

Admissions aiming for high-caliber students

By Anne Kuehl
Staff Writer

N.C. State is looking to better quality high school students in 1988. And NCSU's future is looking brighter because of them.

The freshman class for the 1988-89 academic year is full of high-caliber individuals, said Admissions Director George Dixon.

"The average SAT scores and GPAs are higher than past years," Dixon said. The scores range from approximately 900 to around 1200, and average in the mid-thirties.

Dixon said he couldn't provide exact figures because so far the class is only three-quarters filled, however he said the

typical grade point average is about a B-plus and there are several students with higher grades. He said the admissions office will not be able to provide more precise figures until later this month.

According to Richard Howard, director of Institutional Research, the 1987 freshman class had a high school GPA of 3.3 and averaged 1044 on the SAT.

Of the 10,000 total applicants, about 3,400 students will be accepted for the freshman class, Dixon said.

In 1987, NCSU had to cut its usual freshman enrollment target to 3,300 because of budget limits set by the General Administration. In the end, 3,268 were enrolled, Howard said.

Dixon said the number of out-of-state

applicants is also on the rise, with 3,000 so far this year. NCSU will accept 578 of them, to total 17% of the freshman class. He said admission for these students is more competitive because of the low acceptance number.

The university is becoming "very attractive to out-of-state students" for many reasons, Dixon said. Competitive athletics, attractive location, reasonable tuition cost and a good reputation create "a balanced college that provides good education," he said.

International students are considered out-of-state students, and will account for 50 members of the incoming class. These students represent anywhere from 15 to 30 different countries, Dixon said. "We want

diversity to enhance what the university has to offer."

The percentage of females at the university is also increasing, "which we find very positive," Dixon said. Admissions is trying to maintain a male/female ratio of about 60/40.

Of the various colleges, engineering will have the largest number of incoming freshmen, Dixon said. Approximately 1,200 students will be accepted, up from 1,059 in 1987.

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences will accept about 600 students, as opposed to the 702 enrolled in 1987. Dixon said two-thirds of the 600 will major in business.

Students in the College of Physical and

Mathematical Sciences had 237 freshmen last semester, and admissions hopes to enroll 300 for this coming fall. He said most PAMS freshmen will major in computer science.

Dixon said most international students major in engineering, agriculture and other areas of high technology. All of the international students are "very brilliant," Dixon said. They are selected by their countries to receive an American education that will let them gain knowledge that will benefit their own lands when they return after graduation.

— Assistant News Editor Paul Woolverson also contributed to this article.

Student Center waives policy

By Hunter George
Senior Staff Writer

The Student Center Board of Directors passed a resolution Thursday to waive the Building Extension Policy and allow African-American organizations to hold events in the building.

The request was granted after the board heard an ad hoc committee's recommendation to open the Student Center because parties at the Cultural Center were overcrowded and unsafe.

Committee members said the Cultural Center problems are ongoing and will perhaps recur next school year.

"This is just a temporary solution for the rest of the semester," said David Kemper, Student Center president. "But it needs to be considered for the future."

Kemper made a motion "to look at what can be done to prevent problems (with the Cultural Center) in the next couple of years."

"We will draft a resolution as soon as possible," he said. "Then we'll present it to Dr. Thomas Stafford and his staff and ask them to move on it quickly."

The BOD approved April 8, 9 and 16 for the organization's use of the Student Center. These dates are for trial purposes to determine if safe, controlled and successful events can be held.

Committee members considered several problems, including the cost of keeping the center open for additional hours. They recommended that sponsoring organizations cover the expenses to keep the center open later. These expenses include paying the center staff, maintenance workers and Public Safety.

"We haven't discontinued the use of the Cultural Center," said board member Orrin Gallop. "We are saying that it is possible to hold events in the Student Center, but it is up to the individual organizations to utilize this privilege."

Representatives of several organizations including the Society of African-American Culture (SAAC) and Greeks United said they were pleased with the outcome.

"I think it's very positive," said Xavier Allen, vice president for SAAC. "Especially since the (Student Center) calendar was pretty well booked."

Gallop, co-chairman of the Union Activities Board and a member of the ad hoc committee, said the organizations considered using the Student Center every weekend after the spring vacation and narrowed it down from there.

"We ignored all nights when there was already a program scheduled until midnight," Gallop said. "We also ignored nights when a program was scheduled to end early, but would take two hours to clean up. Those situations would have made our programs start much too late."

Gallop emphasized that the committee worked within Student Center policies to avoid any conflicts.



Once every four years

MARK'S INMAN/STAFF

Chucky Brown's mother, Minnie, shows off his birthday cookie at the UNC-Asheville game Monday night in Reynolds. Leap Day seems a fitting birthdate for the Pack's high-leaping power forward.

Students get Issues Forum of their own

By Tyson Smith
Staff Writer

A maximum of 400 students will get a second chance to hear Paul Volker, former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, speak via videotape at a student version of the Emerging Issues Forum.

The event, to be held April 11, was established by the coming together of two ideas, said Kathy Cleveland Bull, coordinator of special programs for the Division of Student Affairs.

Betty Owen, coordinator of the regular forum, suggested that students could benefit from an Emerging Issues Forum geared toward them.

At the same time Elizabeth Smith, president of the Golden Chain Society, requested that the university sponsor a leadership conference for students.

The result was the Student Emerging Issues Forum.

The event will offer insight and information about the country's economic and political positions. Bull said. The speakers will be able to put issues into perspective for students.

"It involves people around the world and certainly around the

country," Owen said. "This is the first annual Student Emerging Issues Forum."

Jesse White, executive director of the Southern Growth Policies board, will present the keynote address at the student forum. He will be encouraging the internationalization of the south.

Other speakers will include Larry Monteith, dean of N.C. State's College of Engineering, and Richard Daugherty of IBM.

Smith said that James Hunt, former governor of North Carolina, and chairman of the March Emerging Issues Forum, will mediate the discussion, "Taking Control of the Future."

Volker will present a speech at the March forum, which will be videotaped and presented to the students in April. A panel discussion will be conducted following the speech.

Registration for the symposium will begin following Spring Break.

The event will take place in Stewart Theater from 4:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

Interested students may register through the Student Leadership Center in Room 3111 of the Student Center.

Wednesday Inside

Filmmaker and North Carolina native Richard Gordon will present two documentary films tonight at the Erdahl-Cloyd Theater.

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A 20-point halftime lead was all the Pack needed against the Bulldogs of UNC-Asheville.

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Correction

In Monday's edition of Technician, a graphic listing Union Activities Board budgets excluded \$6,000 from the 1987-88 budget that was used for the publicity committee. This year's overall budget should have been \$157,700.

Upsetting U.S. performance in Olympics is no surprise

They're finally over. After 6 days of watching American athletes fall, bobble and get their collective clocks cleaned in a variety of ways, the Winter Olympics have been put to bed for another four years.

You've probably heard the gruesome statistics: a measly two gold medals, only six medals total. That's the least we've won since 1936, and there are over twice as many events now.

But were these Olympics disappointing because of sub-par performances by our athletes or was this a case of unrealistic expectations?

In the case of our hockey team, it is the latter. Those who expected us to repeat the feats of the 1980 gold medal team show how little they understand the magnitude of that team's upset of the Soviets.

Can you imagine UNC Asheville beating State in basketball? Probably so, especially if you witnessed Monday night's fiasco. Now imagine them beating the Los Angeles Lakers. That's why ABC calls the 1980 victory the "Miracle on Ice."

Our seventh place finish in these Games is about what hockey experts expected. By definition, an upset means you performed way above your head. To be disappointed in the

Jeff Cherry

BECAUSE I SAID SO

hockey team because they didn't pull any upsets is unfair.

Another silly argument made by disappointed Americans is that we should never lose in the Olympics to countries like Switzerland because we have 40 times as many people. Even ABC jumped on this bandwagon.

After yet another skiing event in which no American came close to winning, the network ran a graphic that showed Switzerland with 3 million skiers and the US with 21 million skiers. Then it ran another graphic that showed the total Olympic medal count in Alpine skiing for Switzerland was over twice as high as that for America.

This does look like a serious problem for American skiing, until you realize that the 3 million Swiss skiers are almost half of that

By Kimberli Sharpe
Staff Writer

Election books are now open to students wishing to run for Student Government offices for the 1988-89 academic year. They will remain open until 5 p.m. on March 15.

The candidates may not be the only new features at this year's elections, however.

The power of elections review will be granted to a different office if a resolution passes the Student Senate tonight.

The proposed bill would shift the power of review from the judicial board to the less political election board, said Charlie Helms, Elections Board chairman. If ratified, the bill will allow the elections board to disqualify candidates for muddling in extreme cases.

"In the past, we've had problems with pertinent questions being asked at debates," Helms said. "This year we'd like to have a straightforward election that deals with just the facts and the issues."

Student Senate still has budget hassles

By Meg Harrington
Staff Writer

Campus organizations that were scheduled to receive funds from the Student Senate but were turned away because of confusion with those funds may have to be patient a while longer.

Student Government officers will discuss budget possibilities at an unofficial meeting Wednesday before the biweekly Senate meeting.

"It is a possibility that these clubs will still be helped," said Student Body President Kevin Howell. The Senate has a reserve account that may be used for the remainder of the year, he said.

Derek Tyson, student body treasurer, said the reserve account

probably would not be used and that money allocated during the last meetings may be all that will be allocated for the year.

Tyson said he is still not sure how much money remains in the budget because several clubs that were allocated funds have not picked up their money. The account "is within a range of \$500 to \$2400," he said.

The situation began when the Senate allocated over \$1,200 at its meeting February 3 and two weeks later had to cancel their meeting early because Tyson did not know the exact amount that was left in the budget. As a result, campus organizations that requested money that week did not receive funds.

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country's total population, while our 21 million skiers are less than 10% of our population over 12.

Our great athletes play football, basketball or baseball. The greatest Swiss athletes ski. We cannot expect to ski consistently better than the Swiss any more than we could expect to beat the British in cricket or expect them to beat us in American football.

I think the major problem with our Olympic performance lies in our own attitude. The expectations of the American sporting public are like a ratchet screwdriver: they only go in one direction.

We have had those expectations raised artificially high by the likes of Phil and Steve Mahre in skiing, Eric Heiden in speed skating and of course the 1980 hockey team. But unfortunately, athletes like these do not come along every four years.

Ah, but look at the Russians and East Germans, you say. They win year after year with different athletes. That's true. It is also true that they start their entire population according to athletic potential, and those who have that potential are given lavish and unlimited training.

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Spending spree accounted for

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Paul Briggs, Student Senate president, said he feels that the spending spree was caused by an unusually high number of clubs requesting money early in the year and the fact that many bills were passed at the full amount.

"The bills were passed at the full amount because half of the bills were either emergency legislation or they didn't have recommendation due to the lack of quorum at the previous Finance Committee meeting," said Briggs. If a committee meeting lacks quorum, not enough members were present. Their recommendations to amend bills are unofficial and not considered on the Senate floor, which was the case for the Feb. 3 Senate meeting.

"Clubs know that it is a first-come first-serve basis for available money. We are not an unlimited resource," Briggs said. Last year, 41 bills were considered for financing and 37 have already been considered this year.

At the end of last semester a \$2,000 allocation was made that came out of the spring semester budget, Briggs added.

Lisa Beeman, comptroller, said that Student Government has an account of approximately \$35,000 a year. "That is saved solely for the clubs that come to the Student Senate for funds."

Tyson said the Student Government account fluctuates from year to year and depends on several variables.

"Out of the tuition and fees, \$4.65 comes from each student. Depending on the enrollment, the dropouts and any late acceptances, the total amount (each year) may vary," Tyson said.

The system by which the Senate receives funds also may have led to the lack of knowledge about money left in the budget, Tyson said. "The first month of the semester we will receive a certain amount of money. The second month we will receive about half of that amount and then it will be prorated each following month," he said.

"The confusion came in from the Finance Committee's lack of quorum, clubs coming out earlier and a lack of communication between the treasurer and the comptroller," said Briggs.



EDDIE GONTRAM/STAFF

You may call it corny, but Jeff Messick's method of eating popcorn is simply a-maize-ing. His act, the kernel of culinary coordination, was performed on Leap Day, and demonstrates that he is worth his salt in any season.

Writer for Pravda addresses students

By Becky Beller
Staff Writer



Victor Linnick

A little bit of Glasnost came to N.C. State Tuesday when Pravda correspondent Victor Linnick spoke in Stewart Theater.

And a little bit of Glasnost was a long way if audience reaction was any indication.

About 150 students and faculty members came to hear Linnick speak about foreign policy and Perestroika, but many dozed through the lecture.

The audience came to learn about two Russian programs: Glasnost, a new Russian policy of openness, and Perestroika, Premier Mikhail Gorbachev's restructuring program.

Instead, Linnick gave some of his personal views on the economic and social history of the Soviet Union.

When he discussed Perestroika, he stressed that it is "not a window dressing," but "a new political thinking."

"We have been for too long with that siege mentality," he said.

referring to Russia's isolationism and closed policies.

Perestroika is a "very radical change that (my) country and my nation goes through," he said. "We have a greater openness about our past and present."

Russia is also further decentralizing its economy and making its society more democratic. It's a "reflection of society's craving for more social justice," Linnick said.

He added that Russia is changing its present government instead of creating a new one, like "renovating a house without vacating it."

The lecture was sponsored by the Union Activities Board and the Scholars Program.

Abolishing football solves Winter Olympic medal woes

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Fast German figure skater Katarina Witt said that skaters from the West could not have had the kind of training that helped her win the gold medal, even if they had a million marks (about \$650,000). We expect a pre-med student at Stanford like Debi Thomas to compete with this kind of machine?

What can we do to compete consistently? Well, first we need to completely dismantle the NFL and college football. They're not Olympic sports and we could put all those athletes to better use bobsledding and lugeing and cross-country skiing.

But we'd rather see football every fall than guys in tight suits riding sleds every four years. The stuff they do in the Winter Olympics isn't very high on our list of national sports priorities. Which is why we should be content with the occasional sublime performance we have the pleasure of witnessing.

Cheers for Bonnie Blair and Brian Boitano.

But cheers also for all our other athletes who overcame lack of funding (and utter lack of interest in non-Olympic years) in order to compete for their country.

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Richard Gordon will be at Stewart Theatre tonight to show two of his movies, "Small Happiness" and "First Moon."

North Carolina filmmaker brings 'Happiness' to NCSU

From Staff Reports

Filmmaker Richard Gordon, a North Carolina native who has produced six documentary films about China, will visit N.C. State tonight to present two of his films, "First Moon" and "Small Happiness."

Gordon will present his films at 8 p.m. in Erdahl-Cloyd Theatre of NCSU's D.H. Hill Library. "First Moon" shows the celebrations of the lunar new year, and "Small Happiness" examines the lives of women in the Chinese countryside.

Since 1975, Gordon has travelled to China 11 times. "From a Western point of view, China presents a near total contrast, an 'otherness' that is original and challenging," Gordon said.

"It is only when we contemplate China that we become more aware of our own identity and perceive those parts of our heritage that merely reflect our own cultural idiosyncrasies," he added.

"First Moon," which lasts 35 minutes, shows still dancing, lion parades, ancestor worship, a lantern festival and other rituals that are part of the intense, two-week-long celebrations of the lunar new year.

In the hour-long "Small Happiness," Gordon explores sexual politics in rural China by talking with the women of Long Bow village. The title

comes from the words of an old Chinese man: "To give birth to a boy baby is a big happiness. To give birth to a girl baby is a small happiness."

"Although one-fifth of the world's population lives in the Chinese countryside, 'Small Happiness' is the only film in any language where rural (Chinese) women are allowed to speak openly about issues central to their lives," Gordon said.

Those issues include courtship, weddings, married life, childbearing, the custom of binding women's feet, birth control and work.

"In addition to the information about China, these films raise issues I'll address," Gordon said, "including aesthetic choices and ethical considerations, such as personal and political risks taken by the people shown in the films, problems of representing one culture to another, and the relationship between the filmmakers and the Chinese villagers."

The films will be presented as part of the Southern Circuit Media Artists Tour, sponsored by the South Carolina Arts Commission with support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Southern Arts Federation. Carma Hinton was Gordon's co-director.

Admission is free and open to the public.

Televangelist tries to fulfill dreams of being a photographer

BATON ROUGE — I'm not sure what's going on here and God refuses to comment on the whole deal.

It seems to me that Jimmy Swaggart was trying to live up to his childhood fantasy of being a staff photographer for Swank magazine.

But people like to crush great leaders' dreams, and Jimmy is no exception.

Now that his hobby has been made public, Swaggart must hide his Brownie and go back to "just being a simple televangelist."

Of course, the church elders are now forcing Swaggart to go through penance in this season of Lent.

Does he have to wear a three-piece suit made from rat hair?

Must he eat only honey and locust?

Must he kill a black dog at midnight?

No.

Swaggart must rehabilitate himself and prove he has no more lust in his old cheating heart.

Now, how is Swaggart going to prove that thoughts of sin have vacated his soul?

I think the church elders should force Swaggart to watch "Inside Seka" over at the Baton Rouge Pussycat Theatre. This way the elders could check if any lust arises.

Either way, Swank magazine has lost one of its great freelancers from the South.

But in the words of Swaggart's evil cousin Jerry Lee Lewis, "Goodness gracious — great balls of fire."

Also on the subject of guys who know how to charm *les babes*, I am not writing the screenplay for NBC's movie of the week on Jim and Tammy Bakker.

"Godzilla Meets the Makeup Queen" has nothing to do with "The Party Kids of Sodom."

In fact, it is the love story between Malcolm Forbes and Elizabeth Taylor.

I hope this point has been made clear.

Television

When "48 Hours" came to campus, they took a little time out for me.

I'm not kidding. I've got witnesses to prove they videotaped me answering questions.

Of course, I don't know how much of what I said will end up on the low-rated show. But I held back no punches.

Terry "I got a GPA and graduated, but I still sell cars on TV" Gannon actually called up the Technician office and said rude things about last Monday's column. But I wasn't in the office and couldn't answer any of his carefully-worded questions.

I do refuse to answer his "Where does Joe Corey get off?" question. My private life is just that, Gannon should stick to the argument and not try to bring up personal facts.

Joe Corey

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I've never asked Gannon where he "gets off." I've never asked the guy at DJ's what magazines Gannon is prone to pick up in that certain section. I won't even think of hinting under who's chair at the N.C. State-UNC game did I find that special token.

So, Gannon had better never ask where I get off — unless he, too, is willing to bring his entire private life into the open.

But back to my interview with "48 Hours." Depending on how those folks at CBS edit the show, I might look like the voice of the Pepsi generation or a prime candidate for the rubber room.

Many people will be pissed off at me for knocking Jim Valvano, but I say what I feel. And if a major network is willing to shove a microphone in my face, I'll feel even more.

Peter Van Zant interviewed me, and I had actually seen him on an earlier episode of "48 Hours." This was good because I felt like we had already met — since I always talk to my TV set.

He asked some good questions and I held nothing back. Or tried not to.

I don't want to give away what I said to Van Zant. But Van Zant brought up the point that Valvano has refused to disclose how much money he earns from things other than the \$92,500 he gets for being athletics director and basketball coach.

I said that if Valvano uses his position as Jim Valvano, coach of the NCAA champion Wolfpack, to hook a product, then the money earned should be disclosed. If Valvano is washing plates at the Ratskeller or delivering pizza, then it should be private.

Valvano says we are part of the Wolfpack family, and I demand to know how much brother Jimmy is pulling in.

After this show hits the air later this month, I might be transferring to a school that has no Athletics Department.

The Mercy Seat offers combination of punk and old-style religion

Zina Von Helpinstall and The Mercy Seat offer a truly appealing path to heaven. The music pulses and grinds, and the lead singer — bouncing and grinding herself — belts out lyrics fit for old-style religion.

The band will play The Brewery tonight, on its first trip through the South.

The impetus for the band came from Von Helpinstall's background in gospel music and her love for bands like the Sex Pistols. Von Helpinstall recruited Gordon Gano, guitarist from The Violent Femmes, and two other musicians attuned more to rock 'n' roll and punk than to gospel. The result, The Mercy Seat plays both gospel and punk music.

"In my heart," Von Helpinstall said after last Tuesday's show at Cat's Cradle in Chapel Hill, "I feel like it's a punk band. Gordon feels like it's a gospel band."

The Chapel Hill show, the first of nine in a row, was both a gospel and punk show.

The band shook the audience even before the music started. Gano and the two new members of the band,

Craig Neal on bass and Yoshi Taka Shimada on drums, appeared on stage in brown tuxedos and pink bow ties. Von Helpinstall was equally amazing in a blue sequined dress and stiletto heels.

Not to be outdone by its appearance, the band started out with songs from the self-titled album, more along the lines of traditional gospel. The crowd was amazed by the band's appearance and its music.

Halfway through the show, The Mercy Seat started on the songs that earned it the title of a punk gospel band. By this time, the crowd was moving and accepting the music for its merit.

"The crowds are right into it," Neal said. "They forget about the controversy of religion and swing with it."

Von Helpinstall truly believes in the message of the music, but said, "If someone wants to come to the show and dance, that's fine."

Although Von Helpinstall said she's not out to

J. Ward Best

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convert anyone with her music, she feels "like we're having church (in the clubs)."

Band members need not share a religious calling. When Von Helpinstall formed the band, she said "religion was never an issue. It's not 'Do you believe?' but 'Can you play?'"

The Mercy Seat can and does play. With Gano leading musically, the musicians worked themselves into a frenzy. Gano broke a string with some high-speed strumming. Neal was almost overpowering on the bass, and Shimada justified the large drum set.

Even though Von Helpinstall said she hopes to make money from the band, there is a message in the music. One she believes strongly.

For the message of salvation, this show is rife with moralism.

The Mercy Seat plays in clubs and bars — not the standard venue for gospel music, and Von Helpinstall's twisting and shaking puts her more into the class with Tina Turner than June Carter.

There's also just too much fun in this show for conventional religion.

The crowd at Cat's Cradle took to the band — if not the message, at least the music. Gano may be the initial draw for the band, but The Mercy Seat stands out from The Violent Femmes, and just about every other band under the sun for that matter.

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Tennis team blanks Peace College squad

The Wolfpack women's tennis squad blanked Peace College, 8-1, yesterday at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex. State's only loss came on a forfeit.

Top seeded Katie Fleming downed Peace's Dianne Pensabene, 6-0 6-4, then number-two seed Anne-Marie Voorheis topped Jill Powell, 6-2 6-0.



The Wolfpack's Meg Fleming defeated Dena Rieger, 7-5 7-6 (11-9), in the third flight, and State's Sandra Meiser downed Marel Shaffer, 6-0 6-4.

Arlene Peters scored a 7-5 6-4 win over Susan Briggs, and Alejandra del Valle Prieto beat Susan Stanley, 7-5 6-4, for the Wolfpack.

In doubles competition, Voorheis and Meiser teamed up to defeat Pensabene and Dondi Whitaker, 6-0 6-4, in the top flight.

Peace's Shaffer and Stanley defeated Fleming and Fleming, when Meg Fleming hurt her back and the pair defaulted.

Chila Ancalmo and Peters beat Peace's Briggs and Powell, 6-2 6-1 to complete State's scoring.

The win gives State a 2-2 record, while Peace falls to 2-1.

The Wolfpack will host UNC-Charlotte today at 2 p.m. at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex, behind the baseball stadium.

The Wolfpack men's tennis team will host Baptist today also at 2 p.m. at the Wolfpack Complex.

Walk-on finally realizes dream

By Scott Deuel
Assistant Sports Editor

For Raleigh native Rob Atkinson, being able to play for N.C. State's tennis team is like a dream come true.

"I'm really happy to be playing," Atkinson said. "To have an opportunity to walk on and make the team is just great."

Atkinson has played in three matches this season, winning two singles matches and one doubles match.

At the number six singles flight, Rob has been victorious against UNC - Charlotte and East Carolina, winning both matches in straight sets.

At number three doubles, Rob helped defeat Campbell 6-0, 6-2 in that match.

Even though tennis is going more smoothly for Atkinson, he had a tough two years to adjust under coach Crawford Henry's system.

"I didn't play in a match for two years," Atkinson said. "I could have quit, but I'm happy to be playing right now."

"Rob's made good progress," Henry said. "He's a hard worker with an extremely super attitude, which is great for the team."

"He's a good singles and doubles player. Matt Price and Rob will contest for the number six singles position."

Atkinson's college tennis career began in the Air Force Academy his freshman year. He played number three doubles for the academy, and

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Birthright boy Chucky Brown slams down two of his team leading 25 points Monday night against UNC-Asheville.

Pack wins despite sloppy second-half

By Katrina Waugh
Sports Editor

The Wolfpack men's basketball team recorded its 21st win, an 87-76 victory over UNC-Asheville, Monday night, but coach Jim Valvano wasn't celebrating.

"The only good thing to say is that it was our 21st win," Valvano said. "I'm angry. We did not come to play at all in the second half. The game was already over, but somebody forgot to tell Asheville."

"You can win and look good, and you can win and look bad. We looked pretty poorly tonight."

State led 52-32 after the first period, having shot 61.1% from the field to the Bulldogs' 33.3%.

But Asheville hung on like a pit bull and cut the lead to eight with 3:22 remaining in the game on a goal from Ricky Chatman.

State hit seven of nine free throws to hold off the Dogs in the final three minutes.

Wolfpack forward Chucky Brown led the scoring with 25 points. He also had eight rebounds and three blocked shots in his birthday performance.

Senior guard Vinny Del Negro was second with 23 points and four steals.

Chatman and William Fundenburk, a veteran of Raleigh's Broughton High School, led the Bulldogs' scoring with 22 points each. Chatman had 11 rebounds.

UNC Asheville outrebounded State, 23-15, in the second period.

"They beat us on the boards, they beat us up the court. We just went through the motions," Valvano said.

"There's no excuse for that. This was the only game we had scheduled tonight. I don't see why we can't get up for it."



Jim Valvano

"To be fair it was our first real letdown this year, I think it was a mental letdown."

The contest left Asheville with a 13-14 record going into its conference tournament.

The Wolfpack is now 21-6 and ranked 16th in the nation, with two conference games left before the ACC tournament.

"It's a disappointment at the end of a remarkable year for our kids," Valvano said.

State will host Maryland Thursday night at 9 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum.

"Maryland is a dangerous team," Valvano said. "They are a team on a mission. A late-season win at N.C. State would help their chances of getting into the NCAA tournament."

"We'd love to have five IACC teams in the NCAAs, but I don't want that to be at our expense."

State defeated Maryland, 83-81, in College Park earlier this season on a last-second 15-foot shot by Del Negro. The last time the Terrapins defeated State was a 68-67 win in Raleigh in 1986. That game marked

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Bats return from absence during State's 5-3 victory over Providence

By Bruce Winkworth
Associate Sports Editor

After a short absence, the bats came back for the Wolfpack yesterday. An early season hitting slump had seen State struggle through the last four games, including a 4-2 loss Sunday at Coastal Carolina and a 5-3 win over Providence Monday at Deak Field.

Yesterday, the Wolfpack pounded three Providence pitchers for 19 hits and an 18-5 win that raised State's record to 7-2.

Mark Withers went 4-for-6. Brian Bark went 4-for-6 with a pair of home runs. Bryn Kosco went 2-for-4 with a home run. Bill Klenoshek went 2-for-6. Steve Shepard went 2-for-3. And so on and so on.

"I told our guys before the game not to worry about your bats," State head coach Ray Tanner said. "We've got enough guys who can swing the bats that we should score some runs. We're not going to get 19

hits every time out, but we've got a good hitting team."

While the bats were making their return, Chris Woodfin was serving notice that he is ready to make a contribution to the Wolfpack pitching staff. A 35th-round draft pick of the Toronto Blue Jays in June 1986, Woodfin came to State a year ago as a much heralded recruit.

A shoulder and back injury limited Woodfin to just 21 innings a year ago, but yesterday he went six innings, allowing four hits and three runs. He walked four, three of them in the last three innings he worked, and he struck out nine.

Woodfin struck out the side in the first and had allowed just one hit through four innings. After that he began to tire, allowing a two-run homer to Dan Martone in the fifth and a lead-off triple to Steve Wright in the sixth. Woodfin left after the sixth inning.

"I was very happy to see Chris get off to the kind of start he had," Tanner said. "He pitched very well.

He had command of all three pitches, and while he didn't have his best fastball. I'd rather see him have the good command of it. It's just one game, but it was a very encouraging performance. I'm happy to see him make a contribution."

Less heartening was the fate of Paul Grossman, who relieved Woodfin in the seventh. Coming off three shoulder operations, one of them a major experimental operation by Dr. Paul Jobs of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Grossman threw three knuckleballs to four hitters before trying a fastball to Brandon Walsh.

That fastball may have been the last of Grossman's career. He came out of the game holding his arm and grimacing in pain.

Prior to sitting out last season, Grossman had won 15 games in two seasons with the Wolfpack. He injured the shoulder in a freak construction job accident but constantly held out hope of pitching



A Providence runner beats the pick off attempt during Monday afternoon's State-Providence game.

again. Tuesday may well have been the end of the line to what once was an outstanding college career.

"Paul and I had talked, and he'd

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Atkinson: God big part of his life

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travelled with the varsity team that year.

"We got to do a lot of travelling to California for a week at a time," he said. "We played teams like San Diego State and Hawaii."

Going through his freshman plebe year and being away from home was a little hard at times, but it wasn't his reason for leaving.

"I had a great learning experience in Colorado, but I realized after my first year that a career in the Air Force is not what I wanted to do," Atkinson said.

After his freshman year, Atkinson transferred to State, back to the familiar area of Raleigh.

"I'm really glad I transferred here, and it's really good to be in Raleigh," he said.

Atkinson was a standout tennis player for four years at Millbrook High School, located in North Raleigh.

In his freshman year, Atkinson began playing a few matches at the number one singles position for the Wildcats, and then he played out the season at the number two flight.

The following three years, Atkinson won the number two, number three and number two flights in succession.

He was all-conference his sophomore, junior and senior seasons, and he led Millbrook to two CAP-8 Conference Championships in 1983 and 1984.

He also teamed with Todd Pope in doubles to make the 1983 state high school doubles championship.

As far as Atkinson is concerned, all that is in the distant past.

"That seems so long ago," Atkinson said, referring to high school. "Right now it's really neat to be on this team because improvement comes from being able to practice with great players from around the country," he said. "For myself, it's a chance to improve and stay in shape physically."

Two years ago, he teamed with former N.C. State number one doubles player, Richard Bryant, and ranked sixth in the state for the 1986 ranking year.

And though tennis may be a part of his life, it takes a backseat to his religion.

"God is a big part of my life, and I regularly attend F.C.A.," Atkinson said. "F.C.A. (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) has definitely been a supportive area in my life."

Meg Fleming, who has played on the Wolfpack women's squad for four years, expressed admiration for Atkinson.

"He's such a hard worker, and he never says a bad thing about anyone," she said.

Not being on scholarship doesn't bother Atkinson, and he tries only that much harder to improve. He remembers as a thirteen year-old, coming out to the old Lee Courts to watch State play North Carolina in tennis.

"I remember watching John Sadri play for State, and thinking how great it would be if I could play for them some day," he said.



Walk-on Rob Atkinson returns a shot during a practice session. "I'm really happy to be playing," he said. "To have an opportunity to walk on and make the team is great."

Pack finds bats, beats Providence

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told me that throwing the knuckleball wouldn't hurt his shoulder," Tanner said. "Then, he tried to steer a fastball in there. I feel sad for Paul Grossman. He's one of the fiercest competitors ever to play at N.C. State. The kid's all heart, and it hurt to see him come out of the game that way after all he's been through."

Also making an early exit from the game was first baseman Turtle Zaun, who took a fastball in the cheek from Friar pitcher Tony Novello. Zaun stayed in the game for a few more innings but left to go to the infirmary. Zaun had a few chipped teeth and a cut in his mouth, but there were no broken bones.

The Wolfpack returns to action today at 3 p.m. against UNC-Charlotte. Freshman Jason Smith will make his college debut on the mound for State.

State tackles Wade's seasoned Terrapins

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the end of a seven-game winning streak for Maryland over State.

"Coach (Bob) Wade has done an outstanding job mixing his young talent with the likes of Derrick Lewis and Keith Gaslin," Valvano said. "Brian Williams has really been playing some fantastic basketball of late."

Upset-minded teams dominate intramural basketball playoffs

Basketball playoff action tipped off last week with many teams posting upset victories.

In fraternity "A" play, Sigma Nu defeated PKA 48-45. This game was closely contested throughout, with Sigma Nu squeezing a 21-20 lead at halftime.

In the second half PKA built up a seven point lead on 3-point shots by Dave Stewart and Ron Curl. But with five minutes left, Sigma Nu went on a run aided by the strong rebounding of Greg McCoy.

Sigma Nu eventually captured the lead with 1:30 left and tied the game with free throws down the stretch to beat previously unbeaten PKA.

KA advanced to the semi-finals by trouncing FH 82-54. KA, paced by

the play of Mike Doyle, is looking to defend their title.

Also advancing to the semi-finals was Delta Upsilon, with a 48-41 victory over Delta Sig.

In men's residence action, Becton beat Lee South, 47-40. Becton now advances to the finals based on a double forfeit by Metcalf and Bragaw South I.

Bragaw South II and North Hall will face each other in the semi-finals after defeating Sullivan and South Hall respectively.

The residence-sorority finals find two arch rivals squaring off on the court. Alpha Delta Pi pummeled North Hall 39-17 and Sigma Kappa knocked off Carroll 43-35 to set up this showdown.

The women's open championship finds a rematch from the regular season. Who's Bad and State of Confusion will go head to head once again to determine the champion.

Da Boyz defeated Phi Delta Theta, 50-33, to advance in men's open playoff action. Crash and Burn also advanced by trouncing Bus Ride 99-62.

Fraternity "C" playoff action featured some cliff-hangers as Sigma Chi defeated Alpha Phi Alpha 29-28.

Sigma Chi started out by quickly taking a 13-4 lead. Scott Proctor led this surge by scoring six points. Alpha Phi Alpha then settled down and found themselves losing by only seven at the half.

Play in the second half was slow,

as Sigma Chi managed to score only eight points. But the rebounding of David Tanksley and good ball control enabled Sigma Chi to escape with a victory as a last-second Alpha Phi Alpha shot rimmed out.

SAE also won a tight contest as they turned back Lambda Chi, 27-24.

Delta Sig won a contest, but in a different fashion. It destroyed Sigma Nu, 39-19.

As the year draws to a close, every sport is crucial to the overall standings. Handball finished last week with Tucker I winning the mens residence title. Chi Omega won the residence sorority crown, and PKA came out of the loser's bracket to claim the fraternity championship.

Club presidents meeting planned

The next meeting of club presidents will be at 6 p.m. on Mon., March 14 in Room 2036 Carmichael Gymnasium.

Students interested in the club sports program may get information in the Intramural Recreational Sports Office in Room 2012 Carmichael Gymnasium.

Active clubs affiliated with intramural recreational sports include the following: Aerobics, Archery, Association of Retired Faculty Exercise Club, Badminton, Bowling, Frisbee, Ice Hockey, Judo, Lacrosse (Men), Outing, Racquetball, Rodeo, Rugby, Sailing, Snow Ski, Tae Kwon

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Forum

White viewpoint is considered racist

I know that much has already been said regarding a particular one-sided racial columnist, and, quite frankly, I agree with most of it. The one thing, though, that none of the letters point out is the true silliness of some of his columns.

Imagine a white person, equally as prejudiced as June, but in the opposite way and as equally narrow-minded. He might write:

"Reverse discrimination will persist in this country as long as we'll allow it to. Therefore, white people in America must unite themselves to cast off this unfair oppression and persecution. Everywhere I look I see blacks with bad attitudes toward whites. Who do they think they are, putting themselves on pedestals with their Black History month, Black Trivia and all that? Just like there aren't any great white leaders? I know Martin Luther King Jr. led the Civil Rights movement and he's considered a hero, but so what? Mahatma Gandhi and Moses both led great movements and they don't get holidays named for them or any special recognition. And what about Abraham Lincoln? I know he's white but he isn't really that great. Sure, he freed the slaves, and for it he got his picture on the \$5 dollar bill AND the penny. 'Big damn deal.'"

This same attitude is taking its toll in the work force. For example, with all the affirmative action laws, whites cannot get jobs. Whites have to be at least twice as good as black applicants to get a job

and sometimes that isn't enough. What's the use in getting an education if the job I apply for is given to a less qualified person because he is needed to fill a quota. Today's society is simply against white people. I mean, we try hard, we do our best, but policy is just against us. We can't even talk about blacks without being condemned as racial or prejudiced or even losing our jobs (if we can get them) like Jimmy The Greek. They, on the other hand, can put down whites all the time, like that guy in the N.C. State newspaper. In these cases, they are considered "Champions of Civil Rights" and promoters of race relations, heroes indeed. There needs to be a two way street.

In athletics, this same discriminatory policy exists as well. Look at our very own athletic department. Seeking to promote, specifically, minorities. What about whites? Isn't there a lack of Caucasians on the basketball team? Why isn't there a law requiring there be at least one white member of the Harlem Globetrotters? Why?

People, these social inadequacies will

continue to persist as long as blacks are given all these advantages. Something must be done before white people are left with nothing. All people have to view each other open-mindedly, objectively and without respect to color. This will give us all a fair chance in a very biased society.

Steve Daniels
Sophomore, Forestry

June's writing not deserving of print

Dwuan June's Feb. 19 column in Technician is yet another exhibition of June's poor writing and reasoning skills and I can't understand why his writing is published.

The article was appropriately titled, "... June always has an opinion," and the quality (or lack thereof) of this and past June columns serves to show that having an opinion about everything often leads to having an opinion worth nothing.

The underlying problem in most of June's columns is his negative attitude, which results in a distorted interpretation of his subject, and his Feb. 19 column is a prime example. "Everything that occurs is negative..." Our society is a negative one and the sad thing about it is that it will always be one. If that's not a negative attitude, I don't know what is. There are many wonderful and positive things about our society, if one would only care to look. It's not our society that is so negative as much as it is June himself. The irony is that he condemns the very negativism he uses.

June's exhibition of negativism continues when he shows that he can't distinguish between constructive and destructive criticism: "Is there really such a thing as constructive criticism? What's constructive about someone telling you how they would do what you did? Think about it..." Well, suppose that I am playing a little one-on-one with Chris Corchiani and, of course, he burms me. Then he tells me that part of my problem is that I'm not a good dribbler, shows me

how he does it, and perhaps I am able to improve somewhat as a result. I would call that constructive and it didn't take much thought to figure it out. Most any student at NCSU knows what constructive criticism is, so why is June, lacking such basic knowledge about a concept, allowed to write so much about it.

Another weak argument in his article begins with: "Who determines what is weird and what is proper? Society does and that's wrong." Well, who do you think should determine what is normal and what is strange. Dwuan? In the same respect, who do you think should choose our president? If not society, then who? I can't begin to imagine who could do a better job than us the people. Maybe you wouldn't be so negative if you lived in Russia. But perhaps I missed June's point — it's easy to do. He goes on to say that, "There is no such thing as being weird as long as you believe in yourself and what you're doing." Is there anyone who would argue the point that Hitler believed in himself and what he was doing? And if I didn't call Hitler weird, it

would be because weird isn't a strong enough word. June finally concludes that: "There should be no such thing as being weird — just being yourself." It is true that one should be oneself, but the fact remains that some people, by virtue of being themselves, are abnormal, different, weird, strange, or deviant. If you don't like those words, June, you don't have to use them. But what's so wrong about being weird? Don't all of us have at least one, albeit outwardly unrecognizable, "weird" characteristic?

I would like to suggest that Technician find a better way of filling space than with articles written by June. His writing is of extreme poor quality it's scary to think of him as majoring in, of all things, English!, and I have yet to see a Forum letter in his defense. Unless the editors are receiving and failing to publish a horde of June fan mail, I can't imagine what they think June's writing is contributing to Technician.

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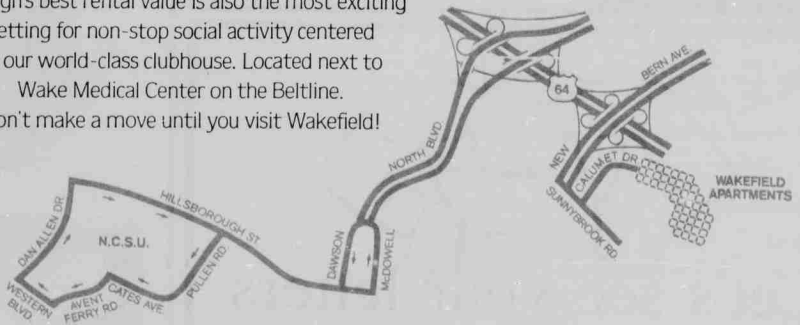
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