

Supercollider could benefit entire university

By Don Munk
Senior Staff Writer

If built in North Carolina, the superconducting supercollider project would dwarf the N.C. State Department of Physics. Three thousand leading researchers from all over the world at the site would create "a world physics department... a center of intellectual creativity," said NCSU physics professor Christopher Gould.

During the lifetime of the project, the NCSU physics department could move to the forefront in researching the fundamental particles of nature and the origin of the universe.

The site selection team from the Department of Energy will take another look at the North Carolina site this week.

The other six sites under consideration in Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, Tennessee and Texas will get a visit from the Department of Energy team later.

The proposed supercollider tunnel has a 53-mile oval-shaped circumference and will pass 150 feet underground through unweathered bedrock of three North Carolina counties: Person, Granville and Durham. The site would be located approximately 20 miles north of Durham.

Physics professor Raymond Fornes, who helped write the North Carolina proposal, said "if the superconducting supercollider is built in North Carolina... this

area will become the center for high energy physics in the world."

Gould said, "It's great there's a shot at it... (The) site was thought to be silly at first, but it has emerged as a good site." North Carolina has "come from being a dark horse to a semi-front runner."

Although NCSU conducts no research in high energy physics now, the physics department would recruit as many as 20 faculty members, and 50 graduate students if the project comes to North Carolina, Fornes said.

Supercollider research would smash protons together and examine the proton pieces. "We know that the proton is made up of smaller particles, namely quarks," Gould said. Researchers want to study the composition of quarks.

Physicists need a supercollider that is larger than the Fermi collider in Illinois and the one in Cern, France because "if you want to smash quarks and get at the smaller particles you need more and more energy because those quarks are so strongly bound," Fornes said.

"The only thing that is sought in the proposal is the fundamental nature of matter, and that relates all the way to the origin of the universe," Fornes said.

Many NCSU departments will contribute to the project if it comes to the state, Fornes said. Materials engineers at NCSU would contribute in the design of the superconducting electromagnets that propel

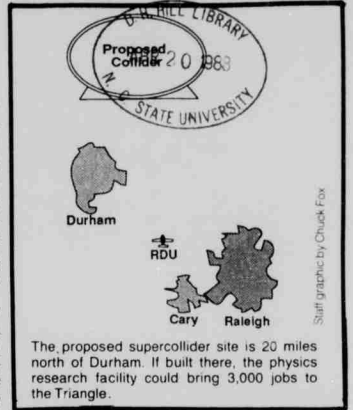
the protons through the tunnel.

The proton beam will go around the tunnel, "roughly near the speed of light." The magnets will direct the protons around the tunnel. "You must have a very strong magnet because the particle is going so fast," Fornes said.

The NCSU Precision Engineering Laboratory can contribute technical expertise in precision machining of the surfaces of electromagnets and research tools. The particle beam can deviate only a fraction of an inch in the 53-mile circumference if collisions are to occur. "You accelerate millions and millions of protons until you have a column of protons, because what you are trying to do is get two, to collide... but they're so small you can't guarantee that they're going to hit one another... The probability goes up with the number of particles per unit area. This ring is a storage ring, and that means lots of protons that go round and round, and so if they miss the first time, or miss the second time or the millionth time, perhaps they'll hit the millionth and one time," Fornes said.

The computer science department may be involved in the computational analysis of proton collisions. "Whenever a particle is detected, it would have a lot of other information that will tend to cloud it out. It's kind of seeing a needle in a haystack. You have all the other haystack material to be filtered out in order to see the

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Off we go . . .

Jerry Frady, with the help of two instructors, gets ready for takeoff at Jockey's Ridge Sunday. He was there with the

NCSU Outing Club. Hang-gliding is just one of the many activities the club participates in.

'Playback' helps create positive image

By Hunter George
Senior Staff Writer

Imagine turning on the television and seeing the N.C. State Barbershop Quartet singing on Hillsborough Street, or seeing Jim Valvano or Dick Sheridan talking about the upcoming season.

Students can see all that and more without using their imaginations by tuning into NCSU's news magazine, "Playback."

"Playback," an administrative pilot program designed to create a positive image for the university, is produced by University Relations.

"We saw that a news magazine was an excellent way to enhance the appearance of the university," said

Ron Kemp, the director of Broadcast Services. "If it's newsworthy, visual and it involves the campus, we try to put it in our program." Kemp said each show's 15-minute format has at least one feature involving students and one involving athletics.

"The interviews may range from Valvano and Sheridan to students to scientists," he said. "Then we might cover a Friends of the College performance or an Emerging Issues Forum. We also try to cover all the schools and colleges within the university."

Kemp said the program was originally designed as an internal videotape.

"We started out using it on

campus," he said. "We provided these videos to the Alumni Association, deans, department heads, student organizations and the Board of Trustees to use during meetings. Then we realized that a wider audience might appreciate it, too."

"Last edition, we had a feature with George Dixon (director of admissions), who talked about new college standards," Kemp said. "There are a lot of kids who might be interested in that."

Kemp said the show is made three times a semester and each program takes about two weeks to shoot and produce. Kemp and Bob Cairns, the coordinator for Electronic Media, write and produce the show. Mike Gray is the host.

"Mike is with Agricultural Communication and he hosts a show called 'Almanac' on the UNC Center for Public Television," Kemp said. "He's sort of on loan to us for a couple of days a month."

Cairns said the show is distributed to nine cable systems across the state whose combined total subscribers number about 400,000.

"Local cable companies that air the show are Raleigh, Cary and Durham," Cairns said. The program is shown four times a month on Raleigh's cable access programming channel.

Kemp said the show is still made available to the administration, fac-

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New Faculty Senate chair sees diversity of faculty as strong point

By Thomas O'Brien
Staff Writer

The leaders of the 1988-89 Faculty Senate say they are ready to deal with the issues that will face the N.C. State campus next year.

Elizabeth Suval, this year's vice chair, will take over the Senate's top seat next year and deal with issues ranging from a campus-wide drug policy to the construction of Centennial Campus.

Ray Long, a professor of crop science, will serve as vice-chairman next year and chairman the following year.

"I hope very much that the faculty will be very interested in the

Faculty Senate and hope they find it worthwhile and want to participate," Suval said.

She said she sees the Faculty Senate as having an advocacy role; making sure the administration understands the faculty's views and positions.

The diversity of the faculty makes it difficult to represent the interests of everyone, Suval said, but she sees that diversity as a strong point and welcomes the conflicts that will arise.

Suval said it is the right of everyone to agree or disagree with each other and to maintain the responsibility of a mutual respect to resolve problems.

She said she wants the Faculty Senate to become more proactive and not just reactive to issues.

"We would try to identify and address problems before they have drastic consequences," she said.

Not all problems can be foreseen, she said, but the Senate will always respond to problems as they happen. Still, Suval said she hoped the Faculty Senate could anticipate more.

Both Suval and Long said academics will be a major issue of the Senate next year.

Long said "maintaining the academic performance of the institution" is an important goal. He added that he wants NCSU to



Elizabeth Suval

continue building a reputation as both a research and an academic university.

Suval said the implementation of a campus drug policy was a concern for this year's Faculty Senate and

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Construction on deck to begin this summer

By Brad Davis
Staff Writer

Bids will open July 1 for the construction of a 1,228-space parking deck, Janis Rhodes, director of N.C. State's Division of Transportation said Tuesday.

The new deck will "make a substantial dent" in the 1,800 spaces the department projected to be needed on campus by 1990, Rhodes said.

A model of the new deck is on display in the Division of Transportation building, located on Sullivan Drive.

Rhodes said Tuesday that construction of the deck is expected to begin this summer. The deck is scheduled for completion in August of 1989.

Rhodes said some improvements on Dan Allen Drive will also begin during the summer months.

Funding for the construction comes from parking permits, Rhodes said. She said the price of permits has been increased over the past three years to provide the needed funds. Next year's parking stickers will cost \$120 for commuter and residence stickers, \$120 for handicapped stickers, and \$60 for the fringe stickers.

Part of the parking fee money will also go toward repairs on the existing parking deck, located on Cates Avenue.

Rhodes said she is not sure what the total cost of repairs on the deck will be. "We only have estimations right now," she said. "But we've budgeted about \$500,000." Rhodes added that she does not expect repairs to be complete by next year, but that repairs will begin this summer.

Funds collected so far have been used for land acquisition and design cost for the new deck.

Jim Gardner attacks supersub in campaign

By Paul Woolverton
Assistant News Editor

Jim Gardner, a candidate for lieutenant governor, said Monday that he wants to put honesty and integrity into North Carolina's government.

"We don't have either one of them in the General Assembly," he told 11 members of N.C. State's chapter of College Republicans gathered at the Student Center.

The N.C. State alumnus said that if he is elected, he will attempt to do away with the General Assembly's "work barrel" subsidies, institute a gubernatorial veto and strengthen the state's open meetings law.

Gardner said the General Assembly has always been controlled by eight men who meet in closed meetings. He said these men, who have included at various times Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan and state Sen. Lt. Gov. candidate Tony Rand, are the main beneficiaries of pork barrels.

He said the eight are the General Assembly's power brokers.

"You have about eight men in the General Assembly who control everything. This supersubcommittee,

also called the supersub, is the appropriations committee. It determines what funding bills go before the assembly," he said. He said while the average lawmaker garners \$70,000 in government money for his constituents, the eight members of the supersub average \$3 million each.

If elected, Gardner said he plans to take the supersub's \$24 million and put it into education and drug enforcement. His plans include creating a North Carolina Bureau of Drug Enforcement, which he estimated will cost \$20 million in its first year.

Another plank in Gardner's platform is the gubernatorial veto. North Carolina is the only state whose governor does not have veto power. Gardner said he feels the governor should have veto power as part of the government's check and balance system.

The open meetings law also needs to be strengthened, Gardner said, currently any public body meeting to determine policy must make its meetings open to the public and the press. However, the General

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Colorful commentary on college of many colors

Ask the average white student if N.C. State has a racial problem and one of two things will happen. If the student is completely oblivious to campus, state and national affairs, the answer will be "no, not that I know of."

Otherwise, you'll probably hear some elaborate rationale about how black students have been sort of touchy lately but overall things aren't that bad here. Unlike Duke and other schools across the nation, we have had no racial protests or incidents make the national news.

Blacks have their own student organizations, their own building, their own fraternities and sororities. Everybody's happy, right?

Unfortunately, no. Many of these

Jeff Cherry

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"black groups," the Greek groups in particular, were formed originally because their white counterparts would not admit black students. Though none of these organizations still retain policies barring blacks officially, the dual system remains in

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Valvano's bare office walls need to be filled

By Suzanne Perez
Features Editor

A man shouldn't have bare office walls. Not a man like Jim Valvano. That's what Martha Emory said when she saw Valvano's office in Case Athletic Center, so she decided to design and cross-stitch his family coat of arms.

Designing coats of arms, a tradition that began in Europe during the Middle Ages, is still popular today. The designs include symbols representing various facts about a family's history and personal experiences.

Emory, a former Peace College student who worked part time at D.H. Hill Library, said she decided to make Valvano's coat of arms "because I wanted to do something nice for him."

"I wanted people to realize that he's brought respect back into athletics," Emory said. "He gets such a bad rap sometimes, and I wanted him to know that someone cares about him as a person."

"And his office walls were so bare. I figured he could use something else to hang up there."

Emory travelled to the Duke University library to research the Valvano family heritage. "I looked through book after book of coats of arms for Italian families," she said. "I couldn't find any 'Valvanos,' but I did find one for the 'Valvasone' family."

Emory said she made a photocopy of the ancient "Valvasone" coat of arms. She then took it home and went to work.

In order to personalize the work to include the athletic director's immediate family history and his coaching experiences, Emory employed the help of Frances Lewis, Valvano's administrative assistant.

"I told Frances what I planned to do, and she was just thrilled about the idea," Emory said. "I talked to her for a while to get information that I could use on the coat of arms."

Lewis, who has worked in the NCSU Athletics Department for 28 years, said she knew Valvano and

his parents personally and was happy to help Emory with the project.

"I think I know the types of things that Mr. Valvano likes," Lewis said. "I know he likes traditional family-type things, and I thought this would be a good way to display his heritage."

After working with Lewis, Emory went to the North Carolina History Museum and spoke to Pam Tomas, a specialist in the museum's genealogical department.

She then sent her rough draft design to Dave Terry, a professional coat of arms designer in Virginia. He added the finishing touches and transferred the design to cross-stitch graph paper.

Everything in a coat of arms — every symbol, design and color — must have some connection with the person or his family, Emory said. Tomas helped her apply traditional coat of arms colors and symbols to the information she had gathered about Valvano.

The primary background color, or "field," is gold. Emory found the golden color on the "Valvasone" shield, and tradition requires that the color remain the same throughout generations, she said.

In the bottom left corner of the shield, a white lion carries an Italian flag, evidence of Valvano's Italian heritage.

Other aspects of the design incorporate more personal aspects of his life. Lewis said. The "bend," a diagonal line that cuts the field in half, is royal blue. The color symbolizes Valvano's close relationship to his father, Rocco.

"Valvano had a very close relationship with his father," Lewis said. "He grew up in a basketball family, and he always talks about how his father influenced his life."

The crescent moon in the upper left corner of the shield indicates that Valvano is the second son in his family.

And the three basketballs in the upper right corner are unmistakable. "How many families do you think would have basketballs on their



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Jim Valvano's family coat of arms.

coats of arms?" Emory said. "Everyone knows what those are for."

The three balls represent regular season play, ACC championships and Valvano's 1983 victory in the NCAA tournament.

Emory said the entire project went smoothly — with one exception.

When she heard Valvano was considering an offer to coach basketball at UCLA, she panicked. "I just said, 'He can't do that. I'm not done with this thing yet!'"

Afraid that Valvano would leave the state before she could present him with her surprise, Emory worked feverishly on the project. "I worked about 12 hours a day for three days while he was discussing this thing with UCLA," she said. "I

was just about going crazy."

But she completed the coat of arms — the same day Valvano said "no" to the job offer. "I was pretty relieved. Relieved to have the thing done, and relieved that the coach was staying with us."

Lewis said Valvano saw the completed project yesterday. He was in Raleigh for a few hours in between trips to Atlanta and Houston. He was in his office when Emory brought her gift.

"I could tell he was very impressed," Lewis said. "He told (Emory) how beautiful it was and how he knew his wife would just love it. It's so nice — I'm sure he's going to take it home and hang it up there."

And the bare office walls remain.

NCSU College Bowl team sets new school record

From Staff Reports

The N.C. State College Bowl team finished fourth out of 19 teams in the All-American Invitational College Bowl Tournament last weekend, setting a university record for most wins in a season.

The Fact Pack compiled a 12.3 record in the tournament, held at Emory University in Atlanta. They competed against teams from across the Southeast as well as such faraway rivals as Kent State, Idaho, Wisconsin and Beloit College.

State's three losses came against champion Georgia Tech, runner-up Emory and an upset to the fifth place team, a second squad from Georgia Tech.

The tournament was open to all teams that finished in the top three of their regional tournaments in February. NCSU won their regional. In addition, more teams from the traditionally strong Southeast were allowed to enter.

"I think our finish reaffirms that we are one of the top five teams in the country," said team captain and coach Chuck Wessell. "Our only problem is that Emory and Georgia Tech are also up there, and we haven't been able to beat them regularly at all this year."

In four meetings each with those schools, NCSU is 1-3 against Georgia Tech and 0-4 against Emory. Of those seven losses, four have been overcome on the last question of the match.

The University of Tennessee Invitational, held on March 25 and 26,

also showed State's ability to dominate almost everyone and then lose close games to those two rivals.

The Fact Pack lost by five points to Tech and on a sudden death tossup to Emory. State also lost by five points to Florida to finish 9-3, good for third place in the thirteen team tournament.

Wessell, a master's student in applied mathematics from Cary, was named to the All-Star team at both the All-American and Tennessee tournaments.

Also representing State at both tournaments were David Lubinski, a senior in Spanish and Spanish literature from Fayetteville; Larry Sorrels, a senior in chemical engineering and economics from Raleigh; Jay Edwards, a senior in aerospace engineering from Eden; and Ben Lea, a sophomore in physics from Lexington.

The team's trip to the All-American tournament was sponsored by the NCSU Alumni Association.

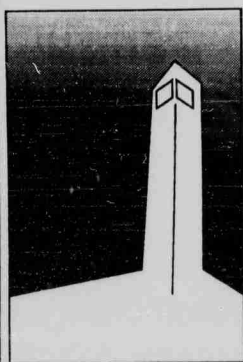
With two tournaments left in this year's season, the Fact Pack's total record is now 47-14-1 (76.6% winning percentage), which sets the school record for college bowl victories in a season.

The team has a chance to add to that total at the Southeastern Invitational, an undergraduates only tournament, to be held April 29 and 30 at Davidson College and the National Championship Tournament in Chicago on May 27 through 29.

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Mojo Nixon's music proves him to be just a personality

Mojo Nixon and Skid Roper rate more as personalities than musicians. And their music proves it.

Mojo plays a big acoustic-electric guitar in the old rock-a-billy style. Skid takes the minimalist approach to drumming—one drum, washboard or anything else that makes a beat, playing in his own rhythm. But it's not so much the music that attracts fans.

Even at \$7, tickets for Skid and Mojo at The Brewery tomorrow night have almost sold out.

Mojo sings about MTV, malls and, the greatest musical inspiration of all, Elvis. Mojo sees Elvis as the perfect being. This is everywhere and in everything—except the anti-Elvis, Michael J. Fox.

Mojo's Holy Trinity of Foghorn Leghorn, Otis the Drunk from The Andy Griffith Show and Elvis Presley should explain Mojo to the uninitiated.

Mojo and Skid are serious in their own twisted sort of way. Elvis and Howlin' Wolf died a while ago, but the music should't. The music is a tribute to blues and rock 'n' roll. The greatest all time rock screamer, James Brown, even sings on "B.B.Q. U.S.A."

J. Ward Best

SOUNDS LIKE THIS

"Bo—Day—Shus!!!" the latest album, hit the top of the college charts soon after its release in September. The single from the album, "Elvis is Everywhere," made Skid and Mojo minor stars.

Mojo's biggest shot at stardom came from one of his musical targets. The crazy, unshaven guy laying on the train tracks talking about "road years" is Mojo. After singing "Music Television ought to be covered in jism," Mojo now introduces videos.

A word of warning—take a towel. Mojo and Skid whip the show into a frenzy with just a guitar and a washboard.

The unenviable task of opening the show belongs to Tiny Lights. There is really no match for Skid and Mojo, so why not go to the

opposite extreme. Tiny Lights sounds best when sitting down and relaxing.

Tiny Lights plays an eclectic combination of acoustic music.

The band plays a folk style, but incorporates celtic folk sounds, classical strings and even a little rock 'n' roll. Donna Croughn's insistent vocals sharply contrast with the textured music, but make the poetic lyrics a viable part of the music.

Black Girls instantly come to mind when searching for a musical comparison.

The second album from Tiny Lights, "Hazel's Wreath" is a diverse collection of songs from the band.

More than just simple folk sounds characterize the album. The Beatles' influence guitarist John Hamilton cites shows in the mixing more than anywhere else. The styles change from song to song, and sometimes within the same song.

Although Tiny Lights plays acoustic music in a folk style, an underlying energy pervades the music—one that draws attention to "Hazel's Wreath."

The energy may come through live, and Tiny Lights may just be the band to open for Skid and Mojo.



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Mojo and Tiny Lights

Mojo Nixon and Skid Roper, along with Tiny Lights, bring their acoustic music to the Brewery Thursday night. Tickets are selling for \$7 and are still available. Tiny Lights will open the show for Mojo. Mojo sings about everything from Elvis Presley and MTV to their own personalities.

Stevie Ray Vaughan shuts off the lights in Memorial Hall

By Dan Pawlowski
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The first note was a pisser.

Stevie Ray Vaughan's right thumb was poised and ready over the strings of his electric guitar. "Ladies and gentlemen, would you please welcome, from Austin, Texas... Stevie Ray Vaughan and the Double Trouble Band."

With perfect timing, the thumb reached for a chord. At just that moment, Memorial Hall was plunged into total darkness—a power failure.

No lights. No camera. And for about an hour, no action from the Double Trouble Band and its electrically-powered instruments.

Enter stage right—Carolina Power and Light repairmen. While the audience cast puppet shadows on the walls of the auditorium, the repairmen attempted to shed some light on the whole event.

They finally did. "Back by popular demand... Stevie Ray Vaughan and the Double Trouble Band."

And the lead vocal/guitarist from Texas was in rare form. The blues rocker played about 20 songs ranging from laid-back blues to rock 'n' roll.

Vaughan played his trademarks—"Love Struck Baby," "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and "Look At Little Sister," as well as Stevie Wonder's "Superstition," Bill Carter's "Willie the Wimp" and the Beatles' "Taxman," which Vaughan recorded as part of a movie soundtrack.

Vaughan's intense guitar work stole the show. The man and the instrument merged into one throughout the display.

Vaughan maintained closed eyes for much of the act, occasionally looking at one of his fellow band members and smiling, evidence of their camaraderie.

Vaughan's skills were unmatched, and he knew it. But he chose to brag quietly, occasionally applauding a difficult series of chords by whispering "yeah" away from the microphone and spotlight.

For most of the evening Vaughan just strummed his beat-up wooden

guitar. He obviously felt comfortable with the well-worn instrument, playing it behind his back and not missing a note.

Like his instrument, the artist has been through hard times. "Thank God I'm alive and well enough to be with you tonight," he told the

audience. "I started believing this lie that you had to get high to play the music."

Vaughan went on to describe an incident he had at party. "I had collapsed and gone bankrupt inside."

But Vaughan says he learned from his past and has cleaned up his

act. The artist took every opportunity to strum his guitar, playing not only with his own band but also during a jam session with opening act Bill Carter.

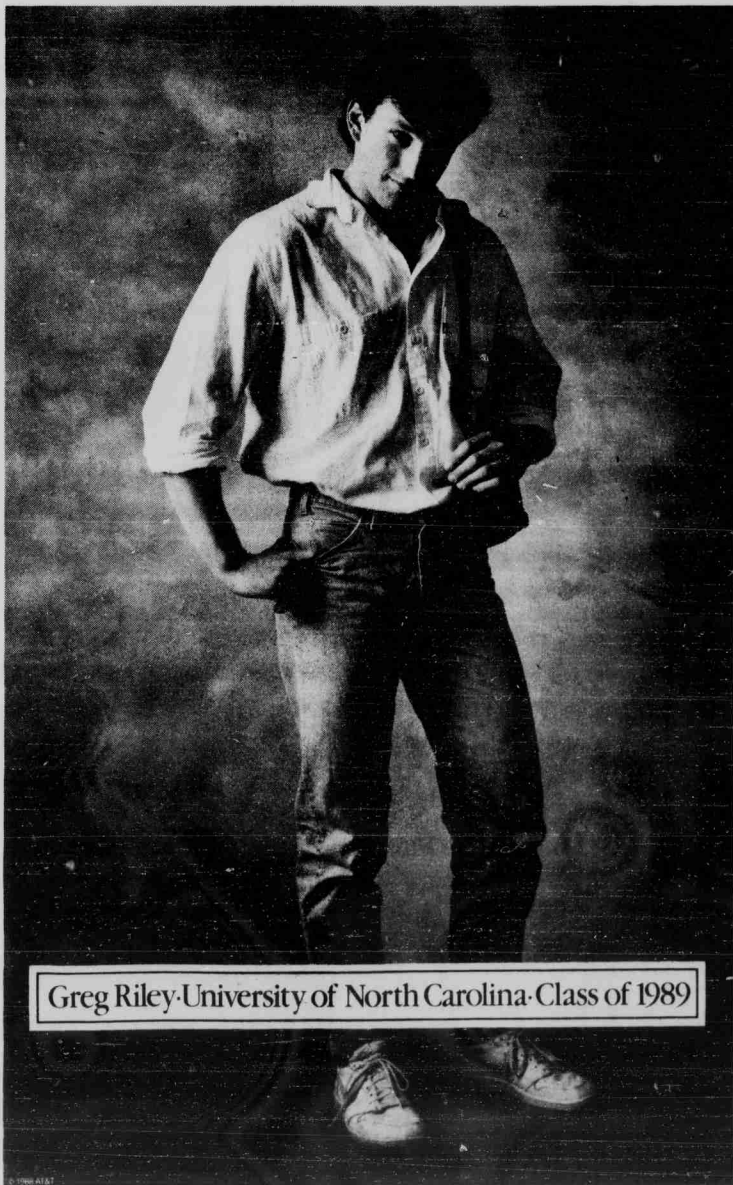
Vaughan's extended live versions of studio recordings dominated the

evening. Though there were some slow numbers, Vaughan's hard rocking tunes stole the show.

The performer finished his concert with a haunting rendition of the Jimmy Hendrix classic "Voodoo Chile."



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Track team heads into tournament as favorite

By Dwan June
Staff Writer

The N.C. State men's track team is probably the favorite at this weekend's ACC Championships in Durham and assistant track coach Curtis Frye would have it no other way.

"I would rather be the person on top than the person on bottom," Frye said. "I never want to play the spoiler."

He added that when a team is the indoor champion as well as the defending ACC outdoor champion, the team is usually seen as the villain as well as the favorite. State will be this year's villain.

"It's like seven against one," Frye said. "The pressure is more so on the team that is trying to beat you."

Frye feels that if the Pack is able to

recover from various injuries and setbacks they have suffered since the last meet, their chances of repeating are good. Hurdler Terry Reese is recovering from a deep thigh bruise and discus thrower Tom Hummick is suffering shoulder problems. Discus thrower Eric Shoenborn is also questionable for the tournament.

Frye said this year's competition is much stronger than in the past, and the slightest mistake could tip the scale in the other teams' favor.

"An injury here, a false start, a foul on a jump can determine which team will win," he said. "You never know when lady luck turns the other cheek."

Frye said State will field its best competition in the 100 and 200 meters with Danny Peebles and Dwight Frazier leading the way.

"We should have four people place in the 100 and 200 meters," he said. "We should be strong in sprints as a team. Gerald Martin, Michael Brooks and Kevin Braunskill should contribute in the sprints."

Three-time outdoor champion and two-time indoor champion Mike Patton will be the favorite in the long jump. Frye also expects steeplechaser and NCAA qualifier Gavin Gaynor, sprinter Darian Bryant, hurdlers Teddy Pauling and Reese and decathlete Marco Meulink to finish strong.

"Teddy Pauling looks like he is going to be a top finisher in the conference," he said. "He (Meulink) was second last year. He should be in the top two again."

In the throwing events, Frye said he expects strong finishes from freshmen Daryl Washington, Darin Barbee, Scott Merriman

and senior discus thrower Tommy Eckard.

"Tommy Eckard is coming off a great indoor season," he said. "Darin Barbee is having his personal best every week."

Frye says that the State team is by no means superior to the rest of the ACC.

"Georgia Tech is an honest threat. Clemson is a very powerful team and Carolina is a much improved team."

"There will be eight to ten Olympic trial qualifiers out there (at the meet)," he said. "You'll see a high quality athlete at Duke (site of the tournament)."

The State team will be shooting for its seventh straight ACC title. This will be the last tournament for seniors Peebles, Patton, Piper, Gaynor and Jenkins.

to experience defeat. Nobody wants to be the first class to break the string."

In order to help continue their success, the team has adopted the slogan that the Kenyan runners used at the World Championships in New Zealand last summer.

"Train hard so you can win easy," we say that around practice," Frye said. "We haven't mastered the training hard yet."

"It's easy to identify with," he said of the slogan. "Runners can identify with it, not saying other sports can't, but runners can."

The ACC Track Championships will be held at Duke's Wallace Wade Stadium Track April 20-23. The decathlon and heptathlon events begin today and continue Thursday. Friday marks the beginning of the qualifying trials and the finals occur on Saturday.

Wolfpack heads into tennis tourney looking to play spoiler

From staff reports

The Wolfpack men's tennis team will travel to Wake Forest Thursday as the ACC Tournament is played for the first time in two years.

Last year's tournament had to be canceled due to inclement weather, and Clemson was awarded the title due to its first place finish in the regular season. State finished in a tie for fourth.

The Pack enters this year's tournament with a 15-7 overall record, up from last year's 10-9, and a 2-5 mark in the conference.

"I like our chances to possibly be a spoiler in this tournament," says Coach Crawford Henry.

"This N.C. State team has been very consistent all year long. I couldn't ask for much more. At times, we have played some really good tennis."

Junior left-handers Alfonso Ochoa and Eddie Gonzalez lead the State squad.

Ochoa entered the season with a 26-16 career record, the best percentage on the team and has posted a 17-5 record this season at the number two position. He is 5-2 this season against ACC opponents and probably has the best chance at becoming the 10th Wolfpack singles champion in 22 years of competition.

Playing mainly at number five, Gonzalez has gone 16-6 this season to bring his career total to 34-23.

The sixth seeded Wolfpack takes on Duke in the first round Thursday at 9 a.m. The third seeded Blue Devils, 20-4 and 5-2 in the ACC, defeated State 7-2 in the last regular season matchup for the Pack.

"Duke is a very talented team," said Henry. "It's not like we're not familiar with them. They were the last team we played in the regular season, just a week ago. It will take a maximum effort on our part to beat Duke."

Five time defending champion Clemson is seeded second this year and will take on number seven Virginia in the other 9 a.m. match. At 1 p.m., number one seed Georgia Tech meets number eight North Carolina and number four Wake Forest meets number five Maryland.

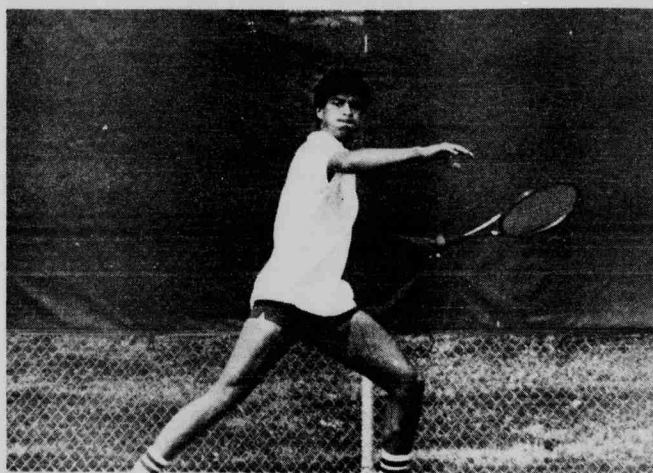
The Wolfpack ended its season with a 7-2 loss to nationally-ranked Duke on April 14 at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex.

At number two singles, Alfonso Ochoa defeated Scott McTeer 6-4, 6-2. At number five, Eddie Gonzalez defeated Mark Mance 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 in the match of the day.

The Blue Devils captured the rest of the singles matches, as well as all three doubles contests.

Jeff Hersh downed Krister Larzon 6-1, 6-1 at number one and Jason Rubell won 6-1, 6-4 against Lou Horwitz at number three. Number four Keith Kambourian was a 6-1, 6-3 winner against Michael Gilbert and number six Craig Shelburne defeated Rob Atkinson 6-0, 6-2.

In doubles, it was Rubell and Kambourian taking a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Larzon and Horwitz, and Hersh and McTeer winning 6-4, 6-0 against Ochoa and Gilbert. Mance and Shelburne defeated Gonzalez and Atkinson 7-5, 7-5 at number three.



Alfonso "Ponch" Ochoa returns a shot during a recent tennis match. Ochoa is the Pack's most consistent player this year and is expected to do well in this week's ACC men's tennis tournament. DEBBIE MATSIS/STAFF

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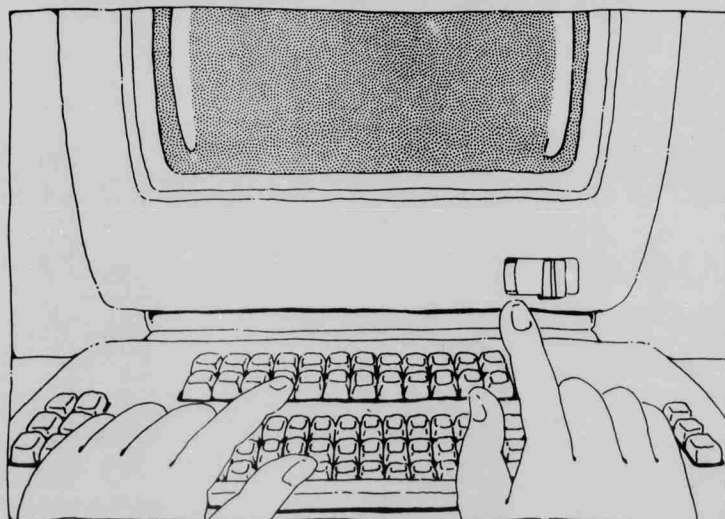
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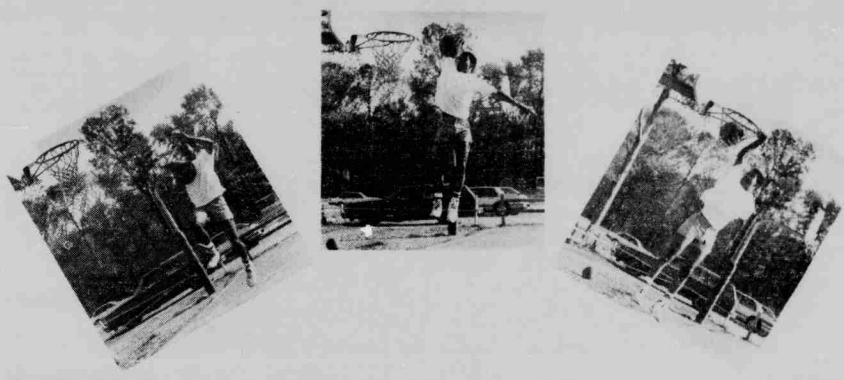
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goal is only 8 1/2 feet high, but Godette still seems to come away with an impressive Michael Jordan imitation.

MARK HUSH/STAFF

Proposition 48 cager looks toward 1988 women's season

By Dwan June
Staff Writer

Rhonda Mapp was one of the most sought after basketball recruits in the nation last year.

The high school all-America averaged 26.1 points and 16.5 rebounds a game while leading Asheville High School to the 4-A girls' state championship her senior year.

Later that same year, she signed with N.C. State and began to make plans to join the Wolfpack in the fall of 1987.

Mapp, along with fellow high school all-America Andrea Stinson, would have been the beginning of a new generation of Wolfpack women's basketball players. However, both fell victim to Proposition 48.

Proposition 48 is an NCAA rule that requires an athlete to score 700 on the SAT or above while maintaining a 2.0 average to be eligible for competition as a freshman.

For Mapp, the toughest part of her freshman year was "not being able to play basketball with the team."

"It was hard not being able to practice with the team," she said.

"It's hard not being able to travel."

Mapp said sitting out the season was a learning experience which was pretty hard to deal with at first.

"It's taught me the importance of academics," she said. "Since I didn't play this year, I had the time for the books. Overall, it's been a learning experience. It's been good."

Mapp said she was heavily recruited by Virginia, UNC, Southern Cal and State. She came to State because she felt the program needed to be built.

"The Virginia program was already built," Mapp said. "I felt the

program needed to be built and with the right players, it could be built."

She also liked Coach Kay Yow. Mapp said that she and Yow have "a nice relationship."

"She's just a good friend — a real good friend," Mapp said. "If you ever run into any problems, she's there for you."

"At one time, I felt like I didn't fit in with the rest of the team. Coach Yow was there for me."

Mapp said State was attractive also because it was the choice of her good friend Andrea Stinson.

Mapp said she first met Stinson at an AAU championship basketball game during the summer of 1985. Stinson played for the Charlotte team and Mapp played for the Asheville team.

The Charlotte team won and asked Mapp if she wanted to join their team. Mapp accepted the invitation and the Charlotte team went on to win the AAU National Championship.

It was during those championships that Stinson and Mapp became good friends. The two decided that where one went to college, the other would follow.

"We really didn't want to play against each other," Stinson said. "We kept in touch with each other during the summer."

Even though it has been a learning experience, Mapp still thinks Proposition 48 is not fair.

"I had a 93 average in high school and a 680 SAT," she said. "They should judge you by your academic standings in high school."

Nonetheless, Mapp is looking forward to the upcoming season.

"With the players we've got coming in this year, we should win it all — the ACCs and the NAAs — all of it," she said with a huge smile.

Carolina fags play nude b-ball at Granville

By Dwan June
Staff Writer

Charles Shackelford, Chuck Brown and Vinny Del Negro have been invited to participate in the 1988 Olympic Trials.

That's basketball, Shack. Not swimming.

The trials will be held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs during the week of May 18. ACC players Danny Ferry, Keith Gatlin, Derrick Lewis, Tom Hammonds, Duane Ferrell, Elden Campbell, J.R. Reid, Jeff Lebo and Scott Williams are also among the 93 players Olympic Coach John Thompson invited to the trials. Good luck Shack, Chuck and Vinny.

It's always been a given that the guys at Carolina are fags, right? If there are any doubts, let this report put them to rest.

Thursday night outside Granville Towers about 10 guys began to play a pick-up basketball game. What's so unusual about playing a pick-up game on Thursday night? The guys on this campus play basketball until the wee hours every night outside Carmichael. Well, our guys do not play nude.

That's right. Ten guys were playing a pick-up game in the nude on the basketball courts outside the privately-owned residence halls. Nobody was arrested.

Sort of makes you wonder, doesn't it? Why would 10 guys play basketball in the nude on a Thursday night? Who knows? Maybe they couldn't get any flights out to San Francisco.

How many scholarships does Jim Valvano have? 127.157.93?

And how many times has he said he was not going to recruit anymore junior college transfers

Wolfpack Notes

since the Kenny Drummond incident?

Anyway, he signed yet another JC transfer. Mickey Hinnant from Louisburg College can play either the small forward, big guard or even point guard. He averaged 25.2 points and 4.7 rebounds as a sophomore.

Hinnant's signing brings the number of recruits to four. Hinnant chose State over Clemson, Tennessee and Jacksonville.

Ever notice how The News and Observer slants their coverage concerning NCSU athletics?

For example, when State center Charles Shackelford received a speeding ticket, it made front page news. When he pleaded guilty, it made the front page of the Triangle section.

Now, when Duke's Alaa Abdelnaby wrecked his Honda and was charged with DWI, it was stashed somewhere near the obituaries. When J.R. Reid and Steve Bucknall practiced their jobs on a N.C. State student this past fall, it was stashed somewhere far back in the paper.

Now, tell the truth — what's more important, a DWI conviction, a simple assault charge against a couple of UNC basketball players just because a State student's face happened to throw itself in their hands, or a speeding ticket? What deserves front page coverage?

The speeding ticket, of course.

How do teal green and pink uniforms sound for

the NBA expansion franchise Charlotte Hornets? Teal green and pink look good together, so why shouldn't the Hornets look good when they play? It's the perfect combination — teal green and pink.

Wonder if those guys who played nude b-ball had teal green and pink sweatsuits?

Speaking of that great city to the south of this over-sized suburb, the ACC is considering moving its offices to the Queen City. If that wasn't the beginning of the end for Greensboro, the ACC offices are also planning to replace the Gate City with the Queen City as host of the ACC Tournament in 1990, because the new Charlotte Coliseum will seat 23,000 plus as compared to Greensboro's 16,000 plus. To make matters worse, the ACC office is considering making Charlotte the permanent site of the ACC Tournament because of its central location and neutrality.

However, all is not lost for Greensboro. The Paul A. Buck Arena, the name for the new Charlotte Coliseum, has skyboxes which have been leased for \$80,000 a year. That lease guarantees the owner's attendance to any event, including the ACC Tournament, and the ACC is not too keen on losing that much money.

This week's quote comes from Jim Frey, Chicago Cubs general manager, who was explaining how he felt about lights being installed in Wrigley Field, thus breaking a long-standing tradition of Wrigley Field without lights.

"If we went by tradition," he said, "we'd still be playing without gloves."

And it would probably hurt, too.

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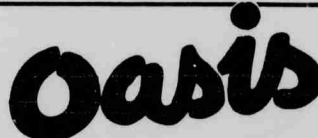


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11 a.m.-1 p.m., Student Center Plaza. Handicapped Awareness Rally.

Noon, the pit between Brooks and the School of Design Annex. Discussion—a campus organization called Growing Alternative to Agriculture will meet to discuss current issues.

3 p.m., 240 Nelson. Symposium on ethics in the workplace—"Weapons-Related Research in Universities: Is it Ethical?" The panel of distinguished scientists will be moderated by Garrett Briggs (NCSU).

3:45 p.m., 208 Patterson. Economics and Business Seminar—"Job Queues and Wages: Some New Evidence on the Minimum Wage and the Industry Wage," by Larry Katz (Harvard Univ.).

4 p.m., 3533 Gardner. Botany Seminar—"Molecular Systematics and Evolutionary Genetics of Basidiomycetes," by Rytas Vilgalys (Duke).

4 p.m., 107A Park Shops. Mathematical Science and Engineering Seminar—"Recent Developments in High Tc Superconductivity," by A.W. Sleight (DuPont Co., Wilmington, Del.).

8 p.m., G-111 Caldwell. English Workshop—"Open Reading of Fiction and Poetry," moderated by John Kessel (NCSU).

8 p.m., Walnut Room, Student Center. Broadcasting Seminar—"Broadcast Careers Insight," sponsored by WKNC. Local professionals will be present to meet with students interested in broadcasting.

Thu 3 p.m. Rm. B222, 4700 Hillsborough St. Toxicology Lecture—"Pharmacokinetics in Teratogenesis," by S. Bai (NCSU).

3:45 p.m., 222 Withers. Marine, Earth & Atmospheric Science Seminar—"Mechanisms for the Genesis of Benthic Turbid Events," by Anne Isley (Univ. of R).

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Proposed supercollider could reveal origin of universe

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needle... so there's lots of computational aspects," Fornes said.

Electrical engineering and similar departments will be involved in designing the types of instruments used to detect the particle collisions. "These are particles that have never been seen before. Even if one were to create such a particle, one still has to detect those particles," Fornes said.

The Department of Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences may contribute technical expertise about the site's geology.

NCSU Civil engineers could provide information on the water table surrounding the tunnel structure. Before the project can be built, local, national and physics issues must be resolved, Gould said.

Locally, resistance to the project has emerged from landowners who would be affected by the supercollider construction. One hundred and six homes or businesses would have to be moved to make room for research facilities.

"It's too bad it has to go through some people's homes," Gould said. "There's plenty of pretty land plenty of equivalent. I hate to sound like a bureaucrat, but they could move."

Others fear side effects of the construction and operation of the supercollider.

Rainwater runoff from the construction projects could pollute watersheds, and residents fear radiation emitted during particle collisions.

Gould said he believes the opposition is scientifically unfounded. Evidence gathered at collider sites in Illinois and France show that "such a scientific project is

relatively benign." Radiation output "hasn't happened."

National issues that must be resolved involve money. The government may not provide funding for the project right away because money is scarce. "Look at the federal deficit," Gould said.

Money relates to physics issues too. The money may come out of other scientific projects — it has to come from somewhere. Originally the physics community "thought it would be extra funding," Gould said.

If the supercollider is funded, researchers hope the money will not come out of funding for their own projects. A certain amount of self preservation is involved now, Gould said.

No one disputes the supercollider's potential for new discoveries. But high energy particle physicists would benefit the most, and "there's still exciting physics in other areas," Gould said.

The preferred site for the \$4.4 billion project will be announced in August after environmental impact studies are complete. The final selection will be made no sooner than January 1989.

A summary of the North Carolina proposal lists the advantages of this site:

- The rock is ideal for the construction of the tunnel.
- Three major research universities in the area (Duke, Chapel Hill and NCSU) could provide scientific and educational resources.
- Over 40 companies in Research Triangle Park could provide additional technical expertise.
- A strong labor pool exists for construction of the tunnel and supercollider.
- The site is sparsely populated.
- Environmental factors do not preclude the project.
- Sufficient water and electricity are available.

Candidate wants open meetings of legislature

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Assembly is exempt from this law, Gardner aims to change that.

"I would have a very strong open meetings law," he told the students. He said the press and public should have access to the General Assembly's committee meetings, particularly those of the supersub.

North Carolina has not had a Republican lieutenant governor since 1897. However, Gardner said he is confident he can win. In the

last two elections, the Republicans did well in the race. "We've been in the striking distance since 1980," Gardner said. In addition, he said Republican Gov. Jim Martin's popularity should help the GOP take the state's second highest seat.

Gardner faces state Rep. William Boyd and former state Sen. Wendell Sawyer in the May 3 primary.

The Democrats are fielding Rand, state Sen. Harold Hardison and former state Rep. Parks Helms.

Campus drug policy a concern for Senate

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will remain so next year.

She said her concerns are with both illegal and "so-called legal drugs" such as alcohol, which she sees as the more abused and the bigger threat to job performance at NCSU.

Suval said she is concerned about the retention of due process and when the possession or sale of a drug is considered to affect the interests of the university.

Suval has been a teacher in the Department of Anthropology, Sociology, and Social Work since 1966. She received her Ph.D. in Sociology from NCSU in 1969.

Before that time Suval spent 10 years raising a family before coming back to school, and she said she thinks this has made her more sensitive to faculty members raising families of their own.

In 1965, she married Stanley Suval, who was a longtime professor of history at NCSU until his death in 1986.

Suval said she thought she and her husband were among the first married couples to teach at NCSU, something more common today.

She has been in the Faculty Senate for three years and served on several committees, including the Women's Concerns Committee, the Centennial Campus Committee, the Administrative Council and the Faculty Assembly.

Suval is also editor of "The Southern Sociologist" newsletter.

Long is originally from Kansas and went to school at Kansas State. He received his Ph.D. in agronomy from the University of Illinois.

He has been teaching at NCSU since 1966 and has also served on the Senate for three years.



MIKE RUSSELL/STAFF

Heather Moore, the N.C. State student who allegedly kidnapped a Raleigh infant, returning from her arraignment Monday.

Moore released on bond

Heather Moore, the N.C. State student charged with kidnapping a child from a S. Swain Street apartment last week, was released Monday on \$5,000 secured bond on the condition that she seek psychiatric evaluation. Prior to her arraignment hearing, Moore met briefly with

her attorney.

She will appear again in court Tuesday, April 26, at 9 a.m.

Moore's parents were in the courtroom during the hearing as were about eight friends of Moore's. It was unclear whether she will return to campus and continue classes.

Honesty best policy

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place. Like the railroad tracks that divide our campus, the inherent racism of our social institutions separates us, allowing contact between the two halves only at a few, rigidly defined points.

White students tend to think that it is the responsibility of blacks to overcome that barrier. "There's nothing stopping them," we say, "why don't they come out of their little groups and join us?" This attitude conveniently overlooks the fact that these groups provide blacks with an outlet from a white society that is insensitive at best and downright hostile at worst.

It is pretentious and insulting to think that at our beck and call, blacks will forget about centuries of mistreatment and come frolic in the meadows with us.

Remember the bully in second grade who beat you up and extorted your lunch money? If he came up to you one day, smiled and said his mom had forbidden him to steal lunch money, what would you think? You still would avoid the brute like the plague. Maybe he wasn't allowed to steal your lunch money and beat you up, but he still had the basic attitudes that made him mistreat you in the first place. It would take a long time for you to be convinced he was for real.

I think blacks feel the same way. Unless whites begin reaching out to them, the barriers will remain for a long time.

On the academic side of campus, it's a different story. There are no separate disciplines for black and white students. You may be in a white fraternity, but you don't think of yourself as a white engineer.

Blacks attend classes, just like whites. They stay up all night studying for tests, just like whites. They fall asleep in lab the next day, just like whites.

What they don't do just like whites is graduate from this university. The system isn't responsive to the needs of black students, because it was created by whites for whites in the days before desegregation.

Less than half of the black students who enroll here eventually graduate. The university patted itself on the back earlier this year when the UNC system released figures showing that State had done a better job than most other state institutions in attracting black freshmen. But how many would have enrolled here if they knew they were gambling several years and thousands of dollars on a 50-50 proposition?

Could it be a lack of role models that causes this problem? Out of 554 professors, only five are black. On the other hand, almost 75% of the service jobs are held by blacks. This is discouraging to black students.

But the effect this inequity has on white students is almost as bad. When we pass black landscapers and janitors and food service workers every day on the way to classes taught by white professors and games coached by white coaches, it tends to reinforce a negative image of blacks as permanent occupants of the lower part of society. Whether we express these images openly or not, they are there, planted in the subconscious by a lifetime of exposure to a white-dominated culture.

When you refuse to acknowledge that you harbor these stereotypes, you become as much of a racist as the guys in the white bedsheets with the Confederate flags.

Honesty is only the difficult first step toward solving the racial issues confronting this campus. But difficulty is no excuse for not trying. Especially when we have so much to gain.

NCSU's 'Playback': Yes, we've got a video

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ulty and organizations as before. He said a copy is also kept in the media center of the library.

"Any organization on campus that wants to show it to a group can call University Relations and we'll

drop a copy in the campus mail," he said.

The program's schedule is published in the University Bulletin and in Technician.



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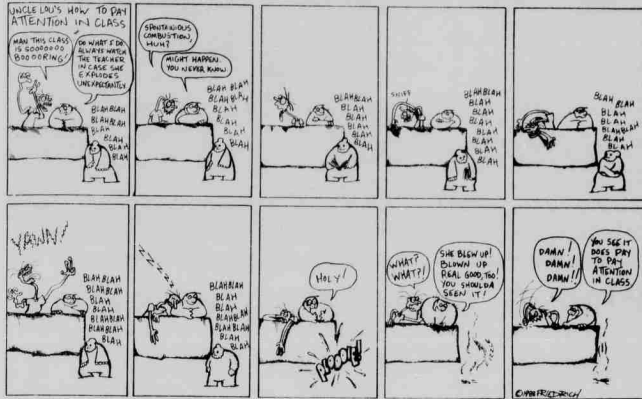
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Jenkins said the club has 30 members and that anyone interested in joining the Water Ski Club should attend the club meeting Thursday night at 7 p.m. in Carmichael 2036. Jenkins said he would like to encourage as many women as possible to attend the meeting because the club has not been able to field enough women to place higher in events.

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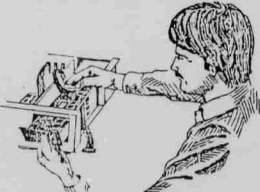
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A paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through which the thoughts, the activities and in fact the very life of the campus are recorded. It is the mouthpiece through which the students themselves talk. College life without it is blank.

Editorial

Dean vacancies leave a golden opportunity

With the resignation of Claude McKinney from his office as dean of the School of Design, N.C. State now has four vacant school administration positions available. The Colleges of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Education and the School of Forestry also have recently lost their top administrators. Search committees have formed for are in the process of forming to find suitable candidates and select the most competent ones to fill these four offices. Chancellor Bruce Poulton and the NCSU Board of Trustees will have the final approval for each.

Right now NCSU has an opportunity to take a positive step toward improving both black and female concerns on this campus. Many voices and criticisms have been raised over the lack of top minority administrators at this university. With the four vacancies available, these issues can be addressed.

Black students are concerned about the low graduation rates of blacks, the low number of black faculty and the low number of black administrators. All three are legitimate problems that should be investigated and rectified if possible. The main difficulty here is that there are few short-term solutions to the problems. Black faculty cannot be drawn out of thin air. The pool of available qualified minority graduate degree holders is small to begin with.

NCSU's minorities are not alone in their dissatisfaction about few black faculty members. Just in this immediate area, students at UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke have protested, calling for increased numbers of black faculty. This should be taken as a warning that competition will be fierce for any available candidates on a local level. Now expand this picture and realize that this university is competing nationwide for qualified minority doctorate degree holders. Significantly improving the number of black faculty here is unlikely in the near future.

Even so, NCSU's administration has a golden opportunity to present a good faith effort to blacks on campus. To prove that they are striving to improve the situation the search committees must be strongly encouraged to seek out qualified black candidates for these positions, giving them the opportunity to accept the offices.

We are not suggesting that NCSU name a token black as dean at any of the four schools, but we are suggesting that extra efforts be made to find suitable minority candidates. Each candidate should be closely scrutinized to make sure that only the best one available is selected.

While the protests have not been as loud or as large, concerns over the low number of female administrators have also been raised. Again, NCSU shouldn't hire a token female. And again, there is only a limited pool to select from. But efforts should be made to find qualified female candidates for the positions.

There is no reasonable way that NCSU's administration can quickly and easily solve all of the problems regarding minorities and women. Reality cannot be ignored, but with these four vacancies there is an opportunity to improve the situation. We hope the opportunity is not wasted.



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Humanities: A necessary part of life

As history attests, complacency has been the downfall of many great civilizations. Yet, great empires are not the only organizations that have been stricken by such smugness. Even institutions such as North Carolina State University find themselves afflicted when they are satisfied with what is perceived to be the pinnacle of their academic realm. Such nearsightedness on the part of university officials has, by far, been the greatest single factor in the dehumanization of engineering students.

Here, engineers are stamped out in machine-like efficiency. There is little impetus placed on independent thought. Few engineers are truly familiar with great names such as Socrates, Plato, Aristotle or any number of other eloquent minds that changed man's history. This lack of independent thought reveals itself generally in two areas of engineering: general conversation and lab homework reports.

I once asked a speech communications professor why engineering students are required to take humanities courses they will likely not need in a professional world. The instructor replied that engineers take courses on the humanities in order to discuss more than just their job and the weather. One could then easily deduce that all humanities courses offered for engineering students are worthless, and only technical classes should be taken.

From that moment I began to analyze fellow students, instructors and professionals and realized that my peers were able to carry on an engaging conversation only about their majors, courses or occupations. Indeed, when such conversations inevitably ran dry,

Scott Dellinger

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the subject was steered to the weather or sports. It seems my peers have little familiarity with anything else. As to this, I can only make an observation and hope the administration will take note.

Many engineering classes I have taken require extensive written reports that usually consist of an objective, a discussion, a set of calculations and a conclusion. I learned this basic format two years ago and have found little variation is required in order to adapt it to each course or topic. That is, one need only change a few select words in order to distinguish between individual reports — individual with respect to students and classes. However, any attempt to deviate from the established norm leads to a report that is judged to be inferior.

Those persons who pass judgment on reports typically are teaching assistants recruited by the faculty from the graduate ranks. Because they had limited exposure to the humanities, there usually exists the lack of independent thinking that was previously established. The manifests itself in the inability of such graders to discern a report that is correctly presented but contains

faulty calculations from one that is correct in both respects.

Typically, the graders receive a copy of the answer from the instructor and then proceed to judge all other reports. However, if a report makes all the correct assumptions and all the correct calculations but fails to be presented entirely within the grader's scope, then it is judged inferior due to the grader's lack of incentive and ability to distinguish between that, which in essence, is right, and that which panders to the course's instructor.

These conflicts arise on behalf of complacency both from the individual's and the instructor's part. As a student, I encourage each individual to take as many humanities courses as possible. One can never possess too much knowledge, and knowledge can only be had through exposure to different outlooks and philosophies. For the instructors, I would suggest that they inform their graders to first learn to distinguish between reports that are correct but presented differently and then to judge reports that are incorrect but presented true-to-form. That is, the graders must realize such a report is incorrect and is not deserving of a better grade than one that is. This would stimulate independent thinking from both the grader and the student. Even though engineering students have become dehumanized, they retain some semblance of humanity and must be inoculated against that deadly disease known as complacency.

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Forum

June, like Swift and Lee, tells the truth

Kevin Clark, Pamela and Deweeze Gilyard, you are all right about the article on Dwain June in the April Fool's issue of Technician. It was not funny, but then again, the article was not SUPPOSED TO BE FUNNY! The article was written as a satire, a parody... you know, a nonchalant way to tell the people who criticized Dwain June for having an OPEN-MINDED and FAIR (as in pointing out the prejudices that exist in the "system" from all perspectives and points of view — as in men, women, black, white, Jew, Gentile, Rich Poor, etc.) OPINION to kiss his ass.

Perhaps if you went back through the article and looked at it from its allegorical connotation, instead of its literal connotation, you would see that the ones being made fun of are the narrow-minded people (white and black) who have criticized June for exposing the dirt on all of us. Spike Lee's "School Daze" received

the same criticism from black fraternities and black factors for the simple reason "THE TRUTH HURTS." The best way to solve a problem is to first ADMIT the problem, not treat it as if it were a pimple on your nose — "everyone else acts like they don't see it, but you know it's there." But I guess it's like Jesus said, "A prophet is never welcome in his own town."

I guess the writer(s) of the article were giving each other the high-five after reading your responses because after all they sure April FOOLED YOU. Gilyard's proposal for the dismissal of the writer(s) reminds me of a satire written by Jonathan Swift in which he denounced his government for their failure to help the economically burdened peasants. He falsely but seriously proposed that the peasants should eat their children; the government failed to read between the lines to see the plea for

economic humanity and jailed him for treason. As for the anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination, I can't think of a more appropriate time to show the similarities between the two — see they "silenced" King for having an OPEN MIND too.

To Technician editors, I salute you for giving a black man the right to express his OPINIONS weekly in your "white" paper, at your "white" school — but then again that's what freedom of speech is all about anyway, right? To Dwain June, continue to "KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE," you're doing a fine job. To Clark and the Gilyards, letting your emotions cloud your reason is like drinking and driving... the two just don't mix.

David Johnson
Sophomore, Pre-Vet

Groups try to remedy racial disproportions

I was shocked upon reading Lee Creighton's article on racism Friday. I found it to be so lacking in clear thinking that I felt it was my duty to help set the record straight.

Mr. Creighton's many criticisms centered around the existence of such groups as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). He stated that if there were white-only groups such as these, they would be "perceived as racist" and the NAACP and UNCF are "seen as beneficial." Mr. Creighton goes on to cite this discrepancy as evidence that "some people are much more equal than others" in this country.

What he failed to ask is why groups such as these exist for minorities. The facts are that, as opposed to whites, there is a disproportionate number of blacks who are unemployed, there is a disproportionate number of blacks who are on welfare, and (what has been published recently) there is a disproportionate number of blacks at this university who don't graduate. The list goes on.

Why is this so? Well, this is certainly not an easy question, though these problems are probably due to a variety of factors, not the least being discrimination. But it is minority interest groups like the NAACP and the UNCF who are trying to find out what the solutions are and help people have an equal shot at important things like education and employment. I firmly believe in everyone having an equal shot at life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

But the goal for true equality can't be accomplished without getting out our statistics and taking a look at the big picture. Oh, sure, we could all attempt to be "color-blind" and improve education and employment across the board, but unless we also try to find out why such problems are magnified for certain minorities and work to solve them, those unfair proportions will always exist.

Al Bardi

Senior, Philosophy and Psychology

Official mouthpiece needs a cleaner mouth

The official mouthpiece of North Carolina State University, Technician, lacks a lot to be desired and should consider the articles and issues that are printed.

While the administration is occupied with trying to decide if adding another holiday to the current schedule will damage the university's integrity, it should take a long look at the issues of Technician first.

Let's consider Technicausa. The editors and writers involved claimed that the articles were "written in jest." Well, their idea of jest is the most immoral, racist issue that I have ever witnessed.

Technician could better serve the university and the community by addressing issues that would improve the image and integrity of the school and of its students. I have yet to read an article about the problems of profanity and immoral gestures painted on the walls on campus, nor have I read any articles addressing the problem of litter and trash that is found throughout the entire school.

We need and should expect to read articles that are informative and worthy to be read by ALL. Technician should be a reflection of the interests and attitudes expressed by the students and the university. As the mouthpiece of the university, Technician has a responsibility to fulfill and it is my opinion that it is not being met.

Russell Anderson
Senior, Forestry

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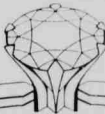
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

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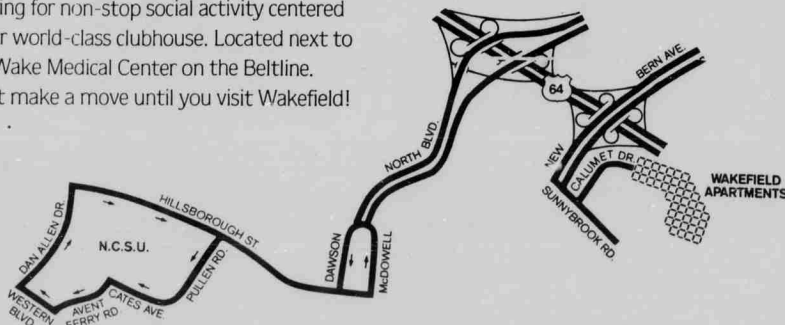
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