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Renowned physicist, 88, dies

News Staff Report

Llewellyn Hilleth Thomas, an internationally renowned physicist, died at the age of 88 Monday at Meadowbrook Terrace, a rest home in Raleigh.

An N.C. State University professor emeritus, Thomas was noted for his early pioneering contributions to the theory of the spin-orbit interaction in atoms and to the statistical model of atoms. His model of the atom is known as the Thomas-Fermi model.

But colleagues say Thomas also had a wide range of interests outside the esoteric world of atomic physics.

"He was a man with a tremendous breadth of knowledge and could quote science, poetry and literature," said Richard R. Patty, head of the NCSU physics department. "He had a penchant for mystery books, which he collected extensively."

He was named visiting university professor in the department of physics at NCSU in 1968 and continued his distinguished career in physics and mathematics long past his official retirement in 1976. He received the Davison-Germer prize from the American Physical Society at the age of 79.

Patty said Thomas will be best remembered by scientists for his work in atomic physics. But those who worked closely with him at NCSU will also recall his exceptional ability to impart knowledge to advanced graduate students.

Born in London Oct. 21, 1903, Thomas earned an undergraduate degree in 1924 at Trinity College, Cambridge, England, and advanced degrees from Cambridge University in 1927 and 1928. By the mid- to late-1920s Thomas's research on the spinning electron had already attracted the attention of the scientific community.

Thomas served as a senior staff member at the Watson Scientific Computing Laboratory established by IBM at Columbia University before coming to NCSU. During his association with IBM, he authored more than 40 papers on numerical methods and applications in atomic physics, plasma physics, general relativity and applied mathematics.

Thomas was a fellow in the American Physical Society and a member of the National



Larry Dixon, Jr./Staff

Still strolling strong

The Strolling Professor is still going strong, despite the maintenance going on right beneath his feet. Bricks were being moved around Thursday afternoon in the Gardner Arboretum. The Professor was engrossed in his book, a posture many students will be imitating soon.

New Faculty Senate chair to speak for profs

Senate passes smoking resolution

By L. Reed Kingsley
Staff Writer

The Faculty Senate has a new chairman, or as he likes to put it, expediter.

Myron Kelly, a wood and paper science professor who served as the vice-chair of the Senate this year, will become the new chair effective July 1.

Although he expects to confront new issues, Kelly said his purpose is "being the expediter of what the faculty wants to do." He has been a faculty member for more than 20 years at N.C. State University.

The new chair-elect is Charles H. Carlton, professor of British history. The chair-elect serves as the vice-chair for one year and then steps into the position of Senate chair.

Carlton has served on the Senate the previous three terms. He joined the faculty in 1969 and recently chaired the ad hoc committee on Faculty Governance, a job that had a substantial impact on his election.

Full of enthusiasm, Carlton said the biggest problem he sees is growth. NCSU is "poised on becoming a major world university," he said.

Changes in "faculty governance will make this a better university for the students. I'd like to see a Nobel Prize winner here," he said.

During its last meeting, the Senate addressed two major issues.

The senate passed a "Resolution Supporting Establishment of a Center for Instructional Development at NCSU." Implementation would give instructors "support for course or curricular innovation and change ... confidential professional assessment of classroom lectures, training in college-level teaching methods and skills ... and other assistance."

Although the Senate passed the resolution, the members expressed some doubts about whether the university would fund the center.

A campus-wide smoking policy introduced two weeks ago won faculty approval and was sent on to the

Dorff reflects on term

By L. Reed Kingsley
Staff Writer

Political scientist Robin Dorff is closing out his one-year term as chair of the Faculty Senate — a year in which the group wrestled with some controversial issues.

During Dorff's tenure as chair, the Senate approved the plus/minus grading system and a campus smoking policy, among other items. Dorff said he believes he did "a fair and accurate job representing the faculty through the Senate ... with the chancellor, provost, alumni, students and external groups such as financial contributors."

He said his goal after his successor takes over July 1 is to become "a regular faculty member."

What was his biggest accomplishment during the year, he was asked?

Dorff, who teaches political science and public administration, chuckled before he answered. "Survival," he said.

chancellor's office. The Senate's resolution suggests that the university adopt the policy established by the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

The PAMS policy allows smoking only in designated areas and in private offices. Smokers are grouped in the same office whenever possible, and non-smokers are segregated in another work environment.

Trash truck to tour

By Shannon Morrison
Staff Writer

Get your trash ready — here comes the truck!

Monday the N.C. State University Physical Plant will start a curbside recycling program. Students and faculty are encouraged to bring their recycling tubs to the truck as it comes by, said Gayle Franks, Physical Plant Superintendent of Automotive Services.

Franks hopes the recycling program will get the campus community more directly involved in recycling efforts.

"I think students are doing a good job," Franks said. "We need to get the faculty and staff more involved."

By asking faculty and students to voluntarily come to the truck, Franks said that the Physical Plant hopes to increase the volume of materials it recycles. Franks hopes to make the system "more cost effective by eliminating storage space and reducing processing time."

Currently, the Physical Plant collects recycling materials twice a week from the residence halls and

once every two weeks from the academic buildings. Franks said that because the system is new, the truck will follow the same schedule. The truck will come by residence halls Monday and Friday and the academic buildings Tuesday through Thursday.

"People will notice the truck. It's so big," she said.

But, just in case, Franks plans to send an advance team into the academic buildings about 30 minutes before the truck comes around so that materials can be brought outside before the truck gets there.

The following is a list of materials the truck will pick up to recycle:

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- Cardboard — Corrugated only. No beer containers.

DOT rules still in effect during move-out

By David Bengte
Staff Writer

The end of the semester does not mean the end of parking and transportation routines for N.C. State University students.

The Department of Transportation has issued a few guidelines for students leaving campus.

Parking is prohibited on the grass and sidewalks at all times.

Parking at a yellow curb or fire lane is acceptable only if a licensed driver, who can move the vehicle in the case of an emergency, remains with the vehicle at all times. This is a requirement of the Raleigh Fire Department. All unattended vehicles are subject to being ticketed and/or towed.

Traffic control officers will monitor the Pullen Hall meter-lot traffic

Monday through Friday throughout the campus. Visitor permits for family members' vehicles can be obtained at either the Information Booth on Yarbrough Drive or at the transportation customer service window in the Administrative Services Building. The permit requirement will be suspended in the residence hall parking areas May 4 and 5. However, 'A' and 'B' zones will be enforced as usual.

Any questions concerning move-out should be directed to the DOT office at 515-2210.

There are some parking and transportation changes to keep in mind during exams and summer sessions. During the semester break, May 6 through May 18, parking permit enforcement will be suspended in Zones 'C' through 'H'. All other parking zones, including meters,

handicapped spaces, reserved spaces, Zones 'A' and 'B' will be enforced during this period. The zone system will continue to be enforced throughout the summer sessions as it has been throughout the fall and spring semesters. The zone permit purchased allows parking in that zone and those zones lower in the hierarchy.

Permits for final exams will go on sale at the customer service window in the DOT office at 7:30 A.M. tomorrow at a cost of \$1 per day.

Parking permits for summer sessions will be available for purchase from the DOT on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 7:30 a.m. May 11. Summer session permits are valid through August 15 and are

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Tournament raises scholarship money

By Scott Joyner
Staff Writer

When Michael Jordan played golf for money recently, it proved to be disadvantageous to his reputation. When Sigma Alpha Mu held its fourth annual benefit golf tournament April 4, it proved beneficial to the N.C. State University College of Textiles.

The textile college will receive \$3,000 Monday to be used for scholarships from SAM. The money will be used to provide three \$1,000 scholarships for incoming freshmen.

The money given by SAM was one of the largest donations given to the College of Textiles this year. Lennie Barton, Associate to the

Dean of Textiles, expressed his gratitude for the scholarship money. "It is really tremendous for a social fraternity to provide such a benefit to a college at the university," said Barton. "They [SAM] really put a lot of work into the tournament and did a great job. To have 120 players and several corporate sponsors is a real challenge, but they did a tremendous job."

SAM has held the tournament every spring since 1989. The prize pool generated from the entry fees and sponsors enabled the top team to take home over \$800 in prizes. The top-eight teams from the 30-team field won prizes with individual winners taking prizes for the closest to the pin and the longest drive.

SAM Tournament Chairman Scott Rives called the tournament a tremendous success. "It was the best tournament yet. I was really impressed by the involvement of the industry, the Raleigh community, Sigma Alpha Mu members and the College of Textiles," said Rives.

"The tournament was run really well," Barton said. "My team only needed one more putt to win the top prize, and I had a lot of fun. The money given by Sigma Alpha Mu will be put to use in academic scholarships. We don't have companies that give us that much money, so it is a real asset to our college."



Chris Gentry/Staff

Mike Mango tees off on the 17th

This is the last paper of the semester. Good luck on exams!

FYI

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New student government officers ready

Jones seeks diversity in executive branch

By Shannon Morrison

Staff Writer

Chris Jones, the newly elected N.C. State University student body president, is looking for a few good men ... and some women too.

"My concern is that my appointments would include a good cross section of students," he said, "so that all students would feel like they have a choice [in the executive branch]."

Jones, a junior in mechanical engineering, said that next year he and his assistants will take on several projects.

One project will include a feasibility study on the establishment of a food court in the University Student Center. Comparable centers have already been established at Wake Forest University and UNC-Chapel Hill, he said.

Jones said he would like to see more diversity in the food selection for students on campus.

Jones said he would like to work out a joint agreement such as a profit-sharing plan with University Dining to allow for the court.

In other projects, the executive branch will also be working on a new honor code to help discourage cheating, Jones said. "This university stands for truth and is willing to make a stand on it," Jones said.

Jones added that he would like to work closely with the Faculty Senate to foster joint faculty-student positions on issues. Improving issues such as academic integrity, he said, "is something that we cannot do alone."

Jones said that he will also work toward the creation of a programming budget for the University Student Center Afro-American Cultural Center.

"The cultural center fronts the money themselves for social events," he said.

Certain departments, such as transportation, generate extra money that is re-allotted, Jones said. Jones said he would re-route some of the money to the center.



Jones

Hyson wants students to get involved

By Shannon Morrison

Staff Writer

Newly elected N.C. State University Student Body Treasurer Monica Hyson said she plans to use her office to help mold better students.

"Maybe N.C. State University is not doing all it can to develop ideal community leaders," Hyson said. According to Hyson, Student Government is the key to producing social and academically proficient students. One of Hyson's goals is to raise student awareness of what is available to them in the form of various student organizations.

"I hear of too many people content to live in their dorm room or apartment for four years and not get involved with anything," Hyson commented.

Hyson believes that NCSU does not have the level of student involvement existent at other schools. As treasurer, she wants to make sure that "those groups who are trying to get things done" can get money allotted to them.

"I want to help them any way I can," Hyson said. "I think it is very important."

Hyson also wants to help Student Senate President Eric Lamb to take the Senate to new levels of achievement. She intends to use her "influence of office to help represent the student body a little better than it has been in the past."

"Student Government is one way student concerns can reach the administration," Hyson said, "and not let the administration have their way with us."

Student opinion has had an effect on the implementation of the plus/minus grading system, Hyson said. The new grading system may be delayed due to opinions expressed by Student Government.

Hyson is currently taking applications for comptroller for next year. This person will be her "second in command," according to Hyson. The applicant should be a junior or senior majoring in accounting and who is available this summer. The comptroller will be responsible for keeping the Student Government books next year. Student Government comptroller is a paid position.



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Senior design class gives engineers chance to test wings

Class gives experience to students, products to industry

By Hunter Morris
Staff Writer

A partnership between industry and N.C. State University is bringing benefits to both students and industry.

Since 1988, the department of materials science and engineering has had a two-semester senior design course. The course is based on the mechanical engineering senior design course in which students work on design projects proposed by industry.

According to Don Preiss, a visiting professor and extension specialist in materials science, the department modified the course five years ago because of the difficulty graduating students were having with design at their first jobs. "It took a long time to become productive. They didn't know how to attack problems," Preiss said. "This course gives them a pattern to use in their first job or graduate school."

Preiss worked several years for International Business Machines as a chemical engineer before coming to NCSU five years ago with a two-year program sponsored by IBM.

Preiss divides his time between the materials science department and the Industrial Extension Service.

It is at his job at IES that Preiss finds most of the projects for the course.

The projects the students work on are actual problems proposed by industry. Because of the number of students in the department, only one team consisting of three to five students works on a given project.

There are four categories of projects — ceramics, metals, electronic metals and polymers — selected each year. These categories represent each of the major divisions of materials science.

According to Hayne Palmour, professor and associate head of the materials science and engineering department, the projects are selected by the amount of time they are expected to take and the difficulty of the problem.

The course is taught in two parts, MAT 423, "Introduction to Materials Engineering Design," and MAT 424, "Materials Science and Engineering Design Project."

Palmour teaches the first semester course, MAT 423.

According to Palmour, the course is not really a lecture course. The students are given assignments that help them learn team work, good design fundamentals and communication skills.

"It's important to recognize that this is what engineering is all about," Palmour said. According to the professor, that is "getting a solution and clearly communicating it to people who have to use it."

After two-thirds of the first semester is over, teachers introduce the students to the available projects. Students select the project in their area of interest. Then they are divided into groups and assigned

"This course gives them [students] a pattern to use in their first job or graduate school."

—Dr. Don Preiss
NCSU professor

their projects.

Each group is given a faculty adviser who works with them to develop their plan of attack. The advisers are generally highly experienced members of senior faculty. Each adviser has his own relationship with the teams. The advisers are there as consultants when the teams need them. Both Preiss and Palmour act as faculty advisers for groups this year.

The students then meet their corporate liaison and familiarize themselves with their sponsor company.

Each student writes a proposal describing how they would solve the problem. The groups combine their individual proposals and a single plan is developed for the group. The group proposals are then given in an oral report at the end of the first semester.

In the second semester, students follow up on the proposals. The students work on the actual project using the proposal they wrote during the first semester. The companies involved give the students access to resources at the university and often on site at the company. Students then get the opportunity to

work in an actual workplace environment.

At the end of the semester, the students submit the results of their work to an independent panel of judges. The panel evaluates the projects and selects the ones it thinks are best.

Both Palmour and Preiss are pleased with the results of the course.

"I have seen school kids at the beginning of the year acting and walking and talking like engineers at the end of the year," Palmour said.

"I am so proud of these students by the time they are seniors, they are so professional," Preiss said. "I haven't had any students I wouldn't hire."

According to Palmour, both students and industry benefit from the course. The students get to see how industry thinks and how specific industries work, and the companies get a lot of fresh ideas from the students.

Industry has also realized a savings of millions of dollars as a direct result of projects with NCSU.

This year's projects include studying the mixing process and the end result of tungsten carbide powders for Kinnametal, studying the silver migration in gold and silver circuit cards for Dupont, studying MTS displacement sensors for Wade Peterson and designing plastic blood collection tubes that can hold vacuum pressure for long periods of time.

In the past five years, there have been 22 projects with 14 corporate sponsors. Some companies have come back two or three times.



Larry Dixon, Jr./Staff

Dr. Preiss finds projects for students to work on in MAT 424.

"They have been so happy with the students and the projects, they have come back for another project," said Palmour.

Preiss plans to retire after this academic year. Dr. R.L. Porter and Palmour will perform some of the duties Preiss now fills.

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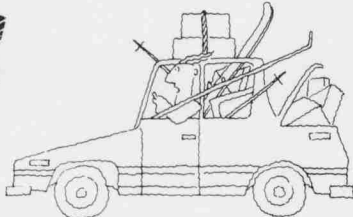
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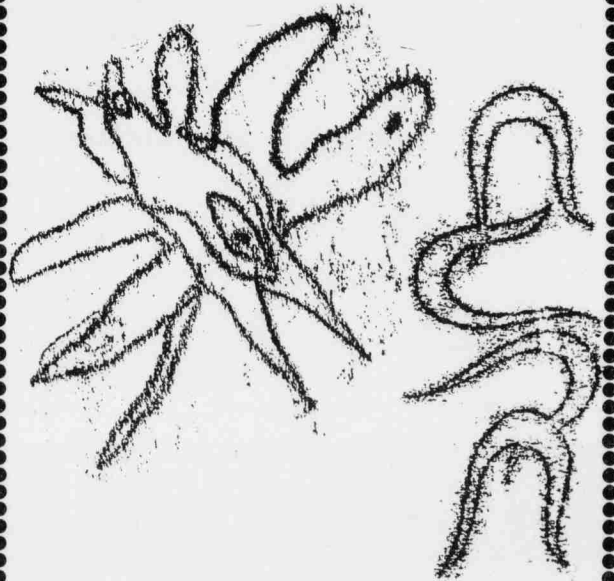
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N.C. State engineer helps world become a less stuffy place

Frontiers Staff Report

If you think that the air in offices has been getting stuffier, you're right.

And stale air is not just a matter of discomfort. Air that feels stuffy is stuffed full of contaminants that can make you sick.

In response to this problem, a North Carolina State University engineer is developing a low-cost way to clean the air in offices and factories, even in cars. It can work in any place that is enclosed.

The method not only relieves the air of a feeling of stuffiness, but actually zaps away contaminants such as traces of solvents, benzene, and even tobacco odors.

"We're using photocatalysis to burn away the contaminants at room temperature," said Dr. David F. Ollis, professor of chemical engineering at NCSU. "This is a com-

bustion process similar to that used in emission control in cars, but we've made some modifications."

In a paper presented at the April 7 meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Francisco, Ollis listed the 20 most common air contaminants that his photocatalytic process can eliminate.

Ollis traces the problem of stuffy office air to the energy crises of the 1970s. To keep fuel bills down, builders constructed offices that were sealed tighter, and in some offices windows could not even be opened. Most of the air in these buildings is recirculated so that less fresh air, which must be heated or cooled anew, is used.

But the increased recirculation of air has pushed up the concentration of air contaminants. Those contaminants include formaldehyde emitted by urea-formaldehyde resins in building materials, solvents in

paints and cleaning products, and benzene or toluene released by certain manufacturing operations.

"All of these things would now be at a higher level than when you introduced more fresh air into the buildings daily," Ollis said. "With the continual tightening of the restrictions on levels of air pollutants allowed in the workplace, there's a tremendous pressure to find some economic way to remove contaminants from the air without having to bring in additional fresh air from the outside."

That's exactly what Ollis is doing with a model air purifier that he and his students have built in his laboratory. The model ventilation system has a series of connected mini-hallways built of Plexiglas. A fan causes air to circulate through the system.

The purifier itself is a ceramic cube, called a monolith, that has

lots of tiny square holes punched through it so that it's shaped somewhat like a honeycomb. The cube has been coated with a white powder called titanium dioxide, which is the white pigment used in paint and toothpaste. Lamps shine light that is near ultraviolet on the cube, which activates the process.

The air circulates through the tiny holes in the cube, where the air contacts the surfaces coated with titanium dioxide. Once illuminated, the titanium dioxide acts as a catalyst. It causes the molecules of oxygen in the air to react with the contaminants in a chemical process that combats the contaminants, the end products are carbon dioxide and water, but in such tiny amounts that they are insignificant to the quality of the air circulating in the system.

"The geometry of the honeycomb is crucial because it provides a lot of surface area and a high opportu-

nity for pollutants to bump into the walls and react," Ollis said.

Like many technologies, the photocatalytic process is one taken from nature. The hydroxyl radical, which is the form that the activated oxygen takes when it burns up the contaminants, is the same high-altitude scrubber that cleans the upper atmosphere of Earth in the presence of sunlight.

The advantages of the system are twofold. First of all, it's likely to be economical because the photocatalysis can operate at room temperature. Unlike titanium dioxide, most other catalysts work only at high temperatures, which would not be economical in buildings if the recirculating air had to be heated and cooled continuously as part of the purification process.

Second, the ingredients are safe. People use titanium dioxide in their toothpaste; they breathe molecules of oxygen and they can view near ultraviolet light without any harmful effects.

Ollis began working on the project last year after receiving a \$100,000 grant from the National Aeronautics

and Space Administration to develop a way to purify the air in space-craft and space stations. The same system that he developed for space can be applied to more earthbound uses such as in offices and factories, Ollis said.

This summer, Ollis plans to build a life-size demonstration system using conventional ventilation ducts. In doing that, he plans to figure out just how much it will cost for designers to incorporate the system in their buildings.

"The main challenge now in air treatment is to keep up the energy efficiency of buildings while purifying the air," Ollis said. "We think photocatalysis can do that."

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Scientist

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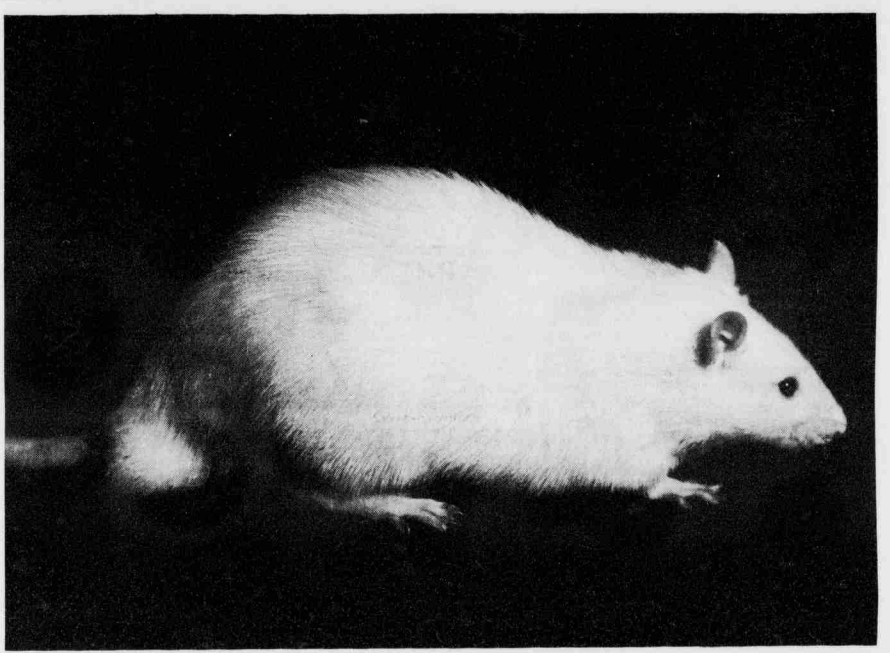
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The notion that a rat and a child are

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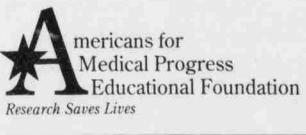
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Editorials

Good luck class of '92

Summer is upon us once again. The seniors are graduating and the freshmen are heading home with stories from the "big university."

We would also like to urge everyone to have a safe summer — no drunk driving, no dangerous hallucinogens and no coal mining without a hardhat.

A few more pointers to help those along who would be totally lost without school. Come write for Technician over the summer. We are nice people and would really like to have you around.

If you are not going to be around Raleigh this summer, drop us a letter here at Technician and let us know what's going on in your hometown.

Again, congratulations to the graduating seniors, and everyone have a safe and fun summer. See you in the fall.

Monteith rides in chair

The N.C. State University campus is not a user-friendly place, especially if you're handicapped and your mobility is restricted.

Larry Monteith to spend a day in a wheelchair so he could get an idea of what the handicapped students and faculty of this university have to endure every day.

The chancellor deserves kudos. He, along with several other senior administrators, did some time wheelchair-bound May 16, 1990. Hopefully that impressed on him the importance of equal access to all people on campus.

We didn't mean for the editorial to imply that the chancellor was unconcerned about the needs of the handicapped. On the contrary, we realize his commitment to equal access. We were aware of this point when we wrote the editorial and we are aware of it now.

The point of the editorial was to raise awareness and to make a statement about how strongly Technician feels about equal access on this campus. Chancellor Monteith is aware of how important equal access is.

Maybe we need to get some members of the N.C. General Assembly to spend some time in wheelchairs on this campus. Perhaps while they're here, they could go visit the chancellor.

What they would find is that if you're in a wheelchair, you can't get into Holladay Hall where the chancellor and other senior administrators have their offices. This isn't Monteith's fault. He inherited a poorly designed, inaccessible building.

But someone needs to allocate the money to make the changes that have to be made to this campus and its buildings. Handicapped students pay tuition and students fees. They deserve equal access just like everyone else.



Columns

Columnist converts, abortion ok now

J. Keith Jordan

Opinion Columnist



My last column argued, in what I hoped was a persuasive and logical way, that abortion is wrong and shouldn't be legal. Since that time, though, my eyes have been opened.

I feel a great sense of relief now that I know I should only address issues that concern me. That makes things a lot easier. I do not personally approve of abortion.

This conversion is not limited to one issue, either. Because of the wisdom of a sophomore in multi-disciplinary studies, I now understand that everything that doesn't directly affect me should be allowed — at least as far as I'm concerned. That is, I shouldn't oppose those things.

For instance, I used to think that the government's role in preventing black-on-black violence is a legitimate one. No more! Although I personally oppose all sorts of violence, I have no role in controlling what people of other races do.

I'm also short. As such, I now believe that all people should have the right to choose to rob a bank. Again, I don't support bank robberies of any sort, but I know that I'll never understand what all people go through. If I were tall, I might rob banks.

No, I will from now on publicly support the rights of these groups of people to do whatever they want. I, like the writer of the

letter, will avoid the issues from now on in favor of simple rhetoric. If people confront me with evidence that the unborn are living humans, I will simply shout them down and say that they have no right to impose their will on others. I will, though, continue to secretly oppose abortion. Because about half of the campus anti-abortion group is female — a percentage higher than that of the student body at large — I hope that these people can continue to work to prevent the destruction of "unviable tissue masses."

have then also asked whether women have a right to choose to do anything — smoke crack, shoot annoying people, whatever they want. I would then have explained that if one accepts the fetus as a human deserving protection (and all of the scientific and medical evidence points that way), then that human's right to live overrides the right of a woman to have it eliminated.

Normally, the response would be rather like that in the letter that I have taken to heart as the new core of my beliefs. To paraphrase, whenever I was talking to would say something to the effect of "I don't want to talk about whether the fetus is human. It's a woman's right. You as a male shouldn't get involved in the issue."

I used to brush this aside as an attempt to sidestep the issues. I used to wonder why pro-choice people would never explain why the fetus deserves no protection, why they would just ignore the question of when human life begins.

Now I understand. I now share the world view that many pro-choicers, including the letter-writer, champion. People should concern themselves only with what others like themselves do and leave everyone else alone. So from now on, I plan to deal exclusively with the actions of short, white, red-headed men majoring in English.

And don't try to tell me what people like me should do if they're tall, or black, or blond, or female, or a science major. Focus instead on people of your own type.

J. Keith Jordan is a junior majoring in English.

Christians do not hate homosexuals

Stephen Woods

Guest Columnist

The debate on homosexuality has gone to a new level once again, and it seems its purpose has been misunderstood yet again. All articles against the Christian viewpoint have accused Christians of one thing: hatred. Unfortunately, in the true Christian, this doesn't work. There is no room for Christ and hatred in the same heart.

You can dislike or even hate what someone does, but that does not mean you hate the person. There is no one action on Earth that can be said to be the sum total of a person. People are far more complex than that. Let's take an example. If a mother has a son that murders someone, do you think the mother, if she helps her son through the trial, loves a murderer? The mother, father or anyone can love that person while hating what they do. And that is what Christ calls Christians to do.

We are to love people while hating what sin we find in their lives as well as our own. This is how you follow Christ. "For this is the message that you've heard from the beginning that we should love one another." 1 John 3:11. The only way to follow Christ is to love people and help them decide things for themselves. Christ wants people, not robots. That's why we all have the freedom to make our own choices. It may be noticed that I'm not really citing

Bible verses and basing my argument out of them. The reason is that any written piece of work can be misunderstood by taking a few lines out of the whole. That has been done rather successfully lately by people saying if you condemn homosexuals you also have to condemn textile majors for mixing fabrics and people who shave. All of this is out of context; you have to look at the Bible as a whole book that has a progressive method to teach what needs to be followed. If you look, you will find teachings on morality and behavior throughout the Bible. There is a need to be careful on taking every sentence individually and basing whole arguments on those. Consider taking the soliloquy by Hamlet by Shakespeare that says: "O that this too, too sullied flesh would melt, thaw and resolve itself into a dew!" It could start an argument that Shakespeare

believed you should kill yourself if you have a defilement. I am not saying that individual verses of the Bible have no value and that arguing is stupid but that you have to take a look at the whole setting.

Why did God lay a commandment down against homosexuality? Against shaving, or mixing fabrics? Did this change or continue in later books of the Bible? What is God's overall message? The Bible is not for closed-mindedness but open to free-thinking people.

Christianity is faith — personal faith and individual faith with Christ and God. To turn away from Christianity because you dislike an opinion is like not buying the car that's perfect for you because the salesman didn't describe it to you exactly the way you wanted it. You're looking for the car, not the salesman. The same is true with Christianity; you need to look at the Bible, not the opinions people tell you to have. Only then will you find the true meaning of Christianity. Love is the command given from the beginning of the Bible to the end. But this love does not mean you accept everything people do as right.

Stephen Woods is a sophomore majoring in social work.

Quote of the Day

"Though thou canst forbear to love, forbear to link"

- Sir Walter Raleigh

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In response to our complaints, AMP has ceased all publication and dissemination of this advertisement.

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Technician Campus Forum

Being pro-choice alright, columnist not alright

Recently, many people have written to Technician on behalf of "pro-life." Vince Beasley suggests that pro-choicers not have sex if they do not want a kid. Is that saying that the only time Vince has sex is when he wants a kid? What happened to sex for fun?

Vince goes on to talk about abortion being "a cop-out, a denial of the responsibility to one's children." What about those women who were impregnated against their will? What about pregnancy as a result of rape? It

seems to me that Vince is leaving out quite a bit of reality. The world is not a pretty place.

Abortions will continue whether or not they are made illegal. Women will suffer greatly and may even die if they do not have access to safe abortion procedures. It seems that some people place more value on a very dependent baby or fetus than on a grown, independent woman who is already an established part of society. At the pro-choice march, a story was told about a woman who, in a dark alley, poured liquid Drano down herself, trying to kill the baby that she knew she could not support. She didn't know any better — a friend had told her. Several months later, she ended up giving "birth" to a fetus that had been rotting inside her. Pro-lifers might say that she should have given the child up for adoption. But who is there to take it? How

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many pro-lifers have adopted children? They all should thank they scream it as the answer. I believe that every child should be a wanted child.

The very term "pro-life" is a misnomer for their stance. They advocate only the life of what they believe has a right to life. If their "policy" is purely a right-to-life policy, why then are they not just as eagerly campaigning against the death penalty? Some more accurate terms for their "cause" might be anti-abortion, or anti-women, or hypocrites for orphanages.

There is no one who likes abortion. It is a terrible experience, but it belongs to the mother. If she decides to have an abortion, it is her right to do so, and she will have to deal with the consequences. No one can tell her what she can or cannot do. It is her right to choose, and it is her right to the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness that is at stake here.

Alexander Krings
Sophomore, Conversation

Warning signs for stairs is solution

As finals approach, no doubt the library will see a large number of students looking for a place to study. With the main stairs closed, patrons will be forced to use elevators or the narrow fire stairs. I am almost certain that the large number of people using those narrow stairs and their exits will result in injuries. Why won't the library simply open the main stairs and erect warning signs such as

"use at your own risk" or "use handrails"? The library can also put a bold sign next to the main stairs indicating that the stairs are considered unsafe and have been suspected to cause some injuries. I certainly will continue to use the main stairs as I have never felt anything wrong with them. By opening the main stairs and continuing to keep the fire exits open, the library can reduce the dangerous amount of traffic through the fire stairs.

Saurabh Misra
Senior, Electrical Engineering

Abortion is fact of life, will remain so

When I was about 12 years old, my mother explained the abortion issue to me simply.

Abortions have always happened. For a long time they were illegal. Women still had abortions. Women were in danger of dying from these abortions. Now they are legal. Women are safe.

To take away this choice would be, in my mind, appalling. Why did women have abortions and break the law knowing that they may die or never become pregnant again after such an operation?

Because they knew they did not want to be pregnant. For some reason or another, this was not a baby they could give birth to.

Why did they get pregnant if they didn't want the baby?

Because they didn't use protection, or the protection failed, or they were raped.

Why did they just not have sex as Vince Beasley suggested in

Technician April 20?

See, I don't know. How many men are willing to forego sex except for on the occasions during which they are trying to get a woman pregnant? How many women will have sex only when they want to be pregnant? Question answered.

As a female, I am certain that the vast majority of women who make or have made such a decision — the decision to abort their pregnancy — do not do so on a whim. They agonize and debate and then decide. For that is her baby that she is letting go. Not the country's. Not the state's. It is her decision to make. That potential child is a part of her body. To let that potential life go, that part of her, is unfathomably difficult. Probably the hardest thing she will ever do. But the option to do this legally must be there.

Because if it isn't, she will do it anyway — illegally, unsafely.

Then women will die unnecessarily. Good, decent, intelligent, God-fearing women will die because they were forced to do something illegal.

The law can not keep abortions from happening. It can keep them safe.

Abortions have always happened.

Lauren S. Sparrow
Senior, Communication

Truck rally bad idea, play more football

I noticed an advertisement on television this past week for a monster truck rally. I know you're saying, "Monster truck rally, so what?" The interesting thing about this monster truck rally is that it is at Carter-Finley Stadium May 2.

Now I'm not sure if this rally is actually being held in the stadium or on the grounds, but in any case, what in the world is Todd Turner and the rest of the athletic department thinking?

If this is being done to use Carter-Finley as a profitable venue during the football off-season, at what cost is it being done? If this event is in the stadium or even on the grounds, how much would it cost to repair the stadium and its grounds after the event ended? Don't try to tell me it would not do any damage, because we all have seen the dead grass in the field house end zone in the past seasons due to concert stages being there in the summer.

If the athletic director is looking for a way to increase revenue from Carter-Finley, why not try scheduling some non-conference games with some somewhat reputable teams. Let's say goodbye to the Citadel, Furman, Marshall, etc. and hello to home and home series with SEC, Big 10, or Pac 10 teams or even ECU, where more money will be made, and leave the monster truck rallies in Fayetteville.

Clay Bert
Sophomore, Political Science

Writer loves gays, hates their actions

There have been many articles written about homosexuality and the Bible recently. In reading these articles, I get the impression that there are only two opinions on this issue. One must be either a liberal who believes homosexuality is good or a Bible-thumping fundamentalist who hates homosexuals. Well, I don't fit into either one of these categories. I believe that

homosexuality is wrong. I have that opinion on what I read in Romans 1:26-27 of the New Testament. "Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion." Now I get the impression that as soon as one discovers my opinion on homosexuality, it should automatically be assumed that I hate homosexuals. In fact, I love homosexuals.

Scott Brewer said in an article last week that the Bible does not support anti-gay claims, and he is correct. It does not support violence, hatred or anything less than the most perfect love and compassion toward homosexuals, or anyone else for that matter. Neither does it support homosexuality.

Yes, homosexuality is a sin according to the Bible. I do not say this to judge; I only want the truth to be known. Just remember that you can receive forgiveness. If the Bible did not support forgiveness, then we would all have a great deal to worry about.

Christ does not thrust forgiveness upon us against our will. But he desperately wants you to ask him for it, and he would love to give it to you.

Todd Igoc
Junior, Computer Engineering

Outlawing abortion not the answer

After reading the articles in Technician regarding abortion, I had to respond. I am sick and tired of pro-choicers being labeled murderers. It is time to get some things straight regarding the abortion issue.

Myth: Pro-choice equals pro-abortion.

Fact: Most pro-choicers, like myself, are not for abortion any more than pro-lifers. We just believe it's a woman's right to choose what to do with her body.

Myth: Pro-choicers believe abortion should be used as birth control.

Fact: False. Abortion should ideally be used only in cases of rape, incest or when the mother's life is in danger.

Myth: Outlawing abortion will solve teenage pregnancy problems and stop women from getting abortions.

Fact: Outlawing abortion is the worst decision our government could make. Teenage pregnancies will continue to occur, and women will continue to have abortions. They will either go to illegal clinics or perform abortions on themselves with clothes hangers. Many women will die from these unsanitary abortions. This is something "pro-lifers" should consider!

I urge people to be more open-minded about a complicated issue such as abortion and not put a label on someone who has a different opinion.

Mitchell Cohen
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Pack beats Carolina in series opener, 9-3

By Steve Moats
Staff Writer

CHAPEL HILL — The Wolfpack exploded out of its slump against UNC-Chapel Hill for a 9-3 victory Thursday night in Chapel Hill, rocking Carolina starter Jay MacMillan for five runs in the first inning. The win improved the Pack to 37-13 overall and 13-9 in the ACC, solidifying their hold on third place.

State was led by a trio of seniors in their last ACC series. Ace right-hander Matt Donahue tossed a seven-hitter en route to his 10th win, throwing 77 strikes in 106 pitches. He gave up two walks and three runs, of which only two were earned.

Donahue struck out 11 Tar Heels, giving him 114 Ks on the season — second in his record 118 strikeouts a season set last year. He now ranks third in career wins at State and has two of the five 10-win seasons in school history.

Paul Borawski led the offensive attack with a two-run home run, and Vinny Hughes had several outstanding defensive plays at first base while keeping rallies alive in the first and eighth innings.

State's entire order produced for the first time in several games. The catalyst for the Pack was designated hitter Pat Clougherty, who had two doubles and four RBIs. Kevin Ross had three hits in four at bats while leading off the fourth inning. Drinkwater had two hits and scored twice. Rob Winkler also had two hits and drove in two runs.

"When you have Donahue on

the mound and you spot him with five runs, you have a pretty good chance to win," coach Ray Tanner said. "We put the ball in play better tonight. We executed some plays very well. We missed some executions, but all in all, we had a good night."

The Pack jumped all over MacMillan in the first inning, scoring five runs before the second out was made. Borawski led off with a frozen rope lineout to shortstop Keith Granewald. Ross and Drinkwater followed with sharp singles.

After Hughes was hit with a pitch for the 12th time this season, Clougherty stroked a double to left field scoring Ross and Drinkwater. Winkler followed with his own double to left field, a drive that scored Hughes and Clougherty.

After a walk to Rob Bark, Greg Almond placed a single placed between shortstop Granewald and center fielder David Boone to drive in Winkler.

State added a pair of runs in the top of the fourth inning. Almond hit a one-out single and stole second base, his first stolen base of the season. Borawski then crunched a two-out offering from Carolina reliever Hector Ferrer over the left field wall for the two-run homer, making the score 7-0.

After the Tar Heels managed three runs over the fourth and fifth innings, State re-took con-

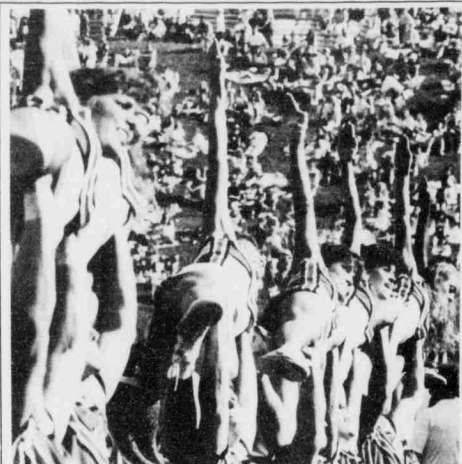
trol of the offense with a pair of runs in the eighth inning. Ross led off with a walk from Ferrer. New pitcher Thad Christmon then walked Drinkwater. Both runners advanced when running on a Hughes groundout and scored when Clougherty hit a towering shot to the wall in center field.

The defense turned two double plays that helped Donahue get out of minor jams in the sixth and seventh innings. After a lead-off walk to Manny DaSilva in the sixth inning, Donahue induced a 4-6-3 double play from Scott Hughes.

Later, after a lead-off single by Cy Richardson in the seventh inning, Donahue again induced a grounder that Drinkwater fielded up the middle, stepped on second for one out, and fired to first to complete the double play.

"A lot of things don't fall for you when you're not playing well and that happens periodically," Tanner said. "All you can do is keep playing hard and tonight we did that. This team has a lot of character and it will rebound from its slump to play good ball again."

The Wolfpack currently occupies third place in the conference, which could prove to be most advantageous for the tournament May 9-13 in Greenville.



Tim Moore/Staff

Settling for second

N.C. State University's cheerleading squad participated in national competition in San Antonio. The team, attempting to extend its streak of two consecutive National Championships, fell short and came in second to the University of Kentucky.

Head cheerleading coach Cathy Buckley was pleased with the team's showing, however. The young team, having only one four-year veteran and one three-year male with experience, did well and should improve. Three newcomers, one a transfer from UNC-Wilmington, hit the routines very well.

Athletes honored at annual banquet

N.C. State seniors Tom Gugliotta and Laurie Gomez-Henes won the H.C. Kennett award Tuesday. The honor is State's highest athletics honor and is presented to the athletes who best exhibit good sportsmanship and team play.

Most valuable player awards were also given in every Wolfpack sport. Gugliotta and Rhonda Mapp captured the award for men's and women's basketball, respectively. David Honea was the winner for men's cross-country, and Gomez-Henes won the women's Michelle Bertocchi was the MVP for the women's soccer team, while Henry Gutierrez grabbed the men's award. Senior Charles Davenport was most valuable on the football field, and junior Sylvester Terkay grappled the MVP for wrestling. Junior Lisa Kasper was MVP for the volleyball team.

Niki Adams and Julie Kimball shared the honors for most valuable on the women's swim team and David Fox was the men's winner. The men's and women's tennis award winners were Glen Philp and Jenny Sell, respectively. Indoor track honors went to Todd Lopenan for the men and Kim Dean for the women. Jill Bishop snatched the award for gymnastics, and Jim Coccin was the MVP for the rifle team. The fencing accolades came the way of Wes Caudill for the men and Tricia Lupi for the women.



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'People Helping People'

Sheridan hoping to build on successful season this fall

By Owen Good
Staff Writer

When students return for the fall semester and the athletic social agenda is dominated by football, they as well as the team that represents them will have a lot of questions.

Questions such as: Who will Dick Sheridan, Wolfpack head football coach, pick from the trio of quarterbacks that competently and confidently led the Pack to a 9-3 record last season?

Can the Wolfpack meet the challenge of Florida State University, or is any sort of campaign going to be merely a struggle for second place?

Can Sheridan rally the troops for his first win against Virginia in Charlottesville? To answer the first nagging question, it

appears that Sheridan has selected his 1991 starter to return for the 1992 season. Terry Jordan gets the call with Geoff Bender and Terry Harvey behind him for support. Jordan, Bender and Harvey became the first set of State signal callers to pass for over 500 yards each in a season. Jordan had completed 55 percent of his passes before his regular-season-ending injury against archrival UNC-Chapel Hill. He returned to claim team MVP honors in the Peach Bowl, contributing 15 completions for 145 yards and a couple of touchdowns.

Bender and Harvey, who both headed heart-stopping wins over Marshall University and Duke University respectively, are easily starter-quality. Bender led the team with 941 passing yards while Harvey racked up a 56 percent completion rate.

As far as Florida State goes, the nationally ranked Seminoles are every pundit's pick to win the ACC in their inaugural year of football. State meets FSU here in Raleigh September 19 in a game that could be the litmus indicator of the season. A strong showing will definitely gain respect, a win will lionize the Pack. Clemson, which derailed the Pack's 6-0 start last year, will also visit Carter-Finley Stadium, this time October 24. Other home opponents include Appalachian State University, Duke, Wake Forest University and newcomer Texas Tech University.

To return to last year's form, a form ranked as high as number 11 before the Clemson game, the Wolfpack must compensate for the loss of several key starters.

Second all-ACC squad member Scott

Adell, tight end Todd Harrison and guard Clyde Hawley leave massive holes in an equally massive front line after graduation.

Mike Gee, another '91 starter, will not play due to shoulder problems. Brent Bagwell, another guard, leaves the team with a potentially career-threatening knee injury. Charles Davenport, a team captain last year, also departs the offense, leaving sprightly Eddie Goines and Ray Griffin to pick up the slack at the flanks. Goines hauled in the game winner against Duke last year, accumulating 219 yards. Griffin had 14 receptions for 202 yards. The offense keeps it in the family however, as Davenport's younger brother, Brian, could see playing time.

Luckily, the backfield positions see no change. Anthony Barbour, last year's yards-

per-gain leader (6.1) returns to start at running back. Gary Downs, the team's touchdown king last year (with five), is back as well. Aubrey Shaw signs on as tailback, providing rushing and receiving power. Ledel George and Greg Manior round out the offense.

The defense has only three casualties from 1991, but the losses are large. The absence of Billy Ray Haynes, Clayton Henry and Mark Thomas will be felt. However, returning players such as Sebastian Savage, who made the first team all-ACC in 1991 with five interceptions and 63 tackles, should help bolster the defense. Dewayne Washington will contribute from the cornerback position, hoping to improve upon his two interceptions and 31 tackles from his past season.

Local newspaper playing favorites again, this time with GQ Laettner

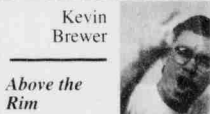
It has been only 18 days since the Duke Blue Devils repeated as national champions, but I am already sick of the excess amount of news coverage devoted to Christian Laettner.

Laettner, everybody's all-American and The News & Observer's favorite player, seems to get his name in the paper for doing absolutely nothing.

OK, when the Duke center won national player of the year and led his team to a second-straight national title, maybe that was noteworthy.

But since then The N&O has run two articles on Laettner's girlfriend, one about his sexual preference, two about his legion of teenage fans and a couple few on his busy itinerary.

If Laettner has a girlfriend, boyfriend or anything else — I don't care. I want to know how many times he scored in a game.



Kevin Brewer

Above the Rim

not how many times he has scored in bed. His girlfriend could be a volleyball player at the University of Georgia, as The N&O reported, or she could be the Queen of England — I still don't care.

Laettner's fans are loyal fans, but so what? Schools with a losing record have locals who stay true through thick and thin. Anyone with as many accolades as Laettner should have fans. But the 6-foot-11 senior has taken stardom to the extreme and reached to the dubious status of a New Kid on the Block or a stand-in on Beverly Hills, 90210.

Laettner's popularity has him in demand for public appearances all around the country. You would think that after spending a month on the road chasing down a second national title, Laettner might like to, maybe, attend a class or two. Instead, Laettner has still found time to go on a tour of the country.

During the Christian Laettner Tour for Free Press, a visit to the White House has been the only legitimate venture. Even that event was cheapened by Coach K's saying he hoped both he and President Bush were back at the same place next year.

Laettner's future appearance in People magazine's 50 most beautiful people issue and his recent appearance on the Arsenio Hall

Show let him break new ground. He managed to dive straight to the bottom of two difference media venues.

While on Arsenio, Laettner showed his arrogance by saying he was tired of seeing the same writers every day from the "little Durham Morning Herald."

If that wasn't enough, Laettner turned down an appearance on the "Tonight Show," considered to be the king of all talk shows. Did anyone tell Laettner that this is Arsenio's last month?

All of this hoopla and more still didn't give Laettner the Carolinas honor as the top athlete of the year. Quarterback Jeff Blake of East Carolina used his strong arm to

snatch the award away. Also, everyone at the Raleigh paper defended Laettner when he stepped on the chest of a Kentucky player during the NCAA Tournament. If a player commits an act of such heinous unsportsmanlike conduct, nobody wants to hear about how his trash-talking has become a motivating force in his success.

As far as the defense of Laettner during the short-lived Gentlemen's Quarterly scandal, most journalists took an alleged violation and made it seem like Cover-Boy Christian could not have done wrong. When any collegiate athlete violates a rule, the public wants to know what happened and why — no matter how petty or ridiculous it may be.

But does anyone really care what Laettner would have to say in his diary? Maybe he should call it: "Why Nobody Can Touch Me Because Everything I Do Is Always Without Fault."

If the Duke center slipped on a banana peel and broke a fingernail, The N&O would report it as a national tragedy. Furthermore, The N&O after a lengthy investigation would somehow associate N.C. State with the crime.

N.C. State-bashing seems to be a regular pastime for The N&O. The paper bashed Lorenzo Charles,

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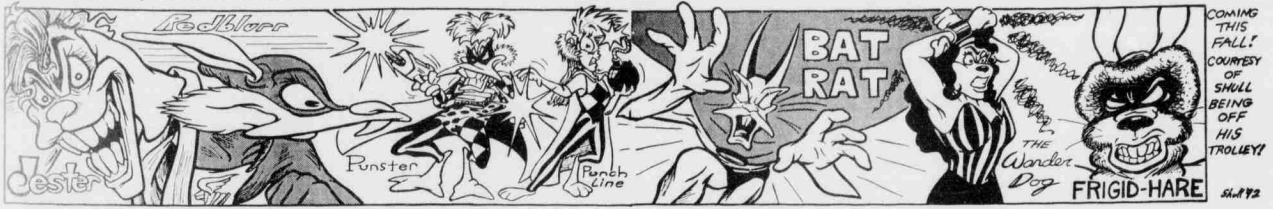
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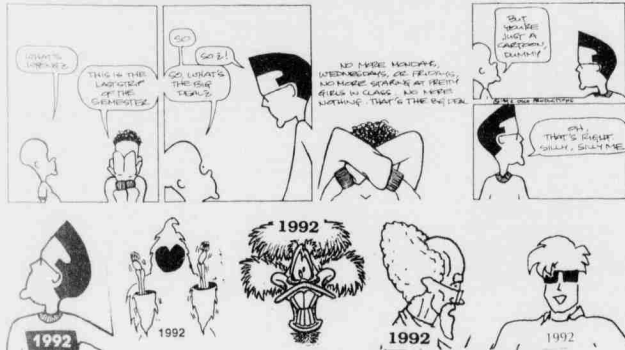
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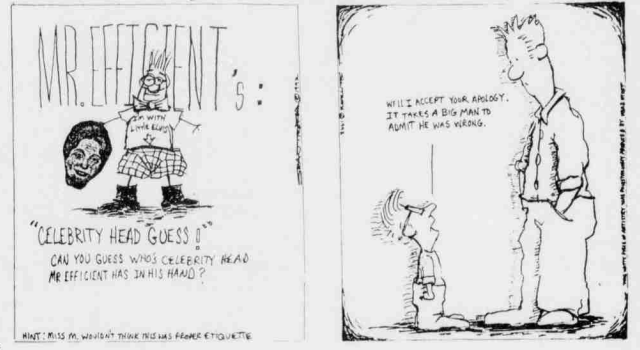
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Astros and Orioles to face each other in Super World Game Bowl?

Somewhere in my REM sleep, that deep period between wakefulness and slumber, a television turns on and Bob Costas haunts my dreams.

Major League Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent was assassinated today, Costas begins. "He was shot once by a gunman standing in a book depository. Owners and executives then swept former Detroit Tigers President Bo Shembeckler into office as new commissioner, only five minutes after Vincent's death."

The story gets darker, more surreal, ever-frightening. The last bastion of purity in baseball has been replaced by Shembeckler, the former head coach of the Michigan Wolverines and the Rose Bowl's abused stepchild. Shembeckler's football tendencies soon come to light, for he orders the season to end at 16 games, just like the NFL. Furthermore, a 10-team playoff format is implemented.



At Bat

So, today, after Seattle beats California 4-2 in an 11-inning affair, the second-son-of-a-bitch season of playoffs officially begins. As quickly as it began, baseball's regular campaign draws to a close.

Awards are handed out as the opening wildcard game, the San Diego Padres vs. Francisco's Giants, gets underway. Barry Bonds is named the National League MVP for the second time in three years, closing out with a .317 average, league-leading seven home runs and 14 RBI. Bonds also led in runs scored (16), slugging percentage (.854, beating Babe Ruth's record of .847, an all-time high) and was

second in total bases. The Giants' Bill Swift takes the Cy Young award, chalking up a perfect 3-0 record, 2 complete games and 32 1/3 innings. Norm Charlton steals away with the Roloids Relief Man, posting a whopping five saves. Catcher Craig Biggio becomes the first man since Ted Williams in 1941 to hit 400, finishing exactly at that mark. This also sets the record for all backstops.

That Sunday, on ESPN's "Sports Reporters" talk show, Bob Ryan of the Boston Globe and the New York Daily News's Mike Lupica come to blows over the selection of the Astro's Art Howe as manager of the year. Ryan believes Jim Leyland, the Pirates skipper, deserved the accolade. Lupica clubs Ryan over the head with a folding chair, chanting "Worst to first, worst to first!" Dick Schaap sips coffee.

San Diego whales San Francisco 11-4 despite the fact that Cy Young-winner Swift starts. They move on

to play Pittsburgh, a juggernaut in the Redskins sense, who cap off a 14-2 season with a victory over the Cubs.

Meanwhile, in the American League, the White Sox are in New York to face the Yankees. Bobby Brown, the AL president, decides not to hand out any awards after Washington Post writer Tom Boswell issues a death threat to ESPN correspondent Peter Gammons. George Will moans on the edit page about Roe vs. Wade and leaves baseball alone for once.

New York takes advantage of an Ozzie Guillen-less Sox infield and advances to Toronto via a 5-1 victory. Shembeckler reinstates Yankee-cokehead Steve Howe, who is paroled in time to pitch against the Blue Jays.

Meanwhile, Pittsburgh exercises the 10-run rule over San Diego, calling off the game at 24-1 in the fifth inning. New York's Bobby Bonilla sits out the nightcap game

with an aggravated corn and Vince Coleman chews out another coach and is benched. Houston capitalizes, whacking the Mets 9-3.

Back on the junior circuit, Baltimore's Mike Mussina no-hits Oakland at Camden Yards. He walks in six runs however, so it takes a Bill Ripken (?) homer off the B&O warehouse to snare the win. Toronto chokes on their home turf again, being cursed never to advance past the first round of the playoffs. Steve Howe wheels and deals, blowing an early two run lead but wins 5-3.

The earth opens up and swallows all of Pittsburgh, allowing the Astros to advance to the World Series. Only it's no longer the World Series, it's the World Game. Or is it the Super World Game Bowl? Who cares.

Yankee ace Steve Howe accidentally shoves a pixie stick into his brain, so he is not on hand to pitch against Baltimore. The O's can't

take the opportunity and end up tying the Yanks 0-0 after 16 innings. The two travel to Landover, Md., interrupt a Washington Capitals hockey playoff game and solve the affair with penalty shots. Baltimore will now play Houston in the World Super Game Bowl, held in Minneapolis. The Astros release a rap video to inspire them to victory. Art Howe takes to wearing a clock around his neck for good luck.

Thankfully, that's where the dream ends. I wake up and thumb through a USA Today, finding no playoff brackets, no features on the World Super Game Bowl, no nothing. I take a deep breath, thankful that baseball still has a regular season with dignity and is still a sport where winning your division actually means something. Lupica and Ryan are still civil on the Sports Reporters. Dick Schaap still sips coffee and the Astro start to slide into last place.

Laettner

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Chris Washburn spent two years digging up dirt on former State coach Jim Valvano.

If the media has to make an unrealistic hero out of a sports figure, they should have picked State's superstar, senior Tom Gugliotta. Did anyone notice when Gugs became the first player in conference history to rank in the top 20 in all 10 statistical categories?

Gugliotta's scoring and rebounding stats were also much better than Laettner's.

But Gugliotta had no chance of being the N&O's darling. An under-rated overachiever like many N.C. State stars, Gugliotta evolved from a lightly recruited 6-foot-7 bench warmer into a 6-foot-10 NBA first-round draft choice. He didn't need The N&O to build his reputation.

Even more ludicrous was The N&O's reader's poll that compared Laettner's impact to that of former Wolfpack great David Thompson. Laettner is not even on the same planet as Thompson, much less in

the same class.

While Laettner did win two national championships, Thompson elevated the game to a new level, setting the stage for players like Michael Jordan. Thompson also led the Pack to a 27-0 record during the 1972-73 season and a 30-1 mark and a national championship in the 1973-74 campaign.

You would have thought that after Thompson's overwhelming win in the balloting, The N&O might have got the hint that Laettner is definitely not the second coming. But with three more stories in The N&O yesterday, it looks like it will never learn.

Baseball

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S.C. The third seed will get a bye in the third round if it manages to win its first two games, which could be a tremendous advantage to the Pack due to the depth of its

bulpen.

The series with Carolina continues tonight at 7 p.m., and concludes tomorrow at 2 p.m., both games in Chapel Hill.

After exams on May 5, State travels to Charlotte to play UNC-Charlotte at 7 p.m. The Wolfpack will return home for the final time this year May 6 to face Radford. The ACC Tournament follows

May 9-13.

The Pack will then return to Chapel Hill for the Carolina Invitational, playing Long Beach State May 15, New Mexico State May 16 and Cal-Norridge May 17. Game times for the Pack are 3 p.m. all three days. The NCAA Regionals begin May 21 and the College World Series begins May .

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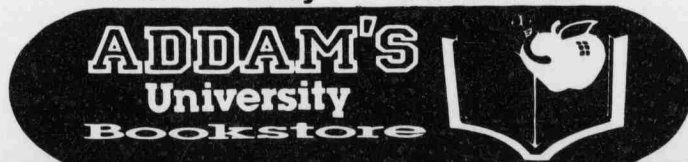
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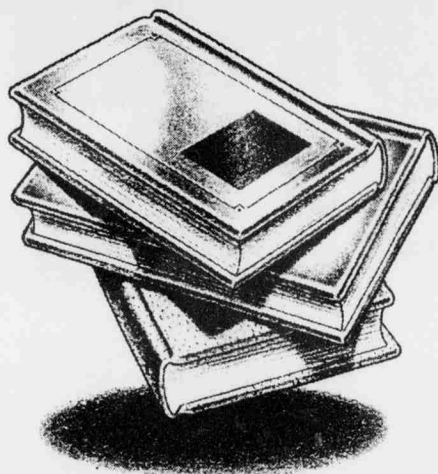
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