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Weather

Today's fast and furious forecast calls for clumps of cloddy clouds with temps in the fabulous but fermented 50s. Tonight, tonight, tonight, oh, oh... with more of the same tomorrow, tomorrow, I love ya... tomorrow.

Campus Briefs

Man claiming to be NCSU student arrested

A man claiming to be an N.C. State sophomore was arrested Friday in Cambridge, Mass. in connection with the stabbing death of a Northeastern University student.

A spokesman from the District Attorney's Office in Middlesex County said Stacey Harris, 19, of Roxbury, Mass., was charged with first degree murder. Harris is being held without bond and will appear for a pre-trial hearing in Middlesex County Superior Court on March 4.

NCSU Department of Registration and Records does not have any record of Harris being an NCSU student, even though he claims to attend the university. Authorities in Boston said they do not know if Harris is from NCSU or even North Carolina, but the investigation will continue.

The MIT student newspaper, *The Tech*, reported Tuesday that Harris engaged in a shouting match with MIT student Regalicio St. Rose at a party in MIT's student center after Harris reportedly took photographs of St. Rose's girlfriend.

Both students began fighting after they were thrown out of the party. According to the article, Harris ran from the scene but was stopped by a Cambridge police officer. Authorities found St. Rose minutes later, bleeding from stab wounds. He was taken to a local hospital and died a few hours later.

AKA scores highest GPA among NCSU Greeks

The Kappa Omicron chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority recorded the highest grade point average of all Greek-letter organizations on the campus of N.C. State for the fall semester of 1986-87 academic school year. The chapter's average GPA was 2.89.

Alpha Kappa Alpha is one of only two black Greek organizations at NCSU to have won this award and is the only black Greek organization to win it more than one time. The chapter has won the award seven times since it was chartered at NCSU.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is the only other black Greek organization to have won the award. The fraternity won the award for the spring semester of the 1985-86 academic school year and they also had the second highest GPA for the 1986 fall semester with a 2.87.

Greta Johnson, president of Greeks United and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, said she believes the award should dispel any myths about Greeks.

"We definitely appreciate the fine example that these member organizations are setting academically," Johnson said. "It helps to destroy the myth that Greeks do nothing but party."

Women rights leader to speak at NCSU

A leading opponent to sex discrimination in higher education will speak on the topic at a Provost's Forum today.

Bernice Sandler, director of the Project on Status and Education of Women of the Association of American Colleges, will speak on "The Chilly Climate for Women on Campus" at 11 a.m. in the Student Center's Walnut Room. A primary supporter of the anti-sex discrimination law Title IX, Sandler has also served on legislative and presidential committees of women's educational and economic concerns.

Tomorrow's University Studies lecture will feature A.R. Peacock, a philosopher from England's Oxford University. Peacock's speech, entitled "God and the New Biology," will focus on the ethics and philosophies involved in biological and medical research. The lecture will be held in the Student Center ballroom at 8 p.m.

Other university lectures are:

Wednesday

COMPUTER CENTER LECTURE: "Introduction to TSO," Darrell Myrick, NCSU, 1404 Broughton, 9 a.m.

SOIL SCIENCE SEMINAR: "Some misconceptions and interesting phenomena related to groundwater system," Ralph Heath, USGS, 2215 Williams, 3:25 p.m.

BOTANY SEMINAR: "Phototransduction, circadian rhythms and membrane transport in *Samanea mellea* cells," Ruth Satter, University of Conn., 3533 Gardner, 4 p.m.

Thursday

ENGLISH LECTURE: "Pope, Swift and the truth in rhyme," Aubrey Williams, national Humanities Center, 123 Tompkins, 3:45 p.m.

BIOCHEMISTRY SEMINAR: "Plant second messengers: What are they?" W.F. Boss, NCSU, 128A Polk, 4 p.m.

CROP SCIENCE SEMINAR: "Australian perennial Glycine as genetic resources for soybeans," Anthony Brown, research scientist in Australia, 2405 Williams, 4 p.m.

Drug testing hearing

The Athletics Council's subcommittee on drug testing will be holding an open hearing tomorrow in order to solicit student input.

The hearing will begin at 7 p.m. in 2211 Broughton Hall. All students wishing to speak at the meeting must sign up in the student government offices by 5 p.m. today. For additional information, contact Steve Isenhour at 737-2797.

Residence life kills resolution

Inter-Residence Council effort to keep halls open for break fails

By Meg Sullivan
Assistant News Editor

A resolution drafted by the Inter-Residence Council (IRC) to keep residence halls open for students who want to stay on campus for spring break failed to gain approval of Housing and Residence Life officials.

The resolution cited several reasons for the dorms to remain open. It is

impractical to collect keys and changing locks for the break and is economically infeasible for some out-of-state students to go home. Additionally, some students may want to remain on campus for the Huey Lewis concert Saturday night and for the basketball game Monday night.

Sharon Griffin, IRC vice president and resolution author, said that Housing and Residence Life was not responsive.

Griffin said the dorms should be kept open this year since there were no

major problems last year when all residence halls were open for the break.

"They're not going to listen to us on this one," Griffin said, but added she hopes the resolution will be considered for next year.

Housing and Residence Life officials have said that since the number of students on campus decreases during breaks, the need for security patrols increases. They feel that keeping dorms open is not economically reasonable.

Students who want to stay on campus for spring break should have already made arrangements to stay in an open hall for the break.

During Spring Break the dorms will follow the plan used during the Christmas holidays. Students who want to remain on campus will have to pay \$3 per night (\$24 total) to stay in the North, Owen, Watauga, Alexander or Carroll residence halls. All other halls will be closed until noon on Sunday, March 8.



Duane Williams, a junior majoring in speech and communications, mimes in the Student Center during lunch last Thursday.

Honor societies hold registration

From staff reports

Two N.C. State honor societies will hold registration through today for potential inductees.

Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma, two freshman honor societies, issued invitations to freshmen who achieved a 3.5 or better GPA during their first or first two semesters and are in the top part of their class. Initiates can have no incomplete or failure grades, even if the failures were removed from their records.

The officers of both organizations are scheduled to take up initiation fees on the second floor of Harris Hall Feb. 25, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Students who think they are eligible but have not received invitations should talk to the officers at the registration table.

Phi Eta Sigma was founded in 1923 at the University of Illinois to honor freshman men. Because Phi Eta Sigma would not admit women, the same university founded Alpha Lambda Delta to honor freshman women.

For almost 50 years Alpha Lambda Delta provided graduate

fellowships for women when few other organizations did. Carolyn Jessup, then dean of women at NCSU, and history professor Doris King founded the NCSU chapter in 1970. (Phi Eta Sigma already existed at NCSU. King has served as Alpha Lambda Delta's faculty adviser since its beginning.)

In the mid 1970s, federal laws required the organizations to open its doors to both men and women and today both chapters are well integrated.

Any eligible NCSU student can join one or both organizations, which makes them eligible to apply for graduate fellowships offered by the societies. Alpha Lambda Delta now offers 14 fellowships of \$3,000 each.

For any additional information about the honor societies or the induction ceremony, call Robert Benningfield at 831-1757, King at 737-2483 or 787-4917. Phi Eta Sigma President David Fu at 831-1273 and Phi Eta Sigma's faculty adviser, Gilbert Long, at 737-2948.

Chairman believes in getting involved

Participation in activities makes Black Students Board chair disciplined, she says

By Xavier Allen
Senior Staff Writer

She stands about five feet one inches tall. She is originally from Paulsboro, New Jersey, a suburb of Philadelphia. Despite her diminutive stature, Charmette Brown is doing big things at N.C. State.

Currently, Brown serves as chairperson of the Black Students Board (BSB). She also plays the piano and flute, as well as participating in a host of other activities. Brown's many outside interests, however, did not begin at NCSU. She attributes her widespread interests to her family.

"I come from an artistic family. My uncle plays the piano, flute, organ, clarinet, saxophone, and all percussion instruments. Whenever I go back home, he has picked up a new instrument."

Brown says her mom once took up piano lessons but quit. After having done so, Brown's mom encouraged her to take up piano, flute, and other activities.

"They wouldn't let you quit," she recalled. "My uncle paid for the piano lessons, my mom paid for the flute lessons and my grandmother paid for dancing lessons."

For Brown, outside activities provide a necessary social outlet. She claims her participation in outside organizations has increased her discipline.

With such an abundance of musical talent behind her, it's easy to see why Brown is so actively involved in what would seem for most to be an overwhelming number of campus activities.

Currently, Brown is a member of the New Horizons

Gospel Choir, a Peer Mentor Program Team Leader, a Mu Beta Psi Honorary Music Fraternity member and a performer in NCSU's Black Repertory Theatre Group. She has also been a member of the Society of Black Engineers, a New Covenant Gospel Choir singer and secretary for the Black Students Board.

This year Brown has added the BSB chairpersonship to her list of extracurricular activities and she loves the position. "I've always liked to help people, and after getting involved in BSB, I saw this as a way for me to help get others involved."

Brown's position as BSB chairperson creates many responsibilities and generates much pressure, particularly from students. Not only must she attend BSB meetings, but she must also attend other organization meetings involving student leaders, such as the Union Activities Board and the Chancellor's Liaison Committee meetings. Additionally, Brown attends campus functions and events, an unwritten leadership duty. Brown explained how she handles the pressure.

"I try to think how a particular issue affects everyone and not just me," she said. "There are going to be people who are not always going to be pleased with decisions you make, and you have to try not to lose sleep over it."

Although the pressure is great, Brown says that she has several coping mechanisms to deal with the added pressure.

"I have a strong network of friends — especially Iris (Hunt), Cheryl (DiBucci), Endia (Hall), Theresa (Hayes) and Kevin (Calhoun) — who give me support," Brown

said. "Also, my roommate Wanda (Cohen) helps bring situations back into perspective when things are not going right."

Having a good adviser makes a difference, too, Brown added.

"Larry (Campbell) is not just a 'name only' adviser, nor is he the type of person who tells you 'this is the way things are supposed to be,'" the BSB chairperson said. "He explains how past leaders have handled a problem and allows you to make your own decision."

Brown also advised members to take the initiative and be responsible for their organizations. "Members of any organization should help their president out because we (presidents) are students too," the Paulsboro native said.

In the future Brown plans to remain active as a student leader. She says she loves working with BSB, "but there is a chance (she) might move on to bigger and better things."

Brown is working toward an undergraduate degree in civil engineering. After completing her undergraduate studies, she plans to attend graduate school. Brown says she may study ergonomics, the science that seeks to adapt working conditions to suit the worker.

However, she what really wants to pursue involves "helping companies get better production out of their workers as well as mediating disputes."

"Never settle for second best. If you put your trust in God, you can do anything." And persistence has paid off for Brown.

Health official says no AIDS cases at NCSU

Head of NCSU AIDS task force says between 25 and 50 cases expected by 1991

By Dave Klein
Staff Writer

Despite a nationwide epidemic of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), there have been no reported cases at N.C. State, according to an NCSU health official.

Robert Mosley, head of the response division of the university's AIDS task force, said Student Health Services physicians have not heard of any cases on campus, but about 20 people have been referred to a county health agency for testing.

"Statistically, if you believe the public health people, we ought to have between 25 and 50 cases by 1991," Mosley said.

No one who is diagnosed as having AIDS is required to report it to the university, but Mosley said infirmary physicians encourage those people who carry the AIDS virus to tell them. He added Health Services is prepared to offer AIDS counseling and assistance, with complete confidentiality, to students who require it.

"Education is the most important thing right now," Mosley said. "By the year 2000, everyone in this country is going to be affected by the virus — whether they have it themselves or know someone who is a carrier. People better know the facts about it (because they tend to overreact and assume)."

Marianne Turnbull, coordinator of health education programs, said the task force was formed last year to form university guidelines on handling AIDS on campus. Education was a main focus of the task force, which developed a pamphlet entitled *What You Need To Know About HTLV-III Infections and AIDS*. The pamphlet, which will be revised this spring, is available through Health Services.

The infirmary also is offering programs and films on AIDS upon request. Also, there is a poster regarding the myths of AIDS.

In an article that appeared in *The American Journal of Medicine*, Frank Polk from Johns Hopkins University Hospital said education will work to change behaviors and slow down the disease considerably.

The article said that in San Francisco, 18 percent of the male gay population was infected with AIDS by 1983. Now, the article added, the infection rate is less than five percent because the gay community has educated itself.

According to medical experts, the chances of a person getting AIDS is very low if he is not a bisexual, homosexual or intravenous drug user. These high risk groups comprise nearly 90 percent of all AIDS victims. The other 10 percent include hemophiliacs, offspring of infected mothers and patients who have AIDS but do not know the cause. Less than one percent of AIDS victims are heterosexual.

A report by the U.S. Surgeon General's office said the first documented AIDS case in the country occurred in 1981. The virus existed before that time but was not identified until the fall of 1983 when French physicians isolated the AIDS virus. Scientists working in the United States identified the virus shortly afterward.

By 1985, 15,403 Americans had con-

tracted AIDS. Of the 15,403, 133 were heterosexual.

AIDS is a sexually transmitted virus that attacks the heart of the immune system. The virus is about one million times less stable than Hepatitis-B virus, a sexually transmitted disease that causes inflammation of the liver.

What makes AIDS more dangerous than hepatitis is that it can incubate within the victim's white blood cells for months or years. This allows infected people to spread the disease unknowingly to others.

During this period of incubation, the AIDS virus invades T-helper cells. T-helper cells normally tell other infection-fighting antibodies what to do. The AIDS virus will continue to hibernate, slowly reproducing in the T-helper cells until an infection comes along.

The most common fatal infection to AIDS victims are pneumonia and a rare cancer of the skin's blood vessels. Once the T-helper cells try to respond to the incoming infection, the virus multiplies and the patient dies.

Matmen roll with strong lightweights

By Tim Peeler
Sports Editor

State's lightweights swept through the first four matches, and the Wolfpack wrestlers breezed to a 29-11 win over Duke Tuesday night in Reynolds Coliseum in its last home match of the season.

State now owns an 117 overall record and a 2-3 mark in the ACC, with only one regular season match remaining. The Wolfpack travels to Clemson Saturday, then gears up for the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, to be held March 6-7 in Durham.

Nationally sixth-ranked Marc Sodano coasted to a 16-2 triumph over Duke freshman Greg Kuzma, 16-2, in the 126-pound division. Sodano, a senior, upped his record to 24-3 for the year and Wolfpack Bob Guzzo said he is ready to defend his ACC title. And maybe even more.

"Sodano is good enough to win a national title," Guzzo said. "He has the athletic ability and he is good enough to win the thing."

State's David Cummings opened up the night with a third period pin of Blue Devil freshman Chris Speck. Cummings, now 16-7, felled Speck 5-33 into the match.

Sophomore Brian Farrow and junior Joe Cesari added two more wins for the Wolfpack at 134 and 142 respectively as State built a 18-0 lead.

"Our lightweights are wrestling real well," said Bob Guzzo. "The problem is with the upper weights. We're just having some problems there."

Bill Hershey, returning after missing a month and a half because of an injury, lost a close battle at 150 when Duke's Tom Nugent got

an escape takedown, three near-fall points with less than 1:30 left in the bout.

"We had a disappointing loss at 150," Guzzo said. "We dominated most of the match and then lost it. We have to do a little better job than that if we want to win the tournament, which I think we have a shot at doing."

Going into the tournament, North Carolina has the upper hand, Guzzo said. The Tar Heels boast two wrestlers who are ranked at the top of their respective weight classes. Al Palacio at 118 and Rob Koll at 156.

"Carolina is obviously the frontrunner in the tournament," Guzzo said. "But things can turn around rather quickly."

"If things go your way you can dominate. If they go against you, you can get blown out. We have a shot at 126, 134, 142 and 150. We can score, with the exception of 167, in almost any of the other weights."

State did not win three of the last four bouts, losing two and gaining a draw at 177.

But Mike Lombardo, defending ACC champion and nationally seventh ranked, shut out Blue Devil freshman Ron Kostrebski, 12-0, in the heavyweight bout to close out State's win.

State 29, Duke 11

118 David Cummings (State) pinned Chris Speck, 5-33, 1:38. Marc Sodano (State) vs Greg Kuzma, 16-2, 1:38. Brian Farrow (State) vs Chuck Egeles, 18-8, 1:42. Joe Cesari (State) vs Tom Nugent, 6-2, 1:50. Tom Nugent (Duke) vs Bill Hershey, 7-6, 1:58. Steve Cesari (State) vs Paul Chase, 12-3, 1:57. Skeem Henry (Duke) vs Mike Hickey, 18-1, 1:17. Norman Corbitt (State) drew Jim Walsh, 4-4, 1:00. Ted Shavinski (Duke) vs Mike Bauer, 6-5. Mike Lombardo (State) vs Ron Kostrebski, 12-0. Records: State 117 overall, 2-3 in ACC, Duke 5-9, 0-4.



Staff photo by Michael Steele

NCSU wrestler Marc Sodano, ranked sixth in the nation in the 126 pound weight class, tangles with Duke freshman Greg Kuzma. Sodano won the match 16-2 en route to NCSU's 29-11 victory in Reynolds Coliseum Tuesday night.

Luncheon will honor Sheridan

From Staff Reports

N.C. State's Dick Sheridan will be presented the 1986 Bobby Dodd national Coach-of-the-Year award at a special luncheon ceremony in the Grand Ballroom at the Mission Valley Inn and Conference Center on Wednesday, March 18.

Dodd, the legendary Georgia Tech coach for whom the award is named, will be on hand for the occasion and will make the presentation to Sheridan, whose initial Wolfpack team provided a major surprise in the collegiate football world by posting an 8-2-1 regular-season record and earning the school its first post-season bowl invitation in eight years.

The luncheon is scheduled to get

underway at 12:15 p.m., and a limited number of tickets priced at \$12 each are being made available to the public. Persons wishing to purchase tickets may do so through the Wolfpack Club by calling 737-2112.

Sheridan, in his first campaign at State, pulled the Pack from a three-year tailspin of consecutive 3-8 seasons and had the team contending for the Atlantic Coast Conference championship before missing out for the title by a half game.

The season also marked the first time since 1973 that State defeated the league's acknowledged "heavyweights" — Maryland, Clemson, and North Carolina — all in the same season. The Wolfpack

downed eventual ACC champion Clemson, 27-3.

Previous winners of the Bobby Dodd Award, symbolizing athletic and academic excellence, include Joe Paterno of Penn State, Bo Schembechler of Michigan, LaVell Edwards of Brigham Young and Nebraska's Tom Osborne, among others.

Sheridan's selection by the American Sportsmanship Council of Atlanta for the coveted honor marks the second straight year he has received national recognition.

Last season, Sheridan guided the Furman Paladins to the NCAA I-AA championship game and was voted national Coach-of-the-Year by his peers, members of the American Football Coaches Association.

Terrapins host State; looking for 1st ACC win

By Katrina Waugh
Assistant Sports Editor

The Wolfpack men's basketball team, now an even 14-14 for the season and 4-8 in the ACC, will face the Maryland Terrapins tonight in Cole Field House at 8 p.m.

The Terrapins, who lost to Wake Forest Sunday, are looking for their first ACC win under new head coach Bob Wade. Maryland is 8-14 overall and 0-12 in conference play.

Wade amassed a 272-24 record as head coach of the Dunbar High School Poets, before replacing Lefty Driesell as head coach at Maryland this season.

The last time the two squads met, Jan. 3 in Reynolds Coliseum, the Wolfpack came out a 69-47 winner to open conference competition for both teams.

Senior forward Bennie Bolton and junior guard Vinnie Del Negro led the Pack in scoring in that contest, with 12 points each.

Del Negro has since earned a starting position with the Wolfpack, averaging nine points per game. He leads the conference in shooting percentage from behind the three-point mark, hitting 55.8 percent of his attempts from that range.

Bolton, who leads the Pack's scoring with 14.5 points per contest, leads the league in free throw percentage, hitting 121 of 144 tries for 84 percent.

Charles Shackelford, averaging 13.8 points and 7.4 rebounds a game, contributed 10 points and 10 boards to the Wolfpack's win.

Maryland's earlier effort was led by freshman Steve Hood's 17-point performance. Hood is now the Terrapins second-leading scorer, with 13.5 points per game.

Junior Derrick Lewis, the only returning starter from last year's team, added 11 points for Maryland. Lewis is now Maryland's leading scorer with 19.9 points a game, making him second in the league to Clemson's Horace Grant. He leads the conference in both rebounding, averaging 9.8 boards per contest, and shot blocking, with 100. His 100 blocked shots puts him at number two in the nation in that category, second only to Navy's consensus all-America center David Robinson.

Since then State, which has lost nine of 10 road games, has fallen on hard times, going 3-12.

The only league teams with worse records are Maryland and Wake Forest, 2-10.

Wake's only league wins so far this year have been over the Terrapins. Wake will host State in Greensboro Coliseum Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

"Both Maryland and Wake will be happy to see us coming," Wolfpack coach Jim Valvano said. "Both Bobs (Wade and Staak) will be sending me cards."

Women netters top Atlantic Christian; men down UNC-C

By Stephen Stewart
Staff Writer

Katie Fleming, State's No. 1 tennis singles player, led the Wolfpack to a big win in the team's season opener against Atlantic Christian College. The Wolfpack beat the Bulldogs 8-1.

Fleming seemed to have had an easy time disposing of ACC's Annika Anborn, winning the match in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0. Supporting Fleming in singles

matches was No. 2 Mary Lloyd Hodges, who beat Sheila Milne in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1.

Playing in the third flight, Sandra Meiser defeated Sonali Mukerjee, 6-0, 6-8. Anne Marie Voorheis downed Susan Maxwell, 6-4, 6-2, in the fourth match of the day.

State's Christa Doiron and Kristy Weathers swept past their opponents without losing a game to round out the singles competition.

In doubles action, the Wolfpack won two of three matches.

Hodges and Meg Fleming defeated Maxwell and Smith in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1, and Meiser and Doiron won by defeating Mukerjee and Susan Meyers in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0.

"The Bulldogs' only victory of the day came in the No. 1 doubles match, where Anborn and Milne overcame losing their first set to beat Katie Fleming and Voorheis, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Coach Crawford Henry was pleased with his team's performance, with all the singles players opening the season with victories.

"I like it when they all start off with a win," Henry said. "It will help them when they go into their next match."

The women will continue play on Thursday when State hosts Peace College. The matches are scheduled to start at 2 p.m. in the Wolfpack Tennis Complex.

State 8, Atlantic Christian 1

K. Fleming (State) vs Anborn, 6-1, 6-0. Hodges (State) vs Milne, 6-3, 6-1. Meiser (State) vs Mukerjee, 6-0, 6-4. Voorheis (State) vs Maxwell, 6-4, 6-2. Doiron (State) vs Smith, 6-0, 6-0. Weathers (State) vs Griffin, 6-0, 6-0.

Anborn Milne (AC) vs K. Fleming Voorheis, 3-6, 6-4. Hodges M. Fleming (State) vs Maxwell Smith, 6-2, 6-1. Meiser Doiron (State) vs Mukerjee Meyers, 6-1, 6-0.

Records: State 1-0, Atlantic Christian 0-1.

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Survivor's guide

Help is here for desperate fans who must cope with mediocrity

Attention Wolfpack fans! Suffering from those can't-throw-the-rock-into-the-ocean, ain't-got-the-chemistry-'cause-somebody-dropped-the-beaker, livin' on-the-edge, hi-mom-I'm-on-TV-and-I-forgot-how-to-pass, close-but-no-pasta, I-can't-get-no-satisfaction, stayin' home blues?

Well, hot off the presses, here is a newly revised list of 10 ways to cope with a mediocre season. Portions of this list are borrowed from a Technician edition from way back in 1971, when the Pack last finished below .500 (13-14).

Now, on with the list:

DEVIN STEELE

Senior Staff Writer

1) Join the aerobics club. With two sessions daily, you can surely fit in a couple of classes of stre-e-etching, running and jumping a week — preferably on days when you're normally found screaming "Carolina refs" or playing boo-bird in Reynolds Coliseum or pelleting your TV set with Schaeffer cans. Aerobics offers an alternate means of tension-release and you come away with an invigorating feeling of accomplishment (a feeling not experienced this side of Chapel

Hill since Jan. 21).

2) Avoid all contact with pasta, Hyundai commercials, local sports pages and other reminders that lead you to question the Pack's season gone awry.

3) If you park in the deck, avoid Reynolds by quickly making your nearest exit at the tunnel across East Dunn Ave. on your way to classes. If you're in ROTC, tell your drill sergeant/instructor that you've been exposed to mononucleosis and cannot attend your map reading class until after March 30. If you've already purchased your Huey Lewis tickets for Sat. night, sell them for money to buy Ringing Brose tickets.

4) If you haven't yet gotten basketball out of your system, subscribe to ESPN. Nightly you can hear Dick Vitale — and on occasion Terry Gannon — give his acronym-filled, color commentary on some of the stars stalking the lanes of true, big-time basketball in The Big Ten and The Big East. If you're lucky, you may catch one of these big battles of national powers live. You'll discover that Steve Alford really is a PTP and Reggie Williams is a package of TNT.

5) Spend this weekend in Fayetteville. Despite running across a few flat-tops, you may find this to be an enjoyable experience, especially if you can find your way to Cumberland County Arena. There, you can see the ACC's female version of hardwood warriors competing for the league crown. Unless you've been packed inside an igloo all winter, you know the Wolfpack Women (11-3 in ACC play this year) are one of the favored teams!

6) If you go home for Spring Break, never return phone calls from high school classmates who chose to attend out two nearby sister institutions. With Mom as your loyal screener, you can easily live in hibernation for 10 days while shunning all forms of ridicule. While this may not aid your mental rehabilitation, it will help you avoid a relapse.

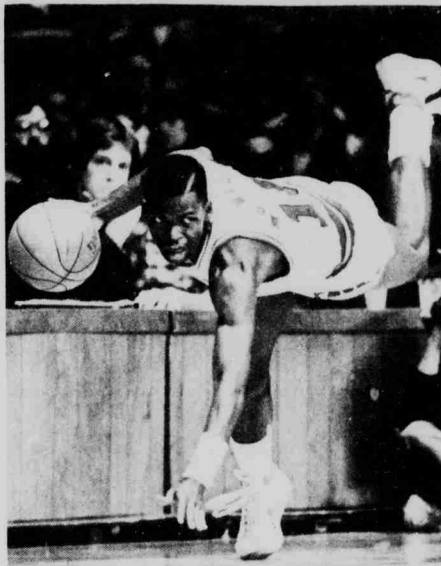
7) Study. While attending basketball games may be a method of pressure-relief from studying, you may find this process reversal as a means of attitude adjustment and priority reorganization. It will certainly make for some happier professors on this campus.

8) Exclude from your prime time TV schedule shows that you already know what's going to happen at the end — the same thing that happened the day before, and the day before that. For example, you know the *Minnow* passengers will still be stranded on *Gilligan's Island*, that Scooby Doo (thanks to a Scooby snack) will help crack the mystery of the ghost in the wax museum and that *Moonlighting's* David and Maddie will reach the bottom of the crime despite their differences. We've seen enough predictable endings on the east end of Tobacco Road this season without any more.

9) Get drunk. One of the oldest causes of temporary memory loss is prescribed here (for those of you 21 and up, of course).

10) If all else fails, practice these simple breathing and singing exercises. First of all, anytime a feeling of "what if?" hits you, quickly take three deep breaths. Then, exhale slowly, saying these words as many times as you can without rushing: "Corchiani Sono Buoni." Interpreted by Valvano, this means, "Corchiani is so good."

The following singing exercise is only applicable should the Pack somehow upset Maryland, Wake Forest and Chicago State and get into the prestigious NIT. During your morning shower, when the Pack's woes start to appear from underneath your steamy brain, sing these familiar words from Ol Blue Eyes at the top of your lungs: "Start spreading the news, I'm leaving today, I'll make a brand new start of it./New York, New York... This wishful thinking may soon go down the drain, but if Valvano, the master-minded entrepreneur, can sell his players one of those never-say-die attitudes, the Wolfpack may have one of those Madison Avenue looks come late March... Call it the northern version of the basketball Mardi Gras.



Former Wolfpack standout Nate McMillan.

Technician file photo

Women's swim team finishes 4th in ACC's

By Scott Deuel Staff Writer

State's women's swimming team finished a strong fourth in the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship meet at Chapel Hill last weekend.

The women marked up thirty career bests, broke a school record, and scored two NCAA qualifying times in relay events. The women compiled one hundred more points this year than last year.

Seventeen swimmers finished in the top eight at the ACC's this year for the Wolfpack, as opposed to six in the top eight last year.

"These kids did a tremendous job, and I really love them," Coach Don Easterling said. "This is a great feeling for me, like I just got paid."

Michelle Mumm, a sophomore from Boca Raton, Florida, broke the school record in the 400 IM with a time of 4:29.9.

Both the 400 freestyle and 800 freestyle relay teams qualified for the NCAA championships. Both teams consist of Christina MacMillan, Melinda Moxin, Susan

Butcher and Maya Codelli.

One relay was disqualified for an illegal kick off the wall. Easterling did not indicate which relay team was involved.

Clemson dethroned North Carolina, who placed second, to take its first-ever ACC women's swimming championship. This was the first time in six years that the Tar Heel women didn't come out on top. Virginia claimed the third place spot in front of the Wolfpack.

Easterling would not individually single out any one team member, stressing that the success was a combined effort.

"As my dad always said, do it best when it's most important," Easterling said.

Since none of the women are seniors, Easterling will return the entire team to compete next year.

The men's ACC championships will take place this weekend also in Chapel Hill, and Easterling feels the men should perform well.

"They (the men) should drop time and swim well for us," Easterling said.

The women will compete again in three weeks for the NCAA championships.

Tournament tickets are here

All students who applied for tickets to the men's ACC basketball tournament can pick up their tickets at the Reynolds Coliseum Box Office, said box office manager Bessie Steele.

Because less than 100 people applied, all applicants are eligible to get tickets. The box office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday for students to get their ticket books, Steele said.

Home town hero 'assists' Sonics

Nate McMillan sets rookie record

By Tim Peeler Sports Editor

In Seattle, its rains almost daily, but nothing hit the Washington city Monday night harder than Nate McMillan.

Former Wolfpacker McMillan, a rookie who has been the NBA's Seattle Supersonics starting point guard since Dec. 30, dished out a record-setting 25 assists against the Los Angeles Clippers.

McMillan, point guard on last year's State team that went to the Midwest Regional final of the NCAA tournament, set three team records and tied an NBA record with his performance Monday night in the Sonics' 124-112 win over the hapless Clippers, which fell to 9-43. The Sonics, fourth in the Pacific Division, owned a 27-28 record heading into Tuesday night's game against the Utah Jazz.

McMillan, who scored eight points and blocked four shots in the contest, set team records for most assists in a quarter, a half and a game. He had 11 assists in the third quarter and 17 in the second half. "I just recently came off an ankle injury," McMillan said Tuesday in a telephone interview from Salt Lake City. "I couldn't cut or jump and all my stats went way down. Last night was the best I've felt in a long time. I could run at full speed. I just played my normal game."

McMillan's performance also tied Ernie DiGregorio's NBA record for assists in a game by a rookie, set in 1974. His record is also fourth on the all-time list. The NBA record for most assists in a game is held by Kevin Porter of the New Jersey Nets. Porter had 29 assists against Houston in 1978.

McMillan was selected as the 30th pick overall in last summer's NBA draft by the Sonics.

"It's been easier than I thought it would be," said McMillan, who starred at Raleigh's Enloe High School before going to Chowan Junior College, transferring to State as a junior. "It's a life you can sit back and enjoy. You get to travel and meet people. You also get to make all the money. Plus you are playing against some of the best guys in the world."

"It's totally different than college ball. It's a running, shoot-the-ball game. College is all about fun. In the NBA, you have fun too, but you know everybody is serious. If you don't perform, they get on you or they get rid of you. "It's been fairly easy to adjust to."

McMillan, who is averaging almost five points a game and whose 295 assists are second on the

team only to former Wake Forest and Enloe star Danny Young, has seemingly made the adjustment much more easily than one of his former Wolfpack teammates, Chris Washburn. Washburn, selected as the third overall pick in the NBA draft by the Golden State Warriors, admitted himself to a drug treatment center last month after a series of on and off court problems.

"I think Chris is running into a whole bunch of problems," McMillan said. "I think what he did was a smart move. He's definitely moving in the right direction. He did come out and admit he was on drugs. Hopefully, that is what caused all his other problems, being late for games and stuff like that."

"Maybe this will help Chris out." McMillan talked with Washburn several times earlier during the season and tried to help him adjust to his new home, what McMillan said was the root of Washburn's problems.

"I think it all boils down to that Chris is not happy in Oakland," McMillan said. "But he has to realize that you can't be in the city you want to be in all the time. I just told him to stick it out a couple or three years and play good and maybe he would get traded to another team."

"Chris has to grow up. He has to mature."

McMillan and Washburn are two of five former Wolfpack players currently in the NBA. Kenny Carr plays for the Portland Trailblazers, Chuck Nevitt does part-time work for the Detroit Pistons and Thurl Bailey starts for the Utah Jazz.

For McMillan, the NBA has been easy.

"This is a great life," he said. "You're making good money and doing something you've always wanted to do."

He said his biggest contribution this year is "just running the team."

"There are three guys on the team that are averaging over 25 points a game," he said referring to Tom Chambers, Xavier McDaniel and Dale Ellis.

"Everybody can score on this team. It makes it a lot easier to be a playmaker."

It also helps that McMillan has been readily accepted by his new teammates. "They all treat me like I'm their little brother," McMillan said. "They get on me a little bit because I'm a rookie, but on the court they give me a lot of respect. I'm the

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Answer your financial questions about tax returns, choosing investments, and establishing credit. **FREE FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP** meets one time, Wednesday, Feb. 25, 7:30 pm in the basement of Alexander Hall. Sponsored by the UAB Women's Board.

Are you interested in emergency medicine? **NCSC's Trained Emergency Medical Personnel** meets Thursdays in Mann 406. No medical experience is necessary but all EMT's, Fire and Rescue personnel are urged to join. Come join us!

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ATTENTION WATERSKIERS! Anyone interested in skiing with the NCSU Water Ski Club this spring MUST attend our next meeting on Thurs., March 12 at 7:00 in 2036 Carmichael Gym. If unable, call 851-7360. Skiers of all abilities welcome.

ATTN ENGINEERS: The Society of Women Engineers will be going to the Engineer's Expo at Crabtree 10NITE. We'll be leaving the Student Center at 8:45 and will be carpooling.

Career Planning Workshop for Undergraduates: Need help in choosing a major? Want to know more about the career options relating to your majors? This workshop helps participants define career interests as well as assess skills, values and experience in relation to career choice. Attendance at all 4 sessions is mandatory. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Call 737-2396. \$5.00 materials fee. Meets March 10, 12, 17, 19, 6:30-7:30 pm in 117 Riddick.

Career Planning: What Do You Want To Be Now That You're Grown Up? Designed for NCSU adult students and alumni who want to change careers, curriculum or improve their current situation. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Call 737-2396. March 14, 9:30-10:30. Dabney Hall.

Celebrate Women's History Month! See SHE'S NOBODY'S BABY, a history of American Women in the twentieth century. Presented by the Raleigh Chapter of the National Organization for Women, March 17 at 7:30 pm, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3313 Wade Avenue, Raleigh. Admission FREE, all invited.

College Democrats meeting Tues., March 10 in Brown Rm. This meeting is in preparation for the state CD convention in Fayetteville, March 20-22. All students and faculty members are welcome to attend.

COMPULSIVE EATING: BREAKING THE FOOD PRE-OCCUPIED LIFE STYLE. Coming to terms with the place of food in one's life and development of skills enabling participants to have less hostile and adversarial relationships with food. Free for everyone BUT must pre-register. Call 737-2393. Thurs., 3:12, 19, 26, and 4/2, 4:15-5:30 pm., 4th floor classroom. Student Health Service.

Cooperative Education: Orientations. Students who would like information about NCSU's Co-op Program are asked to attend one of the orientation meetings listed below. Those who would like to co-op beginning this summer are urged to attend an orientation as soon as possible. Beginning January 22 thru February 26. For more information contact Diana Hemphill, M.S. Link, 737-2198.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION: Burroughs-Wellcome, Greenville, NC will be on campus Wednesday, March 11, to interview M's for summer co-op positions. Interested students are asked to sign up at the Co-op Office, 115 Page.

GERMAN STAMMISCH Tuesday, 3/7 Faculty Lounge, Room 125, 1111 Building. Students, faculty, staff, and anyone else interested in speaking German, please come!

IF YOU LIVE THE OUTDOORS: The NCSU Outing Club does it all: backpacking, whitewater sports, climbing, hang gliding. Beginner oriented, and we hold kayaking and backpacking clinics to weekly. Meetings are every WEDNESDAY night, 7 pm in 2036 Carmichael Gym.

GAMMA BETA PHI Honorary and Service Fraternity will meet Thurs., Feb. 26 in 216 Poe Hall at 7 pm.

Job Hunters Workshop for Undergraduates: Primarily for seniors about to begin the job seeking process. Workshop covers self assessment, resume writing, cover letter design, researching employers and interviewing techniques. Attendance at all 4 sessions is mandatory. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Call 737-2396. \$5.00 materials fee. Meets March 10, 12, 17, 19, 6:30-8 pm, 28 Dabney.

NCSU's State Gay/Lesbian Community for counseling, peer support, social, and informational services. Write us at P.O. Box 33518, Raleigh, NC, 27606 or call 873-1202.

NCSU students, are you willing to take the Health Challenge? Student Health Service is recruiting Peer Educators and Health Program Coordinators for the 1987-88 school year. Both positions receive excellent compensation. For more information and/or an application, call the Health Educators at 737-2563 or stop by 4th floor Clark Hall (informal).

CURSUSLISTAS interested in a fourth day reunion group and the Raleigh area. Write us at P.O. Box 33518, Raleigh, NC, 27606 or call 873-1202.

The Secondary Interview or Plant Trip: What to Expect. Learn how to make an informed decision about accepting a job offer and the moral/contractual obligations of accepting an offer. Appropriate interview questions, dress and follow up will be discussed. No sign-up necessary. March 11, 4:45-5:00 Dabney.

THE LAW Students Association will meet Thurs., March 12 at 4 pm in room 5. Attendance at all courses students are invited.

Psychology Majors and Transferers and Psychology Students interested in electing the Human Resource Development Option should attend the Question and Answer meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 1987, 5:00 pm or complete an application (B40) prior to March 18, 1987. The Baptist Student Union (B.S.U.) invites you to meet right before at 5:30 pm and Thursday night bible study at 7:00 pm.

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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 acts, 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.

Spring break evictions

There they go again. Housing and Residence Life is going through with its plans to throw students off campus during the break. This time, however, the situation is even more ludicrous than when they closed the dorms for Christmas.

For the first time in history, Housing and Residence Life is closing all residence halls (except for five "nine-month halls") for Spring Break.

Housing and Residence Life contend that the policy will reduce crime risks associated with a nearly empty campus. However, that excuse is no longer reasonable because of their expensive new security devices. They also believe that operating costs (heating, electricity, utilities) will be too much for them to handle. However, first off, it may not be necessary to heat residence halls for the break. Second, the students who are staying on campus won't use that much electricity or utilities. Thus, operating costs can be kept to a minimum.

This plan creates some big headaches for the affected residents.

Co-op students and students who have jobs in Raleigh, for example, are faced with having to find a temporary roommate in an open hall, pay \$24 out of their own pockets, and get keys for other rooms.

Students who want to stay on campus just to get some work done also face this hassle.

The inconvenience of the plan is

not the only issue. Money is also a factor.

Many students cannot afford to go off to the Bahamas for a week of tanning and partying on the beach; some cannot even afford to go as far as Henderson. Twenty-four dollars may not sound like much to Housing and Residence Life, but to residence in debt college students it's a lot to pay for staying in a room on campus — a room they supposedly already paid for.

The whole idea of making students pay to stay is illogical. At the beginning of the semester, students paid rent for an entire semester, which should include Spring Break.

The IRC, recognizing the need to do something about this, recently submitted a resolution to Housing and Residence Life to try and get the right to stay on campus returned to the students. IRC vice president Sharon Griffin summed it up best when she said, "They're not going to listen to us on this one."

Perhaps not, but this situation is one that demands attention. Housing and Residence Life needs to re-evaluate their policy on closing residence halls for the holiday. After all, it's only one week, and no reason exists to create such problems for a one-week holiday.

If Housing and Residence Life insists on making students pay to stay on campus, students should at least have the opportunity to stay in their own rooms.



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Is Technician Biased?

JEFF STILES

Opinion Columnist

Students who passed through what's left of the brickyard a couple of weeks ago probably saw some College Republicans (CR) playing basketball with balled-up copies of *Technician*. To draw students' attention to what the CRs consider to be a lack of equal coverage of conservative activities, the CRs encouraged students to vent a little frustration and have a little fun — trashing *Technician*.

Some of you may not understand why the CRs did what they did. "What good did it do?" you might ask. Why did they do this?

"*Technician* lately has been used as free advertisement and endorsement of (Student Body President) Gary Mauney's liberal agenda on campus," said Darlene Pope, chairman of NCSU College Republicans. Pope feels conservative students and activities are not covered as thoroughly as those leaning toward the liberal end of the political spectrum.

Are these things that could be solved if conservative students joined the staff of *Technician*? Recently, CRs have been criticized for doing nothing to affect

change in the paper. But the allegations made by Pope are problems that simply could not be reversed with more representation on *Technician's* news writing staff.

When I first came to State, I was astounded by the lack of conservative representation on the opinion page of *Technician*. I am now doing all I can, insofar as I am allowing my conservative beliefs to be printed in *Technician*, to philosophically balance the page out. But news? Unless I become an editor, I would have absolutely no voice at all in how or what news is covered. The editors are selected by the editor in chief, who is in turn selected by the Publications Board.

No, I would have to say that any problem with news bias in *Technician* wouldn't be solved by conservative

students joining the staff. No matter what their political views, a news staff should be able to provide fair coverage for a newspaper. It would not make sense to say that if more conservatives joined the news staff of *Technician*, news would become unbiased. Bias, if it exists, is the problem of the editor.

And the protest on the brickyard was not about bias on the opinion page. It was strictly about news coverage. So does Ms. Pope have a point? Pope's allegations should at least be discussed. Are they valid? If so, then the only realistic solution would probably be for conservatives to actively seek to gain control of the Publications Board and elect editors more to their liking — ones that they feel would give a more balanced treatment of news coverage on campus.

And if, on the other hand, Pope's allegations are totally unfounded, then there is nothing to worry about. Liberals specialize in taking care of everyone, right?

Jeff Stiles is a junior in LAP.

Continue the senior gift

Graduating classes at most private universities have, for years, given a senior class gift.

Beyond saying thanks to the college, the gift is a way to teach new alumni the importance of supporting the university financially.

Unfortunately, public universities have not been as zealous in encouraging the senior class to leave a gift.

This year N.C. State seniors, following the lead of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, are trying to start a tradition.

The NCSU Alumni Association and the Senior Class Committee plan to raise money to build an amphitheater somewhere on east campus. So far, they have raised \$93,600 well over their original goal of \$75,000.

We think this idea is great and urge the university to try to continue this tradition.

In connection with the senior class gift program, the Alumni Association has helped plan a wide variety of senior class activities. Although the Senior Class Dinner had its drawbacks, it was certainly a great idea.

Upcoming is a senior class information day where graduation packets will be distributed. Finally, a senior class picnic on the Student Center Plaza is scheduled for April with University Dining providing free food.

The Alumni Association has already provided \$8,000 to help get next year's senior class programs underway. Apparently, the association thinks the investment will pay off in the long run. They are probably right.

In the future, however, the Alumni Association should be more cautious when looking for sponsors. We feel Ronzoni took advantage of the Jim Valvano senior dinner night. They were able to clearly identify themselves with Jim Valvano, the senior class and the university for the small price of 400 plates of noodles. The senior class was wise to strike a deal with University Dining for the senior class picnic.

Although this year's senior class logo looks very professional, we suggest that logos be solicited from the student body in the future.

Overall, this year's senior class activities, including the gift, are an excellent way to build school spirit and insure continued support.

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'Amerika' possible in America

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY

Opinion Columnist

Further on the subject of the fuss kicked up by ABC's "Amerika": The planted axiom of most of the critics goes beyond merely that Soviet occupation of the U.S. is inconceivable. Whether it is, is an arguable question. But the derivative question, of course, is whether something like life as lived under Soviet-style totalitarianism is conceivable for America. So preposterous does this seem, the critics disdain even talking about the possibility, even as they would disdain to talk about an animal kingdom or the Land of Oz. We exhibit here the highest form of ethnocentric hubris. Without saying so, we are saying that such a thing could happen just about anywhere else, but not, of course, here.

It pays to remind ourselves that the totalitarian lash is inflicted primarily by natives.

We hear much of the terror inflicted in Afghanistan in the Soviet war fully to subdue the proud Afghan people. But the proud Afghan people constitute the resistance, and that is a small minority. In Afghanistan there are the proud and noble resistors, then there are those who are either apathetic or afraid; and then there are the collaborators. There are 15 million people in Afghanistan, and we hear most often about the 110,000 Russian soldiers. Granted that unlike the Afghan peasant, the Russian arrives on the scene with machine guns in hand and hand grenades at the ready. But the overwhelming majority of the crimes being carried out on the Afghans are crimes by other Afghans. The collaborators.

Why should we be surprised? The Nazis who occupied France during the Second World War relied primarily on French collaborators to implement the Nazi will. The collaborators vastly outnumbered the resistance, for the very simple reason that the few are courageous, the many — less than that. After all, that's why we give medals to the few.

Does the typical Czech fear a Russian policeman? No. He fears a Czech policeman. So is it in Bulgaria and Romania. Poland's General Jaruzelski is not a Soviet official. Needless to say, Hitler relied on Germans, Mussolini on Italians, Mengistu on Ethiopians, Pol Pot on those Cambodians he forgot to kill. Ah, but America? Again, inconceivable! Ponder this paragraph from Amanda Valladares' book, *Against All Hope*. Valladares is the Cuban poet-patriot who

Fredonia, N.Y., maybe in Coral Gables, Fla. Is he unique?

No. No, he is not unique, that is the point. If we want evidence that Americans are capable of violent crimes, such evidence is hardly difficult to come by. Evidence that Americans would harm children? We do so all the time. Torture, kidnap, kill: There is nothing practiced systematically by the totalitarian society that we do not engage in on a free enterprise basis.

It is by no means inconsistent to have a high opinion of one's countrymen and yet to know that the devil in every man's nature is always there, alive and responsive to pressures. That such pressures might under certain circumstances materialize was made brilliantly clear in the novel of Walker Percy, *Love in the Ruins*. That did, for the American temperament, "what Orwell's 1984 did for the British: adaptations, in each case, of the cultural profile of an individual country to the demands of totalitarianism."

The point, then, is to remind ourselves that even if the Soviets did not play directly their wretched hand in running the affairs of a defenseless America, the Soviets could find native talent, as they did in Cuba, to take on the job. Another reason for reflecting on the lessons of *Amerika*.

That man, Herman F. M-a-r-k-s, is somebody's quiet neighbor, maybe in



Features

New law to make millions of aliens legal citizens

By Deanna Rhein
Staff Writer

President Reagan signed controversial immigration legislation last November that will permit legalization of literally millions of people.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) will soon initiate a nationwide public information campaign about the Immigration Reform and Control Act designed to encourage qualified persons to seek legal status. For an illegal alien to obtain legal status he must:

- have entered the United States on or before Jan. 1, 1982 and been continuously residing in the U.S. since that time.
 - have proof of performing seasonal agricultural service in the United States for at least 90 days during the 12 month period ending on May 1, 1986.
- Although these provisions will not affect N.C. State students

because they may already have legal status, it may have an effect on their relatives.

Illegal aliens who think they may be able to take advantage of this opportunity should not contact INS now; no applications will be accepted until May 5, 1987. However, applicants should begin compiling documents and other information to support residence or employment requirements. Applicants should be aware that documents will be checked closely.

Beginning on May 5, 1987, most aliens will have only twelve months in which to file. Special rules apply to persons in proceedings. The Act provides that persons for whom Orders to Show Cause have been issued must apply within the first 30 days of the application period. After May 5th, an alien has 30 days from the date of issuance to apply.



Former members of the Varsity Men's Glee Club clown around in Stewart Theatre Monday night at a concert featuring this year's glee club and a group of the choir's alumni. The glee club recently returned from a tour of high schools.

Staff photo by Mark Inman

Washington's dead, but these myths aren't

By Calvin Hall
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Submitted for your approval, an event in the life of George Washington, first president of the United States, whose birthday was observed last week:

"I can't tell a lie, Pa; you know I can't tell a lie. I did cut it with my hatchet." "Run to my arms, you dearest boy," cried his father in transports, "run to my arms; glad am I, George, that you killed my tree; for you have paid me for it a thousand fold. Such an act of heroism in my son, is more worth than a thousand trees, though blossomed with silver and their fruits of purest gold."

The above passage, part of a

story that is a familiar memory to everyone from childhood, is taken from a book about Washington that was written by Mason Locke Weems, better known as Parson Weems, a sometime priest and salesman with both a passion and a genius for bookselling.

In his book, *Life of George Washington: With Curious Anecdotes, Equally Honourable to Himself and Exemplary to His Young Countrymen*, Weems improved Washington's public image. Due to political attacks and a controversial treaty, Washington was out of public favor when he died in 1799.

Weems' book, a bestseller when published in the 19th century, is sprinkled liberally with dubious details and obvious exaggerations.

It was intended mainly as a children's book, providing "...moral examples for children to read about and emulate," said history professor James Mulholland.

Many myths about George Washington got their start as a result of Weems' poetic license and that few facts were known of Washington's early life. Perhaps the most popular — but highly implausible — myth is the story of Washington throwing a silver dollar across the Potomac River. "Even Nolan Ryan would have trouble doing that," Mulholland said.

Stories about of George's schoolmates weeping as he left them and Washington hating to fight, although performing feats of strength. None of these stories are

true, of course, but Weems' book and the American love of larger-than-life heroes helped imprint the memory of Washington in American minds.

Still, some interesting (and true) facts about Washington weren't covered by Weems:

Washington did have wooden teeth. They were painful, clicking, ill-fitting replacements for teeth lost from tooth decay and crude methods of dental care.

Washington was a hypochondriac. He was preoccupied with disease and, during periods of depression, with death. He was a staunch believer in bloodletting and he perfected the "art" of bleeding himself so that he did not have to wait for a licensed physician.

When Washington invited people

to his official dinners, he expected them to be punctual. Once a Congressman arrived late and found all the guests seated at the table: "We are obliged to be punctual here," Washington said. "My cook never asks whether the company has arrived, but whether the hour has."

Washington was a Virginia planter and, like many of his peers, was a slave owner. Although he tried to distance himself from the institution of slavery once he became a world figure, the fact remains that, as a planter, slavery was part of his business and he did little to abolish it.

Horatio Greenough created a statue of Washington in the 1830s. The statue, modeled after a statue of the Greek god Zeus, showed Washington seated on a throne

naked to the waist with drapery over his legs and sandals on his feet. The statue caused a public outcry among people and was later banished to an obscure part of the Smithsonian Institution, where it remains.

All these myths demonstrate how Washington looms in our American heritage. After all, he was a military hero from the war that created our country; he was our first president — the one by which all others are measured — and he's the face we see on every dollar bill.

Last, but not least, he's the focus of the biggest sales this side of the Christmas shopping season. It would be interesting to see how Washington would react to the scene of shoppers beating each other for bargains in his honor.

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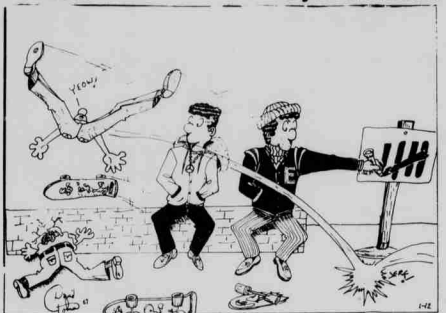
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