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Valvano sure of tourney appearance

By L. Scott Tillett
Staff writer

Concern about whether N.C. State should participate in this year's Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Tournament is unfounded said Jim Valvano, men's basketball coach.

According to Valvano, if NCSU plays in the tournament, it "will have no impact on anyone else."

In 1961, UNC was banned from play in the NCAA Tournament and consequently chose not to participate in the ACC Tournament.

This year, NCSU was banned from the NCAA Tournament, and this has created speculation over whether or not NCSU should bow out of the 1990 ACC Tournament.

"This is not an analogous situation," said Valvano, citing that in 1961, only one team from the ACC could have a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

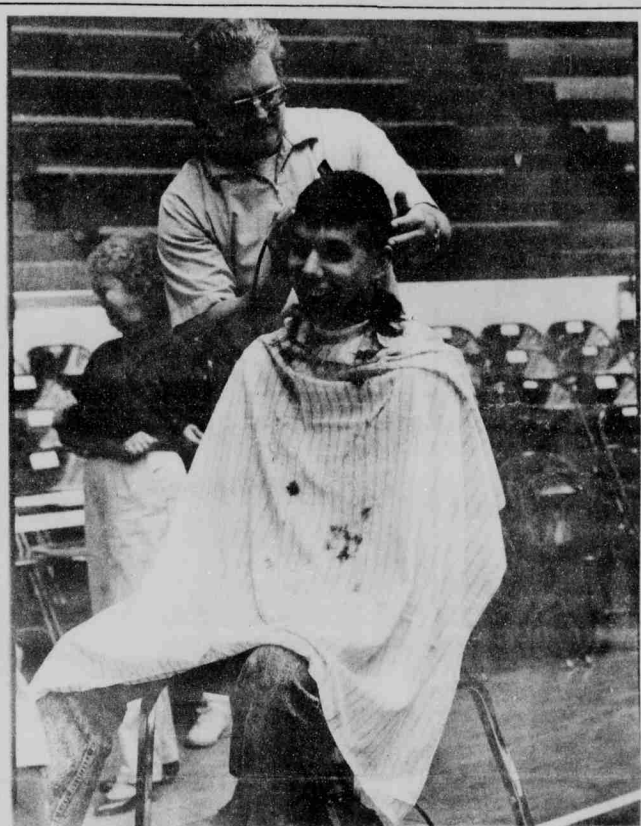
Valvano continued, saying that a majority of ACC teams, including Clemson and Duke, will most likely have the opportunity to play in the NCAA Tournament, therefore, NCSU's involvement in the ACC Tournament "doesn't affect anybody."

NCSU was also on probation in 1973; however, the basketball team went on to play in and win the ACC Tournament.

Valvano said in his opinion if ever there was a time for NCSU to drop out of the ACC Tournament for ethical reasons, "that would've been the time."

Also, in 1983 when NCSU won the ACC title, the team merely

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Shave and a haircut. . .

Buzzy Correll is enjoying his free haircut at UVa Sunday. Barbers at the UVa State basketball game gave free flat tops in honor of Virginia coach Terry Holland's new haircut.

Fire guts study lounge in Berry

By Robert Tuttle
Staff Writer

A fire in Berry Residence Hall Sunday damaged a study lounge and caused extensive smoke damage to the building.

No injuries were reported. Didrik Hoag, a resident advisor for nearby Beeton Residence Hall, said the fire, which occurred about 4:45 a.m. Sunday, melted plastic and broke glass in the study lounge door. Hoag was on duty after the fire happened.

Berry Hall is located in the Quad on East Campus.

Terry Abney, assistant director of Public Safety at N.C. State, said officers responded immediately to the fire alarm and notified Raleigh firefighters, who "contained the blaze."

Abney said residents were evacuated for about an hour and 15 minutes.

When the fire alarms went off, residents were evacuated quickly and no one was hurt, said Scott Mitchell, a resident advisor for Berry Hall. Mitchell added that "the fire department did an excellent

job," arriving in five minutes.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, said Abney.

Although officials would not comment on the possibility that the fire was set intentionally, several residents suspected that the fire may have been a violent response to recent smoking bans instituted in the Quad.

The smoking ban, which prohibits smoking in common areas such as study lounges and hallways, has been in effect for about a week, Mitchell said.

Students still are allowed to smoke in their rooms. New furniture and carpeting were installed in the Berry study lounge over the past year, but the remodeling efforts were destroyed by Sunday's blaze.

"The room was jet black," said Hoag, who saw the study lounge after the fire.

"I've never seen so much smoke in my life," said Julie Spaeth, a Berry resident advisor.

"I'd just like to know why someone would do such a thing, endangering all those lives," said Lynette Bouknight, a Berry Hall resident.

NCSU investigating player bribe claim

By Wade Babcock
Assistant News Editor

N.C. State is again investigating a former men's basketball team member in connection with a new allegation of receiving cash advances.

The Raleigh News and Observer reported Saturday that unidentified sources said Charles Shackelford accepted \$65,000 from a man posing as a sports agent.

University officials first heard of the allegation Wednesday when a crew from NBC Sports asked men's basketball coach Jim Valvano about the transfers. Valvano then notified the university administration, the newspaper reported.

Becky French, university counsel, said Valvano asked for more information but was told by the reporter that he only wanted comment on the allegation. She told the N&O that NCSU had notified the NCAA and Andrew Vanore, chief deputy state attorney general, about the allegation.

She said she was "convinced Coach Valvano had no prior knowledge about this. We just spent a year investigating these types of things and we did not uncover anything about this in our investigation."

Albert Lanier, vice chancellor for university relations, told Technician Sunday that "the university is dedicated to pursue this kind of investigation to its fullest extent."

The N&O also quoted an unidentified ACC official as saying the payments were made to Shackelford without the knowledge of Valvano or NCSU and, in fact, were arranged through a third party.

The source also said the payments were a retainer for possible endorsements of shoes, posters, T-shirts and collector cards by Shackelford.

French told the N&O that the NCAA has not asked the university for anything more, but will be in contact if anything else is learned.

'Matchbox' wins 'Love My Room' contest

By Punit Chhabra
and Jennifer Holland
Staff Writers

They call it their "six-sectioned matchbox," but for freshmen Amber Paulson and Shannon Pike, it's home sweet home.

Paulson and Pike, who live in 702-D Metcalf Residence Hall, won first place in the Second Annual "I Love My Room" competition Thursday.

A panel of five judges from the N.C. State Department of Housing and Residence Life awarded first, second and third place awards based on originality, appearance and design of the rooms.

The campus was divided into nine areas based on the population of each residence hall, said Beverly Williams, assistant director of operations for Housing and Residence Life.

Second place went to Stuart Byrd and Jeff Teander of 323 Owen Residence Hall, and third place

honors went to Scott Whitaker and Neal Beasley of 223-B Bragaw.

Personalized items, themes and paintings were some of the factors that judges used to determine the winners of the contest, Williams said.

Paulson and Pike, whose room incorporates a "Williamsburg blue" and mauve color scheme, used a theme based upon legendary actor James Dean.

The winners' room includes three basic areas, each one divided for the two roommates: a work and entertainment area with a stereo, desks and fish tank; a living room with a Fob chair, trunk and television; and a kitchen area with cabinets, microwave, refrigerator and blender.

Paulson said the "bedrooms" are located in a suspended loft that was built by her family and assembled by the women and their fathers.

The winning room also features wall-to-wall carpeting.

"We did a presentation for the



Chris Hondros/Staff

The first-place winner in NCSU's "Love My Room" competition.

judges with classical music and showed them around our matchbox home," Paulson said.

Paulson said that she and Pike were very excited when they won.

"I was screaming up and down the

hall," she said.

Each of the finalists in the "I Love My Room" competition won gift certificates from Pizza Hut delivery service on Hillsborough Street and NCSU Bookstores.

Senate cancels rally, favors letter-writing campaign

Ann Lenkiewicz
Staff Writer

Although the issue of the N.C. State budget cuts has seemed to cool off a bit, it has not been forgotten.

The Student Senate met last Wednesday to decide how students could express their opinions on the issue, said Brooks Raiford, Student Senate

president.

He said that the original plan was to have a rally in the Brickyard to oppose the budget cuts.

However, Raiford said, the committee for the rally decided to have a petition sign-up instead.

Students will be able to sign the petition opposing the budget cuts, as well as fill out comment cards this week in the Brickyard.

Raiford said the decision to have a petition

sign-up instead of a rally was made because the issue had died down some, and the committee was not sure if a rally would get as much support right now.

Raiford said the petition and comment cards will be sent to Governor Martin, in hopes of commanding more attention from him.

For further information, students may contact the Student Senate office at 737-2797.

Have you seen ol' Bruce? Top Ten list probes whereabouts of Poulton

A thought has been perplexing students all over campus for the past few months. No, it's not the question of what Dwan June and Joe Corey are really like.

It's not the question of whether Matt Byers has a bad attitude or not.

It's not if Cookie, the wonder hamster, is dead or alive. (By the way, she's alive, for all of you who really do care.)

The question on everyone's lips is, what is ex-chancellor Bruce Poulton doing now that he's out of office?

We loved Bruce so much, and what did he

Jennifer Holland Cruisin'

do? He left us here in the middle of this world-class research institution without as much as a farewell note.

I was hurt.

So, I've been doing a little research with my associate David Miles to bring to you, my loyal readers, the top ten list (counting

down) of what our buddy Bruce is up to.

As Tone Loc says, Let's do it.

• 10. Getting rid of all those red sports jackets. We found him working at a flea market booth called "Big Bruce's Big and Tall Discount Sports Coats."

• 9. Writing speeches for Danny Quayle.

• 8. Supervising Avie Lester in Customer Assistance at Food Lion. If a customer cannot find a product on one aisle, Avie leans over to the adjacent aisle and gets the product. I saw them in January. Bruce was teaching Avie how to read the labels upside

down.

• 7. Hanging out somewhere in the Appalachian Mountains becoming one with nature and learning to master the pan flute.

• 6. Moving in with Tammy Faye Bakker now that Jim is out of the picture.

• 5. Eating hot dogs with Elvis at the K-mart snack bar. (Cooking told me this.)

• 4. Roaming around the world with the B.S. and some Sigma Alpha Mu brother named Todd.

• 3. Making crank phone calls to chancellor's aides who refuse to give up their sea-

son tickets to the football games. Bruce just can't deal with having to buy his own ticket and sitting on the grassy back yard.

• 2. Watching home videos of the times West Campus residents cared enough to gather in his yard, chant "Wake up, Bruce!" and throw rocks at his wife.

• 1. Separating white meat from dark meat at the Flavo-Chicken restaurant in Benson.

We love y'all. Have a nice week and raise (censored) in the name of Bruce Poulton wherever you go during Spring Break 1990. He'll love ya for it.

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IMPORTANT DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Break will begin on Friday at 10 p.m.; classes will resume on Monday, March 12 at 7:50 a.m.

The last day to withdraw or drop a course at the 500 or 600 level is Friday, March 16.

There will be a student protest against the destruction of Virgin Forests in the United States at 2 p.m. today at the Civic Center.

The College Bowl Committee is hosting the NCSU Libraries College Bowl Spring Challenge March 24-25. Teams of up to four students and one alternate student may register for this intramural tournament. Registration deadline is March 20. For more information contact Jonathan Saluta at 839-2136 or Claxton Graham at 737-5951.

The Women's Resource Coalition is sponsoring a Women's Fair on Thursday, March 29 in the Student Center Lobby. If your organization is interested in participating, please contact Gwen Pearson at 829-1296.

Due to the lack of support from the NCSU student body, the NCSU Follies to benefit EasterSeals this spring has been canceled. Alpha Phi Omega wants to thank all of you who did offer your support and those who helped by sponsoring it. The Follies or a similar event next spring to benefit EasterSeals may be held so keep your ideas handy.

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option should complete an application (which are located in 640 Poe Hall) before March 15. Contact Dennis Gray (712 Poe Hall, 737-2251) for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

An SGA-IFC Greek Issues Forum will be held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. All students are welcome to attend the forum which will be a panel discussion forum. Wear your letters. For more information, call Chris Wyrick at 737-2797 or David Tankley at 737-2441.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is sponsoring the First Annual Ultimate Frisbee Tournament to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation March 17-18. WRDU Radio will be broadcasting live from the tournament on the 18th. For more information, call Jeff Sagraves at 834-2729.

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Dr. Nancy Brown, Director of NCSU Early Childhood

Information Exchange, is facilitating an informal parents group on Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 311 of Poe Hall. Call Kathy Vail or Joyce Glenn at 737-2135 for more information.

The "At Work" Weight Watchers group will begin in March. Call Kathy Vail or Joyce Glenn at 737-2135 for more information.

A new smoking cessation group will begin in March. Call Kathy Vail or Joyce Glenn at 737-2135 for more information.

Compiled by Jay Patel

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Senate seeks to boost student attendance at football games

By Steve Swindell
Staff Writer

If N.C. State students aren't going to claim their seats at next season's home football games, there are plenty of people who will, according to the NCSU Student Senate athletics committee.

Committee chair Dave Holm said Friday that increasing student attendance at football games is a priority with this year's senate, which recently started "Operation Carter-Finley" in order to explore the options.

Holm said there is constant pressure to justify why 16,000 seats are reserved for students when the most that exist is about 12,000. Average student attendance last season was 9,000, he said.

The pressure comes mostly from Wolfpack Club officials, who say that these seats are \$5,000 for each of these seats as a season ticket, Holm said.

One idea for filling these seats with students is to provide bus service from the campus to the stadium.

um, Holm said he has surveyed some of the dormitories and found a lot of interest there.

But the problem is a lack of funding and an organization to handle the program, he said. Each bus costs about \$250 per day and holds about 50 students.

Holm said an increase in the student athletic fee is being considered and that some of the money raised could be set aside for busing.

Another idea to increase student attendance is to hold giant tailgate parties in the parking lot, Holm said.

An open forum for football is expected to be scheduled in the next few weeks, Holm said.

The other initiative being considered in student government is to increase attendance at women's basketball games.

Holm said that an amendment to the ticket distribution policy was approved last year to raffle off four pairs of sideline tickets to men's basketball home games.

The raffles were to be run at each women's home game, hoping that

more people would come for a chance at the men's tickets, Holm said. Then they would see how enjoyable the women's games are and would come to them more often.

Holm and other student government members ran the raffle at one game, and the Pan-Hellenic Council also had a raffle.

The NCSU chapter of Public Relations Student Society of America is working on a proposal to promote women's basketball, Holm said, but did not conduct a raffle.

Holm accepted the blame for raffles' not occurring more often and said that his responsibilities for running campouts for the men's game tickets take up much of his time.

Holm said that any student or organization that would like to help promote attendance at the women's basketball games or at the football games should contact Student Government.

Those people will be called when committees are formed to act on these initiatives, Holm said.

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gained a spot in the NCAA Tournament rather than knocking another team out of the running.

Said Valvano, "US not playing wouldn't help anybody."

Valvano maintained that a team's fate is in its own hands. "You can play yourself in, or you can play yourself out," said Valvano.

Although interim athletics director Harold Hopfenberg was not available for comment, Valvano speculates that NCSU will play in the ACC Tournament. "It didn't cross my mind that we wouldn't play," said Valvano.

Playing in the tournament might

be viewed by some as the wrong thing to do; however, Valvano suggests that playing would be for the benefit of NCSU students and players.

"You gotta think about the kids," said Valvano. "They deserve the opportunity."

While Valvano is no longer the director of athletics, and his statements are not official, he said, "I think we should play in it."

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Rebecca Leonard & 'The Freshmen Experience'

Associate Provost helps make the first year of college a little easier for incoming freshmen

By Amy Beall
Staff Writer

Many freshmen feel lost and bewildered when they get to college. If you had trouble adjusting your first couple of weeks, or even the whole semester, you are not alone.

Because of N.C. State's large size, the first experience with campus life can be very overwhelming.

Rebecca Leonard, associate provost for "The Freshmen Experience," is interested in making the freshmen experience a more positive one.

Her position is part of a larger effort by NC SU to help orient freshmen to college life.

Students are not learning the study skills needed for college in high school Leonard says. College classes require analytical thinking she says, which is not taught at the high school level. Teaching methods are also different.

A program called "The Freshmen Experience" is slated to begin in the fall of 1990. The agenda for the program is not yet firm said Leonard, but she does have some ideas about what it will involve.

Leonard seeks to improve the graduation rate for freshmen, which currently is at 51 percent. A rate of 100 percent is "unrealistic" Leonard says, but she does believe that it can be improved.

The key to improvement is adapting the ideas of small colleges to a large university says Leonard.

Twenty percent of the freshmen class of 1990 will be participating in the program. Participation will be on a volunteer basis, and freshmen will be informed through a letter, to be included in their housing information. Freshmen living in Metcalf Residence Hall will also participate in the program.

Tentatively, the program will include weekly seminars on topics such as study skills, time manage-

ment, social issues and health and wellness. Study skills will be stressed the most.

Conflict management strategies will also be included. "The most common way people handle conflicts is by avoiding them," Leonard says. The program seeks to change that behavior.

Another prospective component of "The Freshman Experience" will be a mentor program. Each freshman will have one peer mentor (an upperclassman in their major) and an adult mentor.

Leonard stresses the importance of an adult contact. "The most important factor in freshman success," she said, "is a caring, positive relationship with an adult on campus."

Leonard hopes to improve the academic performance of freshmen as well as their social and mental adjustment to college. This will be accomplished through the seminars, the mentor program and by having freshmen study together and help



graphic by Greg Wilson

each other. That way, new freshmen will not feel so lost and alone.

Leonard has also been involved in other programs that help students. She helped to establish Women in Communication, Inc., a group that supports women interested in a

career in communications. She was also involved in the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Women's Affairs, an organization that explores the special concerns of women on campus.

Leonard's efforts with these programs are helping to explore the human side of academics and college life. Students need not feel that they are part of a huge, unfeeling institution.

Head for Jamaica, St. Thomas or Bermuda – at the local tanning center



Michael Steele/Staff

You don't need to bear the frigid February weather here in the Carolinas to get a tan before Spring Break – just take a quick trip to the local tanning salon.

As spring break approaches I have no hope.

I thought my bank account would rise, but instead it has slowly dwindled.

I should hit rock bottom when my next finance charge accrues — at the end of the month.

This happens to be right about when Spring Break occurs.

I originally planned on Key West, but that does not look like it is going to work out unless I settle for peanut butter sandwiches and two bottles of Everclear for the whole week.

Lately, I have seen the advertisements for various tanning centers. I used to balk at the idea, but with a cash flow problem a tanning center now seems more appealing.

I originally hit the hot light bulbs in search of a tanning base. But since I do not have the \$300 for the far South, a \$25 fee coupled with the bed could put me in heaven.

After all, the rooms are labeled Jamaica, St. Thomas or Bermuda. With my eyes closed, the heat from the bed and the cool air conditioned breeze could make me happy.

The only problem with tanning beds are the potential health hazards of sitting bare butt under the

Matt Byers Parting Shots

scrutiny of the bright light.

Sure, I wear my goggles, but what about my personals? My girlfriend stays away from tanning beds because she is afraid it is going to shrivel up her ovaries.

She heard that tanning beds tan the inside of the body before tanning the outside.

She said a repeat performance could lead to shrunken organs. At first, this did not bother me.

Hell, my liver could use a little drying out, anyway. But then I thought about my personals. Last time I went I covered myself with two towels.

I do not want anything to shrink up on me.

American Gladiators

Saturday morning television has never been this good. We now have the new and improved "American Gladiators."

This new version is without the mighty talents of Joe Theisman as

the host, but there is still the fair share of washed up football players trying to regain some form of physical well-being from the past.

"American Gladiators" is the show where competitors attempt to accomplish physical tasks while being deterred by Neanderthal men or women.

The male Gladiators share such names as Nitro or Titan. They spend most of their time screaming loudly, and flexing like Hulk Hogan does.

The women try to show as much cleavage as possible while appearing as strong as the guys. They have names such as Lace, Gold, and Blaze.

"American Gladiators" has seven events. One event consists of a Gladiator standing on a pedestal, and a competitor who swings on a rope in an attempt to knock the Gladiator down.

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Opinion

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A paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through which the thoughts, the activity and in fact the very life of the campus are registered. College life without its journal is blank.

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Editorials

Rescue Durham schools

Our schools are a mess. They are underfunded, unable to educate students properly, poorly administered and often poorly staffed. Durham City schools are a prime example.

Perhaps the most noticeable shortcoming of the system is the Durham school system. The integration movements of the 60s seem to have failed completely. Many schools are extremely segregated. Hillsdale High School is 100 percent black. Such segregation is particularly disturbing in light of recent renewed attempts to reduce racism and segregation in the Triangle.

In addition, the average attendance in most Durham City schools is disastrous. Many schools record a total attendance of only 50 percent — on a good day. Classes are frequently turned into study halls due to a lack of students.

The incidence of teenage pregnancies in the city's schools is so high that administrators are considering the establishment of on-site daycare centers for teenage mothers.

The problems facing Durham City schools are fearsome. To cure the system's ills, administrators must determine the root of the problems.

While the blame certainly lies in part with students, the best place to start is within the system.

Administrators and teachers must seek new ways to motivate and encourage students. Surely a 50 percent absence rate cannot be entirely the result of "hoods" who lay out on a regular basis. Experience has shown that students must be given a reason to attend to school. Apparently many students in Durham see no such reason, and teachers are not showing them one.

It is also true that no matter how much students are encouraged, some will refuse to go to school anyway. For that, a different motivation is needed. Perhaps resurrecting the old truant officer would work.

As far as the teenage mothers are concerned — well, that has always been a thorny issue in this state. The plight of Durham City schools makes a strong case for the institution of an effective sex education program. Until that can be accomplished, the daycare option may be the only way to get teenage mothers back into schools.

Merging Durham City and Durham County schools would certainly alleviate many of the headaches. But Durham County is opposed to such a merger. If Durham City schools want to merge with the county system, they must put their house in order.

City officials and school board members must formulate and apply an effective integration program — not assimilation, but integration. Truancy laws must be enforced, and students must be encouraged through a combination of discipline, love and enthusiasm on the part of teachers.

The longer these changes are delayed, the harder they will be to make. The Durham City schools must be rescued soon — for the students' sake.

Geography skills lacking

After seeing the results of a recent U.S. Department of Education geography survey, it is little surprise that Americans are slipping in our understanding of world problems. The problem may be that we lack basic knowledge of the world itself.

The survey reported that American adults scored sixth out of ten nations tested on geographic knowledge, and that Americans in the 18 to 24 age group scored lower than anyone in the survey.

The statistics are disheartening at the very least, because more than ever before, the world has become a place where actions in one country can have global repercussions. Like we have seen, an uprising in Poland can trigger a revolt in Romania, a frenzy for freedom in East Germany and landmark changes in the rest of the continent.

Students will be unable to understand conflicts going on in Azerbaijan or Punjab if they cannot place them on a map or globe. They will react with fear when told that Nicaragua is "only" 500 miles from Texas and to prepare for the Communist invasion.

Nor is it only geography skills that American students are lacking. When The Charlotte Observer recently tested students on select lyrics from Billy Joel's hit song, "We Didn't Start the Fire," the results were dismal. Students thought that former Senator (and Commie-chaser) Joseph McCarthy was a member of the Beatles, Malcolm X a nuclear missile, and Charles de Gaulle the airport in Paris.

There is no way to learn from the past if you do not know the past. History and geography need a new emphasis in our schools. This should not be at the expense of math, science or language skills, but in addition to the standard curricula.

America cannot regain her competitive edge if her future leaders do not know who they are doing business with. If our future politicians and strategists do not realize the mistakes of the past, they just might make them again.



Columns

'Taking the street' is now a tradition

An attractive person of the opposite sex on your arm, the Dukies getting a butt whippin' at Reynolds and the taking of Hillsborough Street. Nothing could be sweeter.

Earlier this semester, Technician ran an editorial arguing that students should cease the taking of Hillsborough Street in celebration of Wolfpack victories. The editorial said that since we once again have used our Brickyard, students should revert to the practice of celebrating there. In retrospect, and considering the scene after Wednesday's game, I'm no longer sure I agree with that idea.

The point of the editorial was that the Brickyard is once again ours for the taking. Well that may be so, but considering how well it's been since we have had the Brickyard "take," to the present student body the Brickyard is just an expanse of real estate between Harrelson and the library.

I've been at State since May of 1986, and even that long ago the Brickyard was dismantled for the construction of the D.H. Hill arena. Since that time, all Wolfpack celebrations have taken place on the street due to a lack of anywhere else to hold them. I believe my generation of students have established our own traditions.

The partying on the street is not a bad thing. In Washington D.C. — where I am originally from — when the Redskins (go

Jim Clayton
Opinion Columnist

Hogs!) won their two Super Bowls, the crowds took over the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and M Street in Georgetown.

In those celebrations there were tens of thousands partying the night away. It seemed like the perfectly natural thing to do. They were special events, and special events allow for special goings-on.

The celebration into the wee hours of Thursday was definitely special. Beating the third-ranked team in the nation is special. That the victims of our team's efforts were the Blue Devils only makes the victory sweeter.

I had a blast on the street that night. At the game, with seconds left on the clock and Rodney Monroe punning the last two points from the charity stripe, the cry was heard in unison — TAKE HILLSBOROUGH! There was never any thought of capturing what was already ours — the Brickyard.

We had already captured a victory that the pollsters didn't think we could take. It was only right that we take the street also. It was not ours before the game, but for a few sweet hours, west Raleigh belonged to the fans.

To the victor goes the spoils.

The crowd at the celebration was as orderly as one could have ever hoped. There was a lot of yelling and screaming, a zillion hands joining in high-fives, a thousand mid-street dances and enough toilet paper to wipe the rears of most of the third world.

The Raleigh police were there too. They were great. They let us party to a reasonable degree while they maintained a semblance of order. They kept a good sense of humor about the whole thing. Not to sound trite, but I believe that a good time was had by all — the police and the students.

I also had an interesting conversation with one of the officers. He asked aloud what was the fun of running from one side of the street to the other with brief stops in the middle to shake our collective booties? Being the opinionated jerk that I am, and never one to let a chance to be a wise guy pass, I told him that it was because "ya'll (the cops) don't want us to do it." Pretty good, huh?

The point is that it was a night for doing things we aren't supposed to be able to do — beat Duke and take Hillsborough. Besides, until a new generation of students arrives to renew the tradition of Brickyard celebrations, we'll just keep up our own tradition of taking the street.

Jim Clayton is a senior majoring in history.

Protest budget cuts this Wednesday

The time for accommodation has come to an end. In all the talk of improving education, no one has bothered to ask us, the students, what we want. We must let the politicians know.

The Student Senate has called for all students and faculty to join in a protest against the budget crunches. The protest will take place on the Brickyard on Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a chance to let the policy makers know what we think about their commitment to education. There will be a petition to sign and post cards to send out to legislators. The message is simple.

Education budgets should be expanded, not crunched.

Students have been ignored for too long. We are the ones most affected by changes in education budgets and policies, yet we have little influence on these decisions. As full time students we cannot afford to run for political office. And we supposedly lack the qualifications to serve on school boards or the departments of education. As a constituency we are silent and therefore disregarded.

There is, of course, a reason for our silence. Among the stresses of tests, papers and job interviews who has the time to attend a rally or write their representatives?

Paul G. McKenzie
Guest Columnist

The system piles on these pressures to keep us from speaking out. And we students, with our remarkable ability to adapt, have simply allowed the pressures and burdens to be loaded upon us.

In short, we have accommodated the politicians.

In a rapidly changing world we face an uncertain future. A college diploma is perhaps the best insurance policy against economic hardship.

Many of us are resigned to dealing with whatever is thrown our way, no matter how unjust, if it will take us closer to the goal of graduation. Of course the politicians are up to ourselves and our future. Join the protest Wednesday and take a stand.

This is why we must speak for ourselves. Those who have graduated are removed from the struggles of being a student. It is all too easy for them to forget the difficulties they faced.

A quick survey of the world today illustrates the power of the student voice. In

Bucharest, Prague, Seoul and Beijing our brothers and sisters have spoken. They have demanded changes, fought with their lives for justice and toppled governments. Liberation movements throughout history, from civil rights to Vietnam, have been led by students.

We have tremendous power to affect change. As consumers we have a significant impact on the economy. A student boycott could cripple many industries. Our sheer numbers are an indication of our potential influence. Here at N.C. State, students are in the vast majority. Without our support and participation, the university would shut down.

Students are committed to justice. We dearly want to make a better, cleaner and more peaceful world. And we have the ability and power to do it. We must not give up on ourselves and our future. Join the protest Wednesday and take a stand.

Paul G. McKenzie is a student senator and a senior in agriculture and life sciences.

Editor's Note: This column was written prior to the Student Senate committee decision to cancel the Brickyard rally in favor of a letter-writing campaign.

Campus Forum

Death penalty not so easy as some think

I wish to criticize David Cherry's article titled "Abolish the Death Penalty in the U.S."

Cherry brought up some valid points (both moral and economical). If a person intentionally murders another, he or she should pay the same consequences no matter what race, religion or sex the person happens to be. Unfortunately, innocent people do get executed.

The death penalty is not cheap. It means more money out of everyone's pockets. I respect Cherry for his stand on the death penalty, but I hope he as well as everyone else will respect me for mine.

The bottom line is that I am for the death penalty. No, I am not sadistic. It is quite simple.

If someone walked into my house and stabbed my father and/or mother to death I would want that person banished from the face of the earth. I do not care if the person is black, white, Hispanic, Italian or Jewish (I think you get my point). To me the cost would not matter.

I would be willing to sacrifice my life to avenge the murder of a loved one. If the legal system failed to put the murderer to death I would kill him or her myself at any opportunity.

There are just too many emotional bonds tied to the death penalty. Cherry's heart is in the right place, but abolishing the death penalty would not be as easy as it might seem.

MICHAEL COHEN
Freshman, Engineering

Bookstore is not selling complimentary copies

I am writing to correct accusations which I incorrectly made in my letter published Feb. 14.

I stated that the bookstore is selling complimentary copies of texts thus depriving publishers and authors of funding for subsequent revisions. I have since learned that many texts such as the one to which I referred are purchased as used texts from book dealers independent of the bookstore. These dealers are the ones

responsible for obtaining and reselling texts — including some complimentary copies. I was in error to accuse that bookstore of wrongly selling these complimentary texts. These texts are obtained from dealers and the bookstore has no control over which used texts they obtain or are not complimentary copies.

JACK FREEMAN
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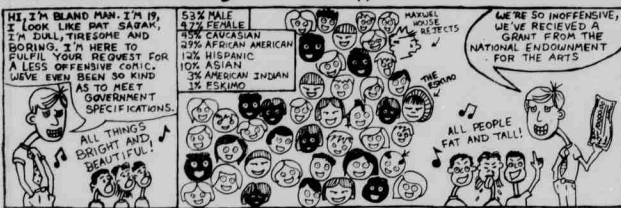
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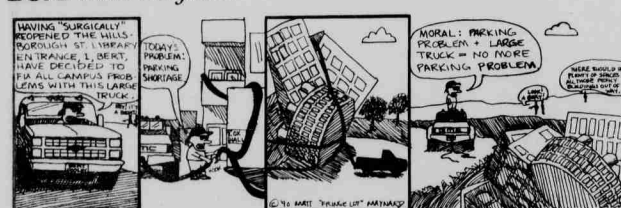
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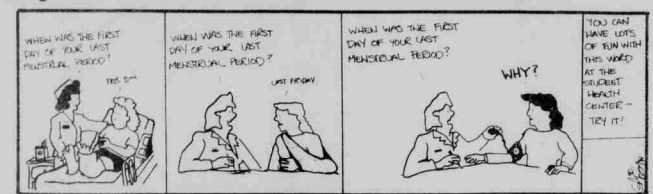
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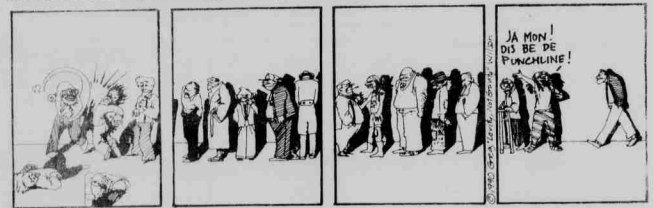
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