to end the controversy surrounding himself and the State football program Monday afternoon issued a statement which read in part: "North Carolina State University has no intention of discontinuing football, despite news reports in recent days that indicated that was my viewpoint.

"I apologize for any confusion that has developed in recent days as a result of my response to a question by a student who asked at a student meeting. How critical is it for a university to have a winning football team?"

Poulton said in response to the question, "As far as I am concerned,

we could drop football tomorrow."

In the four-paragraph statement released Monday afternoon, Poulton did not deny making the comment, nor did he say he was unaware a reporter was present at the meeting.

Poulton concluded his statement by saying, "It is the goal of this university, and my personal goal, to have competitive athletic teams that are compatible with the academic integrity of the institution. It's that simple. "The university's goal is to pursue excellence in all its programs, including athletics."



Bruce Poulton

## Problems found in athletic programs, report says

Sam Hays  
Staff Writer

The Special Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics of the UNC Board of Governors has found "serious problems" in the UNC athletic programs, according to a report for the UNC Board of Governors.

The report said the problems "could lead to gross abuses unless they are more effectively monitored and controlled." The report followed a seven-month survey of the UNC intercollegiate athletic program.

The committee made the allegations in a 50-page report which contained many specific conclusions and recommendations to the board. The board approved the report at its regular meeting on Oct. 11.

The report's last paragraph stated the win-loss ratio of the teams should have nothing to do with the

employment status of coaches and athletic staff members.

"The chancellors shall emphasize to the coaches and athletic administrators that their appointments and their continuation in their appointments are not conditioned upon the obligation merely to win games or to achieve national standings of our teams," it said.

"Coaches and athletic administrators should also be evaluated on the integrity of their programs and on their relationships to the primary purpose of the university," it said.

The establishment of the committee by the Board of Governors in March was the first occasion of direct involvement by the board in the area of college athletic programs. The involvement of the board was "prompted by a growing concern on the part of members of the Board of Governors about the relationship of

these programs to the basic educational purpose of the institutions," the report said.

"During the course of this study, the Special Committee has been particularly concerned with the student-athletes themselves and with their ability to combine successfully rigorous athletic participation with demanding college work, and many of the recommendations that follow are especially designed with these young men and women in mind," it said.

The committee endorsed athletic programs in which both the university and the state can take great pride. The committee said these programs provide many students with an opportunity to earn an education of high quality.

The committee also found a "strong desire on the part of the entire university community to protect the integrity of the institutions

against the excesses of competition and the pressures to win."

However, the committee concluded that instances of serious problems exist in the system and these problems could lead to abuses.

To the end of stopping abuses, the committee recommended and the Board of Governors approved a number of mandatory actions.

Under general institutional policy: • The board affirmed the delegation of responsibility for intercollegiate athletics to the chancellors in July 1972 which stated, "The chancellor shall be responsible for the establishment and supervision of the institution's program of intercollegiate athletics," subject to policies prescribed by the Board of Governors and the institution's Board of Trustees.

• The chancellors shall submit an annual report to their trustees and to the president of the university on

specific subjects stated in the report to include: organization and philosophy of athletics programs; policy on admission of student-athletes including "exceptional" admissions; student-athlete profiles, including SAT scores, high school grade-point averages and number admitted as exceptions (by varsity sport); graduation and progression information; information about the majors or programs of study chosen by student-athletes and other activities during the previous year; and information about "booster" club organizations and procedures.

In the annual report, the chancellors are urged to make comments for the trustees or board's consideration. The chancellor shall give the annual report to faculty officers and the faculty committee on athletics.

• The chancellors shall study the status of former student-athletes who are in good academic standing but

who have not graduated. The chancellor shall concentrate on whether they still have any needed financial aid and academic counseling to the end that their graduation rates are raised to the same levels applying to the general student body.

• Each chancellor shall ensure that the tutorial and remedial programs for student-athletes are administered and supervised by the appropriate academic officers.

• The chancellors shall review the structure and governance of booster clubs and their relationships to the institutions and to report their conclusions in their first annual report.

• The committee concluded it would be preferable to house student-athletes among the general student population to the degree possible and directs the chancellors to study the issue and report their findings and plans in the first annual report.

## Plans to beautify Riddick presented

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Staff Writer

Plans are currently being accepted to change the image of the Riddick grandstand and parking area, according to Wendy Miller, a design school graduate student working on the project.

The ideas presented in a design workshop held on Oct. 19 and those ideas presented to Chancellor Bruce Poulton are all directed toward making the grandstand a picturesque sight.

"This has been seen as a problem area for a long time," Miller said. "As a visitor parking lot, it by no means gives a good impression to the visitor at the State."

As a first step, Miller organized the design workshop. She started off with posters inviting people to participate and come up with ideas. Students and faculty of the School of Design, along with some working professionals, were among the participants in the workshop.

According to Miller, sunbathers and steppers are the principle users of the bleachers at the side of the parking lot. The physical plant has a storage underneath, and the

transportation department needs all the space available for parking.

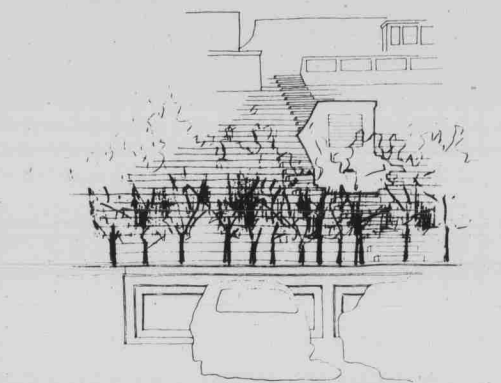
The changes should not interfere with the physical plant's, step runners' and sunbathers' use of the stadium, she said.

"The administration has promised \$5000 for a feasible solution to the problem," Miller said. She wants to have most of the work done during the one-day open house she is planning on Saturday.

The participants of the workshop project were divided in groups, Miller said. The group brainstormed and generated ideas for four hours. Then the groups went into the parking area and up the bleachers. Ultimately, they presented their solutions using miniature models and drawings.

The designs presented emphasized the idea of developing the grandstand into a fun and relaxing place. Use of paints, plants and running water formed the common implement action scheme. The groups aimed at making the place colorful so that it merges with its existing surroundings.

Some of the ideas included turning the bleachers into a picnic and playing spot, creating a green field



Artist's conception of redesigned Riddick grandstand and parking lot.

effect by painting the front side of the stairs, using solar power to run water fountains and making use of plants to provide privacy and shade to the people sitting on the bleachers.

"The chancellor has recommended one solution be taken on by the campus planning department," Miller said.

Two solutions will be presented to the chancellor.

One solution would include building an arbor along Riddick grandstand and later placing sculpture in the bleachers.

The second solution would include painting the bleachers and putting banners and awnings in the bleachers.

Miller said the second recommendation seemed less probable because they weren't sure if the paint would adhere to the bleachers. Also, painting the bleachers would be more of a commitment to the stadium, which will eventually be torn down, she said.

Miller said they wanted to choose a solution that is most cost effective and visually solves the problem.

## Students should know N.C. alcohol laws

Henry Jarrett  
Staff Writer

Students should be informed of North Carolina's alcohol laws and how they affect students, according to Student Legal Adviser Ronnie Hazen.

Hazen said there have been several cases in the past two months in which students have been cited for the selling or aiding to sell to someone who is underage.

Students have also been cited for the underage purchase of alcohol and possession.

The legal drinking age in North Carolina is 19 for beer and wine and 21 for liquor.

Hazen said most of the citations have been at Fast Fare on Western Boulevard. But one student, she added, was cited at A&P on Hillsborough Street. The arresting officers were from the Alcohol Law Enforcement Agency. "Apparently there is crackdown by the ALEA on underage drinkers," she said.

Hazen said she is worried that arrests might be arbitrary and not based on sound cause. "They are citing anyone whom they suspect without, in some cases, a real good cause," she added.

As an example, she said that a student coming out of A&P handed some of his bags to his friends. An ALEA officer stopped them, noticed beer in the bags and charged the student, who was of legal drinking age, with selling and the friends, who were underage, with possession. If convicted, their licenses could be revoked for 12 months, she said.

Hazen advises students who are underage not to buy alcohol. If they do, they should be willing to pay the consequences, she said.

Students should not listen to the officer's legal advice, she said, but should consult an attorney.

Students interested in North Carolina's alcohol laws should consult the North Carolina General Statutes 18B-302 and 20-17.3, Hazen said.

## Fraternity sponsors contest

John Austin  
News Editor

Phi Kappa Phi is sponsoring an essay contest at State for a cash prize of \$400, according to Thomas Stafford, vice chancellor of Student Affairs.

Topics for the essays include the contribution of the author's field of study to the mission of State, a perspective on priorities at State, the role of State in society, the betterment of the university and how State has enriched the author's life.

The contest is open to all undergraduate students, Stafford said.

The essay has a limit of 2,500 words, he said, and the deadline is Monday at noon.

Essays should be submitted at 131 Tompkins Hall and should include a cover sheet with the name, address, phone number, school and curriculum of the author.

Students who need more information should contact Stafford's office at 737-2446.

## House candidate outlines platform

Mark Bumgardner  
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Kirsten Nyrop, a Democratic contender for Bill Cobey's seat in the U. S. House of Representatives, outlined her platform at a College Democrats meeting on Oct. 22.

"What I really would like to do, if elected, is be a part of a group of Democrats who want to develop a comprehensive economic agenda for this country," she said.

Nyrop said the Republicans have not established an economic plan and that the Democrats, especially the younger ones, are in a position to form a coalition that will better provide for the nation's poor, make the nation safer militarily and cut the trade deficit.

Nyrop said she differs from other Democratic contenders in that she understands economic issues and will actively recruit the younger voters.

"I think you'll see a big difference between my candidacy and the others in that I'm going to give it the 'ol college try,'" she said.

Nyrop plans to have support groups at several college campuses.

Nyrop's time spent as the executive director of the North Carolina Technological Development Authority spurred her interest in economic issues.

She said 1986 is a good year for Democrats to win the fourth congressional seat.

"I don't think Cobey has made much of an impression at this point," she said, explaining that some

members of Congress think Ike Andrews, the congressman Cobey replaced, still holds the seat.

Responding to questions about her platform, Nyrop said she does not favor the proposed bill protecting the ailing textile industry from foreign competition.

"I am concerned about protectionist regulations," she said. "I don't think it moves us in the right direction. At this point, I wouldn't touch the textile bill."

Nyrop said protectionist legislation should set specific goals of improvement for the embattled industry.

On the subject of foreign policy, Nyrop said she is opposed to most of Reagan's policies.

"I can't think of one instance where the Reagan administration has

pursued a policy in our own best interests and in that country's best interests," she added.

She said the Nicaraguan government is in need of reform, but America should apply pressure diplomatically without funding the contras.

She said the president does not do enough to aid third world peoples that are leaning towards communism. "If we offered more economic aid, we wouldn't have to spend so much on military aid," she said.

Nyrop said America should stop supporting leaders, such as Marcos in the Philippines, who are losing their support.

"I can't think of any scenario where we should try to bolster a government that does not have the support of her people," she said.

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The Women's Affairs Board of UAB is sponsoring Glamour Magazine's Top Ten College Women Competition. Applications for the competition may be picked up at the Program Office Rm. 3114 University Student Center. The completed application should be returned to the Program Office by 5pm Friday, Dec. 5th. For more information about the competition call or come by the Program Office, 737-2453.

Homecoming Greek Step Show Friday, Nov. 9th at 6:00pm in Stewart Theatre. Admission: \$1.00 per person. This event is sponsored by the Black Students Board.

HOMECOMING WEEK NOV. 4th-9th

**LIMERICK CONTEST** open to all currently enrolled NCSU students, NCSU faculty, staff, and alumni. Limericks should pertain to the homecoming game against Virginia. Limericks should also be on good taste without references to drugs, alcohol or sexual situations. Entry forms are available in the Dept. of Student Development, Center. All entries should be returned to the UAB Office by 5pm Nov. 1st. The top 5 limericks will be published in the **TECHNICIAN** with cash prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10 going to the top 3.

**BANNER CONTEST** Applications available at the Dept. of Student Development Rm. 220 Harris Hall. Judging will be Nov. 4th, 5th, 6th. Prizes awarded to top 3 banners and will be displayed on Carter Finley Fieldhouse at the game. Call 737-2441 for more information.

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# Opinion

## Technician

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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## Black enrollment falls nationally, but not at State

A story from *The New York Times* News Service in the Sunday issue of *The News and Observer* pointed out an alarming drop in minority enrollment in colleges across the country.

According to the Office of Civil Rights of the federal Department of Education, black enrollment in colleges, only three percent in 1972, peaked in 1976 at 10.3 percent. By 1980, however, that figure had dropped to 9.6 percent and appeared to be dropping further, despite census figures showing that 13 percent of the population between 18 and 24 is black.

At State, approximately 9 percent of the students are black. Within the University of North Carolina System, 8.2 percent of the students at 11 predominantly white campuses in 1984 were black, up from 8.1 percent the year before.

But the federal government guideline for black enrollment at State is 10.3 percent, with a 10.6 percent average for the statewide system. Within the UNC system, the only schools that failed to show an increase in black enrollment from 1983 to 1984 were Wilmington and Chapel Hill.

The alarming trend in lower black college enrollment can be traced to several causes. The most significant cause is the rising costs of education, which in the last three years have gone up at a rate almost double the inflation rate shown in the Consumer Price Index. This places a hardship on all families with college-aged children, but it is

especially hard on minority families, which are much more likely than white families to be poor.

Even more importantly, however, these figures indicate the continuing disenfranchisement of blacks and other minorities in American society. Considering that birth rates for minorities are substantially higher than for whites, the trend for lower black participation in higher education could well be laying the groundwork for serious social problems in the future.

Here at State, this trend is being reversed. Figures from the university's Office of Institutional Research show that among the 3,413 freshmen at State this fall, 15.3 percent of them are black, up 4.2 percent from a year ago.

This speaks well for State and says that the university is making strides toward fulfilling its role as a land grant school by bringing the opportunity of higher education to all people. Considering the inability of other schools to achieve this goal, both in North Carolina and around the nation, the makeup of State's freshman class is reason for considerable pride within the university.

But one year of increased black enrollment is not enough. It won't satisfy the federal courts, and it shouldn't satisfy the students, faculty and staff at State.

The dream of Martin Luther King Jr. may be fading, but it's not forgotten. We must continue increasing black enrollment in hopes of one day becoming a university providing educational opportunities to all.



## Cricket

### State, Carolina battle in international game

The International Student Committee, the agency in charge of keeping international cultures alive on campus, is focusing its attention on an international game: cricket. This game is still not very popular in the U.S., although a team from the U.S. participated in a world cricket tournament recently.

"That's not cricket" is English and, certainly in England, means "That's not fair." To that extent, cricket is a gentleman's game. This majestic game originated in England and spread to the far corners of the old British Empire.

The empire is no more, but cricket is still an integral part of the culture of countries like India, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the West Indies. There are more teams from Canada, East Africa, the United States and Zimbabwe participating in the world cricket tournament held once every four years.

At first glance, parallels may be drawn between cricket and baseball. But a closer look reveals cricket as a more subtle, more intricate and far slower game.

Two teams, each with 11 players, start off by tossing a coin to decide which one of

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them is to bat first. The team which has to field has the task of getting the batting team out while allowing the smallest possible number of runs. All players of the batting team can bat in an inning.

There are two bases, and two members of the batting team start the inning, one at each base. When one of them is struck out, he is replaced by another player from his team until 10 players are out. The inning is then complete, and the fielding team gets its chance to bat.

The pitcher in the fielding team is referred to as a bowler, since he bowls (overarm) rather than pitches. He bowls from one base to the striker, or batsman, at the other base. He is allowed to bowl only six or eight times continuously. This is called an over. The next over is bowled by another bowler, from the other base.

To get the batsman out, the bowler must

try to dislodge the "stumps" behind the batsman. The stumps are three upright wooden sticks, which the batsman defends to keep the ball away. In other words, he can take his time to choose his shot and score runs. He does not have to score a run every time he hits the ball.

In cricket, the batsman can hit the ball in any direction around him. He can be struck out either by the bowler dislodging his stumps or a fielder holding a catch or running him out. He is also out if he defends the stumps with his body rather than his bat.

Interestingly, the cricket bat is wider and paddle-shaped in comparison with the baseball bat. The bowler can make the ball bounce on the ground before it reaches the batsman. This introduces the possibility of variable bounces and deceptive spins on the ball. The fielders stop the ball barehanded.

A cricket match is being organized by the ISC on Sunday. All interested State students will meet in front of the Student Center at 9 a.m. and will pool-drive to Chapel Hill to play against a team of UNC students led by State alum Ronnie Karanjia. This is the third match in a series, and this time we are determined to win. Go Wolfpack!



## Winning exhibit makes good point

The Alcohol Awareness Fair was held Oct. 22 in the Student Center. A number of clever exhibits were entered, and the winner, designed by the honor organization Thirty and Three, showed a "fetus" (an unborn human baby) drinking from a can of beer.

A sign with the exhibit read: "A Pregnant Woman Never Drinks Alone." The display told about the effects of alcohol consumption during pregnancy, which can include a child being born with cerebral palsy or other physical and mental handicaps.

I questioned an acquaintance of mine about what he thought of the winning exhibit.

"I thought it was stupid" was his quick reply. "I mean, of course a pregnant woman drinks alone, unless she drinks with her friends or with the father of the child. Who else would she drink with?"

"Did you notice the young child who was included in the display?" I asked. "The point of the exhibit, which you're missing totally, was that the baby inside a pregnant woman receives the effects of alcohol along with his mother."

JEFF STILES

Editorial Columnist

"Oh, I get it now," he replied. "You're talking about that piece of pregnancy tissue that was on the table."

"What? Pregnancy tissue?" I exclaimed, becoming perturbed now. "The baby in the exhibit had his eyes closed but was otherwise a totally normal child. In fact, that baby was even physically developed enough to necessitate him wearing a towel around his waist!"

"Now that's nonsense," he answered. "If you can say that, then you can even go so far as to say, 'The child was developed enough to hold a can of Coors Light.' But the truth of the matter is that display was just doing that to prove a point."

"And the point was...?" I questioned. He hesitated, so I went on.

"You say that you are pro-choice, which means you consider it a woman's choice to

do with her body (even her 'pregnancy tissue') as she pleases. So it naturally follows in your mind that it is her right to destroy that 'piece of her body' by drinking during her pregnancy if she so desires."

Reasoning with him seemed only to lead him in a circle. He had become confused, so I encouraged him to look further into the matter later.

Obviously he had not learned all the facts. The facts are that after only three months in the mother's womb, nothing new about a baby develops or functions. All organ systems are functioning, the baby's body is completely formed (even fingerprints), and his heart has been beating for two and a half months already. The only growth is in size and maturity.

Hats off to Thirty and Three which, whether it intended to or not, has helped to show that an unborn child is a human — worthy of being protected by a mother who cares enough about her baby not to endanger his or her life by drinking during pregnancy.

Once again, the facts prove that an unborn baby is more than just "a blob of pregnancy tissue."

## Forum

### Fantasy game as safe as any other game

It seems as though the self-righteous hypocrites have struck again. This week I have been bombarded by TV news reports, newspaper articles, tracts and verbal testimonies denouncing the "hell-spawned game" of Dungeons and Dragons.

Everywhere you turn there is another holier-than-thou preacher trying to save your soul from this "ultimate evil." As the group Rush said in a song, "Those who know what's best for us must try and save us from ourselves."

What makes these people feel that they know what is best? Is it their narrow-minded approach to the issue or their unenlightened, one-sided judgments of the game? Those people who so

adamantly despise the game are so paranoid by their prejudices that they have never played or even watched a session of the thing they hate.

Another argument is that the game makes people crazy. I hate to disillusion these people, but insanity was here before Dungeons and Dragons. Those mentally unstable people would have cracked anyway, only the cause would have been losing a video game or going bankrupt in Monopoly. So to protect these lunatics we must ban all games, home computers, knives, guns, playground and all other potentially dangerous things.

If these people could see that the game is an inanimate object, without potential for sentient acts of good or evil, and that anything (even the Bible) can be used for evil, I think that they would stop their pompous crusade to persecute the patrons of TSR and other gaming companies.

David Johnson  
FR TXM

Editor's note: This letter contained two additional signatures.

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— Thomas Jefferson

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# Media misinterprets Poulton's comments on football

*Editor's note: Steve Duncan is a student senator who was present at last Wednesday's meeting.*

I was at the Oct. 23 Student Senate meeting that Chancellor Bruce Poulton addressed, and I am at a loss as to why he continues to be misrepresented in the local press. Both *The News and Observer* and *The Raleigh Times* published articles that are, in my opinion, overly dramatic accounts of what our chief administrator said.

Their bias was apparent by the focus and direction of certain quotes which were taken out of context. But don't be fooled! The *N&O* and the *Times* did not have a reporter at the Student Senate meeting. At best, their information is secondhand. This is one

reason why their news analysis is second-rate.

Like any good group of headhunters, the local press has a number of trophies. But I don't like seeing Poulton and Reed knifed in the back and sent to the taxidermist because of misleading information. State needs its trophies intact. The local press has the reputation of railroad-ing football coaches. As we know, they have been taking a ride on the Reading.

Running people down the road is exactly what the *N&O* did last week by presenting Poulton's discourse with no mention of the thrust of the chancellor's comments. Instead of mentioning Poulton's topic — which was the divesting of State's interests in South Africa and the future of the Dix

## STEVE DUNCAN

Guest Columnist

property — the paper went headlong into the much-fabricated conflict between the chancellor and head football coach.

In sharp contrast to what the paper suggested, I remember Poulton talking about himself as a fan (among other topics). He said that he was a fan who had been to all the ball-games and who had never sat down during play. He suggested that this gives him a unique perspective on the team. But although he is a fan, as far as he is concerned "we could drop football tomorrow." We keep varsity sports

because the university community demands it and the student-athletes expect it.

Furthermore, the chancellor was quoted as saying about Proposition 48, "I expected to be supported (by Reed) on this, and I don't feel I have been supported." However, I took Poulton to mean that he was not being supported by the athletic community as a whole. But then again my interpretation lacks that melodramatic conflict sought after by the press. You be the judge. As for me, I view this type of

reporting as not only unrealistically antagonistic, but also downright unfair.

I think Poulton should be applauded for his comments Wednesday night. The university needs people who will speak out and be vital. He said nothing out of line. If he had said less, he would have been perceived as one who eludes the issues. Likewise, Student Senate President Gary Mauney should be applauded for facilitating Poulton's coming.

I would like to see the chancellor able to speak candidly at more student functions. Herein lies the problem and reason for my writing. No public official can afford consistently bad press. Press which is mostly hype and meant to create pseudo-events results in innocuous

remarks by our administrators. Administrators will, out of necessity, not address relevant or controversial issues. Who needs that?

I feel that every public official should be held accountable for their public remarks. But what I

am reading in *The Raleigh Times* and *The News and Observer* differs so much in their implications from what I know to be true that I now am suspect about a great deal of what I read. As the chancellor said, "If worse comes to worse, I'll stop reading the paper."

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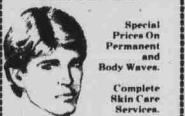
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# Sports

## State, Radford kick it out for NCAA berth

Allen McFaden  
Sports Writer

Midway through the season, the women's soccer team hit a low point. After losing twice to national power North Carolina and tying Radford, the women booters fell to 4-3-2 and dropped out of the Top 20 for the first time in over a year.

But the Pack has turned its season around since bottoming out, reeling off seven wins in nine games and climbing back to 13th in the ISAA poll, putting it within reach of its first NCAA playoff berth.

"We've won some big games against Cincinnati in double overtime and against third-ranked George Mason," said Coach Larry Gross. "From here on, every game is sudden elimination. One loss and you're gone."

The last obstacle between State and the NCAA tourney is 17th-ranked Radford, which won the Vodicka Tournament earlier this month. The Pack hosts Radford Thursday at 3 p.m. at Method Road Stadium.

According to Gross, Radford will be State's most important foe of the

season. He also pointed out that last Saturday's upset of third-ranked George Mason strengthened the Pack's standing for a playoff spot, but did not assure that the women would be playing in November.

"We will need to beat Radford for a definite spot. Radford is playing well... (but) the win against George Mason was a tremendous victory, and it has given the girls a greater confidence that they needed," Gross said.

"There are several factors that act to our advantage: We tied them on their home field; we're playing at home; it's our last game; and we know we have to win. (We) are expecting one bid between the two schools, and this game is the deciding factor. Head-to-head competition

is a big factor in the selection (process)."

But even if the bid to the 16-team field falls through, as it did last year, Gross looks at this fall's action positively.

"I'm pleased, very pleased with the season. Many of the girls have come on and played well for us. They're excited about the game, and it's going to be a very emotional game."

The Pack will not be relying on emotion in Thursday's game, but also on its stingy defense and explosive offense. The defense will be counting on the leadership of Tracy Goza, who should play in spite of a hip-pointer, and goalie Barbara Wickstrand, who also should play despite a nagging foot injury.

State has won nine games by shutout and has had two scoreless ties. All but one Pack player has taken a shot and all but five have scored, enabling State to average 3.4 goals per game.

The performances of goalies Wickstrand and Laura Kennedy have been spectacular. While playing in only 12 of 18 games due to a foot injury, Wickstrand has managed to record 52 saves, three shutouts and has allowed only seven goals for a 0.58 goals allowed average. Kennedy has seen action in 10 games and has been impressive, recording 36 saves, four shutouts and allowing only nine goals for a goals allowed average of 0.70.



Sophomore outside hitter Volire Tisdale prepares to spike one home in State's three-game romp over Wake Forest.

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**Spikers send Deacons packing for 4th straight conference victory**

David Ladd  
Staff Writer

The volleyball team blasted Wake Forest out of Carmichael Gym and all the way back to Winston-Salem Tuesday night. The Pack cruised to a 15-3, 15-2, 15-8 victory. This was its fourth straight

conference win, upping its league record to 4-2 and its overall mark to 11-15.

"What's tough about a match like this is that you don't get a lot of volleys, so you have to look good in that one play," said Pack coach Judy Martino after the match. "If you want your fans to come back, you have to do something dynamic."

"We're trying to do some good things, but at the same time give other players a chance. We knew they wouldn't be strong. They've had some injuries, and they have a little bit smaller team."

State jumped out to big early leads in the first two games, but Wake kept it close in the third game. Strong play by junior hitter Johanna Fry and freshman setter Melinda Dudley keyed State's easy victory.

"We're improving with every match," Fry, a native Raleighite, said. "This wasn't a very tough match, but it was a good win."

Martino used all nine players as she was attempting to give her subs quality playing time before the ACC Tournament.

Freshman walk-on Judy Lewis felt the win was a positive note for the red-hot Pack, which has won seven of its last 10 matches.

"I think we played well overall, but because of Wake Forest's skill level we dropped down a little bit," Lewis said in a post-match interview. "We weren't playing as well as we did this weekend. I think we still have a lot of intensity left, and it will carry on for the rest of the season."

State now heads into another weekend in the Palmetto state where it clashes with South Carolina and Southern Miss in Columbia, S.C. Martino, who previously coached the Gamecocks, has never beaten her former school since becoming Wolfpack coach in 1983.

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