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R BRIAN L. NIXON 35.7% 867
R RAJ SHUNMUGAN 22.5% 548

STUDENT SENATE PRESIDENT

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STUDENT CENTER PRESIDENT

Roderick Spearman

STUDENT ATTORNEY GENERAL

R Chris Wyrick
R Donnie Williams

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R Nelson Mendoza

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PAMS—SENIORS

Chris Lowden

PAMS—JUNIORS

(one position open)

PAMS—SOPHOMORES

(one position open)

VETERINARY MEDICINE

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Candidates square off

Runoffs set for SBP race

By Paul Woolverton
News Editor

Brian Nixon and Raj Shunmugan will face off in the runoff elections for Student Body President next week. Neither candidate captured the minimum 50% of the vote required to win in the student body elections earlier this week.

Nixon, who currently serves as student body treasurer, had 867, or 35.7% of the 2,430 votes cast, and Shunmugan had 546, or 22.5%.

They were trailed by Senator Susan Brooks, Senator Van Cooke and Ken Michel.

In other races, Student Senate President Brooks Raiford won his re-election bid against write-in candidate Andre Kinlaw.

Roderick Spearman was elected Student Center President, Sheila Bennett was elected Senior Class President and Stephen Price Cook was elected Senior Class Vice President.

Only one candidate appealed the elections, although Elections Board Chairwoman Dagney Fleming said earlier this week that many candidates had grounds to appeal because the Dining Hall poll was closed most of Monday.

Fleming said Thursday evening that Senator Vijay Raman successfully appealed his race for re-election as a representative for the College of Engineering, and will be in next week's runoffs.

"He found a discrepancy at the polls," she said. "The seniors that were graduating were allowed to vote at one poll and at another poll they weren't."

Because Raman lost by only six votes, "his reason is valid for being in the runoff," Fleming said.

She said graduating seniors are allowed to vote in student government elections.

Raman could not be reached for comment Thursday. Several campus races will be decided in runoffs.

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Runoff Elections are Monday and Tuesday



CHRIS HONORIS/STAFF

Fun in the springtime sun

Freshman Wilson Hunter enjoys the warm spring time weather as he tosses Frisbee with friends at Tucker Beach Tuesday

afternoon. The warm weather is expected to taper off today as forecasters have called for rain and temperatures in 60s.

Tanning outbreak heralds finals, graduation

The widespread outbreak of sunbathing on campus this week marks the latest installment of a collegiate rite of spring. It's become just as accurate a harbinger of the approach of summer as finals and graduation.

I remember arriving on campus during the fall semester sunbathing season of 1985. Living in Sullivan, I soon discovered that my room had a panoramic view of Lee Beach, a coconut-scented mecca for nubile young beauties. Of course, saddled with the stunted social skills that mark most freshmen, I dared not actually venture out among these bronzed goddesses. I remained content to anonymously leer from the residence hall breezeway.

My braver breezeway companions would heckle those assembled on the grass below us with dire predictions of impending skin cancer. Unfortunately, the fact that the hecklers were all pale and chubby gave their taunts a certain "sour

Jeff Cherry

Because I said so

grapes" flavor.

Because my floor was "coed," we risked being labeled "real losers" by the cute girls living next door if they noticed excessive amounts of time being spent staring at the sunbathers. To a freshman, being labeled is a fate worse than slow torture and execution, so I developed a casual onlooker technique that allowed me to scope the Beach while I appeared to be merely checking the parking lot or the soccer field or the weather.

Binoculars were the ultimate giveaway. We'd stand next to the win-

dows looking out over the breezeway and stealthily peer through our second eyes, praying that the sun wouldn't reflect off the lenses and reveal our lechery to the world. If I left the binoculars sitting on my desk and someone asked about them, I'd confidently claim that they were left over from football season or that birdwatching was a hobby of mine.

Eventually, though, I quit feeling envious of the beachgoers. They all didn't have that perfect bathing-suit body; in fact, there were more laundry-bag guts than washboard stomachs out there.

Besides, it's not easy acquiring a chic, glamorous tan. You have to smear that horrid coconut oil stuff all over. When you're done, it feels like you just swam through an oil slick, and it looks like someone fished you out of a deep fat fryer.

Once you get the stuff on, it trans-

forms your body into a natural magnet for bugs. You never realize how many of the little critters live in one six-by-three foot patch of grass until you lay out on it and they decide to turn your towel into some sort of insect interstate highway. Of course, as they hop across your back, they get mired in the oil. After two hours, you look like a human fly strip. But a tanned human fly strip.

Lately, the urge to graduate has supplanted the urge to have a savage tan.

I'm not living near a campus beach anymore, and the only tan I have is a byproduct of other outdoor activities.

I miss the festive atmosphere, the hedonistic impulse to abandon the books at the first sight of sun.

And I can't use the binoculars for anything but birdwatching.

NCSU will request tunnel funds in '91

By Paul Woolverton
News Editor

Chancellor Bruce Poulton told student leaders a funding request for a handicapped accessible tunnel at N.C. State University will be submitted to the UNC Board of Governors on the university's next proposed budget.

"This will be a request for the university for the '91 biennium," he told the students at the monthly Chancellor's Liaison Committee Meeting Wednesday.

In discussion with the students, Poulton said, "It (the funding request) could be the very next time around. It could be number one on the priority list."

However, he noted that the ranking of the tunnel's funding request could vary based on the university's other needs in the 1991-1993 biennium.

University Architect Abie Harris said the tunnel should be high on the priority list. "I think it is one of our greatest needs on campus,"

he said.

Two student groups have threatened to block the pedestrian tunnels linking NCSU's North and South Campuses because they are inaccessible to handicapped students.

To get across the railroad tracks, students in wheelchairs must travel to either end of the campus to the bridge on Pullen Road or the underpass on Dan Allen Drive. Both roads have much automobile traffic, and the sidewalks in the area are in poor condition.

The university made plans to convert the Free Expression Tunnel into a handicapped accessible tunnel in 1973. However, NCSU decided to apply the tunnel's funding to other campus projects because it was estimated the tunnel would cost \$800,000, far more than the \$180,000 the N.C. General Assembly allotted for it.

George Worsley, vice chancellor for finance and business, said some handicapped problems on campus,

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Students discuss fear of homosexuals

By Michael Tolliver
Senior Staff Writer

Homosexual students and campus gay and lesbian groups have not been heard, understood, or supported at N.C. State, said Thomas Stafford, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

In an attempt to change the situation, administrators, student leaders and members of the newly-formed Lesbian/Gay Student Union (LGSU) met in an open forum Wednesday night to discuss homophobia, a fear and hostility toward homosexuals that often results in discrimination against them.

The forum was sponsored by the Student Senate minority affairs committee.

"We want to put students first—not just heterosexuals first, males first or whites first," Stafford said.

The forum sought to "target those people who are passively homophobic," added Donica Thomas, executive branch minority committee chairman. "We've done something important here. Most heterosexuals just don't understand what homosexuality is all about, and you learn by asking questions."

About 30 people attended the forum, which focused on the homosexual lifestyle and myths surrounding it. Organizers of the event administered a test to correct some

of the popular misconceptions about homosexuality.

The test indicated that about 10 percent of the American population is homosexual, but perhaps the most surprising fact uncovered by the test was that 50 percent of the population has had at least one homosexual experience during adolescence. Forum participants agreed that this fact does not actually mean that all people involved in such experiences are homosexual.

They said the high percentage may cause people to have an irrational fear of homosexuals.

"A lot of the homophobia comes from fear because of ignorance," said Catherine, a lesbian who requested that her last name not be printed.

"Homophobia is a detriment to all of us for getting the most of our education here at State," said Evelyn Reiman, director for Student Development.

Stafford said harassment of homosexuals has been prevalent on campus for the last four or five years, citing cases of physical and psychological abuse.

"We have just now established a policy on racism on this campus. Perhaps we need to look at a similar policy addressing these (homosexual) issues," Stafford added.

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Chinese journalist visits N.C. State, campus newspaper

By Michael F. Hughes
Senior Staff Writer

A little bit of glasnost, Chinese-style, visited N.C. State's campus this week.

Chen Zhenping, Managing Editor of the World News Page for the Jiefang Daily, visited Technician's offices Tuesday.

Chen said the purpose of his visit was to learn more about journalism in the United States.

Although most western media concentrate on the opening of the Soviet Union under General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev, Chen said China is going through a period of reform, too.

"Press reform is a very important part of this reform," Chen said.

He said the purpose of the media is to try and communicate news and information to the readers.

"This is the first important function of the mass media," Chen said.

Chen said Chinese journalism used to be another form of propaganda. The reform has "broken the fetters that held Chinese journalism for three or four decades."

Nevertheless, Chinese newspapers still aren't totally independent of the government, Chen said. In fact, the whole system of the country — ideology, politics and economy — is not independent, he said.

But China, like the Soviet Union and several Eastern European nations, is seeing a relaxing of the old guard.

"China is improving on democracy, trying to change an old economic system," Chen said. "It's very different" from what it used to be.

Chen said most Chinese people hope the changes will continue.

The atmosphere in China now is totally different from the atmosphere 10 years ago.

China closed its doors to the outside world a decade ago, Chen said.

But today, the Chinese are intensely curious about what's happening in the rest of the world. "We just want to know everything about the world," Chen said.

One result of this change is Chen's job.

"Before last year, there were no special editors for world news," Chen said.

As a result, most editors working on the world news page are very young. Chen is 33.

His job includes selecting stories from radio reports, wire services and his staff, along with designing the news page. He chooses which headlines and captions run as well.

Reform in China also means technological reform. Chen said that his newspaper is just beginning to use video display terminals, and might start replacing hot type with cold type.

Because of China's high population, Chinese newspapers have very large circulations. The Jiefang Daily's current circulation is around 700,000.

Most Chinese hope the reforms will continue, Chen said. And hopefully, the reform will allow the country to expand technologically.

Right now, eastern China is more industrially advanced than western China. Chen said the geography of the two areas has a lot to do with this.

"In the east, land is better and transportation is better," Chen said. But western land is not as rich, and includes mountains and the Gobi Desert.

Recent developments in Chinese television point to the nation's interest in the United States as well. A couple of months ago, Chinese television aired a program designed to introduce the Chinese to American culture, Chen said.

Chen is in the United States as part of a cultural program sponsored by the State Department, according to Neal Donnelly, Chen's escort and interpreter. (Chen speaks English well, and only needed the interpreter twice during the hour-long interview.)

Donnelly said Chen was invited for the month-long program to witness American culture. "The program is totally funded by the State Department," Donnelly said. Chen visited Technician and The News & Observer Tuesday afternoon.

His trip has included visits to the UNC School of Journalism, the Associated Press, the Washington Post, USA Today and Voice of America radio.

He will visit Grinnell College in Iowa later this week, and hopes to visit the Los Angeles Times as well.

Nixon, Shunmugan to battle in SBP runoff

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Student Attorney General Chris Wyrick will try to retain his seat against Judicial Board member Donnie Williams, and David Carter and Nelson Mendoza will fight for the Student Body Treasurer position.

Also, Student Media Authority

Chairman Jay Johnson will try to keep his seat from Ted Baroudy.

No one ran for the four graduate student slots on the Student Judicial Board, or for the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences junior and sophomore senatorial seats.

In addition, there are two senior spots open on the Student Senate

for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Raiford will appoint students for unfilled senate seats.

Fleming asked all students who will be manning the polls in the runoffs next week to meet with her at an Elections Board meeting at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Homophobia discussed in Wednesday forum

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Much of the discussion focused on a Student Senate bill, which appropriated \$400 to the LGSU in February.

"We have a good start with LGSU. I think things are coming really fast," said William Gallion, a member of LGSU.

Gallion added that he was a member of a gay organization at UNC-Chapel Hill that had been established for 15 years, and it had much more trouble getting government funding, as well as student support.

He said homophobia is more of a problem at UNC because student awareness of the gay and lesbian

groups is greater.

"Success has to be measured by each individual step," said Andrew Cook, chairman of Student Senate minority affairs committee.

"Some say that homosexuals are the last significant minority fighting for their civil rights," Reiman said.

NCSU beach-biker competes in Calif.

By Jeanie Taft
Assistant News Editor

Bikes on the beach are giving the phrase "hang ten" a new meaning, and one N.C. State bicyclist is going to test his talents this week in Palm Springs.

Steve Boone, a senior in mechanical engineering, won the fastest time on the East Coast in a Daytona Beach race this past Spring Break.

"There were guys from all over competing there," Boone said. "The races went on all during the break and while I was there I won the fastest time for my week."

Boone said that this past Monday he found out he had the fastest time of the entire Spring Break and that he was off to Palm Springs.

"They told me to pack my bags

and be ready to leave Friday morning," Boone said.

He will be competing against the winner from the West Coast in a series of events hosted by O.J. Simpson.

Boone said he has been riding seriously since 1983, and just recently began riding Beach Cruisers, bikes that have large tires and wide handle bars suited for beach riding.

"A friend of mine introduced me to them," Boone said. "My mountain bike kept falling apart and he

introduced me to the indestructible Beach Cruiser."

Being circulation manager for the Technician keeps him in shape, he said.

"Riding a bike is the easiest way to deliver papers," Boone said. "It takes about two hours to deliver all the papers."

He has 30 stops in all to make and about 5,000 papers to deliver.

Boone will return from Palm Springs Monday morning — just in time to deliver the morning paper.

Liaison

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such as sidewalks destroyed by tree roots, could be rectified this summer.

In other business, Thomas Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs, told the student leaders that progress has been made on the problems with E.S. King Village, NCSU's married student's housing.

He said Housing and Residence

Life Director Cynthia Bonner had been working with King Village, Mayor Mehdi Kazemi about the problems, including a lack of ventilation and poor maintenance.

"I think we've made some progress already and there's room to make more progress," he said.

One of the proposed changes for E.S. King Village is altering the rental agreement to allow residents to install ceiling fans and carpeting.

Another proposal would change the application fee to a security

deposit for residents.

Residents on waiting lists could only turn down housing in E.S. King Village if they are currently bound by another lease.

Stafford said the \$2 million window replacement project for the village is underway, and residents will be able to install their own air conditioners in the new windows. Also, he said negotiations are underway between Kazemi and Housing to allow residents to have small space heaters in their apartments.

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CORRECTIONS:

The Wolfline story that appeared in Monday's issue incorrectly identified Student Sen. Vejay Raman as the chairman of the Student Senate Athletics Committee. He is a member of that committee.

The caption for the feature photo incorrectly said the university sponsored Agriculture and Life Science Awareness Week. Alpha Zeta fraternity did.

An ad on page five of Monday's Technician incorrectly implied that auditions are still going on for the Student Star Talent Show. The auditions for the show have already been held. The show will be held April 7 in Stewart Theatre.

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Wolfpack linksters hampered by poor weather conditions

By Mic Cover
Staff Writer

Mother nature has been quite unkind in the past few weeks—it is only now that State has experienced a well-deserved run of warm weather. Some, however, have been harder hit by mother nature's cruelty—like Coach Richard Sykes and his Wolfpack golf team, who are preparing to make up for lost time.

"You don't have to ask how we're doing," Sykes said as he looked outside, staring at

another frustrating downpour of rain. "Just take a look outside and you'll find your answer."

The spell of bad weather has set State's golf team back in many ways. "We were qualifying in January during some pretty good weather," Sykes explained. "Thanks to the bad weather, though, we've lost a lot of opportunity."

Sykes feels the miserable outdoor conditions which have plagued the team have taken away opportunities for the Wolfpack

to play at their full potential.

"A report on the golf team has basically become a weather report," Sykes added.

Other schools have not been victimized by the frustrating weather conditions as much as State has, Sykes said. Some teams were lucky because their schedules happened to be timed just right to avoid the unbearable weather.

"Other schools were able to go to Florida," Sykes said. "They got to play all week, while we were stuck here throwing snowballs."

Unlike in other sports, there is little the golf team can do inside to make up for the lost training outside. Therefore, there has been little Sykes and his team could do but wait and hope.

"We've played in 30 mile an hour winds with freezing temperatures before," Sykes said. He said the bad conditions have almost put a halt to the team's efforts towards success.

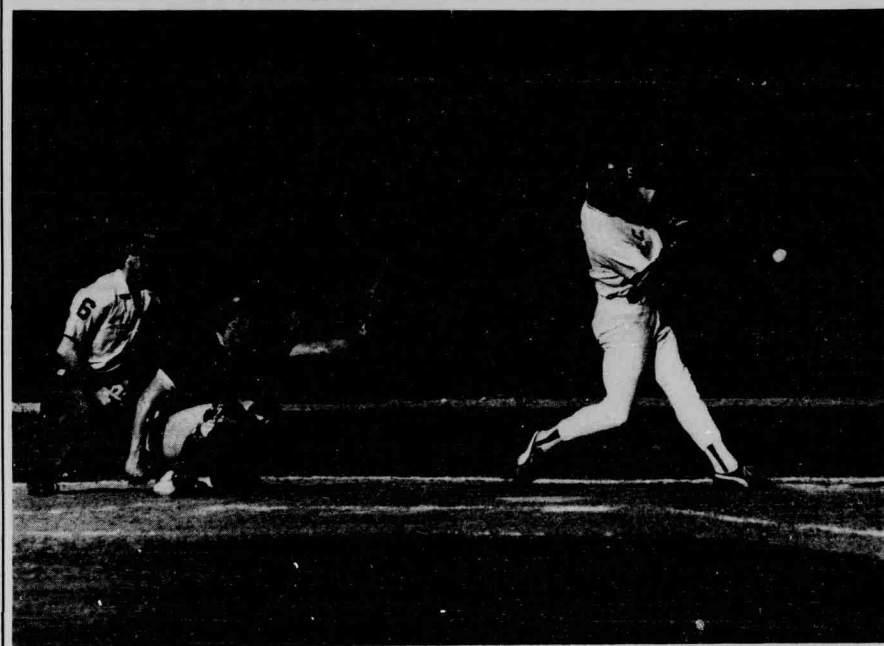
"We can get out of this hole if we play hard," Sykes said. "We must play well now, but we've lost some needed time preparing."

"If we have the chance to play up to par," he continued, "then we can beat anyone. There are experienced, senior-loaded teams that we've already beat. But we've had such little time to prepare, we've lost important quality time."

In spite of the past conditions Sykes said the future holds warmer temperatures and new hopes for the golf team.

"We're working hard," Sykes said. "We've got a good team with a lot of potential. We're ready to establish our identity."

Falling ERAs



MIKE RUSSELL/STAFF

Junior designated hitter Bobby Russell takes his turn at bat in the Pack's 9-5 win over UNC-Charlotte Wednesday at Doak Field. State is now 16-7-2 on the season and pitching was the big story during the team's recent homestand.

Pitching key to State's homestand

By Bruce Winkworth
Associate Sports Editor

The March homestand is over and the Wolfpack is still winning baseball games, but everything else about this year's team seems to be a departure from years past.

The Pack handed UNC-Charlotte a 9-5 defeat Wednesday afternoon at Doak Field, raising State's record to 16-7-2 on the season. UNC-C fell to 11-7.

Steve Shingledecker pitched 3 2/3 innings of scoreless relief to earn his third win of the season. Bill Klenoshek went 3-for-4 with a double, a home run and five RBIs.

Freshman left-hander Mike Butler made his first collegiate start and pitched 2 1/3 innings before Shingledecker came on. Butler, battling his control at the end, allowed four hits and three runs while striking out one and walking three.

Butler, drafted in the 16th round by the Oakland A's last June, has been a project for State pitching coach John Mirabelli, and the

start was the reward for Butler's hard work on the sidelines.

According to head coach Ray Tanner, Butler did not pitch as poorly as his numbers may have indicated, and Shingledecker was outstanding in relief.

PACK PITCHERS

	Record	ERA
Brad Rhodes	3-1	3.86
Preston Poag	3-0	2.84
Craig Rapp	1-1	5.74
Don Clawson	1-1	5.82
Chris Biggs	1 save	5.25
Brian Bark	1-1 (5 saves)	2.25
Preston Woods	3-1	3.38

"I thought Mike threw well early," Tanner said. "He's been showing progress but he had so far to come. He lost his strike zone in the third, but he had good velocity."

"Steve came in and just silenced them. He just did a great job for us."

The Wolfpack just ended its annual March homestand, usually a time of basketball scores, home runs galore and offensive excesses at Doak Field.

A year ago, in a March typical of recent seasons, State went 15-6 (a .714 winning percentage) in 21 home games, hitting more than .350

and averaging 2.2 home runs and 10.7 runs per game.

In 18 home games at Doak Field this season, the Wolfpack fashioned an 11-5 record (.688 winning percentage) with a pair of suspended games that officially go into the books as ties, supposedly a nonentity in baseball. In the 18 games, State batted just .286 and averaged 5.3 runs and exactly one home run per game.

Whether it's the wind blowing in at Doak Field, the new foul poles or whatever, the fact is the Wolfpack is hitting the ball much better on the road this season (.360, 9.4 runs and 1.7 home runs per game), although that is mostly due to a pair of offensive orgies at New Orleans the first weekend in March.

While several hitters are swinging hot bats for the Wolfpack, the real story of this team's success has been the pitching, which despite a 4.49 ERA has been quite effective most of the season. The team ERA has been falling steadily throughout March, from a high of 7.62 when the month began, to as low as 4.46 prior to the UNC-C game.

When the staff ERA is falling, that means the individual parts are doing likewise. Brad Rhodes is 3-1 with a 3.86 ERA, down from 5.09 after five games.

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Swimmers, Candler head for NCAAs

By Stephen Stewart
Senior Staff Writer

The N.C. State men's swimming and diving team will be represented at the NCAA championships in Indianapolis this weekend.

The Pack will be led by all-ACC performers Chuck Niemeyer and Kurt Candler. Niemeyer, the former two-time ACC 100-meter butterfly titlist, will return to national competition for his last shot at the brass ring. He will also be competing on the 400 medley relay team.

Niemeyer will be trying to improve on his 20th place finish from a year ago as he shoots for a spot on the all-American team.

Candler, a junior diver who will be making his debut in the nationals, will try to cap off a stellar season by placing in one of the top twelve spots in two events.

The ACC diver of the year and all-ACC diver in both the one and three-meter boards, Candler will compete in the one-meter spring board event and the ten-meter platform event.

Making a return to the champi-



Chuck Niemeyer

onships will be the same 400 medley relay team from 1988. Joining Niemeyer on the team are Adam Fitzgerald, Dan Judge and Steve Bradshaw.

Not only will the relay team be trying to place in the top sixteen, they will be trying to improve on the school record they established at the ACC championships.

Wolfpack swimming coach Don Easterling feels his men will have to swim at their very best to be able to score points and reach their goal of making the top sixteen.

"We're going to have to be swimming at our best to be around when they have roll call for the top sixteen. That's where we want to be at the end of the thing—the top sixteen," Easterling said.

Easterling is pleased about the number of participants he has in the championships, but wishes he had more.

"This is the most swimming we've had on this level in a while. We've got more chances to score than we've had, not as many as we'd like, but we're there," he said.

The coach hopes to use his team's appearance in the nationals as a stepping stone as he goes on the recruiting trail.

"We'll do the best that we can and hopefully it will help us when we start recruiting, when we get back," Easterling said.

Wolfpack tennis team crushes East Carolina

By Scott Deuel
Senior Staff Writer

N.C. State's men's tennis team, tuning up for archival UNC-Chapel Hill, defeated East Carolina 6-3 in a non-conference match Wednesday.

State breezed through five of six singles matches and won one doubles match as well.

Alfonso Ochao, still hampered by an ankle injury, lost to Jon Melhorn, 7-5, 6-1, at the number-one singles flight.

Glen Philp defeated Andre Moreau, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, at the number-two singles position, and Eddie Gonzalez won against Jon McLamb, 6-0, 4-6, 6-4, at number three.

Michigan native Mike Herb defeated Bobby Macpherson, 7-6, 6-3, to take the number-four flight and James Catenis had an easy time at number five, winning 6-1, 6-1.

Sophomore Matt Price rounded out singles play with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over David Shell.

In doubles play, Philp and Price extended their unbeaten streak to 11 matches with a win over McLamb-Shell, 9-7, at number

three. Moreau and Macpherson defeated Parke Morris-Kent Lovette 8-6 at the number one doubles flight, and Grady Matthews and Catenis lost to Melhorn-Hudson 9-7.

Both Lovette and Matthews were playing in their first matches for the Wolfpack this season.

"They played really good, and we substituted a lot in doubles because the match was already decided," NCSU coach Crawford Henry said. "Our singles matches were well played, even though Ponch was slowed by his ankle injury."

The win raised the Wolfpack's overall record to 9-7 for the season. NCSU is 3-0 in the ACC.

"This is our best conference start since I've been here," Henry said. "We've had a much tougher schedule this year, which doesn't make our overall record as good, but it does improve our conference results in the long run."

"As a team it makes us stronger and helps our program overall."

The Wolfpack will host Virginia Commonwealth tomorrow and UNC on Monday, at 2 p.m. in a makeup match. The Tar Heels are currently 14-6 overall and 2-0 in the ACC.

March Mediocrity takes over, SNITters look to avenge '88 losses

March Madness has finally arrived at Technician.

As you may remember, way back in February we mentioned something about SNIT. If you who don't remember, SNIT stands for Student Newspaper Invitational Tournament.

SNIT is an ACC Tournament for the various student newspapers at the conference schools. Every year since 1980, the staffs from the student newspapers at State, Duke, UNC etc., get together for a weekend of basketball and Carolina-bashing, among other things.

This weekend, after many delays, Technician, one of the ACC's foremost college newspapers, welcomes the staffs of The Daily Tar Heel of UNC, The Chronicle from Duke and The Cavalier Daily of UVa to the friendly confines of Carmichael Gym Addition starting at 6 p.m.

What? You say there are eight schools in the ACC. I know, but only four of them were able to get here this year.

Wake Forest's Old Gold and Black has a mostly female staff and never comes anyway. The Diamondback of Maryland has participated in only one SNIT and decided not to alter that tradition, fearing that they

Calvin Hall

The Final Score

might not leave Raleigh as happily as they left Atlanta earlier this month. Speaking of Atlanta, Georgia Tech's student newspaper, The Technique, decided it would be in their best interest to stay at home since they couldn't get Bobby Cremins' prize recruit, Kenny Anderson to come with them.

Finally, The Tiger, Clemson's paper, claimed to be short on funds, not to mention people who knew how to play basketball. However, it is rumored that if we should ever decide to get all the schools together for some football, they'd be glad to come play.

So we have four of the eight schools. No big deal. According to ACC rules, four teams are all that are needed for the conference to sponsor a tournament for any sport.

Of course, as this year's host, we're looking to win after coming off a strong third-place finish in last year's tourney. The team to beat is UVa's Cavalier Daily, winner of the past two tournaments—and a team that beat us twice in the combination round-robin/single-elimination SNIT in 1988.

Here is a profile of some of the players—and I use the term loosely—on SNITERS '89. Technician's answer to... SNITERS '88:

Name: dewan June (#34)
Position: Editor in Chief-elect (Guard)
Height: Tallish
Weight: Not thin
Strengths: Passes have been clocked at 115 mph... good leader on the floor (so I'm told)... has more SNIT experience than anyone on the team (4 tourneys)
Weaknesses: Passes have been clocked at 115 mph... charges more than a housewife with a new Visa card.

Name: Michael Tolliver (#13)
Position: News Editor-elect (Guard)
Height: Kind of tall
Weight: Thinner than me
Strengths: A former high school standout

at Thomasville H.S. ... the only real player on the team.

Weaknesses: The only real player on the team... sometimes a third coach on the floor.

Name: Mike Hughes (#90)
Position: Editor in Chief (Forward)
Height: Taller than Dwuan
Weight: None
Strengths: His elbows.
Weaknesses: His glances.

Name: Stephen Stewart (#3)
Position: Senior Staff Writer (Forward)
Height: Pretty tall
Weight: A lot more than Mike Hughes
Strengths: Finding excuses to miss practice... Passes have also been clocked at over 100 mph... puts good pressure on the ball...
Weaknesses: ... even when he's supposed to get back into a zone defense with the rest of the team.

Name: John Horton (#14)
Position: Chief Chief (Center)
Height: Really tall
Weight: Heavy

Strengths: Height... ability to block shots... helped me find my lost watch once... puts together a mean Chef cartoon.

Weaknesses: Sometimes thinks he is a guard. This delights opposing teams, especially when they're looking for a turnover.

Those are the starters. Unfortunately, all of them are in good academic standing and the other teams are coming, so I guess we'll have to play.

But luckily, I think, we have a healthy cast of supporting players to back them up. They are: "Leapin'" Larry Dixon (#21), "Jumpin'" Jimmy Lovelace (#44), "Marvelous" Mark McKee (#23), Hunter "Hotshot" George (#20), "Speedy" Jim Hauser (#2), Bob "House Ad" Olsen (#57), and Mike "Mad Dog" Russell (#7).

Finally, behind every great team stands a great set of coaches. But SNITERS '89 couldn't find one, so I'm doing it.

My credentials are impeccable. I don't have any. You can't mess up what you don't have, therefore my credentials are impeccable. I think there's logic in there.

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Water polo club prepares to take on eleven teams in weekend tournament

By Mic Cover
Staff Writer

The Wolfpack water polo club is racing to prepare for two upcoming tournaments, both steppingstones to the national water polo semifinals.

Mike Sekulich, who plays on and coaches the team, will lead the club in this weekend's battle against 11 other teams from the East Coast. Games will be played at Duke Friday and at UNC-Chapel Hill Saturday.

"We'll be playing against some pretty strong teams," Sekulich said. UNC-Wilmington, James Madison and Johns Hopkins will be represented. Duke, which was invited to the NCAA National Club Tournament last year, will also be tough to beat.

"A lot of the schools we'll be playing against come from the (Washington) D.C. area, where they take water polo very seriously," Sekulich said.

The Wolfpack team has a tough fight ahead of them. While State's team is technically a club, other schools competing in the tournament enjoy the benefits of fielding varsity teams.

"Some of the other schools are too small to have the larger sports," Sekulich said. "This gives them the chance to focus their budget and time on their water polo teams."

Despite the other teams' varsity advantage, Sekulich is confident with the capabilities of his own team.

"We have a lot of ex-swimmers with us," he explained. "Scott Frederick, our main player, has hustle and really motivates us."

A second player worth watching, Mohav Hallouda, played for the Egyptian national team.

"If he has a good tournament, we'll do very well," Sekulich said. Sekulich explained that in water polo there are six players in the pool for each team at all times and

they are in constant motion. The 35-second shot clock ensures a fast-moving game.

"It's a lot like soccer in the water," Sekulich said. "When we have possession of the ball, we have to sprint down the pool to set up an offense as quickly as we can. If we lose the ball in a turnover, we've got to sprint hard back to the other end to set up our defense."

Each team has players that fill specific positions. The point man, the drivers and the wings cooperate to keep the ball moving toward the goal, while the hole man positions the ball two to four meters away from the goalkeeper.

Most of the shooting, however, takes place in the perimeter—the offensive network set up by the other players.

The State water polo club's first home tournament takes place beginning April 6, when they will host UVA, UNC and Duke in Carmichael Natatorium.

Globetrotters hit Reynolds tonight

The Harlem Globetrotters play in Reynolds Coliseum tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets are available in the Reynolds box office for \$10.50, \$11.50 and \$16.

Former Wolfpack point guard Sidney Lowe, who has been playing for the Continental Basketball Association, signed a 10-day contract with the NBA's Charlotte Hornets over the weekend.

Lowe will replace starter Horne Michael Holton, who has been put on the injured list with a stress fracture and is expected to miss at least five games.

The men's basketball team will participate in the preseason NIT tournament Nov. 15-24. The semifinals and finals of the tourney, formerly called the Big Apple NIT, will be played in Madison Square Garden.

Teams scheduled to compete are UNLV, Texas-El Paso, LSU, Loyola Marymount, DePaul, Ohio State, California, Wichita State,

St. Johns, Alabama-Birmingham, Houston, N.C. A&T, South Mississippi and Kansas. The Pack will host Richmond in Raleigh in the first round.

"Basketball Weekly" honored Chuck Brown and Rodney Monroe as members of its 1989 All-Southeast Region team. Chris Corchiani was selected for the second squad.

Former State forward Thurl Bailey is a finalist for the NBA's J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award.

Bailey, the second-leading scorer for the Utah Jazz, serves on the board of the Utah Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, gives free camp regis-

trations and game tickets to disadvantaged children, donates \$10 to the Guadalupe Center for each of his dunks and rebounds, works for the Society to Prevent Blindness and helps in area drug abuse programs.

The ACC golf tournament will return to Rocky Mount's Northgreen Country Club April 14-16. The tournament was moved from Northgreen in 1983 because of the club's discriminatory membership policy.

New owners abolished the policy and the ACC decided to return the championships to Northgreen. Last year's tournament was held at Greensboro's Bryan Park, the original site of this year's event.

"Amateur Wrestling News" ranked State 16th in the nation in its final tournament rankings. Senior Michael Stokes, who was runner-up in the NCAAs, was listed as the fifth-ranked wrestler at 126.

Wolfpack Notes

Baseball team faces Cavs

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Preston Poag is 3-0 with a 2.84 ERA, down from 3.45 after four games. Craig Rapp is 1-1 and 5.74, down from 6.75 at the start of the season.

Don Clawson is 1-1 and 5.82, down from 7.94 after four outings. Chris Biggs is 0-0 with a save and a 5.25 ERA, down from 14.73 after two outings. Brian Bark is 1-1 with five saves and 2.25 ERA, down from 4.32 after four appearances.

The only pitcher of note going the other way is Preston Woods, a starter who, at 3-1 and 3.38, would hardly seem to be a cause for alarm.

The result of the strong pitching and lessened offense has been close games and for the most part Wolfpack wins. The diminished offense makes for a thin margin of error, and Tanner, aging more rapidly than he may have expected when the year began, is wary of the trip north.

"It's always hard on the road," Tanner said. "You'd have to look it up, but Maryland may be the best home team in the ACC. They had won 26 straight home conference games at one point."

"They're very tough to beat up there, and we always seem to struggle in that park. And Virginia always plays us tough at home."

Technician hosts 1989 SNIT

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somewhere. I also have the pleasure of having an assistant coach, our Payroll Manager, Phil Taylor.

Phil coached last year's SNIT team and got to know many referees very well. He was easily the most vocal coach at last year's tourney. For some strange reason, he seemed highly enthusiastic when I announced that I wanted to do the coaching honors this year. After a few practices with the

team, I found out why.

Phil and I have spent many weeks preparing my team — I guess I'll have to own up to them sooner or later, might as well make it now. I've spent time diagramming plays, disrupting my team's pick-up games, for this weekend. It's been fun.

If you happen to be in Carmichael Gym tonight and tomorrow, stop by and cheer us on. You won't be sorry. I hope.

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Mike Rutherford and his group of musicians visited Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium last Tuesday night, offering the crowd harmonies that flowed perfectly in the near-perfect acoustic venue.

Rutherford, a founder of Genesis, recently stepped out on his own with the Mechanics. The group's current album release, "The Living Years," is presently No. 16 on Billboard magazine's top pop albums chart.

The Raleigh performance opened with "Nobody's Perfect," a track off the band's new release, which set the tone for the 16-song set.

While still in their infant stages, compared to the notoriety Genesis enjoyed, Mike and the

Dan Pawlowski

Concert Review

Mechanics are making strong strides in the music scene. The group's recent single, the title track off "Living Years," is getting lots of airplay, currently holding the No. 5 position on Billboard's Hot 100 singles chart.

And the band's live show could be a definite factor in its early success.

It was evident from the outset that the

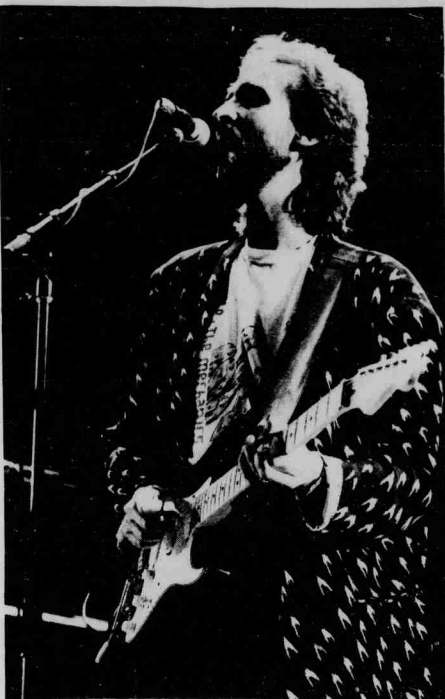
Mechanics — bassist Rutherford, drummer Peter Van Hooke, keyboardist Adrian Lee, vocalists Paul Carrack and Paul Young — really enjoy playing together. Each of them shared the spotlight.

Young and Carrack, who was formally a vocalist for Squeeze, shared the lead vocals as well.

The playlist included dance tracks and love songs. "Don't" and "All I Need Is A Miracle" got the fans out of their seats, and the extended, disco version of the latter was a crowd favorite.

Rutherford and his bandmates pulled out all the stops in an effort to leave the crowd feeling good. "(This is) a song designed to cheer anyone up," the artist told fans as he introduced "Beautiful Day."

Hit singles "The Living Years" and "Taken In" also were included in the playlist.



Mike Rutherford, guitarist and singer for Mike and the Mechanics, performs before a Raleigh crowd Tuesday night.

Waiting for the Pulitzer

I accidentally screwed up and forgot to do a real column for today. Ooops. But can you blame me? I'm so caught up in this student election madness.

Also, the Pulitzers are being announced today, and rumor had it that my short story, "The Night James Dean Crawled from the Grave," was up for a bunch of awards.

No news yet, but if that geek Michael Skube can win one, so should I.

Skube is the alleged book critic

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for the News and Observer, but I can't stand his boring stuff. He bought into that Bloom belief in the cannon and used "Proustian" as a

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Editorials

Chancellor finally puts request where mouth is

Well, it looks like N.C. State is going to finally request money from the state to build a handicapped-accessible tunnel (HAT).

Chancellor Bruce Poulton announced at Wednesday's Chancellor's Liaison Committee meeting that the tunnel "could be number one on the priority list" for the 1991-93 biennium request.

We certainly hope so. We think the tunnel should be number one, period. NCSU not only needs a tunnel accessible to handicapped people, but it also needs a tunnel to relieve overcrowding among the existing tunnels.

Chancellor Poulton also said that he would support any efforts directed at the General Assembly for earlier funding.

We commend Chancellor Poulton for supporting these measures. But we would also like to commend the people who really kept this issue alive — Student Government, Student Body President Pam Powell kept the HAT on the agenda for every Chancellor's Liaison Committee this semester. At first mention of such a tunnel, administrators hemmed and hawed. But Powell brought the issue up time and time again.

Student Senate President Brooks Raiford spent countless hours researching the subject and, in the process, discovered 14-year-old plans for a HAT. Raiford also found that the NCSU administration requested funds for a HAT on several biennium budgets from 1975 until 1981. But somewhere between the UNC Board of Governors and the General Assembly, the request was killed.

Chancellor Poulton has always said he is in favor of removing barriers to handicapped people on campus. It looks like he will put his funding request where his mouth is.

Now the shoe is on the other foot. The only obstacles to getting a HAT on NCSU's campus are the UNC Board of Governors and the General Assembly. Let's hope they back the chancellor up on this one.

Sheridan makes tough decision, sets example

Dick Sheridan is some kind of disciplinarian.

The football coach's most recent action came this week after the arrest of one of his players. Sophomore Ray Frost was arrested by a Raleigh police officer last week for speeding and driving while impaired. Two days after the arrest, Sheridan announced he was suspending Frost from the team for one year.

This is not the first time the coach has imposed seemingly harsh penalties for misconduct. Nazrallah Worthen, one of the Wolfpack's star wide receivers, was also suspended for a year after being involved in a fight. More recently, he kicked a player off the team because it was alleged he wielded a gun at the Mission Valley Inn.

Sheridan runs a strict program — he even made senior quarterback Erik Kramer do push-ups for cursing at a practice during the 1986 season.

While the penalties are certainly harsh, they do serve a purpose.

Student athletes are often referred to as role models, whether they like it or not. Also, the senior players should set good examples for the younger ones adapting to the college football program. Players who understand that Sheridan does not fool around will more than likely attempt to stay out of trouble.

Obviously, athletes receive much more attention in the media than other students. When an athlete gets a DWI, the whole town knows about it because it's printed on page 1A. Unfortunately, now that college sports has risen to such a popular level, that's the way it goes.

Other universities should note Sheridan's actions and take them into consideration.

Dean Smith apparently has a set of values as well, considering he suspended J.R. Reid for one game during the NCAA tournament because he missed a curfew. That took guts.

UNC quarterback Deems May was arrested and charged with a DWI in January. Head coach Mack Brown said Wednesday he will not suspend the player. Said Brown, "It depends on the individual involved." Mack, you're still green behind the ears. NCSU's coach is not afraid to suspend any player, no matter how influential he may be to the team.

On the other hand, Mack Brown needs all the help he can get.

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Poulton should try using wheelchair

It's time for Bruce Poulton and the UNC Board of Governors to stop dreaming.

This university is in dire need of a handicapped-accessible tunnel, and the administration seems to think that the tunnel will somehow materialize out of nowhere. Wrong. Let's wake up and smell the coffee, Bruce.

When I first heard about the tunnel, I started thinking that on an average day, I cross under the railroad tracks six to 10 times — as many as 13 if I have a lot to do. Now I'm not in a wheelchair, but I've played a paraplegic in videos and, believe me, just pushing a wheelchair over level ground is hard enough. I would hate to have to push a chair up the hill at either Dan Allen Drive or Pullen Road, especially one of those 30-pound steel monsters.

But the wheelchair-bound students at N.C. State have no choice. Getting a chair up and down steps without killing yourself is next to impossible, so the existing tunnels are useless. The handicapped students aren't dreaming, so nobody is going to pinch them awake. Chancellor Poulton, however, needs a good tweak in the tuckus.

I've heard just about all the stories, and I fail to see why the administration (BOG included) continues to procrastinate in building this much needed tunnel.

I read recently that the university chancellors had to be pressured just to admit that plans for a tunnel even exist. WOW, such honesty and openness from our "leaders." Then they said that the plans alone cost \$180,000. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I thought that NCSU was an engineering school. Why not make planning the tunnel a contest among engineering seniors and grad students? Offer the winning person or team a prize of 10 or 15 thousand bucks, and I'll bet you'd be up to your ears in designs,

Brian J. Little

Guest Columnist

most of them workable, and at a fraction of the cost.

But it's too late for that. So now the administration balks at the \$2 million price tag attached to the tunnel. Funny thing is, they didn't act very upset about paying \$25 million for an unnecessary coliseum. Of course, Bruce's answer to this is that NCSU is merely trying to cooperate with the General Assembly's desires. The Legislature wants the arena, so let them pay for it. Our campus has too many other needs and problems to cope with at this point, and that stupid Centennial Center should rank just about last on our list of priorities.

Poulton's other excuse is that the Wolfpack Club is raising a big chunk of the money for the arena. So? I wonder if it has ever crossed the Wolfpack Club's collective mind that it might be nice to do something humanitarian for the university once in a while? Think about how good it would look on their record.

I'll bet that there are even some big companies looking to boost their public images, and what better way to do it? Donate money, materials or labor for a new handicapped-accessible tunnel. Has anyone approached the Legislature for funds? "Not I," said Bruce. He said he doesn't want to present anything that might be turned down by the legislators. That's a helluva way to

keep your record clean.

So after months of controversy over the tunnel, some students are beginning to take action. Two blockades are planned for the existing tunnels in order to draw Poulton's attention to the situation. Poulton said that he supported the students, and that's all well and good. But the fact is that the blockades won't do diddly because Poulton doesn't have to go around them. Don't get me wrong, I like the idea. However, I have another proposal.

Chancellor Poulton, I realize that the BOG may be partly to blame for the current state of affairs, but it's high time that you quit passing the buck and assume your role as a leader on campus. You say that you support the students, and you are about to get a chance not only to prove that, but also to educate yourself in the process. I hereby issue a formal challenge, as follows. I challenge you to show your support and leadership by becoming a handicapped student for just one day. Talk to a few wheelchair-bound students, find out their schedules and choose one to follow for just one day. Do what they do, go where they go and suffer what they suffer for just one day.

But here's the catch — you must do it in a wheelchair. That's right, in a wheelchair. I will personally make arrangements for you to have a chair for the day, as well as everything else necessary for the task.

Come on chancellor, what have you got to lose? A little pride? So what. Be a man and show us your support. Show the BOG that you're not just playing politics, Bruce.

The gauntlet has been thrown, Chancellor. Do you have the guts to pick it up?

Brian J. Little, a staff writer for Technician's news department, is a freshman majoring in civil engineering.

Forum

Senators should support athletics, cagers

I am astonished to find that the Student Senate and the student body have such different views concerning the N.C. State men's basketball program.

In my four years at NCSU, I have conversed with and listened to quite a few students from diverse backgrounds. The vast majority of these students hold NCSU athletics in high esteem and are proud of the accomplishments in basketball, football and various other sports.

On the other hand, the vast majority of the Student Senate has a very negative attitude toward NCSU athletics. In fact, from my observation of Senate meetings, many of the senators remind me of UNC students in this regard. At this point, I must note that The News and Observer has a strong connection to UNC, stemming from the fact that its founder, Josephus Daniels is a UNC alumnus.

Recognizing the ongoing NCAA investigation has yet to find any rules infractions, including those set forth by Golenbock's defunct book, students have expressed confidence in NCSU athletics as well as disgust

with The N&O's treatment of our university. However, most of the senators still feel suspicious about our athletic program and are acting accordingly concerning Vijay Raman's resolution. What happened to their oath of office in which they "do solemnly affirm (their) commitment to faithfully represent the best interests of the students of NCSU?" Why do they fear making a stand for the people they represent?

The great philosopher Aristotle, who placed much importance on character ethics, would undoubtedly say that such malicious defamation of character as that perpetrated by The N&O requires some type of rebuttal. I recognize that this rebuttal must be within the limits of federal and state law including the First Amendment (freedom of press). But, freedom of speech also allows NCSU to speak out against the ethics of The N&O.

So, instead of installing a contradictory resolution that commends the basketball team and then turns around and pleads with athletics not to disgrace the university in the future — a sheer insult to athletics — the

Senate ought to revive Mr. Raman's resolution. Thus, I feel that the NCSU student body and, consequently, the Student Senate should exercise their right to pass a resolution supporting the NCSU men's basketball program and denouncing The N&O for their biased assault on the reputation of NCSU.

My advice to the underclassmen who are proud of NCSU is to get involved avidly in Student Government. It is the only way for the real voice of the student body to be heard, and that voice is weak at present. I only wish there were more senators at NCSU like Vijay Raman, senators who unselfishly give of their time and resources to defend the interests of the student body and defend NCSU against those trying to undermine its integrity.

Stephen C. Hockaday
Senior, Electrical Engineering

Editor's note: This letter was signed by 15 other people.

Professor has rights, too

It is ironic that those who defend Salman Rushdie on the basis of freedom of speech wage an attack on me for saying what they do not like to hear.

I am shocked that a professor and head of the department of history would pass judgment on the intellect of a colleague on the basis of a newspaper report. I have always presumed that this is an elementary prerequisite of scholarly debate. I believe that professor Alexander De Grand committed a gross injustice for his attack on me.

The young man who interviewed me was very sincere in trying to know the reasons behind the reaction of the Moslem world concerning Salman Rushdie's book,

"Satanic Verses." I believe I responded to his questions with what I thought were the underlying reasons. It is unfortunate that the title "Death Sentence Said Justified" was used. That was not the reason for which I accepted the interview.

He asked me specifically if I would kill Rushdie. My response was very clearly "No," but I would like to see him taken to court. I deplored as non-Islamic the offer of reward money to kill Salman Rushdie.

When N.C. State appropriately sought legal action to stop the publication of lies about the university, people like professor De Grand attacked the university. Freedom to publish, just as any other freedom, should be within the law. I am sure that if the history professor goes to the history books, he will discover many instances in which civilized societies rejected slander and untruths even when camouflaged under the guise of "fiction." Moral conduct and

rules of ethics should always be remembered when exercising freedom, whether it is academic or otherwise.

Writing lies about the religious belief of over 800 million people, even under the cover of fiction, should be deplored and should not be left without legal action. I would like to remind professor De Grand that it was the government of a civilized pluralistic democracy, Canada, that labeled the book as "hate literature." Even the government of the United Kingdom agreed that the book is offensive to Muslims.

In civilized societies, crimes and disorderly conduct should not be defended on the basis of personal freedom. Indeed, Islam is a tolerant and nonviolent religion.

Mansour Mohamed
Professor of Textile Engineering,
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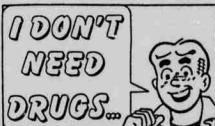
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Madonna, Part II

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compliment.

Call him a critic? Critics are nothing but senseless leeches attempting to hitch onto the immortality of others' work.

I'm an exception.

Of course, it was a slack year for Pulitzer competition. Larry Bird's out for the season, and Guns 'N' Roses' "Appetite for Destruction" was not considered since it was released more than two years ago. Now if you excuse me, Pete Rose and I are going off to the track.

A Second Wiff

Editor's note: This is the second in a 35-part review of Madonna's "Like A Prayer" album. To recap part one, the new record reeks of petroli oil, causing headaches if exposed to it.

The second thing that stinks on "Like A Prayer" is the music. We've heard these cheesy syntho-bass beats before. And throughout the record we hear them again and again. Most of the beats don't even seem danceable.

"Dear Jessie" is a childish song, but the music does nothing to it. Among the references to sugar plums, leprechauns, pink elephants and mermaids is a constant drone. The playful arrangement Prince used on "Starfish and Coffee" from "Sign O' The Times" easily captures a youthful image.

Speaking of Prince, his duet with Madonna on "Love Song" won't be starting rumors of a romance between His Royal Badness and the Material Girl. Lines like "Mean what you say or baby I am gone / This is not a love song" get across the end of a relationship pretty fast. Prince's guitar work also lives up to the mix that relies on the big drum sound.

"Spanish Eyes," with its flamenco guitar, sounds too much like "La Isla Bonita." Other songs bring up elements of her old hits too numerous to mention. Some of the tunes fall flat from the opening chords. But the lyrics are the best Madonna has ever produced.

They delve much deeper than anything off of her debut. The portrait of a collapsing marriage in "Till Death Do Us Part" is vivid and painful. Yet, the music's boring nature obscures this improvement. And the smell of the lyric sheet

also detracts you from checking out the words.

"Like A Prayer" doesn't seem to pull together everything it promises. Only one track does hit at what it should have been—"Act of Contrition." You might call this a song mixing the choir, the beats, Madonna praying of sorts and Madonna checking up on some reservations. This moment is almost acidhouse in the crude and rude cuttings that flail out of the speakers. If only the whole record had this reckless regard, it would be a prayer.

Maybe the true sign about this record is the cover shot of Madonna's tummy. The Boy Toy's navel is obscured. And so is too much of this record.

Now excuse me while I go out to get some fresh air.

Is It Real or What?

To really kill some serious space, here's a piece of solid journalism from my favorite weekly, The Weekly World News.

GIRL DIES AFTER EATING HER OWN HAIR! (Massive ball filled youngster's entire stomach, say stunned docs.)

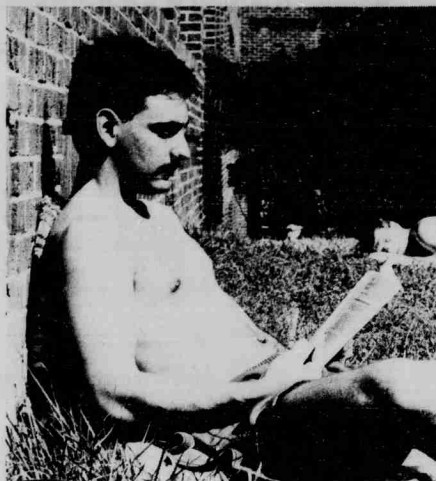
"Stunned medical experts said little Mercedes Munoz's nervous habit of chewing on her hair led to an agonizing death — after an autopsy showed her stomach filled by a dense ball of hair.

"The parents of the 10-year-old Spanish schoolgirl said she had been in the habit of pulling out her hair and eating it. Little Mercedes' nervous habit had gotten so bad that she had two bald patches on her head.

"... She was in great agony. My husband ran to telephone our family doctor and I gave Mercedes an aspirin and a glass of water," (says mother Isabel Munoz, remembering the night of Mercedes' death).

"The spunky sixth grader appeared to be in perfect health until 4 o'clock that afternoon when she suddenly collapsed ... Dr. Jesus Lopez Garcia, a pathologist who performed the autopsy on Mercedes, testified that she died of an inflammation of the stomach lining caused by the massive hair ball."

Thanks must go to Dale Brown, staff writer for The Weekly World News.



DEBBIE MATHEIS/STAFF

Peter Blutreich takes advantage of the warm weather Wednesday to catch a few rays and study outside South Hall.

Studios open again

By Suzanne Perez
Features Editor

They're baaaaack!

Since Studio I and II Theaters closed about a year ago, the Hillsborough Street movie scene has been on hold. But Liston Farmer is putting an end to that.

Farmer, owner and manager of the new Studio I & II Drafthouse Theaters, reopened the cinemas two weeks ago, and he said he wants "college crowd business."

"For N.C. State students who don't have cars on campus, there aren't that many places to go, especially within walking distance," Farmer said. "I want to offer those students someplace to see movies at a decent price."

Regular adult admission price at the new theater is \$2, and showtimes are around 6, 8 and 10 p.m. seven days a week, he added. The cinema will present midnight shows on Fridays and Saturdays, and some afternoon matinees.

"We'll be showing more mainstream, general-audience movies," Farmer added.

"Realistically, no one is going to travel from North Raleigh to Hillsborough Street to see a movie. It's going to be college students."

Another attraction at the Drafthouse, thought up especially for the weekend college moviegoer: brewskies at the concession stand.

"We'll be serving beer along with all the normal concessions," Farmer said. "For the \$5 that it usually costs just to get in the door at most theaters, you can get the ticket and a couple concessions here."

Farmer said opening the new theaters took longer than he initially expected because renovations included buying a new sound system.

"We had to change an awful lot. This place has just been closed up for so long, and it takes a while to get going again," he said. "We had to get all our licenses to serve beer, get new machinery and everything."

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