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Plus/minus finally coming to a boil

Students give proposed system a failing grade

By Janet Mobley

If the 35 students who marched to Holladay Hall to confront the chancellor Wednesday are representative of their 27,000 or so peers, plus/minus grading is about as welcome as a Tar Heel victory in Reynolds Coliseum. The students, most of them student leaders from Student Government or other campus organizations, said they were concerned about the effect the new grading system might have on graduation rates, graduates' competitiveness in the job market and student motivation.

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"The university is trying to increase the graduation rate and the plus/minus system will have a neg-ative effect on that, said Monte." "The plus/minus system will lower our overall GPAs and make us less competitive in the job market. More students will be hurt than helped." "Hyson suggested that the pro-posed system could force students to retake more courses. "Students in C-wall classes will not be able to get out with a C-minus and will be forced to retake the course," she said.

immus and will be forced to retake the course," she said. Jennifer King, a junior in chemi-cal engineering, echoed some of Hyson's sentiments. "It will make the slow graduation rate even slow-er," she said.

Some students said the focus on grades detracts from the education process.

"The emphasis should be on learning, not grades," said Jan

Beiting, the student body president's chief of staff.

Arguments that the current grade scale discriminates against some by making students of disparate ability look the same on a transcript don't hold water with Beiting.

"If I make an 89 in a class and someone else makes an 81, I don't mind that we both get a B." Beiting said. "I know someday in the future I may be the one with the 81."

However, the plus/minus system does discriminate against exceptional students, said Steve Humphrey, a senior in chemical engineering.

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"All the other grades have a bonus, but if you get an A-plus rather than an A, there is no extra reward," Humphrey said.

Under the plus/minus system, some students, may lose their motivation to keep studying. Humphrey said.

Though Student Government representatives and others have been opposed to plus/minus grading since a 1987 study showed it reduced students' GPAs slightly, the final decision will be up to the chancellor. chancellor

chancellor.

"I hope that if the chancellor sees that students care enough about this issue to take time out of their afternoon, that he will take that into consideration." King said.

Beiting said Student Government is hesitant about the change, not because its new, but because of its potentially harmful effects.
"We are not being reluctant to change, but we want changes to be beneficial to students, not harmful."



About 35 NCSU students marched from the brickyard to Holladay Hall Wednesday to protest the plus/minus grading system. If approved by the chancellor, the system would go in effect in 1994.

Chancellor opens his door to student body opinion

By Dee Henry

N.C. State University Chancellor Larry Monteith opened his door to students protesting the plus/minus grading system Wednesday.

And for about an hour and a half, about 35 students and student leaders aired their grievances to Monteith, Provost Franklin Hart and other administration representatives at the Chancellor's Liaison Meeting. Earlier the group had gathered at the Brickyard and marched through campus to show their disapproval of the proposed system.

During the meeting. Student Senate President Eric Lamb presented his case against the new plan unfair to students, Lamb presented his case against the new plan unfair to students, Lamb presented his case against the new plan unfair to students, Lamb presented his Case against the new plan unfair to students, Lamb presented his Case against the new plan unfair to students, Student Senate Treasurer Monica Hyson echoed Lamb's concerns.

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"We have a lot of little loop-holes, and that's going to make plus/minus a hotbed of variabili-

ty," Hyson said.

The new system could also lower student GPAs, which might limit job opportunities, Hyson said. Most companies that interview on-campus have a GPA cut-off for selecting students.

Faculty Senate President Myron Kelly said the faculty, which has pushed for the new system, wasn't looking to hurt students.

"That was never a driving force or impetus for the faculty to be in favor of a plus/minus system," he said. "The main reason for the plus/minus system is to increase the sensitivity of the measuring instrument."

Some protesters said the facul-y's position ignores the student

ty's position ignores the student perspective.
"This university exists for the students," said Steve Humphrey, a chemical engineering major and a Franklin Scholar. "We appreciate the education they give us, but without the students, the university wouldn't exist."
"The grading scale affects the faculty," said Jan Beiting, chief of staff to the student body president.

And students are happy with the current system, Lamb said.
"If the system ain't broke, why are we trying to fix it?" he said.
Monteith, who must approve the plan before it can go into effect, said, after the meeting, that he was in no hurry to render final judgment on the plus/minus system.

judgment on the plus/minus sys-tem.

If Monteith gives the go ahead, the plan will take effect for the fall 1994 semester.

Lamb and Kelly both indicated they were happy with the meet-ing.

Lamb said the chancellor's receptiveness to the students made him optimistic about the final decision.

Kelly said he wasn't sure what effect the students' showing will have on the chancellor's decision.

"I think it will have an effect," he said. "Proof of that is [Monteith] requesting more infor-mation from Eric [Lamb] and myself."

"Overall, it's been a positive debate. There's been no animosity on either side."

Plus/minus history

Fall 1985: Faculty initates two-year experiment

Spring 1987: System rejected by faculty senate

Fall 1987: Study lowered student

Spring 1991: Poll reveals two-thirds of NCSU faculty support system

Fall 1992: Faculty senate approves plus/minus system

Spring 1993: NCSU students march in protest of plus/ minus

Depleted budget causes recurring debate at Senate meeting

y Erika Farr

Student senators reluctantly ceepted their plight Wednesday then Monica Hyson announced at Student Senate treasury funds re extremely low. They grumbled, sked where the money went and ventually put the issue to rest. Hyson, the student body treasurer, e-ported that the Senate budget had windled to an alarming \$13,000 — arely 25 percent of the original 50,000 budget. Hyson told the near-full Student enate Hall that such a deficiency is

Chancellor Larry K. Monteith meets with student leaders to discuss the proposed plus/minus system. The meeting was a last chance for students to express their discontent with the new scale. Monteith will make a final decision in the near future.

unusual, and that if the Senate bank account hits bottom before semester's end, university clubs and organizations will be denied money. Several senators, surprised by Hyson's announcement, asked where the money had gone. The finance committee answered their queries, blaming the depleted account on "a lot of big budget bills going through."

The Senate attempted to put its financial woes aside. But they did so with little success. The weak-ened budget would be the primary cause of the debates that followed.

Senators debated for over an hour about a bill that recommended the

allocation of \$4,500 to the North Carolina State University chapter of Student American Veterinary Medical Association. Under the proposal, veterinary students would have received funding to attend a three day symposium. The bill was debated and amended only to be sent to the finance committee. Even Hyson, whose committee recommended the bill, doubted if SAVMA was worthy of such a large sum of money.

'If feel a group has to prove they

sum of money.
"I feel a group has to prove they need the money and deserve the money — that didn't happen with this group," Hyson said.

After urging the Senate to be more

ed. Under the bill, the New Horizons Choir group would receive \$2,854 to fund its spring break tour, when it asked for only \$2,180.

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Several senators shot down the finance committee's plan.
"We shouldn't say, 'you can ask for up to 50 percent, so you might as well,', 'said Ruffin Bailey, chair person of the eadermies committee.
"We're not a welfare system."
Ultimately, the bill was amended and the New Horizons Choir received \$1,804.

"The problem with tonight is that the finance committee is talking out of both sides of their mouth." Bailey said.
Eric Lamb, president of Senate, also felt the financial committee could use some adjusting. "The process through which we do financial allocations needs some work, and I think now it's going to get done." Lamb said.
Hyson, however, defended her committee saying that some existing Senate rules are too restricting. "I really have a problem with how the position of student body treasurer is dealt with in the Senate." Hyson said. "I can not debate, and I

don't have a vote on decisions that ultimately rest on my shoulders."
Hyson also said that the finance committee only makes a recommendation — it is up to Senate to decide how much, if any, money is allotted to a particular group.
Bailey said it's the finance committee that must get it sa ct together. "Finance committee needs to come down and say we are going to be very subjective or we are going to be very objective — this semester, I have heard both," Bailey said. "You need to get the committee on the same page and then you

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aser blasts and dragon fire return to campus EOS screens

By Ron Batcho

What was once contraband is now

What was once contraband is now O.K. (in some instances).

So said the foe — now turned friend — of the N.C. State University Tetris junkies.

"Effective Friday morning, games will be allowed on the network," William E. Willis, the College of Engineering's director of computer operations, told a group of about 50

students who met with the College of Engineering's operations staff Wednesday aftermoon. The new gaming policy will allow students to play games on the network at any time, as long as they do not impinge upon the rights of other computer users in the room. No one, however, will be allowed to play games while accessing the network on Dialup 0, the program that provides access to the system from off campus. According to the bill.

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The other resolution recommended that the administration distinguish between the two sections of
"Introductory Biochemistry".

Because the two sections differ
considerably, the first section is
restricted to biochemistry majors.

"It was the opinion of the Senate that the two sections were different enough to warrant separate desig-nation," Lye said.

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The meeting became confusing several times because senators were unfamiliar with parliamentary procedure, said Senate President Eric Lamb.

"[This is a] Parliamentary web that we are weaving here," Lamb said after several senators attempt-ed to amend an amendment.

Willis, gamers who call in tend to tie up the fifty-some phone lines to the system.

Arcade style games that allow players at separate terminals to access games simultaneously are also banned. The list of banned games includes NETTREK, XTARK, XTANK, XBATTLE and other games, such as cbzone, that have constantly moving characters, Willis said.

"There will be less equipment

place unusual stress on computer equipment. This policy does, however, allow students to play graphic games such as Xmines. Tetris and Mahjong, because they do not place an abnor-mal amount of wear and tear on the equipment. MUD and text games — that allow many gamers to inter-act in the same game — will also be

allowed.

"Students can play whizzing games at the bowling alley," Wills said, referring to those who play arcade style games on the entwork is flat against state law," Willis said. The games were removed in November in response to complaints that game-playing students were disturbing those who were working.

faculty thinks," Willis said. According to Willis, faculty have wanted games removed ever since the university has had the system.

Students complained about the noise that came with computer games, Willis said. The damage done to hardware systems, by games such as XTREK, was also a factor in the decision to ban the games, Willis said.

In The Cold Season

Finance

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meed to get the Senate to read it."
Despite the financial controversy, two resolutions were passed without much debate.
One resolution involved a slight alteration in the TRACS registering system. The Senate recommended that the system provide information on the total number of positions available on a wait list.
"It will help to eliminate some of the system's slow down that was evident when students registered in past semesters," said Kevin Lye, the student senator who sponsored







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Sports



Pack can't throw in the towel

ATLANTA — How many times o you see Les Robinson keep his raditional sports jacket on for an ntire second half?

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The never seen it stay on for more than the opening minute or two of a half, but the jacket stayed on for the final 20 minutes Wednesday night. There was no more coaching to do. It was, and had been, out of hands for a long time.

When N.C. State entered Alexander Memorial Coliscum for its ACC match-up with the 18th-ranked Jackets, Robinson was confident that the Wolfpack could not only compete but win. It was a perfect scenario. He knew that the Tech players had to be saying to themselves, "we can't lose to these guys." With a scattered crowd of the beach could just go in with nothing to lose and play the Jackets straight-up.

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straight-up.
It didn't materialize. I'm not sure if it ever popped into the heads of the depleted eight-man squad that they had a shot to win. There was no intensity — no nothing.
Robinson, visibly upset and flustered, sat with his head resting in his hands for almost the entire second half. He later admitted he took a walk out into the cool Atlanta night at halftime to try to maintain some composure. Obviously his team was not playing as he envisioned it would Oct. 1.
This should not be happening. It here's anything that a 4-10 season will test, it's your intestinal fortitude. Everybody knows what this team has been through, and there is universal compassion for State in the basketball world, especially in the ACC.

"It's not always the strongest nor the fastest but those who think they can."

Author unknown; inscribed on Brickvard monument dedicated to 1983 National Champions

But there comes a time when you have got to quit feeling sorry for yourself. The N.C. State basketball program has reached that level. Whether the Pack is ahead by 10 points or down by 35, there should be no giving up — no easy baskets, no lagging defense. Play your hearts out for pride, if for nothing else.

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every game. Execution is one thing, but thinking that you can't execute is another.

So what does this mean to members of the student body? In my mind, the 1993 men's basketball team needs your support more than ever. The players need a reason loglay, and a half-empty coliseum is little reason. They need something to point them in the right direction instead of negativity.

Student interest in NCSU basketball is at an all-time low. I know that as of Tuesday, only 1,000 of the over 4,000 student tickets had been distributed for Sunday's meeting with Clemson. As students, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to support a program as rich as N.C. State's. Maybe we can convince our team of the same idea.

I simply think they need to dream. The team needs to put it all on the line and believe in winning.

There's a monument on the Brickyard dedicated to a certain team that overcame a lot of odds. It reads: It's not always the strongest on the fastest but those who think they can.

You don't have to be a member of the '83 national champions to understand that line. You just have to have a will.

Wolfpack sings same tune in Atlanta



Lewis finds groove with closing flurry

ATLANTA — Scoring machine and Marc Lewis are two phrases that usually aren't mentioned in the same sentence. But when the Wolfpack fell bashed by those purposaring saring

But when the Wolfpack fell behind by a huge margin against Georgia Tech Wednesday night, Lewis was summoned off the bench and delivered like an all-ACC per-former. He notched career-highs with 25 points and 15 rebounds and played like a man possessed. It was about the only silver liming for State in its 85-74 loss to the Yellow Jackets.

Jackets.
"It's just the type of thing where I try to go out and play hard every time I go out and have a good time," Lewis said. "It's hard to have a good time when you're losing.
"But everybody has personal goals that they want to achieve, and mine was to actually play in the ACC. I think I have been given that opportunity and I am thankful for it, and I will try to make the most of it."

But, fluke or no fluke, Lewis alone provided the spark necessary for the Pack to win some games this

season.
"I asked everybody to play 10 per-cent better than against Maryland," said Wolfpack head coach Les Robinson in reference to the Pack's narrow five-point loss Saturday. "He probably played 50 percent better." better."
While it's hard to gauge an actual

While it's hard to gauge an actual percentage of how much better Lewis played Wednesday night, it was easy to see he played his most impressive game in two-and-a-half years at State. It was the first time he scored more than 10 points in a game since his stellar career at Greensboro's Page High School. In the process, he shattered his previous college career-highs of

previous college career-highs of eight points and four rebounds. Looking at the statistics, it's almost hard to believe if you didn't see the

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ATLANTA — N.C. State head baskerball coach Les Robinson would like to tell the world that his squad made an incredible comeback Thursday night against Georgia Tech. Unfortunately, he can't. That's because the Wolfpack struggled through another lackluster performance against the Yellow Jackets. The undermanned Pack did close the game with a 31-67 run, but that burst merely cut Tech's 79-43 advantage to the final 85-74 margin. Once again, a Wolfpack game seemed over before it began.

Trying to slow the game down and make the most of every possession, State fell behind — big. The valiant game plan, which appears to be the Pack's only hope of winning, once again had to be aborted because of the huge second-half deficit. The game was ugly — much like the whole basketball season has been for the Pack.

"I felt like we could come out here and, from a psychological standpoint, we had an advantage tonight." Robinson said. "You read the paper and think there's no way [State] can beat us. Tech could have taken us lightly, but they didn't do that."

To put the first half into perspective.

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To put the first half into perspective, Robinson doesn't have to go much further than the statistics sheet. The Wolfpack trailed by 22

points at the break. It didn't score its 10th point until freshman Todd Fuller hit a 16-foot baseline jumper with 6:07 left in the half.

Senior leader Kevin Thompson was one of eight from the floor and missed a number of easy shots inside. He wasn't alone. Mark Davis continued his poor shooting with an 0-for-8 first half. All totaled, the Pack shot 23 percent for he half, a mark that's not going to win against any team, much less the talented, 15th-ranked Yellow Jackets.

Then there was the free-throw shooting, which was hardly "free" for the Pack. State connected on only six of 14 free throws in the opening frame for an awful 43 percent from the line.

"You can't miss free throws in a delay game," Robinson said. "If you don't shoot better than that, lorget it."

you don't shoot better than that, forget it."
While State faltered in nearly every facet of the game, Georgia Tech excelled. The Jackets (114, 4-2 in the ACC) enjoyed their seventh-best shooting game in school history, making 36 of 53 shots for a 68 percent clip. Beat-up James Forrest, suffering from a bum foot, provided most of the scoring with 24 points on 10-11 shooting from the floor.
"This team is inconsistent."
Cremins said of his Jackets. "I think everyone knows that. We've just got to keep working hard. I never

TECH Forrest Mackey

N.C. State 21 53 - 74 Ga. Tech 43 42 - 85

Three-point goals - N.C. State 5-18 (Marshall 2-4, Davis 1-5, Lewis 1-3, Newman 1-1, Wilson 0-2, McCuller 0-2, Thompson 0-1) Georgia Tech 3-6 (Best 2-2, Barry 1-1, Hill 0-1, Kelly 0-1, Harlicka 0-1) Turnovers - N.C. State 7, Georgia Tech 15-7 Officials - Scagliotta, Rote, Wood Attendance - 8,652

know what's going to happen from game to game."

After yet another loss, Robinson and his team gained more consolations from the opposing coach. Cremins, who is a good friend of

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Junior Tammy Gibson (13) scored only nine points against Carolina

Heels blow by State

By Kevin Brewer

Assistant Sports Editor

CHAPEL HILL — The N.C. State women's basketball team ran into several of the ACC's best teams all meshed into one overpowering and cohesive North Carolina squad and found all of them to be too much to handle in a 71-47 loss to the Tar Heels.

The defense and rebounding of the Tar Heels — both ranked in the top four among the conference's team leaders — jumped net Wolfpack early and often as Carolina solidified its first-place spot in the ACC standings.

Carolina moved to 15-2 and 6-2 in conference play, and State fell to 8-7 and 4-4 in the ACC. "North Carolina played hard and really well on both ends," State head coach Kay Yow said. "Carolina just out-played us. There's no doubt about it." State took a 12-9 lead early in

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Swimmers expect to win decisively

Despite the fact that the N.C.
State men's swim team has its
Saturday meet versus Georgia Tech
wrapped up. State head coach Don
Easterling has a dilemma.
With the absence of several noteworthy swimmers and the team
moving into the home stretch of the
season, Easterling is fracing decisions about which men to enter in
the ACC championships in the middle of February.
Facing Tech, 6-5 overall and 0.1

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Facing Tech, 6-5 overall and 0-1 in the ACC, the 22nd-ranked Pack vill be looking for more than easy

will be looking for more than easy wins in their races. "This is the first year I have had a real dilemma as to what I am going to do," Easterling said." I need to pick our travel squad and it depends a lot on who gets better and who performs well on Saturday. The men are still competing for spots, so this meet is important." Two big guns the Pack is currently missing are Matt Mocharnuk and Greg Torsone. Mocharnuk is academically ineligible according to NCSU rules. Despite an appeal, there has been no word on Mocharnuk's status.

On the other hand, Torsone, an

On the other hand, Torsone, an NCAA National Championships relay qualifier last year, has had a

nagging groin injury which hasn't improved in the past weeks. "With these men out, I am in limbo over deciding who to shave and taper for our Carolina meet and who to save for the ACCs." Easterling said. "Hopefully this meet will give us ideas for those people on the bubble that we aren't sure of."

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With the team only four weeks away from the conference championships, Easterling still believes the men have good attitudes and are working very hard. Although the conference meet was earlier last year, the Pack appears to be on schedule in its training.

"At first, when we were compar-ing our times to last year I was wor-ried," Easterling said. "But we real-ized we are two weeks behind last season, We haven't started down yet, and at this time last year we had already started out tapering and owning."

The meet against the Yellow Jackets is Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Willis Casey Natatorium.

CLEMSON AT N.C. STATE

Records: Clemson 10-5 (1-5)
N.C. State 4-10 (0-6)
Site: Reynolds Coliseum
Time: Sunday, 2 p.m. (IV-Raycom/JP)
Injuries: N.C. State
Miglen Bakalli is out (broken foot)
Key Players: Clemson
Sharone Wright, C (10 rpg, 4 bpg)
Devin Gray, F (17 ppg)
N.C. State
Kevin Thompson, C (15 ppg, 8 rpg)
Marc Lewis, F (25 pts, 15 rbs, in last outing)
Notes: Before Super Sunday calls you to the buffet, stop by Reynolds Coliseum for this pre-game ACC
showdown. Clemson is coming off its first win, an 82-72 victory over Maryland, Meanwhile, the Pack continues to struggle and needs a win at home in order to pull out of last place. Look for State to play with its usual patience. The Pack has won the last four contests dating back to 1990.

N.C. STATE AT MARYLAND

Records: N.C. State 8-7 (4-4)
 Maryland 13-3 (5-2), ranked 8th

Site: College Park, Md. Cole Field House
 Time: Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
 Injuries: None
 Key Players: N.C. State
 Tammy Gibson, G (21ppg)
 Danyel Parker G (14 ppg, 5 apg)
 Maryland
 Jessel Hicks C (19 ppg, 8 rpg)
 Bonnie Rinkus, Fi (7 rpg)
 Notes: Beside a Maryland victory over Florida State, both teams are recovering from losses to North Carolina. The Terrapins have a definite advantage on the inside with Hicks and Rimkus. Both teams also have had plenty of experience against each other.
 Maryland boasts a roster with four seniors, while the Pack has five, including four starters.

Gymnasts prepare for Invitational

Going into this Friday's meet at George Washington, the N.C. State gymnastics team has been forced to raise their gools after a record-setting performance last weekend.

"Our main goal is to consistently hit more than 50 percent-plus of our routines," State coach Mark Stevenson said. "But last weekend we hit 17 of 20 routines, so I think we need to raise our standards and look at 75 percent-plus as a goal."

Last Friday against Radford the Wolfpack team broke three records

— one team record and two individuals. — in defeating Radford 189,10-175,70.

State broke the team record with its team floor exercise score of 48,150, while freshman Christs.

State broke the team record with its team floor exercise score of 48.150, while freshman Christy Newton tied one record on the vault exercise, and broke another record on the floor.

State, anchored by the solid scores from the upperclassmen, outscored Radford in all four exercises. However, as the squad approaches the George Washington Invitational, Stevenson sees his team faced with a new set of challenges to over-

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Learn during February

ne month out of the year is set aside to educate the populace about a group within American society that has contributed greatly to the America we know today but whose achievements are often overlooked. February is Black History Month. It is a month dedicated to teaching people the important roles that African-Americans have played in society and the contributions they have given everyone.

N.C. State University students are lucky: they have a center that was designed to educate students about the role African-Americans have played throughout history. The students have a center dedicated to preserving the African-American heritage — the African-American Cultural Center.

Inside this complex, located in the Student Center Annex on the corner of Dan Allen Dr. and Cates Ave., is an African art museum, an African library, a large multi-purpose room and offices. Though it is underfunded, this center provides the best resources on and about African-Americans in the

Funding is a problem for the center. But an even bigger prob-lem is that the center is underuti-lized. People of all races need to use the center. All the books, art and classes in the world will not educate a single person unless people go there. Without use, the center, which the university takes such great pride in, will benefit no

Using the center will provide other benefits as well. If more people use the center, money will follow, which will increase the library size and bring in more library size and bring in more traveling exhibits. If the center can boast of higher use, it will reflect well on this institution. But most importantly, if people use the African-American Cultural Center, they will begin to under-stand that the differences between the races are not that great.

Students pan plus/minus

S tudents took a Wednesday in Wednesday in regard to the plus/minus grading system.
Approximately 35 students showed their disapproval of the system by marching to Holladay Hall and explaining their reasons for being against it.

Some complain that students do

not go about things in the right way. They feel students are rebellious and thoughtless. In this instance, students showed their maturity in expressing their strong feelings toward the plus/minus sys reeings toward the plus/minus sys-tem. They did not cause problems, nor did they destroy property in lieu of their wants. Instead, they peacefully assembled and marched to voice the opinion of the stu-

After arriving at their destination hey did not scream or taunt the chancellor; they said what they wanted to say during a peaceful meeting with the chancellor. The students listened to the faculty's argument for plus/minus, and when it was their turn to speak, they said why they were opposed to plus/minus.

Students are not always rebels; students know when to speak and when not to and Wednesday, NCSU students exhibited their strong feelings against the plus/minus without causing prob-lems. Peaceful protest, a method that has been around for ages. One that has been effective in many dif-ferent battles. One that students should be commended on.

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Columns

A revolution of cultural awareness

There comes a time when a person needs to be silent. During this time, one can look, listen and hear what's going on around them. One can get a better perspective on life. Some of the questions raised about my writing led me to take this kind of pause.

One of the questions I know that my emerically properties of the part of the merical power of the questions I know that my emerical properties are asking is, "Why is he being allowed to write the way he does?" They would rather have a black face in this space who writes about things such as political commentary, sports, emeritariment or the problems and issues that are specific to our believe the reason I was hirred is that Technician needs what N.C. State University helice the reason I was hirred is that Technician needs what the University leads. Technician needs what the University leads of America and this planet Earth need. That need is to have a "different voice."

That voice is one of an African-American. I am proud of this name because it is one that must be earned. African Americans will have a unique perspective on their life and times as well as the past.

earned. African American the past.

Becoming an African-American is like entering a priesthood — that's the way I perceive it. This is not an overnight process. The process begins at the rost, Africa. We must seek true knowledge of our motherland. Any person with colored skin, and with white skin (from a Pan-Africanist perspective), comes from this motherland. Africa is the cradle of evillization.

vilization.
After you have fully understood your

Darek McCullers

African-American Existence. These five axes include history, theology, psychology, sociology and practicology. Practicology includes the flow to 's' of being prosperous in today's society. We need knowledge of economics, entrepreneurship, leadership, home management and principles of multiplication — that is building the African-American family and the Black Nation. These are critical areas of education for the 21st century which the school system cannot provide. We must do it for ourselves ware that some of us may not wish to be an African-American. They should be accepted as such. Some of them say, "I didn't come from Africa," You can remain inta state and be somewhat educated. These persons may have a little knowledge, but they don't have the whole truth. I call these people Black Americans. Many of our churches have remained on this level and this is the origin of the term "the black church". It is a semi-independent organization which was good for a Today there is a new person in America. He as evolved from being a ingger to being colored, to being a negro, to being Afro-American or Black American, to the final gen-

esis of being African-American. The African-American is free and independent. He is not free because he is in a separate state somewhere in Africa or another continent. He is free because bit by a proper or politics. He is free because his mind is free from the shackles of oppression and neo-colonialism. He has made that cultural and mental genesis to Africa that brother Malcolin has talked about.

Two until the tender of the tender of the tender of the purpose of my work — my sentiments, goals and program of action. Hatred is not a feeling that I harbor. I do not have a resentment of all white people. I interact with them everyday. I am working two jobs and going to school as well. You cannot maintain a good work or school environment without an attitude of mutual respect for all humanity. Some call this appreciating diversity I do more than appreciating diversity I do more than appreciating diversity I do more than appreciating diversity. I do more than appreciating diversity I do more than appreciating the state of the problems of prejudice in American society.

It is my goal to upilit "true knowledge" and to teach those who will hear about the ways of the African-American. It is not my goal to create a separate state but to create good citizens of a different background (chattel slavers) of the African-American. It is not my goal to create a separate state but to create good citizens of a different background (chattel slavers) who will be self-realized.

It is my goal to create a revolution on this campus — one that involves the heart and minds of people. I want to make them culturally aware, intellectually alert and prepared will not develop another revolution such as with Dr. Martin Luther King and Malcolin X.

Intolerance of gays is un-American

Isn't it about time the American public quit buying the propaganda about America? America sin's about Mom, baseball and apple pie anymore, assuming that it ever was. "America sin's not about lowing others; it is about fear, hatred and intolerance. America is the home of the homophobic.

Before you start foaming at the mouth and accusing me of being anti-American, let me say this: I love America! I love her diversity of geography, weather, people, etc. I especially love the diversity of her people. I firmly believe this diversity is what makes her great.

Therefore, since I love America as deeply as I do. I can also hat the wrongenses of her condition as deeply, And one of the states that America and her people find themselves in now is a state of intolerance to the diversity. This intolerance, fear and harded has spread as thick as molasses until it has finally covered two states of our 'free' Union.

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Last November two states, Oregon and
Colorado, attempted to uphold this bigory by
voting on amendments to existing laws. These
amendments would have allowed discrimination against homosexuals and bisexuals just
because of their sexual orientation. The
amendment in Oregon did not pass; however,
the one in Colorado did. It is called
Amendment Two.

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Amendment Two.

"This Amendment would add a provision to Colorado's constitution that would in effect prohibit the state or any of its subdivisions from enacting or enforcing any provision (whereby homosexual, lesbian, or bisexual orientation, conduct, practices, or relationships shall constitute or otherwise be the basis of . . . any minority status, quota preferences, protected status or claim of discrimination." (the PFLAGpole, Fall, 1992)."

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settled.

If, however, that amendment does pass (which I believe it won't because it violates the First Amendment right of free association, the Fourth Amendment right of security in one's home and the I4th Amendment right in one's home and the I4th Amendment right to liberty, not to mention the entire penumbra of the Bill of Rights as a whole), would you want to liven in that type of society?

Have we become like Nazi-Germany during World War II, storatizing and killing those circitzens of our country that are different from the so-called norm? Has this nation really sunk that low? I hope not.

Do you know what this type of intolerance will cont all of us? Our foure and our children will be the price that is paid. Our soul as a nation and as individuals will wither and let if we allow intolerance of diversity to rule.

Did you know that sources say that one out

we allow intolerance of diversity to rule. Did you know that sources say that one out of every four successful adolescent suicides are committed by homosexuals? And that peer and familial intolerance to that individual's sexual orientation are immense factors in contributing to those suicides? One out of four!

If that number doesn't overwhelm you, how about this. My sources tell me that the number of suicides among homosexual teenagers is really closer to one out of three, but that num-

ber can't be verified because not every teer has "come out of the closet" by the time they kill themselves.

kill themselves.

I regardless of the numbers presently quoted, even one death caused by prejudice of this sort is one death too many.

Also, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, in 1988 approximately 5,000 young people from ages 15 to 24 died of suicide. Lesbian and gay teenagers are two to six times more likely to attempt suicide, and they account for approximately 30 percent of all completed suicides.

With suicide being a leading killer among.

competed sucues.
With sucide being a leading killer among adolescents, why would the people of any state want to pass an amendment that could and probably would lead to an increased death rate among their young people? This just doesn't make any sense to me. It's irrational and despicable.

Just because I don't like someone's sexual orientation doesn't give me the right, morally or legally, to pass judgment. That should be left to God.

left to God.

Remember, this country was originally formed by people who had fled from prejudice. However, their "crime against society" was their religious preference.

Our crime against society today is sitting on our collective butts with our mouths shut, allowing higherty to raise its ugly head within our free nation.

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our free nation.

Maybe with a leader like Bill Clinton, along with Hillary and a new, more liberal Supreme Court (once Clinton gets to make some appointments), our society will finally slay the monstrous bead of hate. Maybe our nation can become free once more and guarantee all of her citizens the protection under law that most of us take for granted.

Tar Heels

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the game after forward Ashley
Hancock hit a back-door layup, but
that's when North Carolina's allaround game kicked in. The Heels
went on a 17-2 run to take a 26-14
lead and snatch the offensive wind
out of the Pack's sails.
The defense was the first culprit.
In an attempt to stop the league's
leading scorer, Tammy Gibson, the
Heels gave senior Tom Montgomery
the job of guarding the three-point
threat.

Heels gave senior Toni Montgomery the job of guarding the three-point threat.

Gibson hit only one of eight shots in the first half, including one three-pointer, for a mere six points. The 5-foot-8 guard took six shots in the second period, connecting on one more, and finished the contest with nine points.

Gibson's nine-point performance marked her third-lowest total of the season and was 13 points below her 22-point average.

"Tonil said before the game she was going to shut her down, and I think she really did a good job of pressuring Tarmy," Tar Heel forward Charlotte Smith said. "Not only for the said of the season and was going to the season with said. "Not only for the said of the said of the season was going to the said of the season with said. "Not only for said of the said of t

detense. [We] did a real good job."
The Heels led the conference in scoring defense, holding their opponents to a 5.7. scoring average going into the game. UNC proceed-do dwarf that average by yielding only 47 points. In addition, Carolina forced State to take bad shot after bad shot and the Pack finished with a 31-percent shooting mark from the a 31-percent shooting mark from the field.

Rebounding was the next nemesis that stared the Pack in its collective



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Carolina came into the game ranked fourth in the conference in rebounding margin with a 5.8 advantage per game and had built 22 more caroms onto that margin by the final buzz. The Heels' combination of forwards Tonya Sampson and Smith had 15 and 11 rebounds, respectively. They acted as the nucleus that out-rebounded State 28-14 in the first half and doubled up the Pack again in the second half by a 54-27 margin.

again in the second half by a 54-27 margin.

Sampson used State's defense on many occasions to bully her way through the lane for rebounds and a number of leaning jumper or easy put-backs off her own misses. The 5-foot-9, all-ACC selection finished with 26 points and five assists. Pack senior Teri Whyte did preformance. The 6-foot-5 center led the team in scoring and rebounding for the first time this season. "Teri Whyte played well for us to stong the team, I think she had the best game. She helped us at the center position. We just couldn't control Sampson or Smith."

State, 0-6 on the road this season,

State, 0-6 on the road this season, will travel to Maryland on Saturday and Howard this Sunday.



Kevin Thompson (right) attempts to score two over Tech's Rod Balanis

Gymnasts travel to Washington

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The GWU event showcases otal of seven teams from all ov total of seven teams from all over the Northeast, including George Washington, Yale, Temple and

Washington, Tale, Temple and Maryland. "We will raise our goals for the meet, but not drastically," Stevenson said, "I think 185 would be a good score for our first away

meet; [we] can do that."

"The road meets present a whole new set of problems for our team to overcome." Stevenson added. "Everything's different from the setting to, most importantly, the differences in the aquipment used at the meet."

After an excellent team performance in the first meet, the group of talented Pack freshmen faces a new challenge its coach thinks it can achieve.

"We have five ladies with very limited meet experience," Stevenson said, "Their performances will make or break us. How well they do in the meet, combined with how well the team comes together, will determine our success."

The George Washington

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Robinson, said he sympathizes with what the Pack is going through. "It's tough on those kids," Cremins said. "I feel for those young men. They're a little down right now. They re getting beat up." If the Pack (4-10, 0-6) saw any clitter of home in this game it same differed home in this game it same glitter of hope in this game, it came from reserve forward Marc Lewis who scored a career-high 25 points

and grabbed a team-season-high and career-high 15 rebounds. When most of the Wolfpack had all but quit. Lewis left his game and energy out on the court. "I credit Marc Lewis with playing a great baskethall game," Robinson said, "He played hard. He's been getting more and more opportunities and plays better every game." Lewis's dedication may have carned him a starting spot for the Pack's next game Sunday against Clemson. With a win, State could move past the Tigers and climb out of the ACC cellar.

Lewis

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"A lot of guys get this opportunity more than once," said Lewis. "I am not sure if I was going to get it or if I will ever get it again. Every time I go out, I try to play as hard as I can. Tonight, the ball just came my way."

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It was almost as if Lewis was a magnet for the basketball. The game started off innocently enough with State getting blown away in the first half. During that time, Lewis was fortunate to get nine minutes of playing time and contribute four points and three rebounds. Normally that's enough for a game, maybe even a week.

After the impressive opening, Lewis saw his playing time

increase to 17 minutes in the second half. He had only 10 points
with five minutes left, but after that
he outscored the entire Georgia
Tech team 15-4 to cut the final margin to 11. But despite his heroics in
making the final score respectable
Levis was still distressed by the
Pack's pitful play.
"With the team, it has just become
a mental thing fately. We can't
become numb on the court," Lewis
said. "We just need to go out and
bust out."
Couch Robinson said after the
game that Levis will start against
Clemon Sunday, Lewis said he's
not too concerned about the starting
position."

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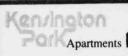
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