

## Students, faculty get 14,000 shots

By Nichola Cormack  
Staff Writer

When graduate student Erika Dougherty went to her gym class Tuesday, she was told that she was "officially not in class" because she had not been immunized against measles. "I just found out this morning," she said. "It infuriates me. I never got a letter or anything, and I know I had my shot — I had to have it before I was allowed in school. I know of at least five other people in the same situation."

Michelle Kime, a sophomore, said that her professor checked the list of people who needed immunizations "but everyone just stayed in class. He told us to be sure to go get our shots sometime today."

Dougherty, Kime and over 5,000 other students were faced with waiting in lines for up to two hours while their

records were checked at Student Health Services. If previous immunization could not be confirmed, they were sent to the Student Center for inoculation.

"I know people are upset, but in this case the majority supercedes the individual," said Giang Le, acting communicable disease program manager for the Wake County Health Department. "Protecting the public is our main concern."

Many students who already had been immunized were unable to get documentation from home fast enough to beat Tuesday's deadline.

"I didn't need (a shot) but my records are in storage and I can't get them," said Mari Vogler, a junior.

Senior Chavonda Jacobs had a similar problem. "I already had one but I had to get another because I didn't have documentation and I was going out of town,"

According to Don Patty, associate reg-

istrar, "unless a student can prove or is willing to undergo immunization, they will be withdrawn from the university."

"This is a very serious matter, and we're hoping everyone will take it seriously," Patty said. "Everyone is working together to make the best of a bad situation."

Students, faculty and staff received the shots for free.

At \$9 per shot, the total cost for the immunizations is about \$126,000. The 14,000 doses are being administered by 75 people from the State Health Department, Student Health Services, Wake County Health Department and other community volunteers, said Jerry Barker, director of Student Health Services.

Red measles is a highly infectious disease with potentially devastating side effects, according to the Department of Human Resources Immunization

Program. A cough, runny nose, fever and watery eyes are followed in five to 12 days by a rash.

The aftereffects of the disease are more serious: it causes an ear infection or pneumonia in 10 percent of the people who contract the disease and encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain which can lead to convulsions, deafness or mental retardation, in .01 percent. Two of every 10,000 people who contract red measles die from it.

People who have another illness, are allergic to eggs, have a form of cancer, are pregnant or are taking a drug that lowers the body's resistance to infection should not be vaccinated.

Le advised anyone who could not be immunized to stay off of campus until two weeks after the last diagnosed case of measles has been cleared. If there are no further cases, normal classes will resume February 2.

## About 900 campus personnel still need vaccinations

By Paul Woolverton  
News Editor

About 800 students and 100 faculty and staff members still need to be inoculated against measles, Student Health Services Director Jerry Barker said Thursday.

He said 14 of the students live in residence halls and will be removed from the halls if they are not cleared by 5 p.m. today.

Students and staff can be vaccinated on the second floor of the Student Center today between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. In addition, he said faculty and staff would be allowed to go to Student Health Services to receive their shots.

About 50 students and staff members could not be vaccinated for medical reasons, Barker said.

Health workers have been working daily since Jan. 19 to prevent a measles epidemic on campus. "The students have reacted well, and we've given over 13,000 shots," Barker said.

Barring another measles case reported from the NCSU population, campus will be re-opened to excluded people on Feb. 2, when the quarantine set down by the Wake Co. Health department will be lifted.

The 50 students and employees could return to campus sooner if blood cultures, which take about two days to perform, confirm they are protected against the virus.

"Barker encouraged the 900 uncleaned people to get their shots."

"We'd like for every person to get cleared up so we can put this thing behind us," he said.



Let's twist again, like we did last week

Nathan Gay, Alex Dillard, and Toni St. Louis gyrate in furious Twister action at last week's UAB "All-Nighter."

## Frosh video to guide kids

By Wes Hamilton  
Staff Writer

Thanks to a unique concept in video application, next year's incoming students will be well aware of available opportunities at N.C. State, according to Michael Borden, assistant director of Student Development.

All incoming freshmen and transfers will receive a copy of a video highlighting each department of NCSU Student Affairs, Borden said. The video will include extended segments on University Dining and Housing and Residence Hall living.

Arriving in April as part of the regular orientation package, the video will give students a chance to preview the vast variety of programs available to incoming students.

Because the video reaches students prior to summer orientation, they may develop a general idea of campus life and formulate questions in areas they wish to pursue. "This video is unique," Borden said. "Instead of being used for recruiting, this video will go only to the nearly 5,000 students who have paid the enrollment deposit."

He said he sees it as a way to enhance the orientation process and to make the adjustment to college life a pleasant and productive one.

Originally proposed by Gary Varg, owner of Alpha Video, the orientation video is produced and directed by Coke Ariail of Ariail Images. Sponsored by area companies, the video will cost the university little and will be added to the orientation package at no extra charge to the student.

## UNC BOG supports chancellor

From Staff Reports

The members of the UNC Board of Governors did not meet yesterday to decide whether to investigate allegations against N.C. State's athletics program.

The News and Observer reported Wednesday that chairman Robert Jones and top staff members would meet and decide if the Board should investigate.

Jones' could not be reached for comment Thursday. His secretary at his Raleigh office said he was in Charlotte for an NCNB board meeting.

"We're supportive of the chancellor and everything he is doing and we are monitoring the situation closely," UNC-System president C.D. Spangler said Thursday.

He said board members were likely to discuss the situation today, but noted, "We are always talking every day about N.C. State and all the schools."

Jones told the matter has not seemed to clear itself up any more than it has. While I still don't believe a lot of the heavy allegations, I do think that it is going on longer that it should go on."

The NCAA has been interviewing university employees about the allegations since Monday. Spangler said he had not been in touch with NCAA officials.

In addition, Chancellor Bruce Poulton has been conducting his own internal investigation in conjunction with the state attorney general's office.

Charges of corruption in the athletics

program were printed on a sample dust cover for "Personal Fouls" by Peter Goldenhook.

The book is expected to be published sometime in February.

In addition, former physical education department head Richard Lauffer said that three grades were changed outside university policy on former basketball player Chris Washburn's transcript.

He said the chancellor seemed unconcerned about the alleged grade changes when he told him about them.

Associate Professor William Sonner said Thursday night that Lauffer left the university with a lot of animosity toward the administration and faculty. Sonner, who has been at NCSU for 30 years, said Lauffer's claims are not credible.

## Liason Committee addresses NCAA investigation

Jennifer Holland  
Staff Writer

Student leaders heard an update on the NCAA's investigation of N.C. State's basketball program Wednesday during the Chancellor's Liason Committee meeting.

University Counsel Becky R. French reported that the NCAA authorities have not found anything alarming in their investigation of the accusations against Jim Valvano found in the book, "Personal Fouls."

French, who is working closely with the NCAA investigator, said that the investigation could last several months because it will be so thorough.

"Once they got here, they could look at everything," French said.

"It's throwing our program wide open."

French also said that the investigation is including conferences with all athletes and staff affiliated with the men's basketball team since 1983. They have also had contact with professors concerning the issue of changed grades. French said that most everyone has been very cooperative.

"The professors are so outraged that their integrity has been threatened," she said. "They are doing everything to get this whole thing cleared up."

Regarding allegations of falsified drug test results, French reported that the NCAA is very satisfied with NCSU's policies so far.

"It violates patient/doctor policy to make test results known," she

said. "No one should expect us to publish the results, especially if we have good rehabilitation and counseling programs."

On the issue of Wolfpack Club money and cars being funneled through Valvano to various players, Chancellor Bruce Poulton said that the student aid organization is audited twice yearly. Concerning the whole situation and the people involved, Poulton said, "The label 'corruption' doesn't fit the people I know."

French also reported that the NCAA investigator viewed tapes of a game in which a player was accused of poor performance due to the influence of drugs. "He viewed the tape and didn't see anything significantly wrong in that game," she said.

French said that the university

has set up a hotline for anonymous tips concerning the allegations. The hotline number is 737-7611.

In other business, the students told Poulton that it's time for NCSU to become a little more accessible, and presented him with a proposal concerning handicapped barrier removal on campus.

According to the proposal, only 21 of the campus's 104 buildings are fully accessible to handicapped students and many sidewalks do not have handicapped ramps. But Student Body President Pam Powell pointed out that the most glaring need is for a handicapped accessible tunnel by which wheelchair bound students can go under the railroad tracks.

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## Yow calls on campus clubs for help

Student support puts Pack 'back on track,' says Yow

Tor Blizard  
Staff Writer

Women's basketball coach Kay Yow said that home court advantage begins not with the arena but with the fans.

At Wednesday night's Student Senate Meeting, she emphasized that student support provides important motivation for her team.

Yow asked the senators to request assistance from campus clubs to help increase student attendance at the games.

She said a goal of having at least a thousand students on the sidelines can only come about through exposure. She noted the team had its first losing season last year and that new emphasis on student support will help "get the Pack back on track."

WKFT-TV, Channel 40, will help improve the team's visibility by introducing a four game TV package starting with the Wake Forest game next week.

Yow mentioned that this year the team has quite a bit of young talent, including sophomore Andrea Stinson. While averaging about 23 points a game, Yow said, "she's probably the best guard in the nation."

In other business, Student Body President Pam Powell told senators to continue pushing for improvements on campus.

Powell suggested mailing information concerning the existing handicapped barriers on campus to N.C. state alumni.

Brooks Raiford, Student Senate President, said Thursday that NCSU officials have already agreed to include the handicapped tunnel proposal in a list of possible projects funded by the Centennial Campaign. He said the tunnel project will be included in the list of about 25 items that NCSU is raising money for.

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Brooks Raiford



Chancellor Bruce Poulton

## Gymnasts take on Longwood

Pack out to avenge last season's loss

By Brooke Barbee  
Staff Writer

The N.C. State gymnastics team will host Longwood College tonight at 7 p.m. in Carmichael Gym in its first home competition of the season. The team is currently 1-0, having defeated Radford University last Sunday.

Sunday's meet proved to be an exhibition of the Wolfpack's strength. State won every individual event, including the all-around title.

In addition, the team score of 176.65 points set a record for the highest team score in an opening meet in the nine years of State's gymnastics program's existence.

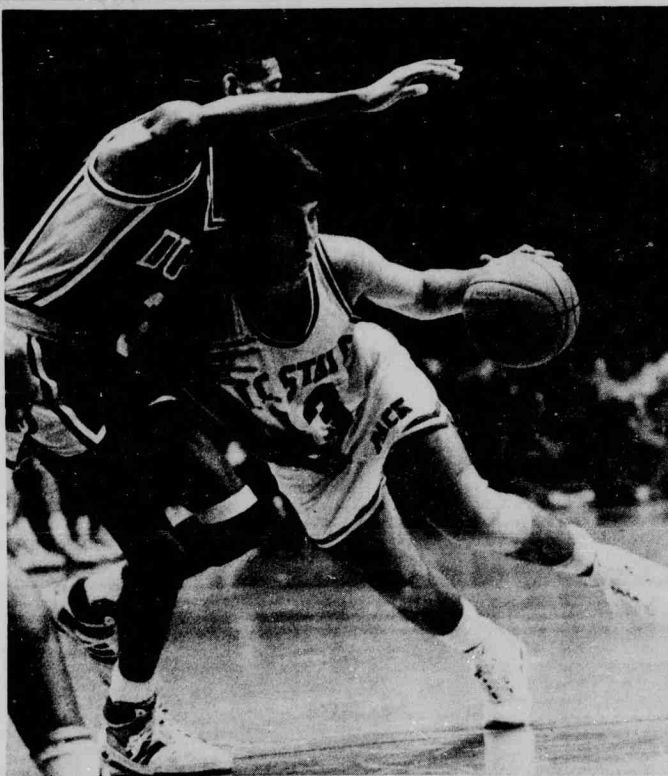
Coach Mark Stevenson felt the win was essential.

"We have a really strong team, but a young one," Stevenson said. "We wanted to get out of the first meet with a good score and a win. We felt it was important for our younger team members... we want them to continue to improve."

Key team members for tonight's contest are sophomores Karen Tart and Jennifer Jansen and freshmen Jill Bishop and Carey Buttlar.

Against Radford, Bishop won the all-around title, while Tart claimed victories in the uneven parallel bars and the balance beam. Buttlar won the vault with a 9.5. All four should continue to have excellent performances.

Last year, State's team, hampered by illness and injury, lost to Longwood College. Tonight, the Wolfpack plans to even the score.



Chris Corchiani drives past Duke's Phil Henderson during Thursday night's game. Corchiani had 11 assists, seven steals and nine points against the eighth-ranked Blue Devils.

## Howard, Weems lead Wolfpack past Blue Devils

By Lee Montgomery  
Senior Staff Writer

The "glue" held the Wolfpack together, again.

Brian Howard, whom head coach Jim Valvano refers to as the glue that holds the 15th-ranked N.C. State basketball team together, scored 23 points in the Wolfpack's 88-75 Atlantic Coast Conference victory over eighth-ranked Duke before a rambunctious capacity crowd and a national cable audience (via ESPN) at Reynolds Coliseum Thursday night.

"It's hard for me to smile, but still everyday something like that happens to make me smile," Valvano said, referring to the controversy surrounding the yet-to-be-published book "Personal Fouls." "The unsung hero of this team still is Brian Howard. Game in and game out he just amazes me with his consistency."

The Wolfpack moved their ACC record to 4-1 and their overall mark to 13-2. Duke, reeling from two straight losses to UNC and Wake Forest which knocked them from the number-one ranking, fell to 13-3 overall and 3-3 in the ACC.

The Blue Devils played without their leader, senior Danny Ferry, whom Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski sat out because of Ferry's recurring back spasms. That didn't stop junior center Alaa Abdelnaby from erupting for a career-high 24 points, including 16 in the first half.

"If Danny was in there, they may still beat us," Krzyzewski said. "But that is a big change. You don't want to make big changes like that in the middle of the ACC season. I'm not making any excuses."

But back to Howard. The junior from Winston-Salem scored 15 in the first half, but with 15:17 remaining in the game picked up his fourth foul. Duke junior forward Robert Brickey missed the resulting free throws.

The Blue Devils rebounded from the misses, and went on a 13-3 run to tie the game at 63, culminating with Brickey's three-footer in the lane with 10:15 to play.

That's when the Wolfpack went on an 11-2 run of their own. Even a Duke timeout after a Kelsey Weems' dunk couldn't stop State. Freshman Tom Gugliotta canned

two free throws, Chris Corchiani hit a 3-pointer and Weems made a fast-break layup. With 7:07 to go in the game, the Wolfpack was ahead 74-65.

The Blue Devils didn't die, cutting the lead to 76-71 on Brickey's layup with 4:10 to go.

Following a Wolfpack timeout, Howard sank two free throws to start a 12-2 run and end the game. Corchiani, who finished with 11 assists, seven steals and nine points, directed the State delay game to perfection over the last four minutes. The Wolfpack scored on all but one possession over that period.

Over the last 10 minutes State outscored Duke 25-10.

Howard cemented the final two points on a dunk following a desperation Duke 3-point shot.

"As soon as I let the first (shot) go, it felt good so I just kept shooting," Howard said.

In the first half, State held a six-point edge despite Duke shooting 77 percent from the field. The Wolfpack defense did force 14 Blue Devil turnovers which State converted into 18 points. Lester aided Howard with 10 first-half jumpers. The junior from Roxboro finished with 14.

"Avis Lester today showed us his perimeter game," Valvano said half-jokingly.

State used a balanced attack offensively, as five Wolfpack players finished in double figures. After Howard was Chucky Brown with 15, Lester, Weems with 13 and Rodney Monroe with 10.

State now has the road for three straight games, starting with an ACC battle with Maryland on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 1:30 p.m. The game will be televised by Jefferson Pilot.

NC STATE	MP	FG	FT	PF	PP	TP
HOWARD, Brian	38	9-15	2-2	4	4	23
ABDELNABY, Alaa	38	11-14	2-2	4	1	26
CRISWELL, Jeff	37	6-10	2-2	2	14	14
CORCHIANI, Chris	32	4-8	2-2	3	10	10
MONROE, Rodney	37	6-9	2-2	3	10	10
WEEMS, Kelsey	27	8-8	0-0	2	2	13
FANCO, Brian	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
HINNANT, Mickey	4	0-1	0-0	0	2	0
GUGLIOTTA, Tom	10	1-2	2-2	1	4	4
TOTALS	200	56-82	13-18	19	88	

DUKE	MP	FG	FT	PF	PP	TP
BRICKY, Robert	39	9-15	1-4	4	4	19
ABDELNABY, Alaa	38	11-14	2-2	4	1	26
LAETNER, Chris	13	0-0	0-0	0	3	0
KENDERSON, Jeff	37	6-10	2-2	2	14	14
SNYDER, Quinn	27	4-9	2-2	3	12	10
SMITH, John	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
KOUBEK, Chris	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
GUGLIOTTA, Tom	10	1-2	2-2	1	4	4
SUCKLEY, Clay	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	31-48	6-14	17	73	

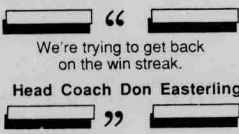
## Swimming teams take on Myers, Furman

By Stephen Stewart  
Senior Staff Writer

The N.C. State men's and women's swimming teams will host the University of Furman on Saturday at 1 p.m. Both the men's and the women's squads will be trying to recover from last Saturday's losses to Clemson.

The Wolfpack men, who had their 11-meet winning streak snapped last Saturday, will try to get back on the winning side of the coin. Pack coach Don Easterling feels that his men should not have much trouble against Furman and plans to put some people in some off-events.

"Furman's got a pretty good bunch. They got a kid named Gordon Blackwell, from here in Raleigh, who's a pretty good butterfly. He'll test us," Easterling said. "They got two or three



others that are solid. They don't have any divers, so there's no way they can win the meet. It's the kind of meet we'll enter some off-events and play around some."

The Wolfpack women, on the other hand, will have much stiffer competition and will have to be at their best to win. State will face-off against Furman, who will be led by Angel Myers. Myers was the controversial swimmer barred from the

Olympic team for the use of steroids.

Easterling feels that his women will need to be at their best to beat Furman, and that Myers should be very interesting to watch.

"Their women are a pretty good swimming team and we'll have to be at our best in the women's. Of course they'll be led by Angel Myers and it's worth coming out to watch her swim. She's explosive. We'll handle the women's meet pretty strong. We'll go at it that the best we can and see if we can get us a victory again," Easterling said.

Easterling feels that Furman will be a test of his team and their character.

"We're trying to get back on the win streak. They're (Furman) a pretty good team. They've got a lot of tradition. It's a great school. They'll make us honest, I'm sure."

## Wolfpack Women's Basketball

### Group hits the road to follow State

By Amy Powers  
Staff Writer

The Lady Pack Backers is a new group that has emerged to support N.C. State's women's basketball team. According to Assistant Sports Information Director Carter Cheves, the primary goal of the new booster club is to "increase awareness and attendance at our women's basketball games."

The group is comprised of students, parents, faculty and staff who support the team and offer free bus rides to anyone who is interested in attending the away games.

In addition to the bus rides, the Pack Backers offer a hospitality room at home games where the club members can meet the players and 1988 U.S. Olympic Coach Kay Yow.

The group has several committees that are planning a logo for sweaters and sweatshirts that will be offered to the members. They also distribute flyers and put notices on billboards around campus to inform students of upcoming games.

Right now the Lady Pack Backers are interested in attracting fans for the four home games that will be televised on Channel 40, WKFT: State vs. Wake Forest (February 1 at 8 p.m.),



The Lady Pack Backers cheer on the Wolfpack Women during Tuesday night's victory against North Carolina. Over 200 people traveled to Chapel Hill to attend the game.

State vs. Carolina (February 7 at 8 p.m.), State vs. Maryland (February 11 at 2 p.m.) and State vs. Virginia (February 25 at 2 p.m.).

Cheves says "so far the efforts of the Lady Pack Backers have been ultra successful. Now we're really pushing attendance for the televi-

sion games. It's dynamic that we're beginning to fill up the stands with home fans."

The group has an extremely reasonable membership fee of \$15 for couples, \$10 for adults and \$5 for students or youths. The money is used for group projects and

postage. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Lady Pack Backers should contact Carter Cheves, Assistant Sports Information Director, at 737-2102 or at NCSU Sports Information, Box 8501, Raleigh, NC 27695-8501.

## Cagers battle Terrapins for first place in ACC, face Howard Sunday

By Dwuan June  
Staff Writer

The 13th-ranked N.C. State women's basketball team takes the road for perhaps their most important game of the season this weekend when they travel to College Park, Maryland to face the seventh-ranked Lady Terrapins.

The game is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. in Cole Field House. Both teams are currently riding winning streaks and enter the game with identical 14-2 records.

State, 7-0 in the ACC, has won their last 12 games and is three games shy of tying the all-time win streak record of 15. Maryland, 5-1, has won 13 of their last 14 games this season and has not lost at home in 19 games.

The game will feature the conference's top two point guards in State's Debbie Bertrand and Maryland's Deana Tate. Bertrand and Tate are tied for the conference lead in assists, averaging 7.3 a game. Tate also averages 16.6 points a game while Bertrand gets 7.3.

Sophomores Andrea Stinson and Rhonda Mapp will lead the Pack scoring attack. Stinson leads the ACC in scoring, averaging 26.7 points a game. The Cornelius, N.C. native is shooting 60.9 percent from the floor and has scored in double figures in all her games as a State

player. Mapp leads the ACC in field goal percentage, hitting 63.3 percent of her shots. She is averaging 13.2 points and 8.7 rebounds a game.

State is hitting 54.5 percent of their shots from the field and Maryland is shooting 51.6 percent. The Terps lead the league in scoring defense while the Pack has the league's top offense.

The Terps are limiting their opponents to 64.3 points a game while the Pack is averaging a league-leading 84.5 points a game.

Maryland will also have the services of Olympian Vicky Bullett. Bullett is averaging 15.4 points a game. The only other Terp averaging in double figures is Christy Winters, who averages 10.9 points a game.

State and Maryland have won 10 conference championships between them. The Pack has won three while the Terps have captured seven.

The Pack will play at Howard University on Sunday at 3 p.m.

### ACC Leaders

#### Scoring

(1) Andrea Stinson .26.7

#### Field Goal Percentage

(1) Rhonda Mapp .633  
(5) Andrea Stinson .559

#### Assists

(1) Debbie Bertrand 7.3

#### Free Throw Percentage

(10) Andrea Stinson .709





# Technician Opinion

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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 registered. It is the mouthpiece through which the students themselves talk. College life without its journal is blank.

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## Editorials

### At last, handicap barrier removal given some priority

Kudos to Chancellor Poulton and the administration.

We don't often say that, but at the Chancellor's Liaison Committee meeting this past Wednesday, Poulton backed a proposal to raise money for a tunnel that would be accessible to the handicapped.

The proposal, drafted by Student Body President Pam Powell, works like this: When the university launches a fund-raiser, possible donors select from a menu what they want their money to go to. For the next fund-raising campaign, handicapped barrier removal will be on the menu. Furthermore, the Chancellor seemed amenable to getting student leaders a mailing list of alumni and donors so that they can contact possible donors on their own.

Removing handicapped barriers has been a low priority with both the administration and the North Carolina legislature. A tunnel accessible to handicapped students was proposed in 1981 and the cost was estimated at \$1.6 million. Today, that estimate has increased to \$2 million.

Imagine, in one quick session this summer, the N.C. General Assembly came up with \$25 million so that a bunch of kids can run up and down a hardwood floor shooting round balls through nets. In eight years, they've given nothing for a tunnel.

N.C. State's administration is not totally blameless. They've already raised about \$2 million for Centennial Coliseum, but nothing for removing handicapped barriers on campus.

This shows where your leaders' priorities lie. We don't expect these priorities to change much, either. But Wednesday's Chancellor's Liaison Committee meeting showed improvement on the part of the administration.

We hope this trend continues. Now the General Assembly must get in the act. Officials like Rep. Wendell Murphy, who pushed for allocating state money for a new NCSU basketball coliseum, should push just as strongly for handicapped barrier removal. If he and other representatives who allowed this appropriation to pass don't get their priorities straight, hopefully the North Carolina public won't forget. And hopefully the bozos in the General Assembly who care more about basketball than true student needs won't get re-elected.

### Teachers getting the shaft again from delayed pay raises

Why is it that teachers in the various state school systems are constantly getting shafted by state government? There is absolutely no excuse for this. Teachers work in one of the most important professions in society, yet they are still not being paid what they're worth.

N.C. teachers got the shaft last week when Gov. Jim Martin proposed that the General Assembly delay proposed pay raises for teachers and state employees until April 1990. If it's so difficult to fund the raises from this year's budget, why can't legislators do a little line-item juggling and take it from the millions that have been earmarked for Centennial Center? A pay raise for N.C. teachers is just one of numerous alternatives Technician can come up with in response to the proposed coliseum.

How do you put a price on something like education? That may be a difficult task to accomplish, but it definitely has to be more than what teachers are currently earning. According to an article in Thursday's News and Observer, a teacher with a bachelor's degree and up to three years experience will earn \$18,338 per year. Teachers with at least 28 years of experience can earn \$27,650 per year. The state average is \$25,900.

The latest "shafting" to occur was reported in the same N&O article. It said the secretary to the superintendent of the Wake County Public School System makes more money than any other state-paid teacher with a bachelor's degree. Could N.C. teachers suffer any worse insult? Sure, the guy probably cannot survive without his secretary, but can North Carolinians survive without good teachers?



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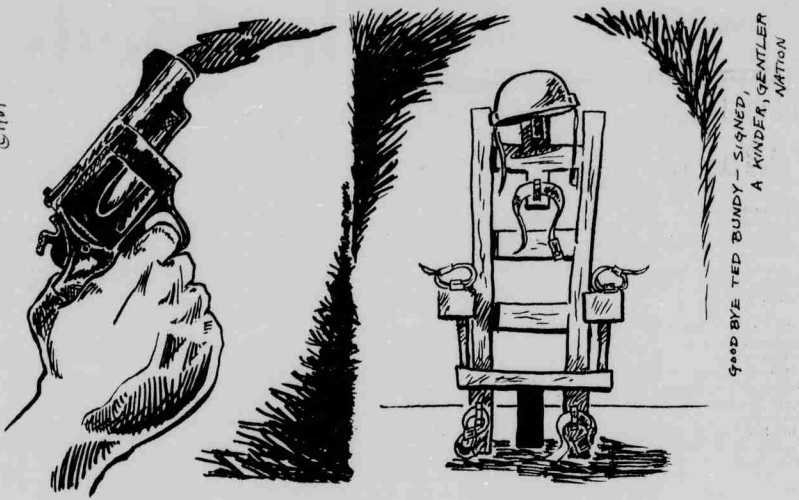
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## Forum

### Blame Golenbock and media for trouble

When I first began writing this letter, I was going to use sarcasm as a means of illustrating a point. After a while, I realized there is no level of sarcasm deep enough that would bring me anywhere as low as the media has sunk in its coverage of "Personal Fouls." I will not mention any specific names of organizations because I do not want to embarrass them any further than they have already embarrassed themselves. Let's look at the facts, as reported by the media:

One organization reported that it had talked with an aunt of a team manager who says she thinks that the manager had talked with the author of the book. Another media source interviewed a reporter who says he talked with a manager about getting some unknown information about unethical practices by some departments at N.C. State. Another source reported that a physical education official who was fired "knows for a fact" that an N.C. State athlete's grades were changed. The source does not explain how a P.E. official had access to a student's transcript, nor does he explain how a search for discrepancies in the athlete's file came up blank, nor does he explain or give any evidence to validate these claims. In fact, no one so far has produced a shred of evidence that says anything about anything. These guys could be a pack of liars for all we know.

We have reports that players were contact-

ed, reports that Peter Golenbock has been snooping in newspaper offices, and reports that a team manager suddenly had access to information that was not available to the NCAA, the head of the Wolfpack Club, the chancellor, the athletes' themselves, the basketball office, the basketball coach, the athletic department, the Triangle media, current players, former players, former players' parents or "48 Hours." Where was this guy when we needed him, like when Nixon was around? Is there anyone involved with the media that has any idea what exactly is going on? Are there any facts hidden in any of this?

I said I would not mention any names. I will mention one. Although I don't have quite enough facts, I am fairly sure that Peter Golenbock is the most despicable man of our time who has ever been allowed to exist. To realize that there are actually lunatics like him walking the streets is terrifying, and to accept that there are retarded journalists irresponsible enough to believe in him is a man throw up on himself. In my opinion, the media is as guilty of advocating this form of smear-journalism as is this Golenbock idiot. And I guarantee that Golenbock is sitting somewhere right now, laughing his butt off at having pulled off getting more free publicity than any amount of money could have possibly bought. If the media had spent time covering stories with

more intelligence, like recent Elvis sightings, and less time on stories based completely on gossip, hearsay and miscellaneous bullshit, perhaps books like "Personal Fouls" wouldn't have a market, and therefore have no reason for being written. But thanks to the media, we'll be there at the bookstore, anxiously awaiting the day "Personal Fouls" arrives — and I'll be ahead of everyone.

In conclusion, I will say that the media does need to report and inform the public of what is known, but to dedicate so much time to a story with absolutely zero concrete facts and no backbone is crazy. Second, may all the slimeball malcontents like Golenbock rot in hell along with anyone who has ever dedicated more than a minute of air time to the story. They are the ones who are really responsible for the book. They could do us all a favor by crawling back under the rock from whence they came and take all their "anonymous sources," "unnamed officials" and "insiders" with them. Indirectly, Technician and I are guilty of granting Golenbock his medium by publication of this letter and by my writing it, but that's perfectly all right. Hey, we're in college, we can do anything we want to!

Tor Ramsey  
Junior, Speech-communications

### Too much Pro-Valvano feelings on campus

Praise to Dr. Lauffer's comments in The News and Observer on January 11! It is about time someone associated with N.C. State made a statement concerning all of the crap that goes on in our basketball program. Everyone is so pro-Valvano that they are blind to the truth.

When Jim Valvano came to NCSU during Dr. Joab Thomas' tenure he was called "a coach of the highest standards." What an absolute farce! If Chris Washburn was an example of the "highest" standards, I shudder to think what the lowest would be like. Washburn should never have been admitted to this school, period.

My first year at Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, VA., I remember going to Fork Union Military Academy for a soccer

game. Everyone knew who Chris Washburn was (and about his habits, not to mention his SAT scores). My roommate during my first junior year at V.E.S. was from Hickory, N.C., and had previously attended Hickory High School. Apparently, Washburn was famous for getting stoned before basketball practice — if he even bothered to show up at all. The rest of Chris Washburn's story is a sad one. To this day he is having problems. My main question is, was it really more important for Chris to play basketball at NCSU than to get professional help for his many problems?

And concerning Chris Washburn's grades: if he did in fact make a "C" in a physical education course, that is in all probability the highest grade he ever made in college.

For those of you who don't know about his schooling before NCSU, here is the succession: Failure at Hickory High School, then off to Fork Union to improve his grades and then finally one last attempt at an education at Laurinburg Institute.

On a closing note, I must commend Coach Valvano for receiving almost more press than the Lockerbie air disaster. (Where have all the values in our society gone?) I am genuinely sorry about all this negative attention that has been heaped upon the university, but that's what happens when a "Wheeler/Dealer" is placed in a position of power.

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### Support lady Wolfpack team

I was particularly happy to see Jeff Cherry's column, "NCSU Students need to support Wolfpack women basketball," in the Jan. 20 issue of Technician, for I am a member of the Lady Pack Backers, a newly formed booster club for the Wolfpack women.

This is my fifth and final year at N.C. State, and I have spent most of my five basketball seasons watching the women play. N.C. State has been a traditional power in the ACC before I even entered high school and hopefully this trend will continue after I leave. Coach Yow has spent 14 seasons providing the university with first class women's basketball and I feel NCSU fans should at least see what she's done.

This season, there is a lot of action to see. At the time of this writing, the 16th-ranked Wolfpack women are on an 11-game win streak. They have averaged 90.3 points per game while holding their opponents to 67.2 points. This statistic is further enhanced by the fact that this streak includes a win over sixth-ranked Stanford, a win at Wake Forest, a victory over Duke and two conquests over Clemson (two teams who have been ranked in the Top 20 this season), and a 17-point discomfiture of 13th-ranked Virginia in Charlottesville. It took a few games for the team to settle down, but they

are playing very well right now and need fan support.

Furthermore, our team features the ACC's leading scorer, Andrea Stinson. Rhonda Mapp and Debbie Bertrand are near the top of the rebounding and assists leaders, respectively, while Nicole Lehmann is one of the conference's best 3-point shooters. If you want to see exciting basketball, watch the Wolfpack women execute a fast break. It can be really electrifying and I find myself really getting into the game.

A big crowd can also affect the way a team plays. There are six home games in February — plenty of chances for you to support Coach Yow and her team. Go give it a try, if you haven't already. If nothing else, there is a very big game Feb. 11 against seventh-ranked Maryland, a game that may decide the ACC regular season race. They may not win all their games, but you can bet on a good game and a fearless fight in the characteristic N.C. State tradition.

Stephen Burrus  
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### R.A.T.S. bane of NCSU campus

Attention all readers. Our campus has been taken over by a malicious species I refer to as R.A.T.S., A Rambling,

Abominable, Troublesome, and Savage group of "critters" guaranteed to destroy our campus if not eliminated immediately.

Yes, there is a rat problem on campus. These varmints are of particular concern around west campus. This problem is definitely appalling. These rats are unsanitary, destructive and just plain disgusting.

Don't let yourself be among the non-believers. Look around you. Do you like this magnificent environment surrounding us? Rats, being naturally pernicious, raid the environment. They have been known to tear and destroy objects everywhere. They get into trash and literally reverse the beautification our campus has undergone. Let's have the destruction stopped before nothing can be done.

Do you treasure your health? Kiss it goodbye. Studies show that rats carry numerous diseases. They ramble in your personal items (including food) contaminating each object encountered. Kill rats today and keep your doctor away.

There should be no problem with rats on the campus of such a prestigious college. The exterminators should be called in; the pest control should be notified. I am extending this message to the student body, the employees of NCSU and anyone willing to aid in the protest against our rat problem.

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## Rudner works some 'Magic' in new book

By Tom Olsen  
Senior Staff Writer

*Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles about N.C. State English professors who have published mass-market literature.*

When Larry Rudner began writing his first novel, he soon realized it wouldn't happen overnight.

"I was not happy with it," says Rudner, an N.C. State English professor. He adds: "The first edition was trashed."

But Rudner kept going, and his premiere novel, "The Magic We Do Here," made its debut on area bookshelves last May.

The professor, who teaches American literature, journalism and Holocaust literature courses at NCSU, once wrote only short stories. He had 12 stories published in seven years — then he decided it was time for something more.

"You get to a point in a short story where there is a longer story you want to tell," he says. "A short story is harder. You are working in a fairly defined perimeter. You can't write 70 pages. It's too confining."

But Rudner's novel, which took three and a half years to complete, gave him lots of room to play, to tell the whole story.

"It never started as a short story," he says. "I knew I wanted to write a long story. I always knew it would be a novel."

But writing his first novel present-

ed new challenges, he adds. According to Rudner, he just learned as he went along.

"I was teaching myself how to write a novel," he says. "There were all kinds of questions — how long should a chapter be, how to have people leave a scene, how to have them talk to one another. It takes a while to figure out how to make it work."

"It's exhilarating," Rudner adds. "When you first begin a novel, it seems an impossible thing to do."

Impossible, perhaps. But Rudner's first shot at novel writing won him the 1988 Sir Walter Raleigh Award for Fiction, an award for outstanding Southern writers given by the North Carolina Literature and Historical Society.

Rudner says he was pleased that his book won the Southern award, especially because it is not a regional novel.

The story begins in 1920, but is set primarily during World War II. It is the tale of a Polish Jew, his family and his community — and how they were affected by the war.

"I've always been interested in Eastern Europe," says Rudner, the grandson of Eastern European immigrants. "These are my roots."

While working on the novel, Rudner juggled his teaching career.

"It's hard to write novels while teaching or working," he says. "You're tired at the end of the day."

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## Nolte discusses comedy, beach life

By Joe Corey  
Senior Staff Writer

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH — Nick Nolte's dark red hair, scruffy white beard and glasses disguise his screen appearance: blond hair, a close shave and eagle eyes.

Why the different persona?

"We're... trying to figure out this next character for 'Everybody Wins.' It's an Arthur Miller piece with Carol Rice directing. We tried dying (the hair) yesterday and we botched it. We were going darker and it came out red. We just messed it up. Stuck for today, but we're starting up Monday."

Nolte wasn't meeting press to talk about his film in progress at the Wilmington studios, but about the recently completed movie "Three Fugitives."

In the movie, which opens today at Raleigh theaters, Nolte plays Daniel Lucas, a notorious armed robber who is paroled from prison. Through a bungled robbery, Lucas ends up being taken hostage by Ned Perry (played by Martin Short). The cops don't believe that the inept Perry is the robber and go after Lucas.

"These are three people who can't operate in society. Perry can't function. My character has been institutionalized all his life. And the little girl is withdrawn. So there is a rougher edge to the



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Nick Nolte stars as Daniel Lucas, a professional crook who can't stay on the straight and narrow.

piece and that is why they are the three fugitives," Nolte said.

Nolte was interested in French director Francis Veber's work for several years now. His interest in the director's work lead to a desire to act in a translation of one of Veber's works.

"I was thinking of doing something with Blake Edwards. And

Blake sent me a copy of 'Les Compères.' Then Walter Hill called me and said he could get the rights to 'Les Compères.' And then Francis called and said, 'Why do a remake of mine when you can work with me?'"

"I said, 'That's fine.'" The director and Nolte worked on translating Veber's "Les Fugitifs"

into the film it is now.

"I've known Francis for five years. I had seen most of his work. I thought it was quite a challenge to take a French farce and make it work as an American film."

Although Nolte has starred in "The Deep," "Heart Beat,"

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## A night at the opera right here

By Deborah Surprenant  
Staff Writer

An evening of drama and music, wonderful costuming and stage scenery — it's a night at the opera.

Friends of the College will bring New York opera home this weekend, as it presents "La Traviata," performed by the New York City Opera National company in Reynolds Coliseum.

And the plot of the opera reads like a good daytime soap opera.

"La Traviata" is the tender tragedy of Violetta Valery, a consumptive harlot who sacrifices all for love.

Based on "The Lady of the Camellias," a novel by Alexandre Dumas, the opera takes its audience from heights of bliss to depths of despair as it unfolds the bitter irony of a woman shunned by polite society, done in by her own inner virtue.

Convinced that she is doomed to a brief life of empty pleasure, Violetta miraculously finds true love with the young Alfredo Germont. Leaving behind the glittering salons of Paris, she flees with him to the countryside. But happiness is short-lived as her notorious past pursues her.

While opera has a reputation for being an aloof, uptown form of entertainment, even students who have never attended an opera can enjoy the "La Traviata" performance.

So you haven't brushed up on your Italian? No problem.

While performers sing the opera in Italian, a simultaneous English translation will be projected onto a screen suspended above the stage. The revolutionary innovation — known as "supertitles" — will clarify onstage action while preserving the integrity of the original language libretto.

"La Traviata" will be performed by the New York City Opera National Company. Founded by Beverly Sills in 1979 as the touring arm of the New York City Opera, the National Company continues to live up to its original mandate: to provide talented young artists with valuable performing experience while fulfilling the Company's role as America's national opera.

The "La Traviata" performance, sponsored by Friends of the College, is free to any NCSU student with a valid AllCampus card. For two tickets, a student must present his card at the Stewart Theatre box office.

The performances will be held in Reynolds Coliseum today and Saturday. Showtime is 8 p.m. and doors open at 7 p.m.

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