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Group will donate books to Africa, give away trip

By Imran Haque
Staff Writer

If you've ever wanted to go to Kenya, love old books or are interested in being entertained by your fellow classmates, then The Committee for the New Order may be just for you.

The committee is sponsoring a three-fold project for Africa. The first portion of the project entails a book drive.

Any books students do not need can be donated in boxes set up throughout campus in classroom buildings and the University Student Center. Books for all ages are needed. They will be donated to educational institutions in Kenya and Ghana. If the book supply permits, other countries in Africa will be given books. Books for the project will be donated until May 1.

The Committee for the New Order is excited about its project and

wants students to come out and participate.

"It's an exhibition and cultural affair that shows the talents of African-Americans," said Thomas Perry, member of The New Order.

The second portion of the project The New Order is sponsoring is a trip to Kenya for a few enterprising students. Money raised from a raffle will be used to pay for their trip, which will be between the end of semester and the beginning of summer school. The top 20 money makers selling tickets will be able to go. Anyone can volunteer to sell tickets, not just group members. The prize to be raffled, donated by Sun World Tours, is an all-expense-paid photographic safari of Kenya.

The last portion of the project entails a conference to be held on campus April 23. The conference will be student-planned, with 60 percent of the presentations from area students and 40 percent from

professionals in various areas. Invitations will be sent out to African ambassadors.

"The conference is the first of its type, and everyone from campus is invited," said Perry.

The books from the drive collected up to that point will be presented to the representatives of Kenya and Ghana.

The group has been at N.C. State University for the past five years but has just become active this past

year. The Committee for the New Order is looking for help in the planning of the conference. For any information contact Faheem K. Ashanti at 515-2425.

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Thieves target careless students

By James Wilde
Staff Writer

N.C. State University students still have not learned from others' mistakes, as students reported over \$1,800 in thefts on campus last week. Each of the thefts were a result of unsecured or unattended items.

The latest theft was reported by Erika McComb, 21, of 211 North Hall. According to police reports, McComb left her purse with a value of \$25 unattended at the card catalogue area near the reference desk in the D.H. Hill Library Thursday at 11:44 a.m. The contents of her purse included a N.C. Driver's License, an AllCampus Card, a Senior's Red Card and 10 stamps.

Sean Michael Donaldson, 19, member and resident of the Kappa Alpha Order at 2601 W. Fraternity Ct., reported a bike stolen.

Donaldson said his bike was taken from an unlocked room in the fraternity house. According to the police report, Donaldson's bike, a Schwinn Crosstrainer, is valued at \$365. Donaldson said that he noticed his bike was missing Thursday but suspects that it was stolen Feb. 4 when he left it in the house to go study at the library.

Christopher Scott Hattings, 20, of 907 Method Rd., left his book bag unattended in the lobby of the NCSU Bookstore for 30 minutes Thursday in an unsecured locker. Upon returning, he too found his belongings missing. His losses total \$100.

Among the others who were subject to thefts were Jimmy Gray Dunstan, Cho H. Lee, W. Lin Coker and Cynthia Nadine Fields. The four incurred losses of over \$1,000.

Corporal Larry Ellis of Public Safety said that most of the crimes on campus are simple larcenies from unsecured areas.

He also said that students need to become more aware of the crimes on campus, secure everything, lock doors when leaving rooms and carry just the necessities to the gymnasium and library.

Chancellor to be arrested Tuesday

Jail-a-thon will raise money for library

By Chris Hubbard
Staff Writer

Would you like to see Chancellor Larry K. Monteith locked up? How about the head of a fraternity or sorority?

Or Dave Holm, the student candidate for the North Carolina House of Representatives? They will all be behind bars when the executive branch of the N.C. State University student government holds its annual Jail-a-thon to raise money for D.H. Hill Library.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the NCSU Brickyard. Monteith, Holm and the NCSU Wolfpack mascots will be locked up at 1 p.m. School deans, fraternity and sorority presidents, student development employees, heads of the Pan-Hellenic and National Pan-Hellenic councils, Faculty Senate Chairman Robin Dorff and important student government figures, such as President Ed Stack and Senate President John Hewitt, will be locked up throughout the day.

Each participant will be "arrested" at a pre-determined time and escorted to the jail, which was constructed by Brian Chase. In order to be released, bail must be posted for each participant. Bails will range from \$50 to \$100 and will go to the Library Endowment Fund. Last year the Jail-a-thon raised over \$7,000 for the fund.

"Just come watch us have fun and make money for a good cause," said Tom Staats, a student senator and executive assistant to Ed Stack.

Books open for student government next week

News Staff Report

Do you want to participate in student government?

Now is the time to decide. The books open Feb. 24 at 8 a.m. for students to file for candidacy.

The major offices being decided in the upcoming elections, which will be held March 30-31, will be student body president, chief justice and treasurer, Student Senate president and University Student Center president.

Also being decided are four at-large positions on the Student Center Board of Directors, five at-large positions on the Student

Media Authority, five College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Senate seats, 12 College of Engineering Senate seats, 12 College of Humanities and Social Sciences Senate seats, three College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences Senate seats and one College of Veterinary Medicine Senate seat.

Senior class president and vice-president will also be decided.

The last day to file for candidacy will be March 10 at 5 p.m. There will be a meeting for all candidates in the Senate Hall, March 11, at 8 p.m.



Jay Smith/Staff

But wouldn't a saw have been easier?

Members of the Tae kwon do Club demonstrate how to break a board using a flying high jump.

Habitat for Humanity will camp on Brickyard

By Denise Parkes
Staff Writer

If you walk through the Brickyard today, you might wonder why there's a shack in the middle of it. For the next three days, members of the N.C. State University chapter of Habitat for Humanity will be living in this shack to raise money for the "Collegiate Challenge."

Students participating in the "Collegiate Challenge" will travel to Savannah, Ga., and St. Petersburg, Fla., during spring break to build houses for families who need shelter. Twenty students will travel to

Georgia and 12 will travel to Florida. Each student has raised \$150 in pledges to live in the shack during the shack-a-thon.

"The main goal of the whole thing is to get the Habitat message out to this campus and to give people the opportunity to try to make a difference," said Steve White, the president of Habitat for Humanity at NCSU.

The Habitat chapter rented a storage shed and covered it with scraps to make it look like a shack.

"As the week progresses, parts of the facade will be taken away to reveal the sound structure underneath," White said.

The shack-a-thon will end Wednesday night after the shed is revealed. There will be a free concert to wrap up the fund-raiser at 8 p.m. in the University Student Center Annex Theatre.

David Lamotte, a folk singer from Montreal, N.C., and founder of the first campus chapter of Habitat, will be performing at the No More Shacks Concert.

The main speaker at the concert will be Don Wells from the Durham County Habitat chapter.

The NCSU chapter is also holding a fund-raiser for its housing fund. The sponsors of this fund are contributing money to help build a

house in the Wake County area.

The sponsors for this fund include:

Baptist College Ministries, Baptist Student Union, Presbyterian Campus Ministries, Two Guys Pizza and the Wesley Foundation.

"There's a lot of poverty here, and Habitat is trying to do something about it by putting time, love and care into improving it," White said.

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GAY AND LESBIAN AWARENESS WEEK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 17
 "Religious Issues and Biblical Matters: Dealing with Homosexuality in Today's Church"
 Rev. Jimmy Creech, Raleigh Religious Network for Gay and Lesbian Equality
 12:00 p.m. Walnut Room, Student Center

Tuesday, February 18
 "Homophobia: A Concern for All!"
 A panel discussion featuring Callen Gurganus, Mark Zumbach, Rev. Allen Proctor, Lisa Grafstein and Rob Faggart
 12:00 p.m. Walnut Room, Student Center

"Current Events and Issues Involving Gays and Lesbians"
 Round table discussion
 7:30 p.m. Poe 220

Wednesday, February 19
 Blue Jeans Day
 Wear your blue jeans and show support for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights
 Gay and Lesbian Information Fair
 Learn more about various organizations in the Triangle area

Thursday, February 20
 "Out in Front: Jim Baxter and the Front Page"
 Jim Baxter, Owner/Publisher of The Front Page, NCSU's Gay and Lesbian Newspaper
 12:00 p.m. South Gallery, Student Center
 Social Hour
 Meet members, friends and parents of the Triangle's Gay and Lesbian Community
 7:30 p.m. Brown Room, Student Center

Friday, February 21
 "Speaking Out: Gay and Lesbian Politicking in North Carolina"
 Mandy Carter, Director of NC Lesbian and Gay Political Action Agenda
 12:00 p.m. South Gallery, Student Center
 The 1st Annual Out and About Ball
 Semi-formal dress, Black Tie optional
 \$5 per person, tickets available at the door
 8:00 p.m. Walnut Room, Student Center

Blue Devils send Pack to record low

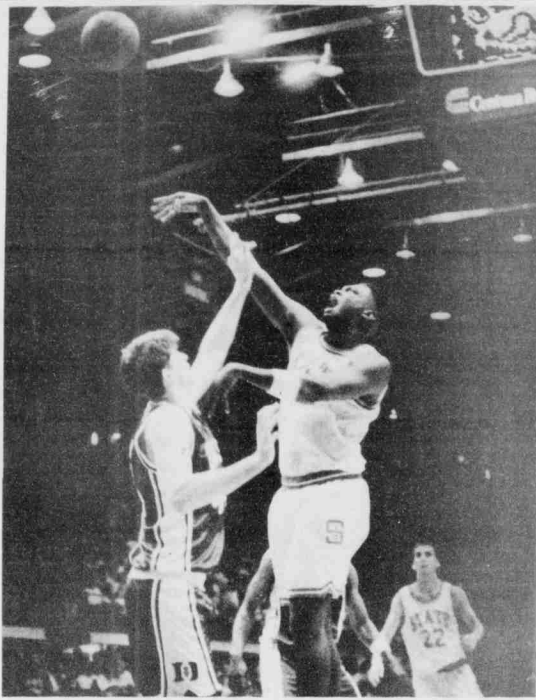
By Thomas Baker
Staff Writer

Call it a case of too many Hills to climb. The nationally top-ranked Duke Blue Devils may have only two — Grant and Thomas — but for N.C. State, that was two too many. Hill number one, Thomas, played his customary quiet game, somehow accumulating 16 points. Hill number two, Grant, led the Devils with 20 points while dishing out six assists and going airborne enough times to accumulate frequent-flyer miles. Together they added up to a mountain of trouble for the Wolfpack and dropped State to a school-record ninth-straight defeat, 71-63.

Unlike the last time these two teams played — a 110-75 blowout victory for Duke — this game was close throughout. The Devils never could get a decisive, back-breaking run. Down the stretch, however, Duke was just too tough with the two Hills and senior Christian Laettner. The 6-foot-11 center had 16 points, snatched six boards and was three of four from 3-point range. His pair of tres in the last minute of the first half gave Duke a 36-31 lead at the break.

The Pack countered Duke's second-half opening 4-0 mini-run with five straight of its own, but the Devils quickly stretched the lead out to 10. From there the Pack simply wasted opportunities, either succumbing to Duke's vicious interior defense or failing to capitalize on the line. Meanwhile, Duke connected on 66.7 percent of its second-half shots and went to the line 30 times to ice the game and end a five-game losing streak in Reynolds Coliseum.

"I give our team an A for effort today," N.C. State coach Les Robinson said. "[But] we played smart in about 75 percent of the time, and that's maybe a



Kevin Thompson (42) puts a shot over Duke's Cherokee Parks in State's record-breaking loss.

Linda Kurtyka/Staff

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Gymnasts set new team-scoring record

By Anthony Black
Staff Writer

N.C. State's gymnastics team spent Valentine's Day giving the university a very special gift — a

nationally competitive gymnastics squad. The second annual Hearts Invitational provided the backdrop to what proved to be the biggest victory in school history. State led the meet from start to finish, scoring

a 190.25 to defeat nationally ranked West Virginia (189.60) as well as formidable opponents James Madison (186.35) and North Carolina (185.45). In the process, the Wolfpack broke its school record of 189.75 set just one week ago.

"This was a tremendous win for our program as well as the school," State head coach Mark Stevenson said. "We had only two falls this meet, compared to five in the last meet."

Junior Jana Perry of West Virginia finished first in the all-around with a score of 38.45. Wolfpack fresh-

man Nicole Herrick finished third, scoring a 38.10.

"Nicole really did an excellent job for us," Stevenson said. "She was very strong on all four events."

N.C. State junior Karen Chester and West Virginia sophomore Lajuanda Moody tied for first on the vault with a 9.80. Both were school records. Herrick added a 9.70 to finish first on the beam. James Madison senior Kelli Westfall and West Virginia freshman Elizabeth Byrnes tied for first

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Pack swimmers upset Virginia for ACC crown

Fox, Cox break conference marks, qualify for Olympic Trials, NCAAs

By Jennifer Bouck
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The N.C. State men's swim team took the ACC by surprise this weekend and claimed the coveted ACC men's swimming championship title. The Pack took the title with 671.5 points, edging Virginia (658) and defending champion UNC-Chapel Hill (625.5). The ACC title is the Pack's first in men's swimming since 1985.



Fox

"These swimmers and divers really earned this," Wolfpack coach Don Easterling said. "We have been dreaming of this since June. This was a total group effort of the swimmers, divers, coaches and parents."

In addition to the team title, Easterling was named the ACC Men's Swimming Coach of the Year. In 20 years of coaching at State, Easterling has led State to 15 ACC titles.



Cox

"This couldn't have happened to a better group of men," said assistant coach Kay Gerken. "Every individual contributed to this title."

The meet was a constant battle between Virginia and the Wolfpack with each squad claiming leads on all three days of the competition. And before it was over, controversy struck the meet.

During the final day of competition, Pack swimmer Andre Paradis was disqualified in the 1650-yard freestyle after swimming under the lane lines to congratulate teammate

David Stuts.

According to the ACC swimming rules, a swimmer may not swim into another lane until all swimmers are finished with their races, and Paradis did not see a swimmer still going in the other side of the pool in lane 1. In the end, however, the meet referee overturned the ruling, and the Pack kept Paradis's critical points.

"My heart goes out to UVA," Easterling said. "If that DO hadn't been overturned, we wouldn't have won. I am close friends with the coaches of Virginia, and this is hard because it leaves a bit of a bitter taste in my mouth."

"On the other hand, if the shoe was on the other foot, I wouldn't want it any other way. I wouldn't want to take anything away from our men, because they deserve this victory."

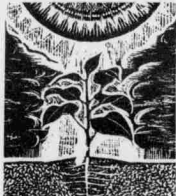
Leading the Wolfpack men were junior David Fox and freshman Chucky Cox. Fox successfully defended his titles in the 50-yard (19.40) and 100-yard (43.25) freestyles. Fox's time in the 50, the seventh-fastest time in history, breaks the ACC record, the ACC meet record, Koury Natatorium pool record and State's school record while also qualifying for the NCAA Championships and the Olympic Trials.

Fox's 100-yard freestyle also broke the ACC, ACC meet, pool and school record while qualifying for the NCAA meet. Fox also took home second place in the 100-yard butterfly (48.41) in an NCAA consideration time.

Cox made an impressive debut in the ACC meet, winning the 100-yard backstroke (48.880). This time was an ACC record, ACC meet record and school record, and also makes the consideration time for the NCAA championships. Also, Cox placed third in the 50-yard

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STUDENT SOCIAL WORK

ASSOCIATION meets Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in 29 Winston Hall.

RODEO CLUB meets Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in 5H Polk Hall. Very important meeting concerning SPRING RODEO.

THE SOCIETY OF UNDERGRADUATE MATHEMATICIANS meets Tuesday in 201 Harrelson Hall at 7:30 p.m.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION meets Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Building. Call 515-3375 for more information.

THE NCSU FOOD SCIENCE CLUB meets Tuesday. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m.

THE NCSU chapter of the SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT invites all students interested in HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT to come to its meeting Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Green Room of the University Student Center.

THE NCSU PRE-MED/PRE-DENT CLUB meets Tuesday at 7 p.m. in 207 Harrelson Hall. Everyone is invited.

GAY AND LESBIAN HELPLINE of Wake County offers anonymous counseling, information and referrals 7 days/week, 7-10 p.m. at 821-0055.

SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP. Register for this session, March 12 from 9 to 7 p.m. in 121 Carmichael Gym. Pre-registration is required for this FREE workshop and SPACE IS LIMITED. Contact the NCSU WOMEN'S CENTER for more details at 515-2012.

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LECTURES SEMINARS SESSIONS WORKSHOPS

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from 5:15-6:15 p.m. in 2100 Pullen Hall.

NCSU UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAMS UAB LECTURES COMMITTEE SPRING FORUM SERIES presents Michael Berbaum's "NEVER AGAIN: THE IMPORTANCE OF REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST" at the University Student Center Annex Theatre today at 2:35 p.m. and 8 p.m.

HOW TO RESEARCH A COMPANY USING LIBRARY RESOURCES will be held Tuesday from 2:30-3:15 p.m. in the Harrelson Room on the second floor in the East Wing of D.H. Hill Library.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STUDENT LEGISLATURE hosts NORTH CAROLINA 2000, a debate between political leaders concerning state issues such as the environment, crime, education and choice. Tuesday in Caldwell Lounge from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

THOMPSON THEATRE holds auditions for "T BONE N WEASEL

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& THE ANSWERS Feb. 24 and 25. Five males, one female and crew are needed. For more information, call 515-2405.

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Weather Outlook

Tuesday

80% chance of rain or t-storms with a low in the mid-40s and a high in the 50s.



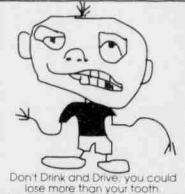
Wednesday

Fair with a high in the 60s and a low in the 40s.



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Editorials

Support rights of freedom

Have you ever felt like a fish out of water? Have you ever felt like no one understands? The lesbians and gays of the N.C. State University community unfortunately and unfairly know these feelings well.

Everyone knows the jokes; everyone knows the stereotypes. Lesbians and gays know the pain. But the lesbians and gays of this community are fighting back. The Lesbian and Gay Student Union is sponsoring Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week beginning today. In honor of the week, increase your awareness and decrease your ignorance. Open your mind.

Who are you to tell homosexuals how to live? Are you so perfect that you can honestly say that homosexuals are less moral than you? You say homosexuality is unnatural? But the desires and emotions homosexuals feel are natural to them. Everyone feels that his or her way is right. Lesbians and gays are no different. They have chosen to build relationships with members of their own sex rather than those of the opposite sex. It is their choice. Respect it. If homosexuals feel comfortable, natural and healthy with this choice, then the choice is right for them.

They never ask you to approve, just as you never ask for their disapproval in your heterosexual relationships. Their only request is that you don't discriminate or harbor misconceptions. They deserve every right that you have. They deserve to be who they are, live the lives they choose and love the people that they do. They deserve to be free of verbal and emotional abuse. They deserve every right, period.

Support the rights of gays and lesbians. Wear blue jeans Wednesday for Blue Jeans Day. Participate in the scheduled events. Contact Rob Faggart at 851-5995 for more information. At the very least, simply let homosexuals be. Accepting homosexuality doesn't prove homosexuality; accepting homosexuality proves tolerance and justice.

Always remember that freedom is this country's greatest gift. Heterosexuals accept this gift unthinkingly — don't unthinkingly deny it to others.

Magic shouldn't be playing

It is great that Magic Johnson is using his celebrity/hero status in a positive manner by educating more young people about AIDS. However, he should not just focus on the risks of sexual transmission, but also be concerned about other ways in which the AIDS virus can be transmitted. Magic's actions suggest that he is not. By continuing to play organized basketball, Magic, himself, is needlessly creating another risk of AIDS transmission.

Magic stressed the fact that "having responsible sex is not only caring about yourself, but about your partner." But, should not the same be true and applied in the game of basketball; should not a player care about the other players?

Magic's decision to participate in the NBA All-Star Game and this year's Summer Olympics has sparked controversy among many players, athletes, doctors and fans. There is a real, albeit small, chance that the AIDS virus could be transmitted in a physical game such as basketball. Although Magic feels that continuing to play poses no serious health dangers to himself, he should consider the other players. Magic points to doctors who have said that he should be allowed to play in the game, as a doctor for competing. Medical doctors may have given him the OK, but in a game of scratching, cuts, blood, sweat and saliva, no one can say, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that transmission could not occur (Remember UNC's Eric Montross two weeks ago).

Besides, there are players who have expressed concern about playing against Magic. Mark Price, Charles Barkley and Magic's own Laker teammate, A.C. Green, have said that he should not play. The Australian National Basketball team has expressed its concern about Magic competing in the Olympics. Isn't this enough for Magic? So as long as there are players, who are not "retired", who protest Magic's participation, then Magic should respect their concern, and their right to compete without fear.

Perhaps Magic Johnson should really retire, considering the fact that his jersey is already retired. He should not continue to make every game his last game, taking all the glory from the other hard working players, and exposing them to the risk of contracting AIDS. Awareness of the risks of AIDS is, after all, his message.

Quote of the Day

"The tree of life is kept alive not by tears but the knowledge that freedom is real and everlasting."

-Henry Miller



Columns

President Stack defends Dave Holm

After reading the opinion page of the Friday, February 14 edition of Technician, I felt there was one column that I had to respond to. This column inaccurately described my friend, Dave Holm.

First of all, let me say that I think Technician has done a wonderful job of covering Dave throughout his first week of campaigning. This display of students supporting fellow students should inspire the campus. I do feel, however, that Friday's column brought out things that are simply not true.

Like the columnist, was at Dave's campaign kickoff in the Brickyard, only I came away with a different view than he did. I thought Dave outlined his platform well, answered questions in a thoughtful manner, and generally demonstrated the leadership that he has throughout his four years of college.

Ed Stack
Guest Columnist

I also thought that I should give the facts about a couple of questions the columnist raised. The first issue to address is the tuition increase. After contacting the NCSU budget office, I found out the actual amounts that our students are paying this year as compared to last year. In-state tuition went up 28.15 percent and out-of-state went up 27 percent. Considering the fact that Republicans do not make up the majority in either house of the Legislature, there must have been Democratic support

for this increase.

The second issue pertains to a particular statement that the columnist made. He said, "do not want my hard-earned tax dollars building more fraternity houses." Before the columnist spoke, he should have known, as Dave does, that tax dollars do not fund on campus housing, such as fraternity houses and residence halls. These dwellings are financed through bond issues and are repaid through the occupant's rent.

Finally, the columnist described Dave as a "lap dog." After working with him over the last four years, I can honestly say that when it comes to student interest, Dave is not a lap dog, he is a watchdog and a true student leader.

Ed Stack is the Student Body President.

The unnatural is not always wrong

On Jan. 31, Matthew Bacher wrote a column for Technician denouncing the twin evils of birth control and abortion. Both were equally objectionable on the grounds that they were unnatural interference with the sacred order of human life. Clearly, there are a variety of ways to refute such a claim, even without abandoning the high moral ground of life's sanctity. Those who oppose abortion but do not object to birth control will certainly object to Bacher's assertion that preventing the sperm from fertilizing an egg does not differ from destroying an egg that has been fertilized. There are the usual comments about privacy to be made and the usual questions concerning life and conception. And the number of objections to his yearning for a world where "every God-given egg is allowed to become human" are simply too inconvenient to enumerate.

Happily, such enumeration is not necessary. Bacher has made things easy for us.

Bacher would like for us to believe that the first premise of his argument is that life is sacred. After all, in his own words, "who does not agree?" He hopes that with an almost universally acceptable first premise that we will be forced to conclude, with him, that both control and abortion violate such a premise simply because they are unnatural. Fortunately, the rules of logic

Ginger Edwards
Guest Columnist

will not allow him to leap such a chasm despite wishful thinking. It is quite easy to show Bacher's logical scheme yields a contradiction, equivalent to beating him on his own terms.

It doesn't take a logician to recognize that the keystone of Bacher's argument is that technological/societal interference in the order of things is unnatural. "Abortion is indicative of the horrible destiny toward which technology is leading us." He speaks of us straying "far from the natural order of our origins" and of "nightmarish technological control over the most natural cycles." Very well. Here we must supply his implicit but suppressed first premise that what is unnatural is bad. Otherwise his attempt at an argument fails.

This is very interesting. The artificial skin used to aid burn victims is unnatural and therefore bad. Certainly anything medical is out of the question ethically. It is also the natural order of things for the strong to benefit at the expense of the weak.

Philosophers such as Hobbes wrote extensively concerning an anarchistic "state of nature" where the strong would murder, rape and pillage their way to further domination. Let's hope you're a big fellow, Bacher, should we ever resort to your Hobbesian state of nature. Murder, rape and pillaging would all be natural and therefore good.

We can see from the examples above that it is contradictory to assert that what is unnatural is bad and then hope to seek shelter under the umbrella of life's sanctity. In fact, it seems that Bacher's objection is with technology, not abortion. It is ironic that he is an engineering student.

However, out of Bacher's fallacy arises a point that should be taken by those of us in the technological disciplines. It is important to bring external standards to bear on technology: all that is natural is not bad anymore than all that is unnatural is bad. The struggle exists in determining that which is good. And though this argument is as disputed as the day is long, the importance for technology lies in entering the debate. But let us do so systematically and not parade disorganized vitriol as serious inquiry.

Ginger Edwards is a graduate student studying physics.

New roads highlight the need for mass transit

The Department of Transportation is cutting a new road through eastern Tennessee — a beautiful area of rugged mountains, forests and small farms. Eventually, if left unopposed, the road will extend all the way into western North Carolina. It will successfully replace forests, streams and mountains with asphalt, traffic, air pollution and toxic run-off.

Construction of the I-26 extension has already started in Tennessee without the completion of an Environmental Impact Statement for North Carolina. Perhaps this was done in order to ignore the cumulative impacts of the road. Over 50 stream crossings will be made by the proposed extension in Madison County alone, which will seriously affect native trout populations. The road will also make impacts on the black bear through habitat destruction and fragmentation. The estimated building cost of the extension is \$500 million.

There is absolutely no need for this road. There already exist plenty of roads between North Carolina and Tennessee and in the rest of the United States as well. Approximately 47,000 people are killed annually on these roads, and an additional 30,000 deaths result from motor vehicle emissions. Six of the seven chief air pollutants come from automobiles. The United States currently uses 40 percent of the world's gasoline. At this rate of consumption, U.S. oil reserves are estimated to be depleted by 2020, and world oil reserves are estimated to be depleted by 2040. We need a paving moratorium. We don't need new roads. We

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need organization. Effort and money should be taken away from road-building projects and focused primarily on the conversion to efficient mass-transit systems, i.e. subway trains, street-cars, buses, etc.

An efficient mass-transit system would significantly reduce the need for automobiles and thereby drastically reduce air pollution. I realize that about one in six jobs in the United States is related to the automobile industry and that it is an influence in our economy, but seeing that oil reserves are dwindling, I believe that the industry needs to start looking for new ways of doing business (i.e. convert to a different fuel). As far as jobs are concerned, I believe the conversion to mass transit and the servicing of such would create far more jobs for skilled and unskilled labor than simply punching more roads through our country.

There are many facets to a conversion and many arguments yet to be heard, but I believe now is the time to put more effort, time, and money into mass transit and halt such useless and destructive activities as the I-26 extension.

ALEXANDER KRINGS
Sophomore, Conservation

Be an American and buy American products

Well, Repass, as far as columnists go, you certainly seem rather narrow-minded. But you're no less aware than the average American. We must support and respect our

own businesses. At the same time, we should pressure corporations to continue increasing quality. How long will it be before you are forced to learn Japanese in order to survive here in the 'United States'?

How many of our nation's top 10 banks does Japan now control? Five — including the top three. What other American institutions are the Japanese buying out? — MGM, 7-11, our universities and the list goes on. How much longer will we continue to support their economy while they do nothing for ours?

You state that your patriotism "does not stretch to stupidity," but I feel compelled to take issue with this point. For example, let's put 10,000 Americans out of work and then give them an unemployment check each month. Well, the more we buy Japanese products, the more we increase unemployment in our country. The more checks our government issues, the higher the taxes are for those who are still working, which is an ever decreasing number and thereby increasing the welfare burden on them.

Have you any idea what you can buy with one of those checks? Well, you can forget about the extras.

Furthermore, if we are spending less, then we're losing even more jobs. Can't you see how this downward spiral could continue? If we buy American, then Americans will work, spend and create jobs, and we might even see a tax decrease.

Come on Repass, be an American and buy American! Oh, by the way, have you figured out how many yen your dollar is worth?

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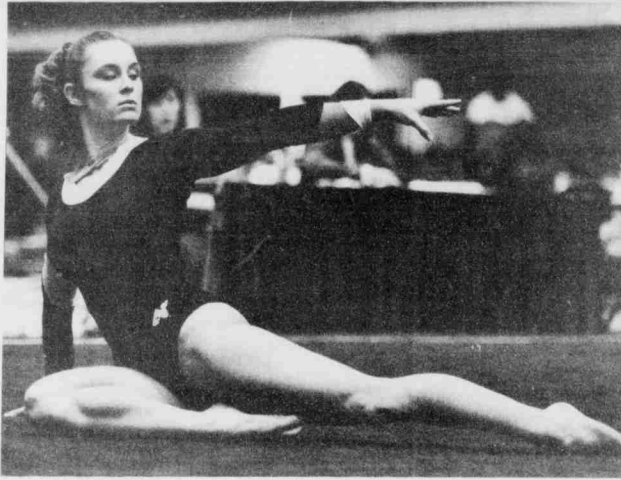
on the uneven bars with 9.70s, while sophomore Julie Redding led the Pack with a 9.55. Perry turned in a crowd pleasing 9.70 to finish first on the floor, while Wolfpack senior Michelle Ingham scored an impressive 9.65 to finish second overall.

The main reason for the Wolfpack's continued improvement this season has been the increased number of solid performances on each routine.

"We've always had the routines to be competitive," sophomore Nicole Cimato said, "but now that we're hitting our tricks, our scores are higher and our confidence keeps growing."

The victory raises the N.C. State team's overall record to 4-2, but most important, the win will move the Wolfpack's ranking among the nation's elite for the first time in school history.

"It has taken us 13 years to get to this point, and we've had to earn everything that we have," Stevenson said. "I now feel strongly that this team has a legitimate shot



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State sophomore Julie Redding performs her floor exercise at the Hearts Invitational.

to finish among the top 12 in the country."

Stevenson's pride in the win could not be measured by just the final score. "We defeated a nationally ranked

team that has 10 full scholarship athletes compared to our 3.75," Stevenson said. "That's incredible, but it also says how hard we've worked. I am so proud of these

girls, because it takes so much heart for them to practice under those conditions and still compete at this level."

Basketball

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B minus. To beat the number-one team you need an A in both departments."

The capacity crowd of 12,400 could sense an upset early as State opened up a five-point lead at 10:55 with 14:33 to play in the first half. Later, they could sense a comeback when Tom Gugliotta was fouled during a 3-point attempt and award-

ed three free-throws. If all three had fallen, the Pack would have been within six with 9:32 still to play. But the do-everything senior, who led all scorers with 23 points, could only make one, and the Duke lead remained largely intact. The Pack never got closer than eight from then on.

"I was proud of our guys," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "We beat a very emotional team, a team that played hard and had a great game plan. I wouldn't expect anything else from a Les Robinson team."

Champs

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freestyle (20.39), made the NCAA consideration time standard and took home a third in the 200-yard backstroke (1:48.44), also making the consideration time.

In addition, Cox and Fox joined together on four Wolfpack relays that took home firsts and rewrote the record books. The Pack started out the meet setting ACC, ACC meet, Koury Natatorium pool and school records in the 200-yard freestyle relay in a time of 1:19.99. In addition, this team of Cox, Fox, John Martelle and Matt Dunaway, qualified for the

NCAA Championships automatically. In the 400-yard freestyle relay, Cox and Fox were joined by Will Toburen and Jimmy Forrester and swam to a time of 2:57.48 and a NCAA consideration time.

In the medley relays, the Pack men again showed their dominance, winning both the short- and long-medley relays. The 200-yard medley relay of Cox, Greg Torsonse, Dunaway and Fox recorded a time of 1:29.80, setting ACC, ACC meet, pool and school records and making the consideration time for the NCAA national meet. In the 400-yard medley relay, Forrester replaced Dunaway and the team clocked a 3:17.88, breaking the school record and making the NCAA consideration standard.

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