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Computer game-playing against the rules

By David Ostrovsky
Staff Writer

William Willis, director of computer operations, doesn't want to ban games from the EOS computer system. But he said he has no choice.

"I think games are great," Willis said. "I fought for two years to keep them on the system against the faculty who didn't want them."

Willis said the games generated too many complaints from students who needed a terminal to do school work on, but were unable to find

one because of game-playing students.

"When my complaint level goes from one a week to one a day, I have to do something," Willis said.

Under the new rules, students will get a warning on the first offense and be required to sign a statement saying they are aware of the new policy and of the harsher sanctions which may be imposed. On successive offenses, students will lose their accounts for a week, then a semester and then permanently.

Many students said the regulations are unfair and that there are alternative solutions to the problem.

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Director of computer operations

"I can understand during real heavy usage hours not having people using up the terminals playing games," said Carl Freeman, a sophomore in computer engineering. "But as empty as those places

get at midnight, there's no reason for the rule."

Willis said most of the complaints come from students who are unable to find terminals for school work while others are playing games like

XTREK, a game based on the Star Trek television show.

Though many students understand Willis's position, that doesn't stop them from wanting to play games.

"Oh man, it's terrible, it's just terrible," said Bill Dearney, a junior in electrical engineering. "I was just within an hour of reaching commander on XTREK before they took it off."

Willis said that the policy has always stated that if students need a terminal for academic use, then they can ask someone playing games to get off. But he said students don't like kicking each other

off and usually don't.

"We don't think someone should have to do that," Willis said.

Alan Lafleur, a senior in computer engineering, said he felt comfortable asking someone to leave and didn't mind being asked to leave.

"I think students shouldn't feel embarrassed about asking a student to get off," Lafleur said. "I've been asked to get off and I didn't hold any grudges."

Willis also said it's possible that playing games on EOS could be

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Liz Mahnicke/Staff

It's Over

(LEFT) A disappointed Simon Weiss (20) prepares to leave the field at Method Road Soccer Stadium after the second-ranked Wolfpack men's soccer team fell to Davidson in the first sudden death overtime.

The 1-0 loss denied the Wolfpack its second Final Four appearance in three years. NCSU reached the national semifinals in 1990. The match also marked the Pack's third-consecutive NCAA Quarterfinal appearance.

The loss ended the Wolfpack careers of sweeper Scott Schweitzer, the ACC Player of the Year, defender Mike Mullowney, defender Dave McCurdy, midfielder Dewan Bader and forward Gabriel Okonkwo. As a group, the quintet helped NCSU earn the program's first number-one national ranking.

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Friend reflects on Robinson's suicide death

Editor's note: N.C. State University basketball player Anthony Robinson committed suicide Monday night before a Wolfpack exhibition.

By Jeff Drew
Senior Staff Writer

When Timothy Hunt arrived to watch the N.C. State University men's basketball exhibition Monday, he knew something was terribly wrong.

His best friend, State basketball player Anthony Robinson, wasn't with the team as it warmed up for its game with Brandt Hagen. He wasn't on the court. He wasn't on the bench. He wasn't in the stands. He wasn't anywhere to be found.

"I was just sitting there hoping that he had just quit the team and gone home to get away," Hunt said.

Uninterested in the game, Hunt couldn't help but think back to the night he held the gun in his hands — the gun Robinson used to kill himself.

"I know a lot of people are going to second guess me and say I should have taken the gun from him," Hunt said. "But, even though I knew he had the gun and everything, I really never thought he would commit suicide."

SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

Suicide had become an issue for Hunt six days earlier when



Robinson

Robinson asked him to come to his room at the NCSU Athletic Complex, the Stroud Center.

"I went over there about 11:15, 11:30, and he was on his bed doing homework," Hunt said. "He kind of beat around the bush for a while, he didn't come out and just say what was wrong. Finally, he said, 'I'm thinking about leaving.'"

At first, Hunt thought Robinson was talking about transferring, an option he had mentioned in the past. But as the conversation continued, Hunt realized that Robinson had drifted into a depressed state he had seen many times in the past.

"He had this 'What's the purpose?' attitude about everything," Hunt said. "But I really wasn't worried, because I had seen

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Students suffer from finals stress

By Michele Borowsky
Staff Writer

With only one week of classes left and exams just around the corner, many students are showing the symptoms of the pre-exam jitters.

These symptoms include such things as cramming the night before the exam by pulling an all-nighter, falling asleep while studying and stressing over exam material.

Some students have problems getting enough sleep during exam week and find that in a desperate attempt to cram for the test the night before, they end up falling asleep.

"Last year, I fell asleep at about 4:30 one morning and didn't get back up until 7:30," said Elizabeth Solomon, a junior in psychology. "I couldn't believe it when I looked at the clock. I had told myself I was just going to close my eyes for a minute. My exam was at eight and I hadn't studied much. It was not a good feeling."

Other students feel they are not ready for the exam even if they

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— Kayce Baker
Freshman

have successfully pulled an all-nighter.

"I feel unprepared. That's my biggest worry right now," said Kayce Baker, a freshman in communication. "It's not the teachers. My biggest stress is just if I'm going to study the right thing. You can't read the professor's mind."

Students also feel that extracurricular activities can pose a problem.

"I think it's a lot more difficult for students who have jobs, because you're trying to orchestrate a bal-

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Larry Osborne/Staff

Teaching assistant Martin J. Brennan explains standing waves to Andrew Armstrong in his Physics 205 lab.

Faculty gets hand from undergrads

By David Ostrovsky
Staff Writer

Andrew Armstrong, a sophomore in chemistry, likes his Physics 205 lab teacher.

"As a younger person, he can relate to students better," Armstrong said. "I thought [the lab] was better than the class."

Armstrong is not alone. Many N.C. State University students and faculty confidently support the undergraduates who are grading papers, giving tests and running entire lab sections.

"So far, I haven't faced the situation where a student was asked to be a teaching assistant who wouldn't be a good TA," said Sara Ash, a visiting professor in animal science who works with her department's undergraduate TAs.

Robert Egler, in charge of hiring undergraduate TAs for the physics department, also said his under-

graduate TAs are in positions that they have rightfully attained.

"We require them to be at least a junior majoring in physics," he said.

He explained that the undergraduate assistants must complete the labs they instruct with exemplary grades.

"We wouldn't want a student teaching a lab who just barely squeaked by the class themselves," Egler said.

However, some heads of other engineering departments feel undergraduate students lack the maturity necessary to handle a teaching position.

"Undergraduates don't have preparation to be a TA," said one engineering department head who wished to remain anonymous.

Egler, however, doesn't believe that inexperience is unique to a stu-

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New vice chancellor for advancement services appointed

From NCSU Information Services

Lynne B. Scarborough of Charlottesville, Va., has been appointed assistant vice chancellor for advancement services for the N. C. State University Office for Institutional Advancement.

The appointment, effective Dec. 14, was announced by Jeff McNeill.

NCSU vice chancellor for institutional advancement, following the approval of NCSU Chancellor Larry K. Monteith and the NCSU Board of Trustees.

Scarborough is director of development services in the Office of University Development of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. She has held this position since 1987, following a year as employee relations special-

ist in the UVA Department of Human Resources.

A native of Shelby, Scarborough graduated from NCSU in textile technology and earned a Master of Business Administration degree at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S.C.

In this newly created position at NCSU, Scarborough will manage and supervise all institutional advancement administrative service functions for staffs in development,

alumni and university relations offices and for volunteer leaders who serve on committees and boards.

These services will include the receipt and processing of gifts, database management and systematic donor research, and donor relations activities. Scarborough will assist in preparing policies and guidelines for the entire advancement division. McNeill said; Lynne Scarborough is

well selected for this position, which is the key to effectiveness in NCSU's institutional advancement program. This position is critical from every vantage point—relating to constituents and donors, supervising staff and managing assets and information systems.

Prior to her employment at the University of Virginia, Scarborough was vice president of human resources for the 1,500-employee

Wiscasset Mills Co. in Albemarle. Previously a subsidiary of Cannon Mills, Wiscasset is the largest employer in Stanly County.

Scarborough has supervised training managers in six plants for Cannon Mills and coordinated operator training for Springs Industries Inc.

Teaching

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dent in his third or fourth year of college.

"The same is true of graduate students," he said. "Most come in without any prior [teaching] experience."

All new assistants in the physics department are required to attend a teaching seminar before lecturing in labs, Egler said. Advising professors then scrutinize the performance of these assistants very closely.

Standards for undergraduate teaching assistants are no less stringent in the zoology department, according to zoology professor George Bartholmus. Bartholmus

presides over several undergraduate TAs and makes sure they are of top academic quality, he said.

"We accept students that had an A in the class, are in the honors program and have a [grade point average] of at least 3.25," Bartholmus said.

Honors course, ALS 498H, is designed for student teachers, Bartholmus said. The course teaches students how to teach. Bartholmus said he gets most of his undergraduate assistants from students enrolled in ALS 498H.

Chip McManus, a senior in SDM and one of Bartholmus's TA assistants, said the duties of a TA are relatively easy to fulfill.

"What I do is basically answer questions in lab, walk around and help students do this and help them do that," he said.

Player's last days remembered by best friend

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him a lot more depressed than he was that night."

But then Robinson made an unexpected announcement.

"He looked at me and said, 'I bought a gun,'" Hunt said. "I was surprised, and I said, 'Are you serious?' or something like that. He then reached between his mattresses and pulled out this little .25 caliber gun. This gun was so little I could fit it in my palm."

Hunt immediately asked Robinson why he got the gun. Robinson quietly replied, "suicidal tendencies."

"So I asked him why he would want to kill himself," Hunt said. "And I tried to put a positive slant on things. But everything he said was negative."

"Now, he did let me hold the gun and looking back I guess I could have run out with it. I did take the bullets out of the clip that was in it, but he had a ton of bullets in his room, and the police told me he had another clip."

In the end, Hunt's final appeal was a personal one.

"I finally told him that, 'I don't want you to kill yourself for me,' because I didn't want him to go," Hunt said. "After his roommate left after the summer, he had told me I was his only friend left at State. Now, friendship for Tony was more than just someone you go out and drink with. A friend was someone you're friends with unconditionally."

"That's how Tony was toward me."

ROBINSON, BASKETBALL AND SCHOOL

Hunt and Robinson's friendship began last January when they met in a computer science course. Sitting beside each other in class, the two soon found themselves talking on a regular basis. By the summer, Robinson was beginning to reveal some of his frustrations with his life.

"He complained about basketball a lot," Hunt said. "Now he never really said anything about playing time specifically, but I know that it was hard to go to practice every day and never play."

Hunt said Robinson's complaints generally resulted from the physical and mental demands of any college basketball program and didn't reflect any animosity Robinson felt toward his teammates or coaches.

"He got along with his teammates fine," Hunt said.

However, Hunt added, Robinson was bothered by a recent meeting with head coach Les Robinson.

After that conversation, Robinson said he felt that Coach Robinson was disappointed in him and that he had failed to meet the coach's expectations.

Nevertheless, Hunt said he doubted basketball problems alone would have inspired Robinson's suicide. Robinson placed more emphasis on academics than on basketball, Hunt said.

"He wanted his double degree in computer science and math, that's what was most important to him," Hunt said. "He liked playing basketball, but there were a lot of things he put before basketball."

"I finally asked one day why he simply didn't quit. He said it was he couldn't get an education without it."

Hunt said daily practices and impending final exams may have pressured Robinson, but that nothing stood out as being exceptionally stressful.

"Nothing exceptional happened at all," Hunt said. "The [News & Observer] mentioned the bounced checks he had, but he wouldn't have stressed over anything like that."

ONE LAST WEEKEND

Robinson, in fact, seemed to have returned to zowl spirits Saturday night when Hunt convinced him to go out for the evening.

"I was still nervous about the gun, but he was 100 percent better Saturday night," Hunt said. "The only thing weird that happened is that when we were walking up to see Blade Runner at the Studio, he turned to me and said, 'I wish I could be a regular student like you.'"

Monday, Robinson was scheduled to resume his life as a student athlete. Unfortunately, he never made it even to the Pack's pre-game meal, prompting an athletic department search that eventually discov-

ered his body.

Later that evening, Hunt learned of Robinson's suicide on WPIT-AM's post-game show.

"When they said that the locker rooms were closed because of tragedy in the athletic department, I knew Tony was dead," Hunt said. "The only hope I had was that he was somehow still alive."

Driving to the Stroud Center, Hunt told Raleigh Police detectives about Robinson and about the gun. After about an hour of questioning, he wandered home. The finality of Robinson's suicide still hadn't struck him.

"Honestly it didn't hit 'til Tuesday when I saw them talking about it on SportsCenter and they kept asking why," Hunt said. "I didn't know why, and I thought it was important people know what I knew."

"I know that Tony probably didn't show anybody else the gun or tell anybody else about what he was thinking," Hunt said.

"I know some people may think I should have done something else, and what can I say? Tony is dead, obviously I should have done something differently," Hunt said.

"I know I can't blame myself for his suicide, but you can't help wondering what if I did this, or what if I did that?"

"But I can't spend the rest of my life wondering what if. Tony blew his chance at life and just think of all the good things he could have done. It's just a plain waste and it's sad."

Computer

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against state law, so he has to balance games and academics.

Many students get the games from Internet, Willis said, a computer network which links students to computers around the world. He said students must handle the powerful tool responsibly.

"[Internet] is a cross-section of society," Willis said. "And you have to behave there just like you would behave anywhere else."

Willis said if the problem gets worse, he might have to block students' access to Internet. "We can shut it off," he said. "I do not want

to do that. In fact, I think it would be detrimental."

The university has treated students like adults in giving them access to resources like their DEC stations, Willis said. He said his intent has always been for students to get the most for their \$100 computer fee.

"That money doesn't go to faculty support or anything," he said. "It goes to get stuff to the students."

Willis said students like Dearnery will be able to continue their trek to commander next year when games will be allowed again.

"I think [games] have some value," he said. "It helps students be less afraid of the machine."

However, Willis said, if students don't show more responsibility next year, the privilege may be taken away for good.

Jitters

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ance between doing well in school and doing well in work," Baker said.

Some students at N. C. State University handle exam stress by putting things into perspective.

"I know my exams can either make or break me as far as my grade is concerned, but I just think there are a lot more important

things to worry about in life," said Kevin Brown, a sophomore in chemical engineering.

Other students do not even worry or stress over exams prior to the actual test.

"I'm not really worried about them until I sit down and take the test," said Jane Barbour, a freshman in history.

"I don't get stressed out over exams. But my brother, a junior, does and you can't even talk to him during that week," said Heather Bomes, a freshman in English.



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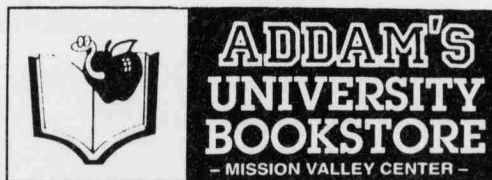
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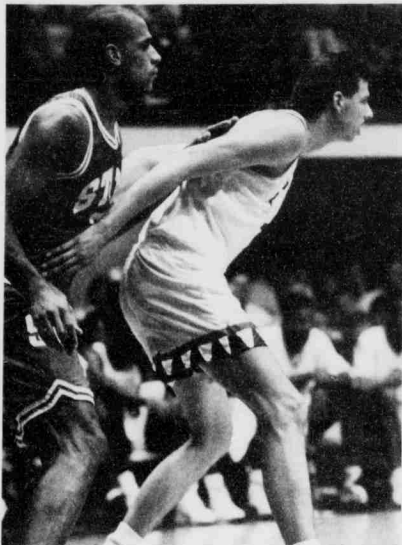
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Players are still puzzled about the death of Tony Robinson.

Basketball season tips off tomorrow night

Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State men's basketball team will open the 1992-93 season tomorrow night against UNC-Wilmington. Tip-off will be at 7:30 p.m. at Reynolds Coliseum.

State is coming off a pair of exhibition games. The Pack lost to the U.S.A. Verich representatives in its first game, 86-82, but was victorious over Germany's Brandt-Hagen 77-74.

UNC-Wilmington is a member of the Colonial Athletic Association and finished 11-15 a year ago. The Pack last met the Seahawks in 1984 and has yet to lose to UNC-W in five tries.

Wolfpack center Kevin Thompson is expected to play after tearing a

medial cruciate ligament in his knee less than three weeks ago. If he is unable to play, freshman center Todd Fuller should get the call.

Mark Davis, a 6-foot-5 swingman, has also been ruled out of the game. Davis is still recovering from a broken wrist suffered in the first exhibition game and should be out until January.

The game is one of three Wolfpack home games this week; State will next face UNC-Asheville Thursday night before facing nationally ranked Connecticut Saturday on national television.

Student tickets will be distributed two hours prior to the game at the Reynolds Coliseum ticket windows.

Little known about Robinson tragedy

By Kevin Brewer
Assistant Sports Editor

The unexpected death of Tony Robinson left the N.C. State basketball team in a state of disbelief and shock.

"We are trying very hard not to accept this but to try and understand it a little," NCSU coach Les Robinson said at a press conference Tuesday. "As coaches and teammates we had contact with Tony, and it's hard not to feel bad about not doing everything you can."

"But really, there were no warnings, no tell-tale signs."

Tony Robinson committed suicide Monday night before the Wolfpack's game with Brandt Hagen of Germany. Minutes after the Pack's win in the closing seconds, the team received the news of the Havelock native's death.

"I still think I'll look up and see him coming up to practice," Pack forward Marc Lewis said. "I haven't spent the day asking myself why. We will never know why. It's

an eerie and unfortunate thing. I loved him as a brother. It's just a tragedy."

"It really hasn't sunk in yet," State guard Migjen Bakalli said. "It's going to be tough on the older players. It's still taking time to sink in. Eventually, we'll all become stronger."

Although Tony Robinson never started a game for the Pack and served primarily as a role player, the team felt his impact in other ways. He was quiet and well-liked, and the team respected his overall work ethic — on and off the court.

"Tony, in terms of class attendance and on the court attitude and effort, was a model for others to follow," Coach Robinson said. "I would have said that a week ago."

"He was quiet, even-tempered, mannerly. He was my sister's daughter's favorite player. When she came to visit he would pay attention and was nice to her and she remembered that."

Sophomore guard Curtis Marshall also remembered Tony Robinson's

dedication to his academic pursuits. "He came to practice every day and he worked hard and he was always there," Marshall said. "He never complained about playing time. He really wasn't all basketball. He used basketball to get his education."

"That was what was important to him, getting his education and graduating. It's hard to practice when you know you're not going to play that much."

Coach Robinson said he talked to Tony Robinson about every week to 10 days and saw no forewarning of the suicide. The Pack coach said he could empathize with Tony Robinson because he was a player who was used sparingly, also.

"Tony wanted to play, but he started basketball very late," Coach Robinson said. "It was frustrating to him not to see results. And he kind of had a joking attitude about his talents. In our first meeting, he described himself as a role player who rebounded and played defense."

"Tony was tall late and it didn't

come naturally to him. But he could assemble a car engine. He had that Volkswagen of his and I think he assembled that whole engine. I would talk to him about things like that. I can't change the oil in my car and he could assemble a whole engine. He had skills."

Coach Robinson also said the team just has to move on after the funeral. He said the tragedy is far worse than the other setbacks the team has experienced over the past year.

"Right now, we decided the most productive thing we could do was to provide comfort for [Tony's parents]," Coach Robinson said. "Believe me, this bothers me a lot more than anything else that's happened. [Injuries are] just a normal part of basketball and those players will have normal lives to return to."

"Bryant Feggins will be able to lead a healthy normal life even if he never shoots a basketball again. There's a lot more in life than shooting basketball, and Bryant knows that."

Wildcats finish off State

By Owen S. Good
Assistant Sports Editor

N.C. State and Davidson played exactly 131 minutes and 47 seconds of soccer before their NCAA men's quarterfinal match was decided. After the two teams slugged each other scoreless for 121 punch-drunk minutes of regulation and overtime, the Wildcats' Rob Ukrop finally managed the one telling blow of the match.

During sudden death, Ukrop, a national player-of-the-year candidate, collared a bouncing soccer ball after an indirect kick and transmitted it into an unassisted goal.

131:47. It took more than two hours to end the Wolfpack's Final Four dreams.

"I don't think we did anything wrong," Wolfpack head coach George Tarantini said of his team's marathon effort. "I think that Davidson played very well. Let's be honest. We took the shots; they made the saves."

That last sentence sums up the first overtime period perfectly. State fired eight shots at Davidson's goal and held the Cats to none. But no Pack effort struck gold.



Liz Mannicke/Staff

Despite the all-out attack by Blas Cardozo (9), the Wolfpack fell short in its attempt to make the Final Four.

Erwin Aguilera, a rare sight this season due to nagging leg injuries, initiated extra-frame hostilities with his blue darter eight minutes into the period. But Alex Deegan, the strongest pillar of a Wildcat defense that has weathered two tournament shootouts, made an acrobatic save to give an indication of what was to come.

Three minutes later, Blas Cardozo found freshman teammate Mark Jonas with a cross ahead of Jonas's defender. Jonas's shot, however, fell painfully wide right. This resembled another drive, when Cardozo hooked up with forward Gabriel Okonkwo with six minutes left, but Okonkwo hooked his shot right, too.

Aguilera took a corner kick 40 seconds after Jonas's miss, but

senior defender David McCurdy's ensuing header fell far naught. Jonas and another frosh, Simon Weiss, then launched balls over Davidson's goal within two minutes of each other.

That was the kind of day it was for State, which had been shutout only once in the 16 matches prior to Sunday's affair at Method Road Stadium. If there was ever an unlikely candidate for a blanking, it would have to be the second-ranked Wolfpack, which has not played a home match this season without scoring. In its last five games the Pack racked up 19 goals, including a season-high five against Maryland in the ACC tournament.

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Shots					
DC - 24	NCSU - 24				
Corner Kicks					
DC - 10	NCSU - 10				
Saves					
DC (Deegan) - 6	NCSU (Moore) - 4				
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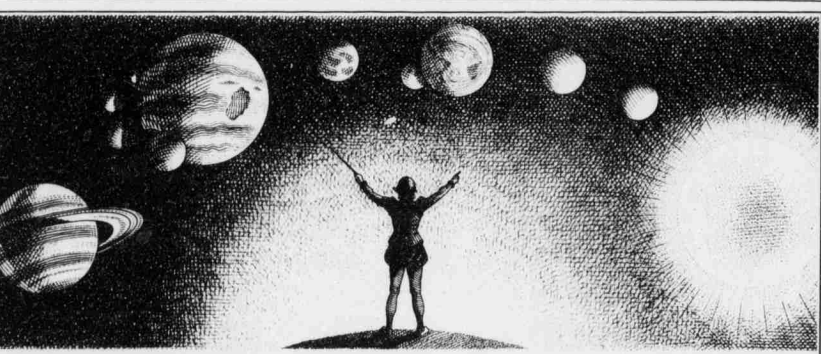
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Wildcats

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This kind of prolonged match is nothing new to the Wildcats. In fact, the sudden-death decision was its shortest in the tournament; Davidson had to penalty-kill both of its foes, UNC-Charlotte and Coastal Carolina, to advance to the round of eight.

Tarantini, however, didn't feel his team had sunk to Davidson's low-scoring level of play.

"We tried! We tried to come forward and score goals, but half of them didn't get into the net," an exasperated Tarantini explained.

The same appeared true for Davidson. The Wildcats mimicked State's first over-time effort in the second extra stanza, piling on five shots while the Pack managed none. But sophomore keeper Steve Moore and a stingy defense sent the Cats home penniless each time.

But the shots kept getting closer.

For example, Moore was caught napping out of goal with eight minutes remaining in the second overtime. But Aguilera swooped in to clear John Samppers's ball after a scramble and the double-shout held. Three minutes after that, Matthew Soear's

free-kick bounced around dangerously close to State's goal, but the ensuing shot fell just wide.

Into sudden-death, the momentum was clearly Davidson's. Ukrop's shot from the left side had to be fisted over the goal by Moore. Half a minute later, a corner kick flurried with deciding the game, but the Pack defense cleared the mess.

Davidson's last failed try came when Samppers's header fell barely to the right of the goal with 3:58 remaining.

Despite Davidson's muscle on defense, Tarantini never swerved from his offensive philosophy.

"No! No! No! We don't have to play defense, we have to keep going forward," Tarantini said.

That style will certainly hold true for the Wolfpack into next year. State finished the 1992 campaign at 13-2-5 and will return seven of the 11 that started against Davidson. In addition, freshmen Jonas Cardozo, Ravi Agi and Damon Nahas—four of the team's top-five scorers—will bring back their exceptional talent with a year's experience.

Whatever the class, all players returning can expect to contribute to future strength-against-strength showdowns like the one yesterday.

"There's nothing I can say about the referees, there's nothing I can say about the field, there's no excuses," Tarantini said. "They deserved to win."

Hockey club team dominates Tar Heels

Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State hockey club put its 4-1 record on the line Nov. 19 and came away victorious, defeating the club team from North Carolina 8-2.

The Pack scored six unanswered goals in the first two periods, never leaving the outcome in doubt. The game was marked by excellent play from team scoring leaders Tom McLaughlin and Chris Appar.

Freshman Jim Cocoran and sophomore Chad Matheson

anchored the NCSU defensive effort, and goalie Tony Solari allowed only two goals from the Heels' 20 shot attempts.

"Strong play by junior Marty Baier and senior Brian Nordskog contributed significantly to the victory," Wolfpack coach Bob Miscock said.

The Pack now holds a 5-1 league record and is tied with Liberty Baptist. State will face Old Dominion Jan. 16 and 17 in Dorton Arena. Admission is free.

Come support the Wolfpack women's basketball team Wednesday. Tip-off is at 6 p.m. against Long Beach State.



The Wolfpack's David McCurdy (12) clashes with Davidson's Craig Omli (5) in State's last match of the season Sunday.

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Technician, vol. 1, no. 1, February 1, 1920

BUSH AND CLINTON WORKED TO MAKE THE TRANSITION... PEROT JUST WENT BACK TO HIS OLD JOB.

Senate attendance poor

During its last session the N.C. State University Student Senate accomplished a lot. It passed three resolutions — opposing the proposed plus/minus system, calling for the reinstatement of the honor pledge and restricting weekday concerts on campus — as well as seven financial appropriations bills. The senators toiled at their task for three and a half hours before they finished.

In fact, looking back over the semester, this Senate's record of achievement stands up well to past Senate records. For the most part, it has worked diligently and intelligently to appropriate money wisely and effectively and pass needed recommendations on issues pertaining to the NCSU student body.

However, an examination of the last session reveals a serious problem. Sixteen senators did not even show up for the meeting even though there were three resolutions pending. Six of the senators who did show up left early.

All students that spend a significant amount of time on extracurricular activities, whether it be athletics, student media, student government or any of the wide range of other possibilities, know how difficult it is to effectively juggle all of their responsibilities. It is understandable when one commitment interferes with another.

But the abysmal attendance at the last meeting suggests that such conflicts were not the case. Rather, it appears many of the senators shrugged off the meeting, perhaps because it was late in the semester, perhaps because they felt they had an absence to burn, perhaps because they knew it would be a long, tedious meeting. For whatever reason, there is a problem when the Student Senate president has to ask senators not to leave in order to retain the 50-percent attendance necessary to pass legislation.

The Student Senate meets only twice a week and its committees usually meet no more than once a week. The senators also participate in various other events throughout the semester, but these activities are not overly time-consuming. For this pledge of time and effort, senators are rewarded with the development of oratorical, leadership and participatory skills, as well as a wonderful line on a resume.

It seems like a fair trade-off. Students run for the senate in order to gain the benefits and educational experiences it offers. Students elect senators to attend meetings and take care of the business they need to. So it is disturbing when senators, after they are elected, don't hold up their end of the bargain.

The Student Senate does have a policy to deal with such problems. If a senator misses a meeting without a legitimate excuse it is counted as a full absence. If a senator arrives late or leaves early it is counted as a half absence. After three full absences a senator faces expulsion from the Senate. But this policy is clearly not effective enough. Senators should be expected to attend every meeting, unless they have an excused absence, which would include uncontrollable circumstances, illness, family emergencies or legitimate conflicts (as long as these conflicts are not recurring). Being overburdened with school work or too tired should not be valid excuses. But for senators with unexcused absences to burn they are.

The time demands on student senators, especially in light of the many long-term benefits they receive and the fact that they were elected to do the job, are not so great as to allow three unexcused absences. The Senate should keep this in mind when considering next year's attendance policy.



Columns

Remember that Malcolm X converted

Go see Malcolm X.

This epic film rates as one of the finest movies ever made. And with just cause.

It relates the life of a man whose presence may drive a turning point in the history of our nation. Yet this drive can either be that of a destructive wedge or one of a productive new beginning.

It can be productive if the viewer realizes that director Spike Lee has taken liberties with history in an effort to enhance a film's dramatic and commercial qualities.

This modification is perfectly acceptable within the media of film and the docudrama. For even at 3 hours and 21 minutes, no film can accurately portray the life of anyone, let alone a man of such stature as Malcolm X.

But do not let the final image on the screen be taken as absolute truth. Remember that though the gist of the story may be accurate, individual scenes or circumstances may be enhanced for effect. For instance, Malcolm X is projected to be from a strong family rather than one where his father was a child abuser and philanderer, and where his mother was on the verge of psychosis after his father's accidental death (not murder).

Malcolm's exploits on the streets are portrayed with the almost heroic backdrop of a black man fighting the white establishment rather than as the actions of a drug-addict



Steve Crisp

ed criminal.

Malcolm is portrayed as a leader of a wide coalition of blacks in the early 1960's rather than as an extremist, which most black people at the time felt he was.

The film will be productive if the viewer realizes that the turning point of Malcolm's conversion was portrayed in the film to show that he was wrong for all the years he followed Elijah Muhammad.

Societal destruction will ensue if the viewer does not recognize or accept this turning point.

The Nation of Islam is a bizarre and misguided group of radical fanatics who follow the teachings of one man who lived in the mid-20th century: Elijah Muhammad.

Yes, they have a substance of their Islamic belief upon the Koran and the teachings of the 7th century prophet Mohammed, but these are two different Mohammeds. By example, consider the alteration of other

world religions throughout history.

The Old Testament was given as the law of God and the history of the Jewish people, yet the later Jews modified and expanded upon that text with the man-written Talmud. The New Testament was the written Gospel of Christ and the foundation of the Christian doctrine, which the Mormon Church amended with the Book of Mormon.

The Koran was written to counter the falling away by the Jews and Christians from the religion of Abraham, and with its transcription the religion of Islam was born. It is this religion of Islam which has been twisted and corrupted by the group calling itself the Nation of Islam.

This group was founded by Elijah Muhammad and continues today under the direction of the Minister Louis Farrakhan. It was founded upon the belief that all white men are evil and that the black man is the supreme being on earth.

This is a doctrine of racism and hatred, not one of love and equality as espoused by the Koran.

Its adherents believe in a nation of blacks, separate and dominate over whites, which will eventually lead to the destruction of the white, blue-eyed devil.

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Rowdy roommate causes trouble for everyone

Since August our floor has been in an uproar over a roommate's blatant lack of respect for our dorm community. Her continual noise violations have been addressed on every level. We have spoken to her individually and through Night Staff and residential advisers (each to no avail). Her roommate and her immediate neighbors were awakened several mornings by her blaring music as early as two and three in the morning. On one occasion, Night Staff literally entered her room to turn off her audio equipment.

Sunday night this person physically attacked both her roommate and an impartial mediator, our residential adviser, when she was asked to quiet down at 3:42 a.m. A third member of our hall was assaulted while trying to protect the RA from further injury. Yet after Public Safety removed her she was allowed to return to the dorm. Her roommate was forced to vacate the premises or face coexistence with her assailant.

This route of action clearly demonstrates repeated code violations are rewarded by giving single occupancy of a state funded room to the aggressor. We view this as an unacceptable result since "students are expected to conduct themselves in a considerate manner with regard to the rights, obligations and safety needs of others." (Guide to Residential Hall Living, p. 33).

Our pleas to the area director and the assistant area director along with several parental complaints to the chancellor of residential housing life have organized with no result. As a whole we have organized meetings with the AD and AAD to be told they knew nothing about her repeated noise violations. Furthermore, they could not discuss her case with us. We are directly involved, yet we are allowed no consideration concerning this matter.

The Campus

FORUM

This dorm has worked within the proper channels as outlined by the Guide to Residential Hall Living. However, it has been to our great dismay to find that by remaining within the boundaries of residence life rules, we have suffered more repercussions than our disruptive neighbor. It is our opinion that as the majority, our rights to live in a quiet, non-violent environment outweigh any rights of the one person who has repeatedly violated these pre-existing rules of conduct.

It is upsetting to know that we would suffer swifter punishment for loft code violations than for assaulting a NCSU designated figure of authority such as an RA.

Jennifer Jordan
Sophomore, BAE

Karin Nelson
Sophomore, Biology

Protect your valuables while at the bookstore

Most people probably don't realize that you don't have to leave your backpack in the lobby area of the campus bookstore. It wasn't brought to my attention until my backpack was stolen last Wednesday. I dropped my bag off on the shelf and went into the store for what I expected to be a few minutes. Less than five minutes later it was stolen. I even got to see the two guys who were probably working together to

steal it. Even with the new surveillance equipment in the lobby, there's not much of a chance I'll get any of my stuff back.

One really stupid thing about this is that they didn't get anything of great value. The Eastpack itself was probably the most valuable thing they got. They didn't get any money or credit cards; they didn't even get any textbooks they could sell back. They did get a semester's worth of notes for three classes that I needed for my upcoming exams but those notes are of no use to them and have probably been thrown out by now.

My point in writing this is the other stupid thing. I didn't have to leave my bag outside. They only want you to leave them if you go downstairs where the textbooks are. With all of their signs, you might have thought (like I did) that they meant the whole store. Not true. So don't make the same mistake I did; keep your stuff on you whenever possible because the only person you know you can trust is yourself.

Christine Bauer
Freshman, accounting

Night students deserve equal opportunity

I am writing in response to Steve Crisp's editorial in Technician on Nov. 4. I fully agree with Crisp that N.C. State University should give more support to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS). I am a student in CHASS also, and besides the unequal support NCSU gives CHASS, I see an even bigger problem.

We need an official, organized Evening Degree program in CHASS. As the 1991-1993 NCSU Bulletin points out, "Students who work full-time during the day or have other extensive daytime responsibilities may be able to complete an undergraduate

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degree during the evening hours at NCSU."

I would love to work full-time during the day and attend classes at night if I was assured NCSU would offer the classes required to obtain a degree. I cannot take this chance now because the same basic classes are offered during night classes. A much larger variety of classes needs to be offered.

The cost of tuition is raising as every student and parent knows. As a result, many students may have to drop out in order to pay for school. It would be to NCSU's advantage to regulate an Evening Degree program in CHASS. The students would feel secure in knowing they will get a degree. NCSU would provide these students an invaluable service. As a result, these students would become loyal alumni.

Kelli Stevens
Junior, English

Recycling to take top priority

The environment is an issue that has become of great interest to the world. We, as humans, are slowly becoming aware that we need to take action on our wasteful past. However, there are still several of us that seem to be stuck in our lazy, self-indulgent habits and refuse to do anything about our deteriorating earth.

The need to recycle has evolved from something that extremely conscious environmentalists do to a movement that has altered mainstream society's way of life. We can not remain satisfied with the way things are going. It is obvious that not everyone is doing their part to help the environment. It's time for the United States to set an example and establish more efficient recycling programs for the country. We can no longer think in terms of money and growth when the future of our planet is at stake. Every other issue is less significant. It is time to stop the wastefulness and become more concerned by playing an

active part in creating a secure future for following generations.

Ana Gonzalez
Junior, communication

Cheerleaders are national champs

I am writing this letter in response to an editorial written in the November 18 Technician. The article was about the Wolfpack Men's soccer team and their outstanding season, as shown by their number 2 ranking in the Soccer America poll. I was happy to see the Technician supporting the men's soccer team and trying to persuade students to go cheer the Wolfpack to a national championship.

The members of this team deserve to be commended. They were not ranked at the beginning of the season and were not expected to do well. However, they overcame these odds, and at overtime at the end of the regular season, were even

ranked number 1.

This editorial was great but as I came to the last paragraph, I read something that troubled me. It was, "And when was the last time NCSU was a national champion in a sport?"

As a member of the N.C. State cheerleading squad from 1989-1992, and a member of two out of three national championship squads, I found this very frustrating.

Was our national championship not remembered or does the Technician not consider us athletes?

The cheerleaders here at NCSU practice almost everyday, four or five hours per day. As well as running, lifting and aerobics. This is not to mention the football games and basketball games.

After basketball season is finished, the cheerleaders are still hard at work getting ready for the nationals in April. The cheerleaders work hard to represent themselves, the other NCSU athletes, and more importantly, the school as best they can.

All of this without receiving any scholarships, whatsoever.

I know I speak for all the NCSU cheerleaders, past and present, when I say it's frustrating when it seems that all this hard work goes unnoticed.

In fact, after the 1990 National Cheerleading Championships, nothing about the NCSU squads number 1 finish appeared in the Technician. Two weeks later, a photo of the JV squad was shown with the caption describing the cheerleader's victory. This photo did not even show the members that competed.

In all fairness to the Technician, after the 1991 National Championships a whole page was devoted to the cheerleaders. That was greatly appreciated by our squad.

I'm sure that the paragraph in the editorial was not meant in a derogatory manner. However, how can the Technician overlook a team that has won more national championships than any other athletic team at NCSU?

Brenna Sharp

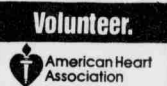
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The Nation of Islam accuses whites of being the root cause of every bad thing that happens to the black man, either individually, or collectively as a race of people.

It practices a most strange and revolting brand of revisionist history and uses blatant propaganda.

To give an example from the movie, Malcolm X confronts a minister with the belief that Christ was black. He draws this conclusion from the 14th and 15th verse of the first chapter of Revelation where John portrays Christ as having "hair like lamb's wool" and "feet of the color of bronze" (Malcolm X's words). I have even heard this argument used here at N.C. State University, so this is nothing isolated.

A reading of the passage in

Revelation states that Christ's "head and hair were white like lamb's wool" and that "his feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace." The intention here was to indicate, respectively, the purity and power of Christ. In fact, a literal interpretation of this passage would seem to indicate that Christ was more a pale Scandinavian who was hot and therefore glowing cherry red.

Further, the Nation of Islam uses the Eve Hypothesis to ground its belief that the first man on Earth emerged from Africa. Hence, the first man was black. Additionally, they insist that whites were created as a result of genetic experiments by an evil wizard.

Two months ago the researchers who formulated the Eve Hypothesis (which was based on their study of mitochondrial DNA) disclaimed the results, saying the study was completely flawed. Even if not, there is no way to determine the skin color of

human remains dating from 200,000 B.P. Just because the indigenous African of today is black does not support an assumption of black skin pigmentation in humanity's early history. We simply do not know.

We now have students on this campus and at other universities who have adopted the teachings of this bizarre cult. Their numbers are small but their voices are loud and their actions are motivated by an ingrained hatred toward whites.

When you see this movie remember that Malcolm X saw the errors of his beliefs and changed at the end of his life. He was assassinated by those who would not tolerate dissension within the ranks of the "chosen and superior" black race.

See this movie for what it is and don't let the doctrines of hate inflame your mind and influence your actions.

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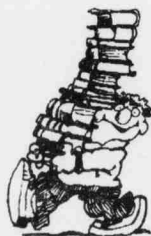
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