

Resolution to publish evaluations

By Carla A. Hogue
Staff Writer

Students may soon be able to shop for instructors if the Student Senate passes an Academics Committee resolution this week.

The committee is drafting a resolution that would require publication of teacher evaluation results and make those results available to the students.

If the resolution is implemented, one of the first issues will be to decide where to publish the teacher evaluations.

Raymond Senes, who co-chairs the committee, said one alternative might be to compile a list to be put on reserve in the library.

The resolution also states that the university should standardize teacher evaluations within departments.

"An indication of the instructor needs to be coupled with the evaluation," Senes said. "Alone, neither is of any use to the student."

Senes recommended restricting the use of "staff" when referring to instructors in the course listings booklet.

"We believe in many instances the departments are aware of who will be teaching the course," he said. "They use 'staff' in order to balance the enrollment."

The committee realizes the obstacles it faces.

"We can't expect a perfect system to begin with," Senes said. "It certainly won't be in place by the fall semester."

The proposal will come before the Senate on Wednesday, March 2.

Senes said the proposal is "very popular" and has received no negative responses thus far. "I do believe the Senate will back it," he said.

If passed, copies of the recommendation will be sent to Chancellor Bruce Poulton, Provost Nash Winstead, Faculty Senate and academic deans.

Inadequate facility??



The Cultural Center, which has a capacity of 150, regularly holds over 400 people on Friday and Saturday nights.

Black students petition for parties in Student Center

By Kimberli Sharpe
Staff Writer

Leaders from various black campus organizations petitioned the Student Center Board of Directors last week to allow weekend parties in the building.

The petition was introduced at the monthly meeting after organizations noted that activities in the Cultural Center attracted crowds of over 400 people. The building is designed to hold 150.

According to Lee McDonald, Student Center director, the board appointed a subcommittee to investigate the problem and to address a proposal that would modify the policy concerning operating hours for the Student Center.

An emergency meeting of the board has been called for Tuesday evening to present the subcommittee's findings and to devise an acceptable proposal.

"Cost will be a big issue," said Student Center president David Kemper. "It may come down to the fact that it is just too costly. That is one factor the subcommittee will investigate."

Kemper also said that the requested use of the Student Center concerns only the remainder of the academic year.

The board will reexamine the issue with respect to the next few years, for a new perspective.

There are two or three remaining calendar activities that would be affected by the new policy, Kemper said.

NCSU campus inaccessible to handicapped

By Tommy O'Brien
Staff Writer

Thousands of N.C. State students cross the campus each day through the tunnels under the railroad tracks. But because the tunnels all have stairs, students in wheelchairs can't use them.

The tunnels are not the only places inaccessible to wheelchair-bound students. Last year's campus map listed 104 buildings on campus.

Only 21 of these are listed as accessible "by an individual in a wheelchair with no assistance."

There are 38 other buildings accessible "by an individual in a wheelchair with minimum assistance," but as Pat Smith of Handicapped Student Services explained, "minimal assistance" to one person might not seem minimal to a person in a wheelchair.

Smith said that there is a problem of accessibility on campus, but it is getting better. "You have to chip away piece by piece" to gain access, she said. All new buildings are required by law to be accessible, and older buildings are slowly being changed.

Student Body President Kevin Howell is an advocate of handicap barrier removal, and said he will pick up where former student government officials left off in trying to make the campus more accessible.

Martin Perry, a student majoring in social work, has been in a wheelchair since a 1978 car accident. He said that overall he has been pleased with accessibility on campus, with a few exceptions.

Some of the problems he has encountered have been broken electric doors and elevators that have taken a long time to get fixed. Also, during last month's heavy snow the university was slow in clearing wheelchair ramps, he added.

Perry said it is a situation where "both sides have to give a little bit" — the university has to do more to improve the campus, and disabled people have to realize that some times they are going to encounter barriers.

Perry said inaccessibility to the tunnels does not bother him because he is able to drive from north to south campus in his van. But it is a bother for people who don't have that option, he added.

He said it is frustrating to students in wheelchairs who can see the buildings they want to go across the railroad tracks but can't get to them. Disabled students have to wheel over to Dan Allen Drive or Pullen Road to get to the buildings on the other side.

Converting the tunnels will be expensive but Perry said the university should fix the problem soon. "It's never going to get cheaper and it's never going to get better. There will always be people in wheelchairs here."

Smith said the university is doing what it can for disabled students by scheduling classes for them in accessible buildings and if a problem occurs, Smith said a space would be available.

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Martin Perry

UAB gets \$170,000 budget

By Tyson Smith
Staff Writer

The Student Center Board of Directors has accepted next year's budget proposal of \$170,000, an increase of about 9% from this year's budget.

According to David Kemper, Student Center president, the budget has been distributed among 14 special interest committees that constitute the Union Activities Board (UAB). Next year's allotment is about \$15,000 greater than the present amount designated to the UAB.

The Stewart Theater committee increased their allocation from this year's \$18,700 to \$22,000. UAB treasurer John Tate said that was due mainly to increasing entertainment costs.

Orrin Gallop, co-chairman of the entertainment committee, said his organization received about \$17,400 of a \$155,000 budget this year. Next year's budget to \$22,000, the entertainment committee a \$1,000 increase in their allocations.

The entertainment committee is responsible for concerts, Homecoming activities and events such as last month's All-Nighter.

Approved 1988-89 UAB Budget

Committee	Budget allocations*	
	1988-89	1987-88
Art	\$8,000	\$7,500
Black Students Board	15,900	15,000
College Bowl	2,810	2,000
Craft Center	12,860	11,500
Entertainment	18,430	17,400
Films	12,400	11,800
Indoor Recreation	3,550	2,625
International Students	15,000	14,200
Lectures	14,000	12,500
Outdoor Adventure	2,500	2,125
Stewart Theatre	22,000	18,700
Thompson Theatre	13,500	13,300
Women Students	1,800	1,100
Administrative Budget**	27,250	19,950
Total	\$170,000	\$149,700

* Budget figures are for student fees requested (program expenditures - expected revenue).
** The administrative budget was restructured to include several additional programs during next year.

Although the All-Nighter was a success as far as attendance was concerned, it left something to be desired financially, Gallop said.

Gallop said he feels that the entertainment committee has done well considering that some schools,

such as Auburn University, operate entertainment committees on budgets greater than N.C. State's entire budget.

Gallop said he hopes the entertainment committee will continue expanding.

Speaker: We must get serious about South African apartheid

By Margaret Roest
Staff Writer

The future of South Africa seems to be in the hands of its Prime Minister, Pieter W. Botha, said Ken Vickery during last Thursday's Peace Lunch Forum.

Vickery, associate professor of history at N.C. State, spoke on "Resistance to Injustice in South Africa" during a discussion in the Student Center Walnut Room.

Since 1983, the word "apartheid" has been replaced by "neo-apartheid," he said. The latter describes the newest rule of government in South Africa. South African leaders "just want white control and domination, not exclusivism," he no longer want to be a pure white nation, said Vickery.

In 1979, black trade unions were legal and their numbers were rising. This, said Vickery, may have been

the most substantial change during the Botha rule. The idea is to have a nonrevolutionary black middle class.

In 1983, the South African government allowed for two additional subgroups to be represented in parliament. In addition to the original majority, whites, blacks and Asians were included.

In January 1988, the latest session of parliament began an economic reform policy in South Africa, which claims to be putting money back into townships for better housing and opening job opportunities for blacks. In Soweto, home ownership is becoming an option for blacks.

Despite the reform movements, 74% of the South African population is unrepresented in parliament, Vickery said.

The minority group of whites is ruling over the majority of

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Correction

A story in Wednesday's paper incorrectly stated that Chancellor Bruce Poulton and William Simpson, university secretary, rejected a list of potential commencement speakers submitted by a student committee. When the speakers on the list were contacted and found to be unavailable, Poulton and Simpson submitted two more names to the committee. Upon the body's approval, the commencement speaker was chosen.

Announcement

The ACC Tournament Ticket Lottery begins soon. If you would like to participate, bring \$90 to the Reynolds Coliseum box office between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 a.m. Today!

Black unity topic of meeting

'Fresh minds' needed to lead

By Hunter George
Senior Staff Writer

There is a need for unity within the black race, student members of the Society of Afro-American Culture (SAAC) said Thursday during a general body meeting.

About 25 students attended the meeting, which covered topics including involvement in student government and Pan-African Week, and racism in the university.

"At this time, we are trying to find black students that are interested or think they might be interested in student government," SAAC president Dennis Rogers said.

He said he hopes to find freshmen and sophomores to represent blacks on the Student Senate, the Judiciary Board, and the Union Activities Board.

"Many of our senior leaders are moving on, so we need to start looking for fresh minds to carry on the torch," he said. "Once we find the interested students, we will unite behind those students and help them win."

The members also discussed plans for Pan-African Week, to be held this April. Several black leaders, such as early civil rights leader Marcus Garvey and W.E.B. DuBois, who founded the NAACP, developed Pan-Africanism as a way of coming together as a people to solve problems. Rogers defined it as "the ideology of uniting all people of African origin."

Rogers said he is in the process of

trying to obtain the finances needed to bring civil rights activist Naim Akbar to the N.C. State campus.

"Akbar is an extremely influential man," Rogers said. "He can really give a powerful speech on slavery and the miseducation of blacks. He will make you aware."

The student leaders said they were aware of racial problems in the university community and stressed the importance of unity.

"We need numbers [of people]," Rogers said. "We need lots and lots of support in situations like tonight [the Black Awareness Forum] when we've finally got someone's attention."

The members also discussed their plans for the Women's forum to be held March 25 in the Walnut Room of the Student Center. The forum will have three panels who will discuss women and success.

Pravda correspondent to speak

Victor Linnik, Senior Correspondent in New York for Pravda, will visit NCSU's Stewart Theater tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. to address students and faculty in Stewart Theater. His lecture, which will be followed by a question-answer session, is entitled "Glasnost and Perestroika in the USSR: A Soviet View" and is open to the public.

Linnik is a graduate of Moscow State University with degrees in English and American Literature. He did post-doctoral work at the USA Canada Institute, where he also began writing for Pravda.

After leaving USA-Canada, Linnik served for five years with the Department of Internal Information of Soviet Central Committee. While working with the committee, he continued to write for Pravda and was chosen to be a foreign correspondent and assigned to the United States.

He still serves as a consultant for the Central Committee and the Soviet Department of Internal Information.

The lecture is sponsored by the Residential Scholars Programs and the Union Activities Board.

Fraternities newsworthy for other reasons than condom dispensers

Jeff Cherry

Because I Said So

Shift setting to fall, 1986. The new student telephone directories are released, and on the cover are several students walking down a campus sidewalk: one is a well-known student who is a fraternity member, another is carrying a sweatshirt with Greek letters prominently displayed.

Technician runs an editorial about the cover, poking fun at this salute to the Greek system and reigniting a smoldering hostility between the newspaper and the university's fraternities and sororities.

The Greeks accuse Technician of magnifying every controversy or potential controversy into front-page news.

They may have a point: just two weeks ago, a story ran in the paper about a company that tried to place condom dispensers in some of the fraternity houses. This from people who criticized the News and Observer for running stories about Jim Valvano's speeding tickets. Sounds

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Freudian mystique of fraternity system

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pretty unfair to the fraternities involved.

Technician responds that it wouldn't have any negative material to run if the Greeks didn't keep shooting themselves in the foot in their ongoing effort to lay to rest the "Animal House" reputation.

This also is a good point. The condom story featured this quote from a fraternity president about the condom proposal: "It's a novel idea, and it would come in handy."

As long as the system has leadership like this, and as long as Greek Week features ridiculous events like the Keg Toss and the Three Man Chug, the bad rap will continue.

The rest of the Student Body seems to have a schizophrenic feeling toward Greeks; they recognize the positive things the system contributes like Woodchopt, yet retain feelings of antipathy toward the system itself.

As Freud would say, this dislike is something left over from childhood. Remember how crushed you were the time Tommy or Sally had a birthday party and you weren't invited?

You felt left out, and probably

ended up hating Tommy or Sally for the rest of your life, no matter how nice they were to you later.

But there's a big difference between a fraternity and a birthday party. Whether or not you went to that party was someone else's decision. Whether or not you join a fraternity is your decision. But when you do, you become a part of a tightly-knit group that in many ways will exclude outsiders.

It's certainly not elitism; on the contrary, fraternity GPAs are well below the average for all men here at State, and the open intramural league probably features a higher level of athletic skill than the fraternity or sorority leagues. It's just a natural result of a group of people identifying themselves with some idea, in this case brotherhood.

People who dislike fraternities form a kind of fraternity themselves, bonded together by their dislike of bonding.

Our Greek system here certainly has a long way to go, particularly in the academics department. But the contradictory ideas that many of us hold about the system need some adjusting, too. Next time you see someone wearing letters, judge them as a person before you judge them as a Greek.



Strummin' along

Chris Jenkins (left) displays his musical talent for Mark Howell, and anyone else within earshot, in front of Tucker Dormitory. Tucker also does shows at Hillsborough Street's Gator's occasionally.

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University changing for disabled

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found. Disabled students would never be denied access to buildings if they wanted it, she said.

Smith said she does not know the total number of mobility-impaired students on campus because not all of them come to her for help. Currently about nine students use her office.

About 60 students have handicapped parking permits, she said, meaning they have some sort of impairment, though they are not necessarily confined to a wheelchair. She said parking for these students is not a problem.

She said the biggest problem is money, and she suggested a pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks might be cheaper than new tunnels. For now, her office provides a van to help students get to and from classes. Currently two students use the van, but that number varies from semester to semester.

Other changes, such as curb cuts, are prioritized. Disabled students are asked what routes they use the most, and those areas are changed first. As more money becomes available, more areas are changed, she said.

One of the projects the disabled students group is planning is a handicapped awareness day sometime in April, Smith said. The purpose of the awareness day is to help other students learn what it is like to have impairments.

South Africa needs foreign opposition

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nonwhites. Botha's intent is to keep the countries of the region off-balance and more dependent on South Africa. The attitude of the regime has become "confident, even cocky,"—almost a "drop dead" attitude, according to Vickery.

South Africa is a very strong military power, Vickery said. It appears to be a nearly self-sufficient

area, and because of this, there is a need for outside opposition by other countries. "We must get serious," said Vickery about opposing South Africa's actions. The fall of the regime is inevitable, but it may be awhile, he said.

U.S. companies such as IBM have divested somewhat to show disapproval of apartheid. IBM sold its plant and equipment located in South Africa, but it still remains the number one trading company with South Africa.



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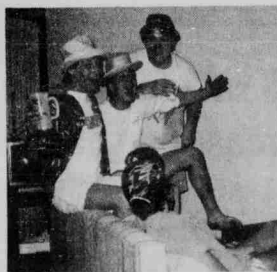
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Wolfpack survives Cavalier second-half rally

By Katrina Waugh
Sports Editor

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA — The Wolfpack men's basketball team survived a second-half comeback and a last-second shot from Mel Kennedy to beat Virginia, 64-63, Saturday. The win brings State's record to 20-6 and 8-4 in the ACC.

Virginia is now 12-16 and 4-8 in the conference. After running up a 45-32 lead at the half, State dried up early in the second half and Virginia outscored the Pack 14-2 in the opening six minutes. "The first half, we played as well as we could play," Wolfpack coach Jim Valvano said. "In the second half, we played as poorly as you can."

"In the second half we took quick shots and poor shots. We can shoot ourselves into a game and shoot ourselves out."

State held onto its lead, but the Cavaliers tied the game at 54 on a three-point play from Mel Kennedy. Then Virginia took the 56-54 lead on a layup by Bill Batts off an assist from point guard John Crotty.

The Wolfpack retook the lead on a pair of foul shots by center Charles Shackelford, then Virginia's Kenny Turner tied the score at 58 with a shot off the glass.

Shackelford, who finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds, answered with a jumper from almost three-point range at the top of the key, and Richard Morgan tied the score again with a 16-foot jumper from the left wing.

Crotty hit a three-pointer from the left wing with

four minutes left in the game to give Virginia a 63-60 lead.

Wolfpack guard Vinny Del Negro tried a three-point shot to tie the score, but missed and freshman Rodney Monroe knocked in the follow-up shot to cut Virginia's lead to one with 3:17 left to play.

Monroe, who finished the game with 18 points, hit the Wolfpack's final goal with 2:54 remaining in the game.

"Rodney hit some big buckets," Valvano said. "Twice the Wolfpack worked the shot clock down to its final seconds and was unable to score."

Del Negro took a last shot with 20 seconds left in the game; Virginia got the rebound and Kennedy put up a

shot with six seconds left. The shot didn't fall and neither did Crotty's follow-up shot with two seconds left, so the Wolfpack escaped Virginia's University Center with a 64-63 win.

"He (Kennedy) just ran out of time; we didn't get him," Valvano said. "Most of the time that shot is good."

"The basketball gods have decided that every game here will go down to the last shot."

State will host UNC Asheville tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum, before resuming its conference schedule Thursday, when it hosts Maryland at 9 p.m. in the coliseum. State's final regular season game is March 6 against Wake Forest at 3 p.m. in Reynolds.

Strong pitching key factor in Pack sweep

By Mike Leek
Staff Writer

A strong performance from the pitching staff and timely Wolfpack homers enabled State's baseball team to take two games from visiting George Washington, 2-0 and 6-4.

The doubleheader sweep pushes the Pack's record to 5-1. The Colonials drop to 0-2.

In the opener, right hander Jeff Hartsock (2-0) threw a three-hit shutout. Hartsock went the distance to collect his second complete game in as many starts.

"Hartsock, again, pitched an excellent ballgame," said Wolfpack coach Ray Tanner. "He had his velocity at important times during the game, and as in most cases when Jeff Hartsock throws from the rubber, he gave us a chance to score some runs."

State got all the run production it needed in the second inning when second baseman Gary Shingler hit a solo homer off of Colonial pitcher Clay Aldrich to make the score 1-0.

Outfielder Chris Woodfin added a solo shot in the bottom



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Bryn Kosco records a single in the first game of the State-George Washington game.

of the fifth to highlight the Wolfpack's seven-hit attack.

Tanner, though pleased with State's offensive showing, gave credit to Aldrich's performance on the mound.

"We didn't do a lot of scoring," Tanner said. "Their kid did an excellent job of stopping us. We did get two solo homers, but he just pitched an excellent ballgame."

In the second game, George

Washington scored three first-inning runs on left-hander Preston Woods. Singles by Greg Orlosky and Joe Knorr placed runners on first and second, and catcher John Flaherty hit a three-run shot over the left field fence.

The Wolfpack retaliated in the bottom of the first when two singles and a walk loaded the bases, and a sacrifice fly by Turtle Zain made the score 3-1.

State added two subsequent runs on a groundout and an infield single to tie the score at 3-3.

A double by Orlosky with one man on base allowed George Washington to regain the lead in the top of the second, 4-3.

Although Woods allowed four earned runs in the first five innings of play, Tanner was pleased with his effort.

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Manning' 25 leads Pack past Monmouth

By Mike Leek
Staff Writer

Sharon Manning scored 25 points and the Wolfpack defense forced Monmouth to shoot only 38% from the floor as State's women's basketball team beat the Hawks going away, 73-64.

It was the last game of the regular season for the Wolfpack, 10-16 overall, and marks the first losing season in NCSU history.

Monmouth drops to 18-7 with the loss.

State led throughout most of the first half due in large part to the play of the Wolfpack's frontline. Manning and Sandee Smith, who had 17 points for the game, scored on passes inside giving the Pack control of the paint.

"Our ability to get the ball to our inside people was a key factor," said Wolfpack coach Kay Yow. "This is one of the best games we've had doing that, and it's something we've wanted to do all year. But it is so important for us to get it in."

Monmouth took the lead with 6:30 minutes left on a jumper by the Hawks' Ellen Brennan and held a 31-29 advantage into the locker room. But State, with eight consecutive points from Manning, took a 39-35 lead two minutes into the second half.

"What a game Sharon Manning had," said Yow. "And yet she's still not the aggressive player you would like to see. She played without the strength and the physical condition that we need." See STATE, page 7

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New biology lab benefits animals and university

Each semester in N.C. State's introductory biology course BS100, one laboratory is devoted to studying the effects of various drugs on a frog's heart rate. After the live animal is pithed (its neck snapped) to eliminate the feeling in its body, the students cut the chest open and attach electrodes to the heart to measure its beating. They apply one drug to the heart to speed the beat up, and then record the results. Next, they apply a drug to slow the heart beat down, and they take down data until the frog dies. About 200 frogs a semester are used for this experiment.

Students who don't want to do this experiment don't have to, but they are encouraged to watch it and are still responsible for the material if they leave the lab, according to policy in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. These guidelines were adopted several years ago when students spoke out against the requirement to perform the experiment. A campus animal rights group, Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (SETA), has now asked the college to change the lab in a way that all students would be comfortable doing it. The group has offered to donate a computer program that simulates the effect of drugs on the frog's heart that could replace the current experiment.

The whole issue of the BS100 lab revolves around not only animal rights, but also student rights and simple economics. Using the frogs costs ALS more than \$1,000 a year, not counting the expense of their upkeep, whereas the computer program only cost \$60 apiece. The programs can be run many times with different experimental parameters, thus giving students a better feel for the entire concept and therefore increasing the effectiveness of the lab. Biology students also get the chance to use computers in the biological sciences, a skill that would be useful after college. Most important, using computers "cleans up" the laboratory, saving the frogs and allowing all students to perform the experiment. Is there any reason why this change should not be made?

The initial push that gave students a limited right of choice in labs and this recent development underscore a direction in which this university should be moving. Animal rights has been a quickly growing movement in this nation, and attention drawn to this subject has already led to changes at several colleges and universities. At NCSU, while there may be other labs like BS100, there are undoubtedly experiments in laboratory courses that can not be duplicated satisfactorily on a computer or in other benign ways. For example, if a student is going to pursue a career in biology or medicine, then learning about anatomy and physiology through hands-on work is vital. But in upholding our claim as a "cutting edge" technological university, we need to see if the way our students are being taught is the best way, both in regard to educational values and respect of the animals.

The university should examine its laboratory practices and possibly revise several courses in light of recent technology. By uncovering comparable and sometimes superior teaching methods, such as the computer frog experiment, the university would also be granting more extensive rights to students: the right to learn about biology or other sciences without having to act against their values. Of course, the benefits would include the positive effort and favorable publicity the university would receive for its pioneering image. So instead of the destructive protests and tearing down that has occurred over this issue elsewhere, a mutually beneficial arrangement would be created where everyone — the university, the students, and the animals — would win.

Clarification

The headline for Friday's second editorial ("Moo U to offer beefcake?") referred to N.C. State's nickname, not the annual Miss Moo U pageant.

New nuclear defense proposal is big step for U.S., maybe too big

Recent surveys suggest that most Americans are in favor of Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, more commonly known as "Star Wars," yet know very little about SDI or the debates surrounding it. Perhaps it's time to recap after five years of debate.

SDI was originally proposed by Reagan in 1983 as a "peace shield" that would render nuclear weapons "impotent and obsolete." The SDI Organization (SDIO) was set up to create such a defense system. In the beginning, SDIO conceded that such a system could never work perfectly all the time. In theory, SDI will use lasers to burn holes in enemy missiles during their attack flight. Such a defense system would require a complex arrangement of satellites, lasers and computers in capacities not currently available.

Here is the controversy in a nut shell: on one hand, if SDI is technologically possible, we may waste billions of dollars pursuing it, but then again the technological spin-offs may pay for themselves. On the other hand, if SDI is possible, it may render the U.S. invulnerable, which might be "bad" if the U.S. isn't morally ready to be invulnerable.

Though the feasibility debate has never been settled, SDI was hit hard last year by the American Physics Society (APS) when they published their report on Directed Energy Weapons (DEW). DEW's mechanical systems expel "pure" energy such as laser light instead of material objects like warheads. The seventeen member APS committee not only had full access to classified material, but they included such distinguished researchers as a Nobel Prize winner in laser physics, a director of Bell Labs and a researcher from the U.S. Air Force Weapons Lab.

After 21 months of research, the panel concluded that no deployment of a DEW was possible until the next century at the very earliest. Their opinion was that it will take at least a decade of intensive research just to make a sound judgment about DEW's feasibility.

This report has remained the most devastating, least controversial criticism of SDI. Even the Department of Defense accepted the report as "objective" and

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"astute" and challenged only a few of the credentials of the panel members, some have argued whether they had "full access" to SDI secrets.

There are at least three reasons to doubt this challenge: 1) The government said they had full access. 2) The government had the power to censor the final report. 3) By hiding the viable aspects of SDI, the SDIO would be destroying themselves because Congress relies on such reports to decide the SDI budget.

Beyond the feasibility controversy is the argument that SDI will dangerously alter deterrence diplomacy. The sole reason for having nuclear weapons is to deter others from using nuclear weapons on us. If the Soviets launched their nuclear missiles against the U.S., not a single American life would be saved by firing our own nuclear missiles.

In essence, nuclear weapons don't defend, they deter. This deterrence requires both superpowers to believe in mutual destruction if one country launched a first strike. Thus, if an adversary suddenly achieves the means to protect its population from nuclear attack, it no longer needs to worry about mutually assured destruction. Such a powerful country could hold the entire world hostage.

This argument, however, that we shouldn't attempt SDI because it may destroy deterrence is not a very good reason for itself. It applies the dubious assumption that "if we don't build it, then neither will the Russians." The argument fails to recognize the possibility of the Russians developing SDI first and holding the U.S. hostage. If morals won't stop them, we can't let morals stop us either.

The deterrence argument is not completely without merit. In 1964 the Soviets began deploying an anti-ballistic missile (ABM) system around Moscow. ABMs are a special class of missiles in that they are made solely to intercept and destroy enemy missiles. The Russians used the same argument for the ABMs that we now use for SDI: It is a morally better way to spend defense money because it involves protecting lives instead of killing lives.

The U.S. argued that the deterrence balance is destroyed individually, an ABM system really worked, a nation's population would be entirely protected; therefore, a country could wage a nuclear war without risking its own population. The Russians agreed with this assessment and signed the first major treaty to result from the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (SALT).

The ABM treaty, as it is called, is considered a great victory of common sense over the madness of a nuclear arms race. The principles behind this treaty also apply to our "Star Wars" defense. The cause is different, but the effect is the same — they both intercept missiles. In addition, neither SDI nor an ABM system could be 100 percent effective against a significant attack, and anything less than perfect still results in unprecedented destruction. Neither system is capable of rendering nuclear arms "impotent and obsolete."

SDI and an ABM system also have the same disastrous flaw — they can be overwhelmed. When a defense system is designed to intercept and destroy enemy missiles individually, an adversary can overwhelm it by launching an overabundance of missiles. In other words, such systems require the enemy to triple, or quadruple its nuclear arsenal thus resulting in a full scale race to create missiles, anti-missiles, and anti-anti-missiles.

I would not advocate stopping all research on SDI. However, given its potential problems, it doesn't make sense for SDI to have a top priority. SDI requires too many new and revolutionary ideas to be immediately feasible. Normally, these ideas come from the type of research called "basic research," and history shows that basic

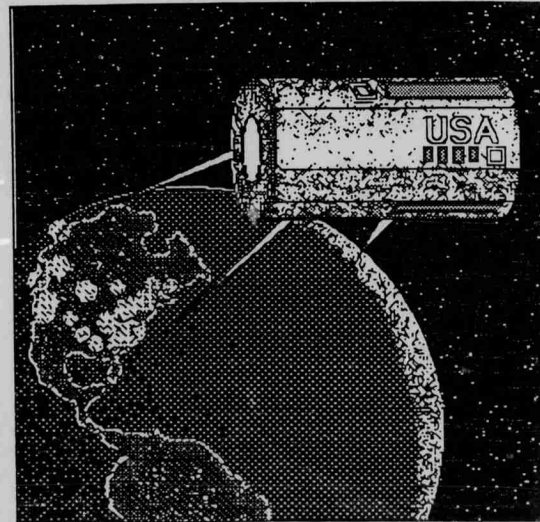
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research cannot be accelerated by excessive amounts of money.

Some say the U.S. would benefit technologically from a heavy emphasis on SDI, but the defense budget should be spent on our defense forces, otherwise our military status will fall below the Soviets. Currently, our land and air based nuclear arms are compromised by the Soviet's SS 18 missiles and extensive air defenses.

Because individual submarines cannot be detected underwater, they are considered invulnerable, but should the Soviets achieve a breakthrough in anti-submarine warfare, they would have a superior nuclear force

overnight. This event may not be remote in light of the fact that the Soviets are ahead of us in underwater capability. It is only prudent to use defense money to upgrade our military force.

In short, a perfect defense system would certainly be the greatest military achievement in history, but we can't let the dream of a perfect defense confuse the reality of an imperfect SDI. In a nuclear age, an imperfect defense is potentially much worse than no defense at all.

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Older classmen are experienced, scared

You see them on campus and probably don't give them much more than a second thought. Or you may look at them with contempt, considering them outsiders or intruders. But one way or another, older students are a fact of life here.

Many older students come back to school to complete an unfinished education, while others do it for a shift in career, or even just for the chance to learn. Actually, the term "older student" is simply one of convenience, since there really is no good name to call them. As one of these older scholars says, "While older students are older, mature and adult, they are also, bewildered, exhausted and just a little angry."

She elaborates: "They are bewildered because words have changed on them since they were young. A roommate is now a lifetime bedroom buddy, generally licensed. Party is cake and ice cream and breaks up about 3 p.m. so the kids can get a nap. Hangover is what the children do all over the world when they get home from classes. Extracurricular activities are doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, parent-teacher conferences and PTA. Excuses have nothing to do with dogs eating homework, but rather center on sick children and dying

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automobiles. Extra credit means getting the laundry caught up and paying the bills on time. They are bewildered, too, because time went backwards on them."

Older students face troubles not generally faced by the average-aged undergraduate. Their experiences have given them wisdom and maturity, yet many times they learn from professors younger than them, which can contribute greatly to feelings of insecurity. They feel misplaced, plopped in the midst of another generation and being with "peers" who have parents their age. Studying must be done in between children's moments of crisis, house or office work, and the other daily activities of an adult out in the world. Not to mention the fact that children and spouses may become jealous of

the time older students must devote to school.

And a real financial burden may be incurred by their going to school, especially if they have children already enrolled in college. They are alienated by attendance and homework policies designed for younger, less encumbered students. It's a wonder that older students finish school in such a non-conducive environment.

Yet there must be benefits, or they really wouldn't be here. One is the opportunity to get an education, an unparalleled chance to learn and grow at a stage when they may have thought that learning and growing had ended. Another plus is that, despite the fact that they may at first feel like misfits, they have the chance to "be young again," and make friends from another generation.

Yes, they're tired; yes, they're "bewildered, exhausted and just a little angry," but they are also grateful and gratified to be allowed to return to school. As they would advise you, "Appreciate it now, while you're young." Another chance may be costlier than you realize.

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Forum

Tipper Gore leads censorship crusade

Last Thursday, Tipper Gore came to the Student Center to talk about Albert Gore's presidential campaign, but, as I hoped, she spoke about her own political involvement also. She is the founder of the Parents' Music Resource Center (PMRC), an organization dedicated toward "cleaning up rock 'n' roll" by placing warning labels on all music they feel is "violent" or "occult" because it might "dancer our children." The problem with PMRC is not the warning labels; it's the

resulting blackballing and pressure that causes censorship.

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UNC takes ACC title

By Lee Montgomery
Staff Writer

North Carolina ended Virginia's reign as men's ACC swimming and diving champions Saturday night at Carmichael Natatorium.

N.C. State fell 16 points short of its third place goal, and head coach Don Easterling explained why.

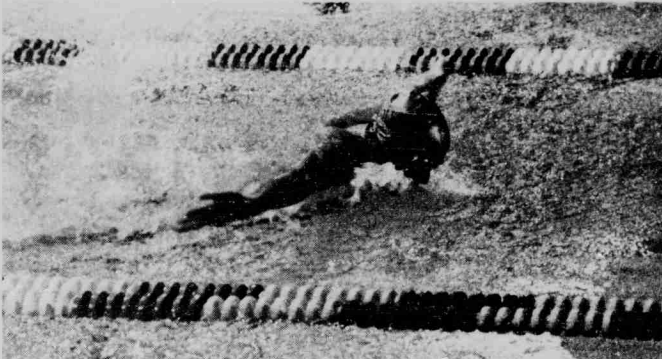
"We didn't swim well today (Saturday)," Easterling said. "We're usually known as a third-day team, but we just didn't do the job today."

The Wolfpack ended Thursday's session 17 points out of third place. It lost ten points to Clemson on Friday, and could come no closer.

The highlight of State's meet came on Friday night. The Wolfpack's Chuck Niemeyer successfully defended his 100-yard butterfly crown with the time of 48.98.

"Chuck did a great job," Easterling said. "He was under a lot of pressure (to defend his title). They say that if you win once you're a good, but if you win twice, you're a champion. Chuck's a champion."

Niemeyer's time qualified him for



State's Scott Morrison swims the 100-yard butterfly part in the 400 individual medley relay at the NCAA championships April 7-9. In addition, he finished eighth in Saturday's 200-yard butterfly final.

State's Brian Dowling started Friday's evening competition with a fourth-place finish in the 400-yard intermediate medley. The Wolfpack freshman also won the 200-yard backstroke consolation heat on Saturday.

State sophomore Dan Judge also raced in two finals, finishing sixth in

the butterfly part in the 400 individual medley relay on Friday, and seventh in the 100-yard freestyle on Saturday.

Wolfpack breastroker Adam Fitzgerald finished fifth in Friday's 100-yard breaststroke and led the 200-yard event Saturday, before finishing third.

"Adam is going to be a name to be reckoned with in the future," Easterling said.

State's Steve Bradshaw had a successful meet. The sophomore finished third in the 100-yard backstroke, and followed up with a fifth in the 200-yard version.

The Wolfpack divers fared well on Saturday. Patrick McCord finished third in the three-meter springboard, and Michael Bowers ended up fifth in the same event.

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Pack sweeps Colonials

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"Preston's location was bad in the first couple of innings, and you can't pitch well because you're always behind in the count," said Tanner. "He settled down, pitched a little better, and gave us a chance to get Mark Wendel in there."

State scored again in the bottom of the sixth when catcher Bobby Russell tripled and outfielder Mark Withers singled.

In the seventh inning, neither team was able to score, and the contest moved to extra innings.

The next score came in the bottom of the eighth.

State's Dell Ahalt singled, and Withers unloaded a two-run blast over the left field fence, giving the Pack a 6-4 win.

Wendel, who took Woods place on the mound in the sixth, retired all nine batters he faced and was rewarded with the win.

"Mark pitched outstanding," said Tanner. "He painted a picture out there. He threw outside when they were ahead in the count and just pitched excellent for us."

The Pack's next home game is today at 3:00 against Providence.

State defense shuts Hawks

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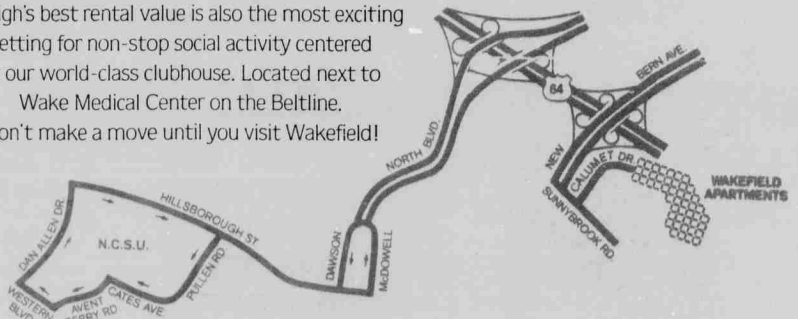
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