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Panel: athletics problems mostly in revenue sports

By Bill Holmes
Staff Writer

The problems that exist in college athletics are confined to revenue generating sports, according to a panel speaking at Tuesday night's Collegiate Emerging Issues Forum.

The panel consisted of interim athletics director Harold Hopfenberg, men's basketball player Chris Corchiani, women's basketball coach Kay Yow, political science professor Abraham Holtzman, runner Katrina Price, and soccer director Anson Dorrance of UNC-Chapel Hill.

Mike Borden, assistant director of Student Development, moderated the forum before 150

students gathered in Stewart Theater.

Hopfenberg supported the panel's stance by noting that of N.C. State's 490 student-athletes, 11 percent are on academic warning, while 13.6 percent of the NCSU student body as a whole is on academic warning.

Students on academic warning at N.C. State have less than a 2.0 GPA.

Dorrance said that the problems in college athletics are not as widespread as people believe. He said the problems that do exist are exploited by the media and made into more than they really are.

"Revenue athletes do not commit to academics because they feel their sports will carry them,"

he said. He said that at UNC-CH the graduation rate for student-athletes is above that of other students.

Yow said the lack of significant monetary support by the university also causes problems within the revenue-generating sports. Only \$1.3 million dollars of the university's \$15 million athletic budget comes from the university, she said. The rest of the money comes from outside contributors, especially the Wolfpack Club.

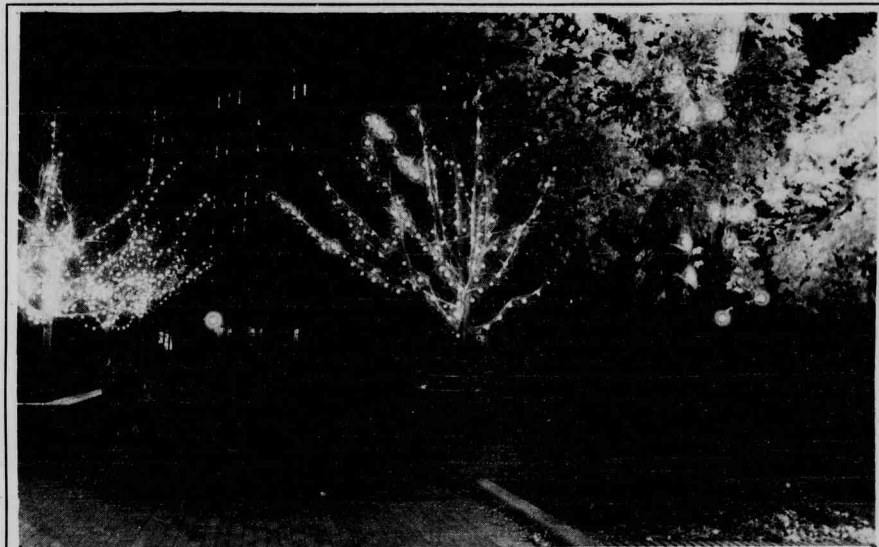
Yow said the athletics department is under a great deal of pressure to produce winners to continue funding.

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Kay Yow and Chris Corchiani at Tuesday's forum.

Jennifer Logue/Staff



Rick Rankins/Staff

Night lights

Christmas lights twinkle through the few remaining fall leaves Sunday evening at the Bookstore Plaza near the Free Expression Tunnel.

National contest seeking campus comedians

By Terry Askew
Senior Staff Writer

N.C. State students who think they have a talent for generating laughter will have a chance to prove themselves next semester in the Funniest College Student on Campus competition.

The contest is part of the U.S. College Comedy Competition, a nationwide search for the funniest college student in the country, and is being sponsored by Certs Mints, Doritos Cool Ranch Flavor Tortilla Chips and the Union Activities Board.

The national competition will eventually select the College Comedian of the Year.

Auditions for the NCSU competition will be held on Monday from 6-9 p.m. at the Cultural Center. Students can sign up to audition by stopping by Room 3114 in the University Student Center or calling 737-2453. The actual competition will be on Jan. 26.

Each contestant's performance will be videotaped and can be no longer than three minutes. Profanity and other obscenities will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification.

A professional comedian, who will be the mas-

ter of ceremonies, and a U.S. College Comedy talent scout will select a winner. The winner's tape will then be sent to New York to be screened by contest judges and one winner from each of four regions will be selected to compete nationally in Daytona Beach, Fla. during Spring Break at the SpringFest '90 Comedy Jam. This event will be covered by MTV and CBS News.

The winner of this competition will be given the title of "King or Queen of College Comedy" and a chance to appear at a well-known comedy club in New York.

N.C. State, Wake schools join to improve teaching

Columbus Consortium to address uses of technology in education

Special to Technician

N.C. State's College of Education and Psychology and the Wake County Public School System have joined with five other universities and public school systems and Apple Computer, Inc. to form an innovative partnership to advance the use of educational technology.

Apple will provide state-of-the-art tools for multimedia laboratories at NCSU and Wake County's East Cary Middle School.

Launched in Dallas today as the Christopher Columbus Consortium, the project is designed to address how teachers and future teachers learn to use technology to enhance student learning.

Joan Michael, dean of the NCSU College of Education and Psychology; Victor Langston, assistant superintendent for secondary programs for Wake County Schools; and Harry Stanfield, principal of East Cary Middle School, took part in the Dallas kickoff.

Other universities in the consortium include the University of Georgia, the University of North Texas, the University of Texas at Austin, Vanderbilt University and Florida State University.

NCSU and the Wake County schools regard their \$50,000 matching commitments as seed money for a long-term project with far-reaching effects.

Participation in the consortium represents an investment in the

future of education, Michael said.

"We're pleased to be part of this unique partnership. We see it as incentive to let ourselves grow," she said. "Our faculty is especially excited by the possibility of designing new instructional materials for mathematics, science and social studies. The bottom line, in the long run, is that we shall develop many tools that will be beneficial to our youth."

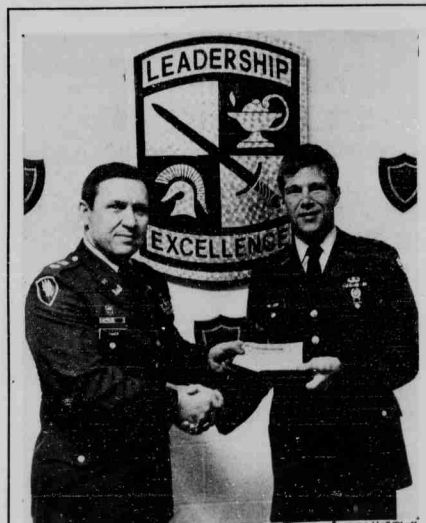
Robert Wentz, superintendent of Wake County Schools, said the Apple project could propel the local schools into a new age of technology.

"There is no doubt that the age of technology is in full bloom," Wentz said. "Limited resources have kept us from keeping up to the degree that we would have liked. This could speed up by several years our ability to explore the full potential of the use of computers in the content area and the interactive nature of the technology."

He said that beyond the concrete state-of-the-art equipment (20 computer stations) it will place in a selected school, the project will strengthen the partnership between the university and the school system. A daily working relationship between faculties will help define student needs and shape programs to enhance their learning.

Michael expects that local work

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Swayne Hall/Staff

Award Winner

Army ROTC Cadet Jeff Nelson (r) receives a \$1,000 Pentagon Federal Credit Union Scholarship check from Lt. Col. Howard Fischer, a military science professor. Only four such scholarships are granted nationwide, and Nelson competed against many students from the East Coast for it.

NCSU gets new cartons for its milk

New cartons less prone to leakage

By Heather Muir
Staff Writer

New milk cartons are now decorating the beverage stations of The Commons Cafe, the Tunnel Inn and other University Dining locations around campus.

A strutting wolf is featured on the sides of these cartons to bolster school spirit with lunch.

"We wanted a little school pride built into this carton," said Dairy Plant Manager Gary Cartwright.

The older milk cartons were susceptible to leaking, according to Cartwright. He also said the carton-making machine was not in good condition.

After reviewing several milk-packaging companies, the University decided to contract the Cherry Burrell Company. The Cherry Burrell Company has placed a new carton machine in the dairy. It has been running for approximately four weeks.

"Once all of the costs have been added together," Cartwright said,

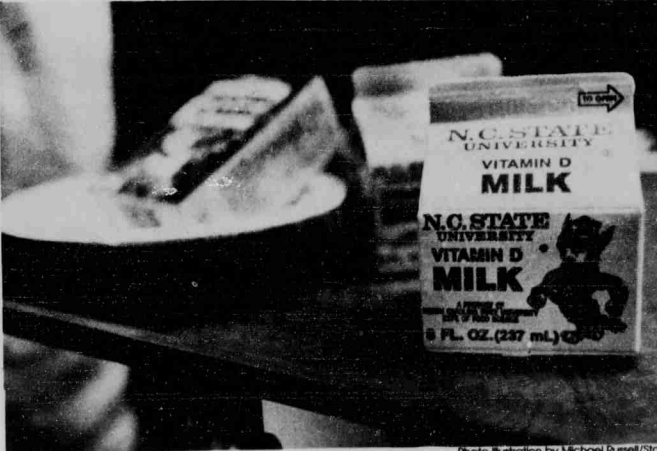


Photo illustration by Michael Russell/Staff

N.C. State students can now enjoy their meals with the wolf mascot decorating their milk cartons. The new cartons cost slightly more than the old ones, but are much less likely to leak.

"the total cost will be close to \$400,000." Each old carton cost two cents, as compared to the new cartons that cost 2.08 cents each.

The new cartons are "much better," Cartwright said. "They don't leak and ink doesn't have to be purchased for them — they already

have their own graphics."

The Dairy Plant decided to put the wolf on the carton's side and the N.C. State business office approved the idea.

The cartons are also color-coded. Red is whole milk, green is skim, brown is chocolate, and Duke blue

is lowfat. There has been a little criticism on the Duke blue cartons, Cartwright said. "No one's ever seen that color before."

Also, featured on each carton is a promotional panel for Food Science. Each carton describes a different aspect of food science.

Corrections and Clarifications

The story Monday about the death of John Bonatti incorrectly stated his classification. He was a junior in materials engineering.

Because of incorrect information supplied to Technician, a story on Nov. 20 incorrectly stated Rebecca Leonard's new position in the provost's office. She is the interim assistant provost for the freshman experience at NCSU.

Technician is committed to fairness and accuracy. If you spot an error in our coverage, call our newsroom at 737-2411, extension 26.

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IMPORTANT DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Students interested in obtaining a degree related, pre-professional summer job are encouraged to visit the Career Planning and Placement Center in Room 2100 of the Student Services Center before the semester break. You will be given a standard summer job application form and an understanding of on-campus summer job interviews and self-referral information. Your summer application will be sent to potential employers now.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A booksale by Friends of the Library at N.C. State will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday in the Faculty Senate Room on the second floor of the Erdahl-Cloyd Wing of the D.H. Hill Library. A preview sale for members will be held from 8-9 p.m. on Friday following a pre-sale and reception for life members. Memberships (\$25 for individuals) may be obtained at the door of the Faculty Senate Room. For more information, call the Friends of the Library office at 737-2841.

The NCSU Libraries will culminate their centennial year on Tuesday, Dec. 5 with a day-long celebration. There will be activities for the libraries' staff, NCSU faculty, staff, and students. Activities include a T-shirt and poster sale all day long, a book fair featuring NCSU authors from 10 a.m. to

noon, a tree planting at 1 p.m., drawings for \$100 worth of photocopying (for undergraduates), a free computer search (for a faculty member or graduate student), awarding of prizes for the winning photographs in the NCSU Libraries Amateur Photography contest and an award for the best exercise for an overdue book from 2:24-5 p.m. A reception from 4:55 p.m. in the Erdahl-Cloyd Lobby will round out the day's activities.

All students are invited to the Greek Issues Forum, Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in 240 Nelson Hall. The open forum will discuss problems Greeks face at NCSU.

LECTURES/SEMINARS/SESSIONS/WORKSHOPS

An intensive one-hour session for graduating seniors seeking jobs will be offered by the Career Planning and Placement Center. The workshop will cover how to get interviews, how to present yourself effectively to prospective employers, strategies for locating employers and the follow-up process. "The ABC's of Job Hunting" will be offered Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in Room 2100 of the Student Services Center. No pre-registration or class fee is required. For more information, call 737-2396.

A cooperative education orientation session will be held today at 4 p.m. in Room G-111 of Caldwell Hall and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in G-109 Caldwell.

A lecture on "Medical Care in Central America: A comparison of El Salvador and Nicaragua" will be given by John Paar on Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the Walnut Room of the University Student Center.

Compiled by Jay Patel

NCSU dinner to honor civil rights activist

Special to Technician

N.C. State will honor C.T. Vivian, one of the leading civil rights activists of this century and the author of "Black Power and the American Myth" at the eighth annual University-Community Brotherhood Dinner Friday at McKimmon Center.

The Brotherhood Dinner, hosted by Interim Chancellor and Mrs. Larry Monteith, annually honors an African-American who has made a contribution to Americans both as a scholar and as a humanitarian.

Vivian was a member of the executive staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference under the leadership of the late Martin Luther King. He worked with King during the 1961 protests in Albany, Ga.; the 1963 demonstrations in Birmingham, Ala., and Washington, D.C.; and

the 1964 civil rights campaigns in Danville, Va., and St. Augustine, Fla.

An early advocate of non-violent protest, Vivian previously had led demonstrations to open lunch counters and restaurants in Peoria, Ill., in 1947.

During the Nashville sit-in movement of 1960, he led a mass march of 4,000 people to the steps of City Hall to demand an end to segregated facilities. One week later, city officials conceded and ended segregation in downtown Nashville. Currently he is chairman of the board of Black Action Strategies and Information Center, president of Urban Potential and chairman of the Center for Democratic Renewal.

Vivian is former dean of the Seminary without Walls at Shaw University.

The 7 p.m. dinner, which will be preceded by a reception at 6:30 p.m., is attended by community

and university leaders. Six African-American students — two each from NCSU, St. Augustine's College and Shaw University — will be honored for academic excellence.

The evening's program will feature a videotape presentation entitled, "C.T. Vivian: Perseverance in the Pursuit of Justice." The Black Repertory Theatre — a group of NCSU students under the direction of speech-communication professor Patricia Caple, — will perform excerpts from "Amen Corner," by James Baldwin.

The University-Community Brotherhood Dinner was established in 1982 to honor important contributions of African-Americans to the nation and the world, and to enhance an environment where people of different races may realize their full potential.

Forum

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Hopfenberg said, "The department of athletics is a unique entity. Except for student fees there is a weak link between athletics and the university at large. When you have demands on revenue sports to generate large amounts of money, decisions are sometimes skewed." Corchiani said the media's attention on athletes who do not succeed in school has led him and other athletes at NCSU to believe they are labeled as "dumb jocks" as soon as they walk into a classroom.

Price agreed, "I find it is to my advantage if I do not mention I am a varsity athlete when I go into class," she said.

The panel also discussed making freshmen ineligible to participate in sports their first year so they could establish their academics.

Price said freshmen usually are encouraged to only remain eligible, not to start working toward graduation. "We hear too much about 24 hours, not 30 hours toward graduation," she said.

Twenty-four credit hours a year — at least 12 hours each semester — is the minimum amount an athlete can take and still remain eligible to participate in sports.

You said freshman ineligibility should be done on an individual basis.

"Freshmen ineligibility is not a cure-all. It brings on a lot of problems," she said. "Nobody is going to redshirt an all-American in a revenue sport."

Holtzman said part of the solution for increasing the academic success of student athletes lies in the hands of the university faculty.

"There is a tendency to overstress publication and research," he said. "To me research is important but it is secondary to working with the minds of young people."

Holtzman also said student-athletes should not be given special privileges by their teachers. "We should demand the best of them as we should any student," he said.

The forum was the first in a series, according to Student Senate President Brooks Raiford. The Student Senate sponsored the forum in hopes of starting a dialogue about important issues on college campuses, Raiford said.

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shops will provide opportunities for interaction among NCSU faculty and students and teachers and students at East Cary Middle School.

Michael said the NCSU College of Education and Psychology is in a unique position to look to campus resources, especially computer science and physical and mathematical sciences, for technical assistance.

"We have an added luxury within our own college to have the expertise of our psychology faculty to guide us on the growth and the development aspect of children," Michael said.

At NCSU and East Cary Middle School, an instructional laboratory will be equipped with workstations with computers capable of controlling voice, video and graphics. Another laboratory will contain multimedia stations geared to specific tasks of research and development in instructional design such as an overhead slide production area and a mini-science center.

"This multimedia approach gives our young people a new and very

adventurous way of looking at science and mathematics in a non-threatening environment. With such tools, they can become navigators into the 21st century."

Tom Burnett, educational consultant and consortium coordinator for Apple said, "We titled this partnership the Christopher Columbus Consortium because what we are joining together to explore doesn't have a definite known destination — much like the famed explorer when he set sail for America. Nor do we currently have all the answers."

"What we believe, however, is that by combining our resources and talents, we have a better chance of providing information and resources that will assist schools and colleges in exploring challenges and discovering opportunities."

Consortium members will share information and experiences regularly. A newsletter will be published quarterly to highlight successful practices and activities which will benefit educational institutions nationwide. In addition, the consortium will meet annually to discuss and evaluate progress and to develop future projects.

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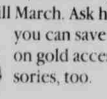
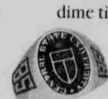
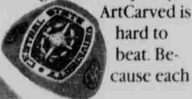
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Wrestlers lose despite Kinard's strong showing

By Lee Montgomery
Assistant Sports Editor

Through the first five weight classes of Monday night's wrestling meet between N.C. State and Oregon State at Reynolds Coliseum, all appeared well for the Wolfpack.



Bob Guzzo

State won three of the first five matches, including an exciting 14-9 win by senior co-captain Stephen Kinard in the 150-pound class, and held a 9-6 edge over the visiting Beavers.

State coach Bob Guzzo was up to his old tricks, patrolling the sidelines much like another Wolfpack coach, Jim Valvano, had done earlier in the evening.

But then the roof caved in and the Wolfpack suffered five straight

losses, including two pins, a technical fall and a forfeit. Guzzo sat silenced and frustrated. It all added up to a disappointing 32-9 loss to Oregon State.

"We had a lot of freshmen wrestling," Guzzo said. "We wrestled pretty well, particularly in the first five weights. We could have won those, too."

"At the top (the last five weights), we were a little out-manned and inexperienced."

Unfortunately for Guzzo and followers of Wolfpack wrestling, it could be that way all year.

The well-publicized suspension of several wrestlers took five would-be starters out of the Pack lineup. And with senior Mike Lantz and sophomore Clayton Grice out and injuries and senior Brian Jackson out for academic troubles, the team Guzzo faced Monday night was down to three wrestlers with any sort of college experience.

Of those three, two (Ricky Strausbaugh and Kinard) won their matches.

Strausbaugh, a senior, started the meet with a 7-2 win over Oregon State's Randy Price at 118. Strausbaugh scored takedowns in the first and second period, a reversal in the third and had overall riding time advantage for the win.

At 126, freshman Pat King of Cary battled Lee MacDiarmid close for two periods, scoring a reversal with one second left in the second to tie the match at 4-4.

But MacDiarmid had a reversal and a takedown in the final period and earned riding time for the 9-5 victory.

King was starting in place of the injured Grice.

Sophomore Jeff Mitchell had an impressive win at 134. His match with the Beavers' Steve Thorpe was tied at 3-3 going into the third period. But Mitchell rallied, scoring an

escape and two takedowns in the final stanza for the 9-5 win when time advantage was factored in.

State freshman Mark Cesari, with brother and former co-captain Joe Cesari watching in the crowd, lost a close 8-4 decision at 142 to Neil Russo.

Cesari rolled out for a reversal and a 3-3 tie in the second period, but Russo escaped and scored a takedown later in the second to hang on for the win.

In the night's best match, Kinard came out smoking against Dan Alar.

"I started off okay," Kinard said. "I felt like I could take him down at any time."

"Usually I go out and try to feel the guy out. But I came out and took (Alar) right down and I guess that took me out of my strategy."

Kinard scored a double-leg takedown only 24 seconds in the bout for two points and let Alar escape

in an effort to get a two-for-one point advantage and a possible major decision or technical fall.

But Alar came back and the match was tied going into the final period. Kinard then took control with two takedowns and an escape for a 14-9 win.

"I kinda got winded at the end of the second period," Kinard admitted. "But in the third period, there was no way I was going to lose to this kid in front of all these home people."

With Kinard's win, the Pack was up 9-6 in the team score. That lead soon disappeared.

Oregon State's Trent Flick scored a technical fall over sophomore Rod Kessler at 158 and Steve Lander beat the Pack's Steve Williams 13-6 at 167 for a 14-9 lead.

The Beavers then scored pins at 177 and 190. Mike Simons pinned

sophomore Milton Leathers — who was subbing for the injured Lantz at 177 — and Chris McGowan surprised Ty Williams with a pin at 190.

Williams had rallied in his match to cut McGowan's lead to 3-3 with an escape at the start of the third period.

But McGowan countered and quickly put Williams on his back for the pin and a 26-9 lead in the team scoring.

The Wolfpack then forfeited at heavyweight with Jackson out of action.

Guzzo said all is not lost for the Wolfpack this year.

"I hope to be able to progress with these young kids as the season goes on," he said, adding he was particularly pleased with the efforts of King, Mitchell and Cesari. "All we can do is to try to get experience."

The Pack's next match is at Morgan State Friday.

Volleyball team finishes season

By Bill Overton
Staff Writer

The Virginia Cavaliers sent N.C. State packing early in the 1989 Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament, held at Hilton Head, S.C. on Nov. 18-20. The Wolfpack finished with an 8-23 record and lost a first round ACC Tournament match for the first time ever.

A solid week of preparation for the tournament did prove beneficial for the Wolfpack, as they came out with a new-found enthusiasm against the Cavaliers.

The Pack shocked Virginia by taking the first game 16-14, before falling in the next two 9-15 and 7-15. The fourth game proved the most exciting of the tournament, before the Wolfpack lost the game 16-18 and the match three games to one.

Wolfpack head coach Judy Martino praised her club. "Virginia played well," Martino said. "The thing that beat us once again was experience. We had a couple opportunities to win the fourth game."

"I left there feeling real good about the future. It was very encouraging."

State must now look to the future. For the first time in Martino's reign, the Wolfpack struggled to such a point that they lost 17 of their last 18 matches against the toughest schedule in the history of the program.

The Pack now faces the task of rebounding and rebuilding. State, however, will be without the services of two solid seniors, Kim Ayer and Pam Vehling.

Ayer, a starter for much of her four year career, contributed steady finesse play, while Vehling led the team in attack percentage, service aces and blocks.

"Both will be sorely missed," Martino said. "I couldn't say enough about them."

The two Wolfpack seniors are extremely sound students. Ayer will graduate in June with a degree in speech communication. Vehling is an academic all-American and holds a 3.95 GPA while working on a double major. She is scheduled to graduate in December.

While State's season may be termed disappointing by those involved in the program, it was not without its moments. Every player on the team started a match at one point or another.

The team will be young again next year, with only one senior, Tressa Paul. Paul was third on the team in kills and service aces.

Setter Kim Scroggins and middle blocker Danielle Kroll will be returning for their junior seasons. This year's freshmen will be led by outside hitter Lisa Kasper, who finished the season with 322 kills, a team high.

Setter Alice Commers started much of the season and contributed 70 assists. Christy Buss, Holly Clifford and Susan Dew will all be looking for starting jobs next season.

The Pack's spring season will start in February and Martino knows it will be an important two-month stretch.

"When the players come in the fall, they have only two weeks of training before we play, so the spring is very important," she explained. "We will break down the fundamentals, so that everything will come naturally. They will do a tremendous amount of running and weight training."

Martino expressed optimism for next season.

"I think you will see a great change in the freshmen," Martino said. "They didn't know what hit them this year. They left the tournament feeling a lot better. We need to make a commitment to making the program better now."

Wolfpack overpowers Mountaineers

By Fred Hartman
Staff Writer

Seven players scored in double figures Monday night as the N.C. State men's basketball team improved its record to 2-1 with a commanding victory over the Appalachian State Mountaineers 97-67 in Reynolds Coliseum.

The Wolfpack started out slowly, scoring only 14 points in the first 10 minutes of the game as Appalachian controlled both the tempo and the lead. State freshman Bryant Feggins turned the tide in the Pack's favor when he was awarded two points on a goaltending call with 9:45 remaining in the first half. The Pack led 16-15 and never looked back.

Junior guard Rodney Monroe led all scorers with 21 points followed by the always solid play of senior forward Brian Howard, who finished with 17 points.

Monroe was pleased with the team's performance.

"We don't have the type of team that can go out and dominate (an opponent)," he said. "We need every player to go in and contribute."

Senior Brian D'Amico added a career-high 12 points and 12 rebounds as he split time at the center position with freshman Kevin Thompson, who had 10 points.

"I thought (D'Amico) really played well tonight," Valvano said. "Obviously, he saw the most playing time of his career and he gave us some good quality minutes."

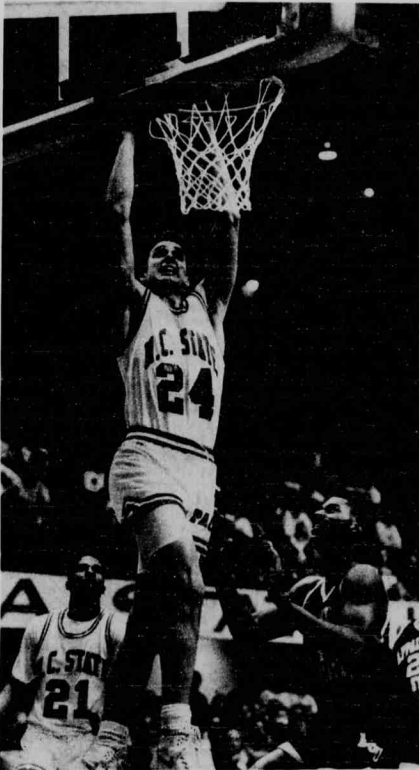
"We also need our freshman to contribute. (Basketball) is not an easy game to play as a freshman. We are going to play Thompson and Feggins a great deal because we need that depth on the court. I thought they did an exceptional job tonight."

Junior point guard Chris Corchiani added 10 points on the night and senior reserve Mickey Hinnant chipped in 11 points coming off the bench. Sophomore starting forward Tom Gugliotta turned in one of the best performances of his collegiate career with a solid 12 points and 5 rebounds.

"I feel confident (taking a shot)," Gugliotta said. "With more and more playing time, I really feel more comfortable."

Gugliotta's performance on the court was expected to be crucial to the success of the Pack this season with the loss of Chuckie Brown. With the unexpected suspension of senior starter Avie Lester, Gugliotta is also being asked to step to the forefront and assume a leadership role on the court.

"I think Tommy really ran the floor well tonight," Valvano said. "We expected to have four starters back with Tommy being the newcomer this season. Now with Avie not here we have asked him to be the leader of the



Sophomore forward Tom Gugliotta takes the rock to the hoop for two of his twelve points against the Appalachian State Mountaineers.

two guys inside."

Valvano was pleased with the overall performance of his team, but he is the first to admit that a lot of work still needs to be done.

"We've still got a long way to go," Valvano said. "I think in the second half we did a real good job of interior passing. We worked on the interior game almost exclusively for the past 10 days. If we keep working hard, especially inside, we will get better."

The highlight of the evening was State's unselfish passing of the ball. One of the reasons the team was so successful inside and the

scoring was so diversified was because the players were willing to give up the difficult shot to an open teammate.

"Our team is unselfish on the court and I think that is a sign of a pretty good team," Corchiani said in reflection of the team's attitude.

The Wolfpack travels to Charlotte to participate in the second-annual Tournament of Champions on Dec. 1-2. Ohio State, Oklahoma State and Pittsburgh are the three other teams competing in the tourney.

State's next home game is against Duquesne on Dec. 7, at 7:30.

State to host Tournament

By Dwuan June
Senior Staff Writer

N.C. State basketball coach Jim Valvano hopes his team will be the choice of a new generation this weekend when it travels to traditional UNC country to host the second annual Diet Pepsi Tournament of Champions.

The tournament tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday in the Charlotte Coliseum, with Pittsburgh playing Oklahoma State. At 9 p.m., the Pack takes on Ohio State. The championship game is scheduled for Saturday at 9 p.m.

State and North Carolina will alternate as tournament hosts. UNC beat Missouri to win last year's title.

In order for State to get past the Buckeyes Friday night, the Pack will have to control the boards. In Monday night's 97-67 win against Appalachian State, State was out-rebounded by the smaller Mountaineers 38-37.

After that game, Valvano addressed the upcoming tournament.

"Ohio State is a very talented team," he said. "With the players they have, they can pound on the boards and we know that."

The Pack has gotten off to a slow start in two of its three games this season. One reason for the shaky starts may be the fact that the Pack had counted on having 6-9 senior center Avie Lester in the starting lineup. In his absence, the Pack has had to adjust to relying on senior Brian D'Amico and freshman Kevin Thompson.

"Our kids are playing hard," Valvano said. "We're working hard in practice and we understand where we have to improve."

One area which the Pack has improved in is its passing game. Against the Mountaineers, State dished out 22 assists, with junior point guard Chris Corchiani and senior forward Brian Howard leading the way with five each.

Corchiani and junior guard Rodney Monroe also talked about the upcoming tournament after Monday's game.

"We don't have the type of team that can go out and dominate," Monroe said. "We need every player to go in and contribute. We need contribution from every player."

"We are going to get an opportunity to play two great teams," Corchiani said. "We need to step our play up to the next plateau."

The next three games for the Pack are crucial ones, with State facing teams which could easily break into the Top 20.

In addition to the Tournament of Champions, State faces St. John's in the ACC-Big East Challenge in Greensboro on Friday, Dec. 5.

The Pack has won both of its home games, with its loss having come on the road against DePaul.

"We have to go out on the road and prove that we can win the big games on the road without the home crowd," sophomore forward Tom Gugliotta said.

"We need to play as well as we possibly can," Valvano said. "The next three games we could possibly lose."

The next few games, Monroe said, will give the Pack a solid evaluation of where the team stands thus far.

"We are looking forward to it," he said. "I think we are getting better as a team. It will be a chance to see how far we have come. It will be interesting."

Wolfpack receiving bowl bid a tribute to Sheridan and his staff

In last Wednesday's Durham Morning Herald, sports editor Ron Morris wrote a column on why N.C. State should decline an invitation to a bowl game this year. He gave several reasons to back up his position, with the main idea being that the Wolfpack isn't "deserving" of a bowl bid.

Why? To begin with, Morris said that "N.C. State represents a perfect example of a team that scheduled itself into a bowl game."

He later said the Wolfpack won seven games against teams which have a cumulative record of 25-47-3. And the Pack lost four games to teams which are 33-11-1.

Morris argues in the column that Georgia Tech is a more deserving bowl team if the Yellow Jackets beat Boston College (which they did last Saturday) and Georgia. Tech would then be 7-4 and would have won its last seven games.

The final point, and what I think Morris is really arguing about, is that the bowl situation is really screwed up. There are "about five too many" bowls, Morris said. He

Lee Montgomery Sports Columnist

believes State should make a stand for its integrity and send a message to the bowls and to the NCAA that the Wolfpack really doesn't belong in a bowl.

Now before you get your little pens or typewriters out to chastise Mr. Morris, think about it. Morris is a respected and talented writer and editor. He's been around the block a time or two and knows the local college sports scene as well as anyone.

For those reasons he should not be construed as an "N.C. State hater." Morris, like most other editors in the Triangle, has been accused at various times of being a favorite towards State, Duke and North Carolina.

While you may think he's biased against N.C. State because of what he's written, others say he's biased against Duke and Carolina. Morris must be doing something right if

people say he's biased against all three universities. Besides, if he was an N.C. State hater, why did he have a State student cover all of the Wolfpack football games this year?

Yes, I happen to work for him on a part-time basis. But, hey, I'm a journalist. I can be objective. Ron's a fair guy.

But he's a little misguided in his assumptions that N.C. State doesn't belong in a bowl game. Ah, build him up to tear him down, right? Well, no, but to dispute his claim.

First of all, and some of you may be surprised to read this, a team's win-loss record is not necessarily the main reason it is selected for a bowl. Maybe that's not quite right, but that's the way the system is. Don't blame N.C. State for playing by the current rules.

I really don't think it would do any good for the Pack to turn down the Copper Bowl bid. Oh, sure, that would look really nice to the "purists" out there, but the bowls and the NCAA would continue as they are.

Hasn't anyone noticed how much integrity and class Dick Sheridan has instilled in the Wolfpack program in his four years here? Is Sheridan supposed to make himself and his team martyrs?

If Sheridan turned down the Copper Bowl bid, it would be a message sent to deaf ears. State's 7-4 record is nothing to sneeze at.

There are plenty of teams out there in college-football land that would love to have the Wolfpack's schedule and still be 7-4. Has Georgia Tech beaten anyone besides an obviously down Clemson team? Nope.

Sure, the Pack really hasn't beaten a top-quality team either, but State has done what it needed to do to go to a bowl. Don't blame them for the current bowl situation.

N.C. State receiving a bowl bid is really a tribute to Sheridan and his staff. In 1979, some of you may remember, State went 7-4 and won the ACC title, but did not go to a bowl. They didn't go because N.C. State didn't have the reputation it has now.

Maybe it's too bad reputation has a lot to do with the selection of bowl teams.

But in N.C. State's, and Dick Sheridan's, case, maybe not.

Whew, I don't like to argue with my other boss. I hope he understands.

And now, here's this week's "Country Congrats!"

The winner for this week (and last, since we didn't have a paper) is Rusty Wallace.

Wallace won the 1989 NASCAR Winston Cup championship at Atlanta, a couple of weeks ago, topping off a highly-successful season which included six victories.

He did this after losing a heart-breaking battle with Bill Elliott for the title last year. Wallace then said over and over that he would come back to win the championship this year.

There's nothing I like more in an athlete than determination. Saying you will do something is one thing, but going out and doing it is another. I respect someone who goes after a goal with the drive and energy Wallace did.

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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 activity and in fact the very life of the campus are registered. College life without its journal is blank.

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Editorials

Cut sexual harassment

Karin Wolfe, N.C. State's assistant affirmative action officer, addressed the Faculty Senate last week with suggestions for preventing sexual harassment on campus.

Her proposals emphasize an important issue for students and faculty members at NCSU and universities around the country, and they deserve serious consideration by our higher-ups here in Raleigh.

Sexual harassment cannot be prevented until it is recognized, and this means teaching both men and women what constitutes harassment. As Wolfe said, sexual harassment can be anything from an unwanted comment or wolf whistle to blatant sexual advances. And recent statistics show that about 40 percent of NCSU women have been harassed in some way.

Expanding the university's educational efforts could not hurt. Informational programs already exist through the NCSU Leadership Development Series and a sexual harassment liaison system, but additional programs like installing an informational audio tape in the Wolfpack Teletip system could reach even more people.

The ultimate goal is ensuring that harassment cases are reported, and after they are reported, the university must insist that convicted offenders are adequately punished.

Of course this would involve publicizing harassment cases, by way of the student newspaper or other medium, but the administration should view it as productive way to spread the word against harassment. Showing that convicted offenders are punished is certainly not "bad press."

Some senators voiced legitimate concerns about unveiling the identity of accused harassers, which currently is against university policy, but harassment victims deserve to know that reported cases are not simply swept under a rug of anonymity.

Interim Chancellor Larry Monteith already has taken a stand against incidents of racism on campus. It is time that sexual harassment — whether against students, faculty or administrators — is met with the same concern.

Why can't women fight?

When was the last time you heard of a woman getting killed in a military skirmish? If you said never, you're right, because women aren't allowed to fight.

In this day and age even the military, with all its red tape and bureaucracy, should realize that women can serve their country in the same way as men. Israel has taken the lead in this area, allowing women to serve in all job classifications. Among members of NATO, Canada alone allows women to fight.

This exclusion of women exemplifies the Neanderthal attitude towards women that is prevalent in so many organizations — that women cannot fight, and are infinitely weaker and less enduring than men. The difference is that most other organizations are changing their attitudes.

The military, on the other hand, merely perpetuates the myth and attempts to the nth degree to maintain it's all — or at least largely — male composition.

Women in the military have difficulty proving themselves to their superiors. Denying them the chance to fight just gives the men, in their own minds, the idea that they are superior to women.

It is high time that such archaic attitudes and ideas were laid peacefully to rest. Women must be allowed to fight for their country, for they have just as much interest in its survival as any male.



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Columns

America must choose a moral conscience

"I can't define pornography, but I know it when I see it."

Those immortal words from our revered Senator Jesse Helms illustrate one of the basic problems facing this country. When the dynamic crusaders in Congress attempt to help the citizens of our decaying land by restricting the moral decisions each person is faced with, many people raise the question "Who decides what is morally right or wrong?"

Good question. Nobody wants to have their rights abused by a person who does not have the nation's best interests at heart. Therefore, I have decided that this country needs to have a "Moral Conscience," a person to make pressing moral decisions for all of society. This position would be similar to that of the Surgeon General: while he determines what is good or bad for our bodies, the Moral Conscience would decide what is good or bad for our minds.

Not just anybody could be named to this hallowed position; the person who holds the title of Moral Conscience would have to be absolutely honest, completely trustworthy, and have an impeccable sense of "good taste" for all situations. Naturally, since I meet all of these stringent requirements, I volunteer for the job. Now before you send in letters thanking me, allow me to say just one thing: send money as well as praise, because I deserve it.

I have already written a 1,600 page report outlining the moral decisions I have determined, but for the purpose of general public knowledge, I will briefly discuss some of those topics.

To begin with, this country needs an

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Opinion Columnist

immediate booster-shot of moral righteousness; therefore, every person in this land of ours will be required to watch five hours of television per day. Wait, I already know what you are saying: "How will watching five hours a day of professional wrestling, "American Gladiators" and the "A-Team" raise my moral conscience?" Well, no need to worry, because I have already solved that problem. From now on, television stations will broadcast only four different shows: "The Brady Bunch," "Leave it to Beaver," "My Three Sons," and "Eight is Enough." Nice, wholesome, family entertainment just cannot be beat.

My next step as Moral Conscience would overlap the Surgeon General's territory: drugs. I have seen many people on this campus suffer severe trauma merely because of the moral decisions involved in taking drugs: "I just can't decide which one to take! They would both have the same effects on my mind and body; should I take the yellow one or the white one? Nuprin or Tylenol?" Because of the horrible effects of these "supposedly safe" drugs on a person's mind and body, it would be necessary to ban all such debilitating products. Besides which, any pain is nothing more than a product of the mind, and is merely a matter of learning the correct mental techniques to block out all sensations.

Once all drugs have been destroyed and all pharmacists imprisoned, it would be

time to confront another issue that threatens to destroy our entire nation: the desecration and neglect of the American flag. Thankfully, President Bush and other glib politicians have already banned the burning of the flag. As Moral Conscience, I would restore faith in the American symbol by requiring citizens to kneel and recite the Pledge of Allegiance three times upon passing a flag.

Unfortunately, there is another icon of American freedom and honor that is being abused: the gun. Throughout the 200 years of our country's turbulent history, the gun has protected American citizens more than the flag ever has.

This defender of American moral rights has fallen into sad times; in many places across our country, guns are left rusting in disrepair, dirty and unloiled. Using my full powers as Moral Conscience, I would imprison anyone caught soiling America's protector, the gun.

The changes which I have touched upon here are only a few of the moral restrictions, oops, I mean moral "decisions," that the government should make to continue on its present course.

Hopefully, a morally upright person such as Jesse Helms or myself will be appointed as the nation's Moral Conscience sometime soon.

That way, when a visitor to our country asks, "Who decides what is morally right or wrong," you can say "Jesse Helms does, because he knows pornography when he sees it."

Chris Repass is a sophomore majoring in computer science.

Racism: the triumph of the small mind

Respect. That is what this week's column is about. Treating people with a little compassion and dignity. A little common courtesy goes a long way.

Lately I have been embarrassed to admit that I attend this university. That in fact, I love N.C. State. These are troubled times in west Raleigh.

Our school has been tarnished in the national limelight because of its athletics scandal. The integrity and professionalism of our faculty and administrators has been publicly questioned.

Our academic reputation has been besmirched. Our graduation rate has been ridiculed. Some of our own faculty and staff have made demeaning assertions about the quality of education one receives at NCSU. The goal and mission of the university have been challenged.

These are issues and incidents that are common to many universities. Any time you get 30,000 faculty, administrators and students together there is going to be some disagreement over method and dogma. But the latest "scandal" to strike our beloved school is just too much.

That is right, I am referring to racism among students. The rash of racial incidents is intolerable.

At a time like this, one must take stock of his or her view of the other races. Believe it or not we all are responsible for the archaic attitude that one race is superior to another.

Racism rises from fear and ignorance. Fear of those different from ourselves. Ignorance of enlightened thought processes. A failure to recognize the humanity of all people. It is the kind of thing you think only happens in Broken-Armpit, Mississippi, but never in a progressive place like Raleigh,

Jim Clayton

Opinion Columnist

and especially not on the campus of a great university like NCSU.

I spent hours pondering how I was going to present my argument on this issue. I would like to appeal to those who hold racist attitudes, and those guilty of racist deeds, on an intellectual level, but I cannot. Those guilty of such things have little intellect to appeal to. I toyed with the idea of appealing on a common sense level — you know, "we all have to live together so we may as well try and get along." That will not work either. One cannot rationalize with such an attitude. So, here goes.

To those who threatened Student Body President Brian Nixon with his life, I have a question. Did you really think you were going to scare him into quitting? No, I did not think so. You just let your malicious mind overtake your yellow spine.

How about the tough guy(s) who chased that black girl across campus last week. I am so impressed. You are one bad mother.

These are just two of the many recent racial incidents on campus this semester. I just wish those guilty of such things would stop and think about what you are doing.

These are not just "niggers" you are harassing. They are human beings. They are people with feelings. They laugh, cry, hope, wish, work, sweat and need just like you do. They love their families just like you do. They have dreams and ambitions, just like you do.

They just look different than you do. Good reason to hate someone, don't you think?

How can anyone knowingly attempt to hurt or belittle another person? How would you feel if someone made fun of you because you are a redneck, which racists obviously are? Do you actually think you are superior to black people? If you do, man you have got miles to go before you get to where it is at.

Every person deserves a certain amount of respect. They inherently deserve a certain amount of dignity. To deny someone the courtesy of respect and consideration because they are different is beyond me. Those of you who hold these opinions had better wake up.

Hating people because they are different is a waste of effort and emotion. Hate the guy who ran into your new Chevy. Hate the guy or girl who stood you up last night. Do not hate someone because they look different than you.

And finally, for those of you who must hate someone, I have a suggestion. Since you are into hating minority groups and those different from you, why not start hating me. I am a member of the smallest minority group on campus.

In my three and a half years here, I am the only tattooed, Harley-riding biker I have noticed on campus.

But be forewarned. If you want to hate me, you will have to take a number and go to the back of the line. It is filled with fathers who think I have corrupted their daughters, the daughters I have allegedly corrupted, and with folks who do not like leather jackets and Harleys.

You bigots will just have to wait your turn.

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Editor's Note: Welcome to the expanded Technician Forum. This page will give you more space, for more student, faculty and staff voice.

Where are the women's room hidden on campus?

Everyone knows that feeling. You are walking across campus, and it hits. The soft drink you finished just 10 minutes ago has already journeyed to the end of your system. And it wants out.

No problem. Going to the bathroom is natural. Unless you are a female looking for a toilet in Hargett. In this case, get ready to defy the effects of gravity on the body because you are in for a climb.

For those who do not understand what I am talking about, the women's bathroom in the central core is located at the summit of a steep climb. Notice I said "the" women's bathroom: there is only one. Which is no big deal, except that you pass three men's bathrooms before you get there.

Do you have any idea what that does to a female's bladder? Every time you pass one of those three men's rooms, it feels like someone cut on a faucet. (I assume that as intelligent college students, you realize how the sound of running water affects the body's elimination of wastes).

Holding your breath, not smiling at cute guys and avoiding klutzes determined to knock their bookbags into your kidneys soothes the pain of a distended bladder. Not to mention the effects of the mountainous terrain.

There are a lot of stalls there, but you cannot use more than one at a time. And the mirrors in the lounge only make it easier to examine your wet spot from every possible angle.

I suggest a solution. It is both time and cost efficient and helps eliminate sexual inequality here at N.C. State. Simply buy a paint brush and some black paint, and put a "wo" in front of the "men" on one bathroom's door, preferably bathroom number 2, which would give women one bathroom closer to the bottom of the core.

And remember, you may be saving the bladder of someone's daughter, wife, etc., for a lot less than \$1000 a day.

JOANNA HICKS
Junior, English

It is time to finish all campus construction

When is all of this construction on our campus going to be completed? It is everywhere! Our campus looks like a big mud pile with a lot of construction trucks and fences.

It is not only on Cates Avenue, but also outside of Caldwell and Poe Hall and University Towers. Detouring is common now. It would not be as bad if they did one thing at a time, but everywhere you turn there is mud along with "Keep Out" signs.

NCSU has a pretty campus. Our brick yard is finally back and it looks great. I know things need to be repaired, but let us try to do one thing at a time, or wait until the summer when campus is less crowded. The construction has already begun so let us hurry it up. As for the future, it would be nice and more convenient to repair or build in the summer.

ELIZABETH WEEKS
Junior, Speech Communication

DOT is not taking student parking problem seriously

I would like to bring up the issue of student parking once again.

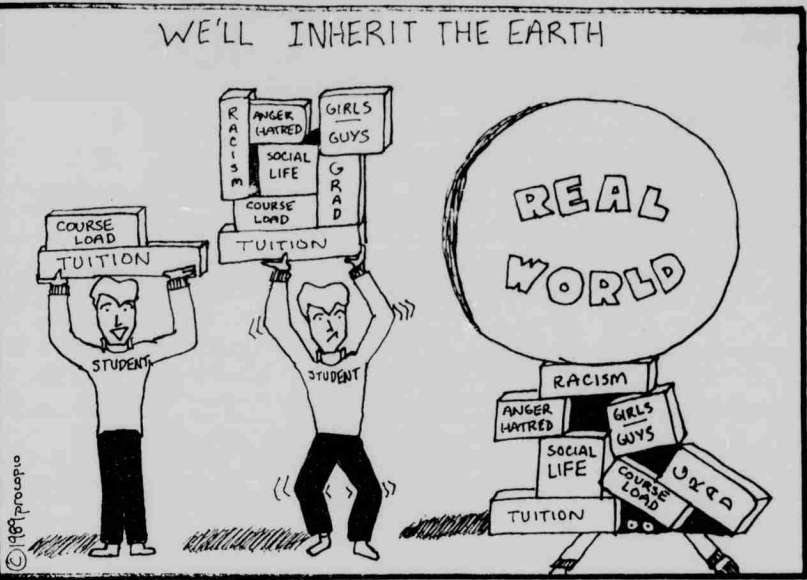
I have read several articles in Technician in the last few weeks and I do not think that this issue is being taken seriously enough. It is obvious that the Division of Transportation at N.C. State has not experienced the task of driving around for 20 minutes looking for any available parking spot. It matters not whether you have a parking sticker, the fact is there simply is not adequate parking for the students.

I have been a student here for three years and have never felt compelled to buy a parking sticker. It seemed like a good idea at first, but after talking to friends with stickers I found that they had the same problem I did. The choices are, either pay the money for a sticker and drive around for 20 minutes looking for a spot, or save the money and drive around for 20 minutes on the streets across from campus looking for a spot. Furthermore, the price of a few parking tickets may turn out to be less than that of a commuter sticker. Either way it is two sides of the same coin.

Last, one has to wonder how much money NCSU and the city of Raleigh really produce after all of the metemorphs are paid and all of the computer and processing work is done. Would it not generate more funds for both of them if they took the money that is currently spent on the labor and paper and machinery used to control illegal parking and use it instead to build adequate parking for all students and make it more attractive and worthwhile for them to pay for it?

Parking is a big problem on this campus and it is an issue that affects all students and faculty and should be given ample consideration.

BRIAN STONE
Junior, Business



Issue of racial conflict arouses student anger and concern

I have always been strongly against racism. After a recent incident, though, I have lost a lot of faith in the very people I have been fighting for.

Late one night, five friends and I passed the Cultural Center on Dan Allen Drive. There was quite a crowd gathered there, but we had no reason to expect trouble, so we continued on.

Just as we passed the front door, however, we were confronted by several Afro-Americans, calling us every name they could think of, and referring to our skin color.

We continued up the street, to the jeers of an all-black crowd. Now who is guilty of racism?

I still do not believe in racism, but I will remember this incident for a long time, and that memory will be extremely clear when one of our Afro-American brothers screams "racism!"

I hope he will not be offended if I do not react to his recollection.

WALTER HARRILL
Freshman, Forestry

When the issue of racism at N.C. State was first mentioned in Technician, it just did not strike me either way.

I figured that there could not be any more racism here than anywhere else. After all, racism is a gradual process and will eventually not be heard of anymore.

After reading the articles in the Nov. 17 issue of Technician however, I was more than just a little disturbed. Naturally the incidents against black students at NCSU disturbed me; reading through the list made me feel like I was reading write-ups on the movie, "Mississippi Burning."

The 90s decade is just a leap away. I know I mentioned that racism would only gradually disappear, but this is a college campus.

Supposedly, educated people attend State. If there are "educated" racists walking around, then imagine how many "ignorant" racists are walking around.

And what about those "ignorant" people? People who are even more guilty than those who actually took offensive action against the black students are the ones who, like me, were unaware that these incidents occurred.

Having to read about the racist incidents out of Technician to know what really happened makes me feel the most ignorant of all.

A committee against racism clearly has to be formed (both black and white students welcome). The committee should keep students at NCSU constantly informed about race-related incidents and report any that occur.

Needless to say, offenders must be expelled.

We are future leaders of the world attending NCSU. What this world does not need is racist engineers, doctors, lawyers and businessmen. Everyone, be aware that there are race problems at NCSU and it is up to us, the students, to put an end to them.

MITCHELL COHEN
Freshman, Engineering

I am sick of people bitching about racism. It will be around forever if people insist on segregating themselves.

For some reason, people of this country are no longer American, but African or Euro-American.

Why? Most African-Americans have no pure African in them, nor Euro-Americans pure European. I have Irish backgrounds, but only a microscopic amount of pure Irish.

I feel no ties to my "mother land" because that is where some long-forgotten ancestor

of mine came from. Ireland is a place of conflict, but my compassion for Ireland is nowhere near the compassion I have for the place where I was born (somewhere in America).

I have never been to Ireland; I do not call myself Irish or Euro-American. I say "white". What is wrong with that?

I will bet that extremely few African-Americans have been to Africa, and that few of them would want to live there.

The continent is mostly impoverished, and few enjoy cars, plentiful food and other "luxuries" that Americans enjoy.

The money spent on shirts, pendants and articles depicting Africa could feed countless starving Africans.

Instead of boasting African ancestry, why not do something to help the Africans?

Is God the answer to racism?

No. Racism is a problem that man created — not God. I do not think there is anything in the Bible saying "Thou shalt hate blacks/whites." I believe nothing that says man should be racist; Biblical or not. The answer to racism is not to accept Christ, but to accept one another.

Racism infects all societies. Racism should not exist in America. It is too late for our generation, but I want future generations to grow up in a racism-free world.

But with the "us versus them" attitude, rather than the "us and them" attitude, racism will remain.

CHRISTINA COWAN
Sophomore, English Education

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-Alexander von Humboldt

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This week's top billings

Catch a 'Taxi' at the library

Director Martin Scorsese had an all-star cast in "Taxi Driver," with Robert De Niro, Cybill Shepherd and Jodie Foster successfully making it one of the 70's best films.

It is a brutally disturbing account of a lonely, psychotic New York cabbie and the people of the night that he becomes involved with.

Showtime is tonight at 8 p.m. in the Erdahl-Cloyd Theatre. Admission is free.

It's a wonderful Christmas

Get in the Christmas spirit with one of the greatest holiday movies of all time - "It's a Wonderful Life."

James Stewart plays George Bailey, a man trying to make good in a small town, but with little success. When he is at the end of his rope, his guardian angel comes to Earth to straighten him out.

Clarence, the now-famous angel without his wings, gives George a chance to see how the world would be without him. It is one of the most delightful fantasy films ever, and considered by Capra himself to be his best work.

Admission is free in Erdahl-Cloyd Theatre Monday night at 8 p.m.

Tabloid Journalism

Boring publications get a boost with new 'Review'

Over the years the Triangle has been pretty much a one free-weekly-tabloid land with the Spectator becoming a dominant giant for entertainment coverage. But over the past few years, new publications have sprung in the field and Spectator has been reduced to just another tree in the forest.

The Independent, The Weekend and Preview have gone after the advertising market. The worst part of this battle is that it is a four way tie for last. Nobody seems to be doing that great a job covering the scene. Aside from the calendar section, these four publications are merely Ad-Packs with copy used to break up the layout.

Preview is a publication by the Durham Herald which is rather lame in content and design. Since it deals mainly with events in Chapel Hill and Durham, let us not cast our time with it.

The Weekend section belongs to the Raleigh News and Observer. Even though they can easily fill it with interesting stories, most of the main features are off the wire services. Their movie reviews are as tasteless as the popcorn served in the theaters around here. Led by the poster boy for the Death to Anglophiles Foundations, Bill Morrison, they are about as insightful about films as a bunch of high schoolers hanging out at the Circle K on a Friday night.

The main running sore for Weekend is Billy Warden. I must point out that I went to high school with Billy and I can say that saner people have spent time in Dorothea Dix. Just between me and you, if you ever meet Billy, ask him why the Secret Service keeps an eye on him when the president is in town. But do not tell him who told you to ask it.

Joe Corey

Other Side of the Fence

Enough of this personal attack, let us look at his professional stance. His articles are pointless. His feature on funk was flat. His "In Tune" column is worse than the last person in charge of hyping the local scene — granted he did plug the new Vanilla Train Wreck cassette (a good investment in music). And his reporting is even more sloppy than mine.

In an article on Skateblades, he misquoted Aly Khalifa as saying something so horrible, that I will not repeat it here. When Aly confronted Billy about it, Billy said that it was in his notepad so Aly had to have said it. Yeah, right. The article was then reprinted as part of N & O's mid-week direct mailer with the misquote intact and Aly's name spelled Ali. More about Billy later.

The Independent strives to cover both social issues and entertainment. But how can I dance when I know the ground is full of toxins? The best things it has going for it is the Life in Hell, Cartoons and Joe Gomez's movie reviews. I think Gomez is the most powerful reviewer in the Triangle for one reason: he is able to get films booked at the Art Museum. His recent piece on Punishment Park was followed by a shooting. Plus Gomez teaches film here at N.C. State and has his own little theater of sorts.

The down part of the Independent is the departure of

photographer Wendy Walsh whose photos made the paper visually interesting.

The Spectator has taken a plunge. Its recent mentality was obvious with its running a poll showing how powerful it is. The poll was taken before the glut and deals mainly with the N & O. Except for Feiffer, the personals and an occasional movie review by Godfrey Chesire, it is all downhill. Actually, Bridget Booher has some good lines now and then, plus she has a great punky last name.

The recently started Bickerstaff is a farce. I do not know what it is trying to be, but it better stop it soon or I am going to call the cops. The record reviews are too few. And their main features stink. Now let us bring back Billy who wins the award for the biggest waste of space that I am not responsible for. His tale of traveling around the world was overblown and idiotic. He tries to be Hunter Thompson, but he has no wit.

I was hoping that some native would chop his feet off just for being such a jerk. There is a thick line between humorous insightfulness and being stupid, and Billy proved to be nothing but mere road kill.

The Spectator has cut back in size and floats around 36 pages, about the same as The Independent.

The best free paper at the moment is not a weekly or has a calendar: The Comics Review. This bi-weekly reprint of political cartoons has taken over the Triangle, and rightly so. It has as many pages as all the other weeklies and is worth reading cover to cover.

But remember to always read free weeklies, because you do not feel cheated for their lack of substance. Maybe someday we will have a Boston Phoenix. Probably not, though.



Mark Inman/Staff

British music, Madrigal Dinner on theatre schedule

By Mark Schaffer
Staff Writer

The British are coming. The British are coming. This week "British Music Hall" will bring its Victorian-style vaudeville act to the NCSU campus. And it will be two hours of fun-filled musical variety.

It is 1900 and you are a part of the cast, singing along with the actors and a toast with the Chairman. The audience will be supplied with song sheets ensuring that they can sing along with the actors. Victorian songs and routines are introduced by the jolly Chairman. Toffs in top hats and ladies in bustles singing genteel songs of love; London's East Enders explain that they are poor but honest.

Participation by the audience is a necessity, be it groaning at the Chairman's jokes or singing such old tunes as "A Bicycle Built for Two" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

The show will be Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. in Stewart Theatre. Tickets are \$7.50 for students at the Center Stage Box office. The show is co-sponsored by WRAL-FM 101.5.

Thompson Theatre's Madrigal Dinner is back and must be seen to be believed. A few tickets are still available for this jolly festival of music, food and fun. Tickets are \$12 for students, available at the Center Stage Box office.

Also, in Stewart Theatre this week will be the Raleigh Civic Symphony.

The program features Barbara McKenzie in Dmitri Shostakovich's "2nd Piano Concerto" as well as Bizet's L'Arlesienne "Suite No. 2" and "Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 in E."

Showtime is 8 p.m. Monday and admission is free. For more information call 737-2981.

Thompson Theatre's Madrigal Dinner features food, festivities and other Yuletide fun. Tickets are still available. Call the box office at 737-2405 for more information.

Tyler's new novel meets expectations, deserves praise

By Jeff Coleburn
Staff Writer

"Breathing Lessons," by Anne Tyler, comes on the heels of her widely praised novel "The Accidental Tourist" and the somewhat disappointing film version. Tyler, who grew up in Raleigh — a graduate of Duke —

has a gift for creating fantastically realistic characters and situations, especially offbeat types who are just quirky enough to be real. This novel is no exception.

Despite some uneven passages, it remains both comic and touching to the end.

Tyler's novels often give the impression of having no contrived plot, but sound as if they were drawn from her own memory and experiences.

The realism runs that deep. "Breathing Lessons," follows a period in the lives of Maggie and Ira Moran, an ordinary middle-aged Baltimore couple whose individual traits come to life through Tyler's elegant writing style.

Maggie and Ira's relationship and past are explored as they travel to and from a friend's husband's funeral, with some unexpected comic sidetracks during both halves of the trip. The sequence introducing Mr. Otis, is priceless.

The funeral itself and the characters introduced there could sustain a plot of their own, but eventually the couple lands at the home of Fiona, their hex-daughter-in-law. There, she and daughter Leroy, moved after divorce



Joe Corey/Staff

Dana Pentes (left) and Hope Nicholls perform with The Popes, a Chapel Hill group that will open for Fetchin Bones Saturday, Dec. 2. The show, which is being sponsored by N.C. State radio station WKNC (88.1 FM) is scheduled for 8 p.m. in Stewart Theatre, the first concert to hit the Stewart stage since last

spring. Tickets are available at the theater box office, College Beverage on Hillsborough Street, Poindexter Records and School Kids Records. Price is \$7 advance for NCSU students, \$8 at the door, and \$9 for the public, \$10 at the door. For more information, call the box office at 737-3104.

Happenings Calendar

Movies

"Salaam Bombay"
 Winner of the Cannes Film Festival Camera D'Or Award, this film is the story of Krishna, a 10-year-old boy abandoned by the traveling circus he works for. He comes to Bombay, hoping to make money to take home to his mother in the village.

He begins to work at the bottom of the street hierarchy, where he meets characters that will ultimately change his life and where he unwittingly acts as a powerful catalyst in theirs. Showtime is Thursday night at 8 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for students.

Museums

N.C. Museum of Art.
Immaterial Objects: Works from the permanent collection of the Whitney Museum of American Art. Showing now through Dec. 31.
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Naugahyde Chihuahuas head club scene

Charlotte's own Fetchin Bones: Alive and well and playing in Raleigh this Saturday night

By David Brock
 Senior Staff Writer

What a week for Triangle rock and roll. There is absolute non-stop club entertainment.

To start things off right, tonight, Raleigh's own Naugahyde Chihuahuas will be pumping out their own original brand of music at the Brewery with Annabel Lee.

The Chihuahuas are starting to build quite a reputation for themselves, so catch them now, while you still can. Their unique musical explorations are hard to categorize, basically they are great. This is the type of band that grows on you. Their music could be called poppy, but not by today's standards. They are very avant-garde; an innovative band not to be missed.

Another pioneering band coming to the Raleigh area this week is Faith No More. They will be bring-

ing their new line-up and act to the Switch on Dec. 1.

Although Faith No More has been around for a while, their new sound has not. Bandmates attribute most of their new influences to their latest lead vocalist, Mike Patton. The band is touring to promote their new album, "The Real Thing." This LP blends heavy metal, funk, reggae and jazz for a combination destined to surprise.

Finally, Saturday night in Stewart Theater, Charlotte's Fetchin Bones will crank things up. The Bones will be supported by the Popes.

The new brand of music that the Bones produce is a raw, energetic and uncompromising rock and roll; the type that is hard to pin to a particular region or genre. If you want a high energy show with funky thrills, then Fetchin Bones is for you.



Naugahyde Chihuahuas are scheduled to play the Brewery on Hillsborough Street this weekend.

'Breathing Lessons' features realistic characters

Continued from Page 1B

ing Maggie and Ira's son Jesse. After a long flashback, Maggie's habit of meddling in order to "make everything perfect for everyone" leads to a tumultuous dinner scene and some final reflections.

For the first 200 pages, Tyler's gift for writing about real life makes it impossible to put "Breathing Lessons" down.

Eccentric Maggie and straight-arrow Ira seem like perfect opposites at first, but their affection for each other clearly comes out as the novel progresses. Maggie's quirkiness

leads to some sequences that will strike readers as familiar ("just crazy enough to be real") even as they laugh out loud. As an upbeat celebration of life, love and marriage, this book could have been a modern day classic.

Turing a 60-page section midway through the book, however, the spontaneity fades in order to bring in background details. Perhaps this was necessary to the story line, but it seems a little contrived in retrospect.

The flashback, concerning Jesse and Fiona's ill-fated marriage, serves to introduce Jesse into the plot, but without the careful and

endearing touches used for the other main characters. Their later meeting, at Maggie's dinner party, comes off as a carbon copy of their breakup, which leaves an empty feeling compared to the emotional buildup preceding it.

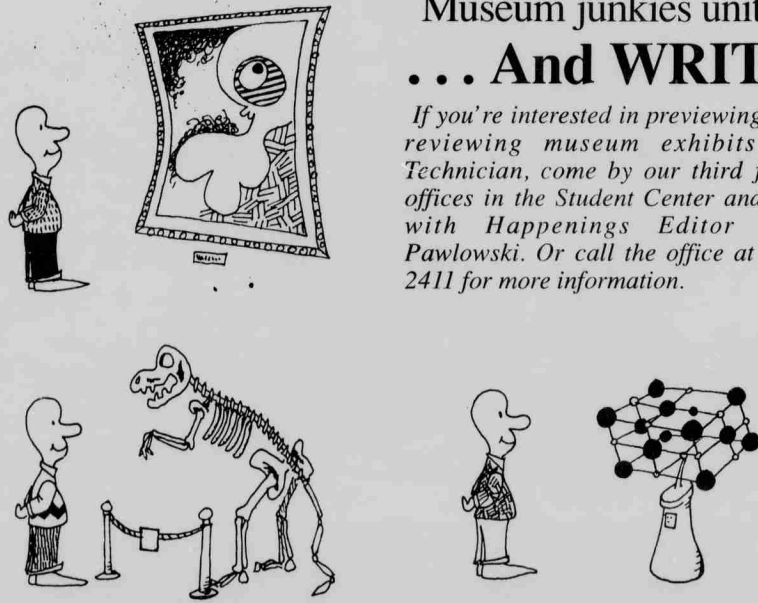
Even so, "Breathing Lessons" draws upon a larger theme (and one that appeals to everyone) the aging process and our futile attempts to escape it.

In particular, Ira, is keenly aware that his life, locked into the family business, is far short of what he'd once dreamed. Maggie, though young and flighty at heart, sees that

her children are growing up and following their own paths. She finds that her hopes of making everything just right have faded.

But much of this theme is on a positive note. The funeral, for example, is staged as a replay of the wedding, complete with the same music (on the widow's wonderful rationale that "this is to make me feel better, not Max, after all..."); it takes on the form of a class reunion of sorts, and the sad occasion becomes something more meaningful.

Tyler's artistic touch makes readers think about what life's about and if it matters whether they get it right or not.



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'Ghostbusters II' a success on video, too

By Marci Bernstein
 Staff Writer

"Ghostbusters II"
 Who ya gonna call when there is a river of green slime crawling down the middle of New York City?

And who ya gonna call when your child's baby buggy is possessed? Of course there is only one answer — the Ghostbusters.

Yes, they are back and ready to be slimed.

After being put out of commission due to a law order, the original team of Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis and Ernie Hudson return to their ghost hunting service.

The team's services once again are needed by their first customer, Dana Barrett (played by Sigourney Weaver), in the original release.

And it seems she is caught up in some supernatural strangeness once again. This time her baby is involved.

The Ghostbusters soon discover that her baby is not just the only demonic problem in New York City.

Also returning are Annie Potts, the Ghostbuster's secretary, and Rick Moranis. Watch for a budding romance to grow between these

two. I could see it coming from part I.

This movie has been out on videocassette since Nov. 22. I hope you get a chance to catch this one.

"The Mighty Quinn"

This recent mystery flick stars Robert Townsend and Denzel Washington.

The team is out to crack a murder case — one that involves Maubee (Townsend). In fact Maubee is the prime suspect.

"The Mighty Quinn" is a Reggae who-dun-it that could cost Quinn his life just to save his friend.

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Brrrrr . . . Winter is here, so head to the rinks for ice skating fun

By Greg Reasoner
Staff Writer

An ice skating rink in North Carolina? Yes. And it is open year-round. Although the rink is only a few years old, it has developed an almost fanatically loyal clientele.

The Ice House offers entertainment for the veteran skater and the novice alike.

Beginner's lessons are tentatively scheduled as well as semi-organized pick-up hockey games. All a prospective player needs to do is show up at the "right time" (phone first).

Should one be too proud to take lessons, do not worry. On any given day, the experienced regulars who spend their time tracing figures in the ice are at least equaled by those who creep around the edge of the

rink, trying desperately not to fall in a heap. So you are not alone.

For those people who do not want to spend their entire evening on the ice, the Ice House has a fairly impressive gameroom. The room is equipped with video games, pinball, pool and the like.

Adjoining is a snack bar, serving all kinds of goodies. Both of these are fairly well partitioned from the rest of the rink, providing a respite

from the chill of the ice.

The late-night sessions, from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturdays, seem to be especially geared toward the college crowd. And to accommodate these patrons, the management moves away from top 40 music to add a mixture of progressive sounds.

Sometimes there are more people than at other times during these sessions; still, the skating is worth the trip.

If you plan on venturing out to the Ice House, a few simple rules: Proper attire and no drinking. As the sign out front reads, "If you've had one beer, that's one beer too many."

The management reserves the right to refuse admittance to anyone who looks the least bit intoxicated.

The Alpine Ice House is located at 1410 Buck Jones Road in Cary. Admission is \$3 on weekdays, \$4 on weekends. Skate rental is \$1. Tuesday night is College Night (7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.). Admission is \$2.50 and includes skating rentals. Bring student ID.

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Scott Moore has not personally met Dirt Deeds, but he has faced off with him in battle many times. Moore is very familiar with Deeds' flying and fighting style. "He is kinda the Han Solo type pilot." He flies "by the seat of the pants..." says Moore, who works as a computer lab operator at N.C. State and is a member of the NCSU Gaming Society.

Though Moore has never met Deeds, he often faces him in battle. The two face off in computer simulated battles. They log onto a micro computer via telephone lines to wage their wars.

The name Dirt Deeds is a "handle." People who log onto micro computers via telephone lines use handles like CB radio operators use handles instead of their real names. Moore does not even know Deeds' real name.

Such host systems — accessible to the public via telephone lines — are called electronic bulletin boards systems (BBS). They provide a variety of services: electronic mail, classified advertising, discussion forums, technical support for computer systems, computer software, fantasy and adventure games.

Thirty BBSs operate in Raleigh says Wayne Aiken, operator of the StarFleet BBS. But not all of BBSs run adventure games. Moore says that one in five have adventure games. Moore plays adventure because "it is a way to relieve ten-



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...he says. It gives average people a chance to be heroes. "They can do more than they can do in real life," Moore says.

The BBS game Warhammer has a setting like the movie "Terminator," where powerful, human-like robots and humans live in a futuristic society, Moore says. Another game has a setting in an age of chivalry and sorcery. The classic game "Adventure"

began the computer adventure game genre more than 10 years ago, Aiken says. Players of the "Adventure" game move their character about a system of caves.

Evil creatures lurk in the cave. To win, the characters collect weapons, fight the creatures and recover treasure in the cave. The original game ran on a mainframe computer and had no graphics, only text.

Besides computer adventure games, members of the Gaming Society play other games: old fashioned board games, games in which miniature figures wage war upon each other, and role playing games like Dungeons and Dragons. Board games show the overall picture. The game player is like Napoleon or Patton plotting war strategy, Moore says.

When fighting with miniatures, gamers often re-enact historical battles. Popular battles for re-enactment include battles from the Napoleonic Wars and American Civil War. The gamers try to be more successful than the original commanders.

In some cases, gamers pit an army of one era against an army from another era. Thus Napoleon's soldiers could fight against the Roman Legions.

The miniature game pieces are an inch high, more or less, and cast in metal. They cost between 15 cents and \$2 at hobby shops. After purchasing them, gamers paint the figures in glorious color.

In role-playing games, players invent characters possessing certain strengths and weaknesses and test them in worlds invented by a game leader, Aiken says.

In the popular game Dungeons and Dragons, players assume the character of a fighter, a sorcerer, a knight or a cleric, Aiken says.

"The dungeon master creates the world and the objective," Aiken says. The objective may be to save a princess, to gain secret information or to find treasure. "It's open ended," Aiken says.

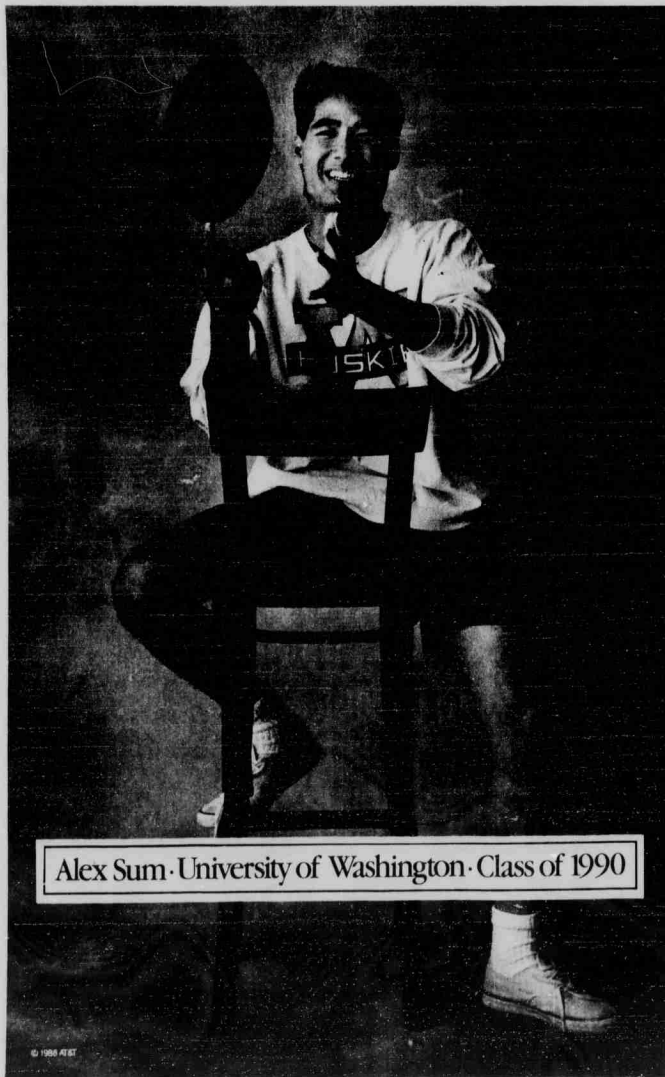
"The dungeon master is the eyes and ears into that world. Everything they see and hear about the world comes from him," Aiken says.

The dungeon master "can set all kinds of nasty traps along the way which can kill some of the players, but at least he tries to make it logical within that world," Aiken says.

Moore says his group "uses computers to role play a game on." Gamemasters write up a game plot and players respond to it. Some plots lead up to battles conducted on boards or with miniatures, Moore says.

Though gamers devote a lot of time to their hobby, they do not get too wrapped up in fantasy. "Most go out, play the game, then put it away. Just like you go out and play Monopoly and Parchesi, we play our game, only it's a little more sophisticated," Moore says.

"I wasn't rubbing it in—I just wanted Eddie to know the score of last night's game."



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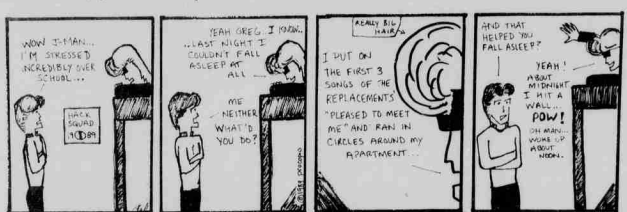
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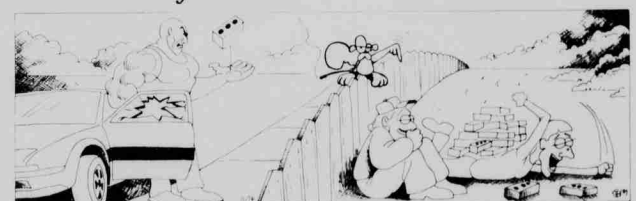
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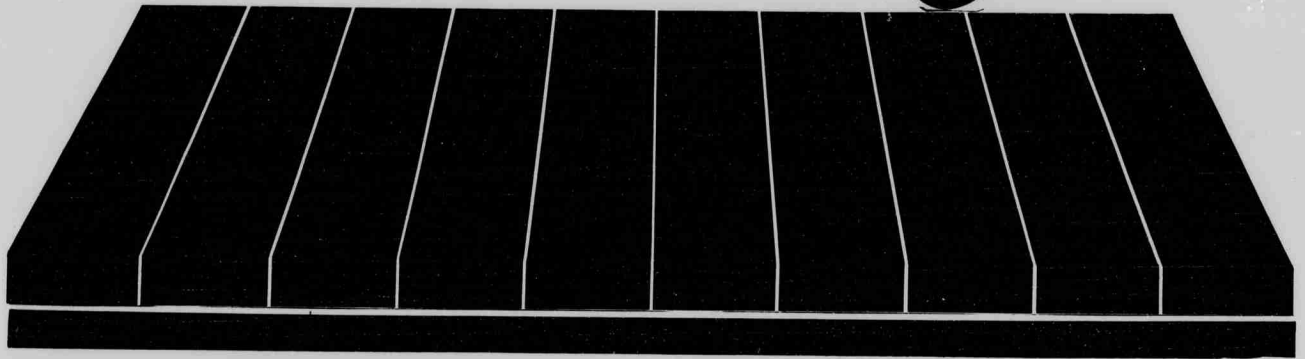
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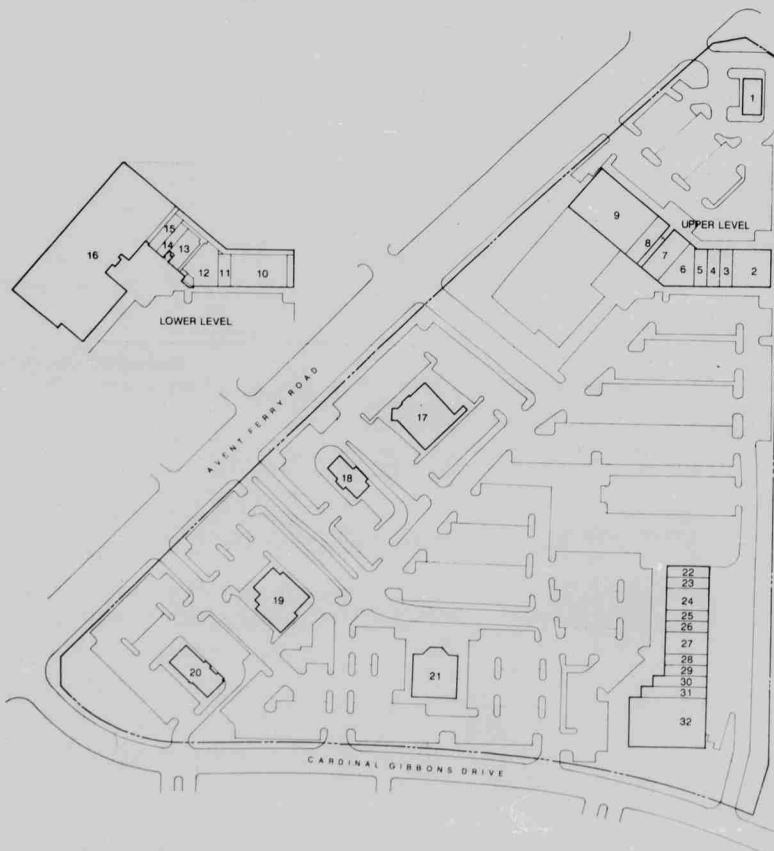
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