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Senior Class pledges \$174,900 to library

By Michele Borowsky
Senior Staff Writer

The Senior Class Council recently completed a fund raising venture that would have made Jerry Lewis proud.

And the \$174,900 pledged during a phone-a-thon Jan. 31-Feb. 11 has made N.C. State University Libraries officials proud as well. The money will be used to start an endowment fund for the libraries.

"This will be the largest gift we've ever gotten, probably the largest endowment ever as well," said Jimmie Davis, assistant director for planning and research, Assistant Director for Alumni Relations Steve Allen was happy with the result as well.

"We had a nice turnout rate, which

is a good reflection of the type of students at N.C. State," Allen said. "This is the most people we've ever had pledge."

The libraries will receive an additional gift as well—the cash equivalent to what is raised by the senior class.

"There are several anonymous donors who will match the senior gift dollar for dollar," Senior Class President Addison said.

Depending on how the other classes in the UNC-System support their libraries, this year's senior gift has the potential to improve NCSU's reputation, Addison said.

"Certainly, the potential is there for us to move up in the rankings. Right now, we are eight out of 15," Davis said the amount raised indicates that students are genuinely

concerned with the welfare of their university.

"It's really exciting. I think it's an important gesture—the need they feel to support the library," she said. "The donations were especially needed this year in the face of the library's economic situation, Davis said.

"Collections were really critical because of budget problems we're having," she said.

The libraries plan to buy new books with the gift.

"We'll be primarily buying books, such as print books and full-text journal articles on CD-ROMs," Davis said.

Because serials prices may go up each year and continuous funding is needed, she said she feels it is more important that the library concen-

trate on buying more books.

"We're trying to get books that primarily undergraduates will use," Davis said.

Increasing the number of duplicate books will enable students to check out materials sooner so they won't have to wait weeks for a book they need right away, Davis said.

Addison said it is not the senior class's position to decide how the money should be distributed within the library.

"It's going to be easier to purchase books, but we certainly aren't limited to books," Addison said. "The choice comes down to the library and what they deem is necessary. We didn't want to limit ourselves—that's why we called it the Class of 1993 Collections Endowment.

Wherever it can be of most benefit is where it will go."

Addison said the senior donations will continue to benefit future classes.

"By the year 2050, assuming five-percent interest, they're going to have \$80,000 a year to spend," Addison said. "That's why we called it the gift that keeps on giving. This endowment has tremendous potential."

Addison said the money students give will never need to be replenished.

"You spend with the interest earned, the principle remains untouched. It exponentially increases. In 1998, when the gift is paid out, interest earned will only be about \$300,000," Addison said.

"You have to bring funds up to a

certain level, and then you want to keep the principle and spend the interest, which can be as low as five percent, depending on the economy," Davis said.

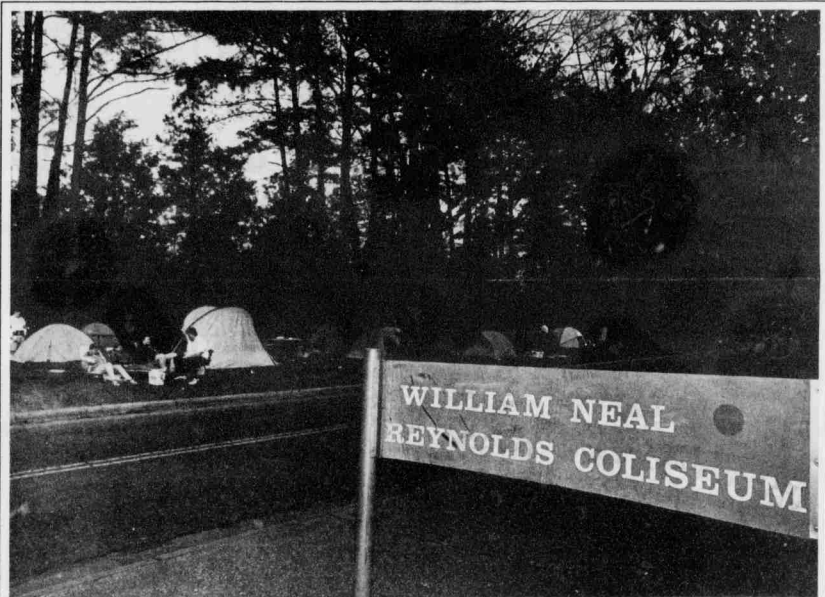
Students do not make their donation in one large sum, but instead pay over several years.

"It's based out over five years. They give \$10 the first year, and I think we're going to collect that before June 30," Addison said. "That's our goal."

These students pledged to give an additional \$10 each subsequent year until the amount equals \$150 per senior.

Allen said this collection method has increased the number of stu-

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Mark Schaffer/staff

Krzyzewski-ville has nothing on the Reynolds Rowdies

Students camped out Sunday for the upcoming Duke and Florida State games. The Duke game is scheduled to appear nationally on ABC Sunday at 3:45 p.m. Jim Valvano will call the game and a ceremony before the game will honor the 1983 National Champion basketball team. The Wolfpack plays FSU Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Senate finances diminished by big budget bills

By Erika Farr
Senior Staff Writer

Seven finance bills that were passed Wednesday night whittled down both the budget of the Student Senate and the patience of some of its members.

Student Senate Treasurer Monica Hyson said abnormal spending is not the cause of the Senate's depleted bank account, which is now down to \$110,800.

"Compared to the number of bills passed in other years, we're really not that far off," Hyson said. "Usually they pass about 40 bills and we passed 31."

Student Senate President Eric Lamb said the problems on the floor stemmed from frustrations, not finances.

"Everybody got fed up with the nature of debate. Everyone was fed up with the approach to allocating money to clubs."

One finance bill, originally scheduled to be voted on in the following meeting, was pulled out of order and passed above four other finance bills. Some senators questioned the legitimacy of this action.

Hyson said the bill was voted upon out-of-order because it had been submitted weeks earlier. It was not voted on then because the finance committee felt that it was unclear.

The Senate asked the group to redo the bill to clarify how many people would be taking the trip that the bill financed.

"Because of the money situation, we asked them to give us more definite numbers," Hyson said.

She said the organization did the Senate a favor by revising their bill, because it originally requested more money.

"They could've turned it in and we would have passed it," Hyson said. "They were helping us out because if they had submitted the bill they would have asked for more money."

Some senators said the group moved the bill, which was sponsored by Student Senator Rich

Jennings, up in line because they knew the Senate was running out of money.

"I think it was just a front. They were looking after their own tail to get the money," said Chris Scott.

Scott asked why the bill wasn't brought up three weeks ago when it was originally submitted.

Lamb, however, defended the decision to move the bill up.

"[Jennings] didn't feel it was fair to penalize the group," Lamb said. "It was supposed to be submitted earlier but he told them to hold off until they got their figures straight."

According to Lamb, it took special measures to move the bill up.

"It has to have five signatures of committee chairs. Since it is a finance bill, one has to be the treasurer's," Lamb said.

Hyson said emergency legislation is uncommon.

"You have to have a really good reason why something didn't come up in the normal order of good emergency legislation," Hyson said.

The budget outlook for Senate is not in trouble Hyson said. There are several possible sources by which the Senate can get additional revenues.

There is a chance that two organizations will be returning some of the money they received from Student Senate, which will make money available for other organizations, Hyson said.

Also, Student Senate may pull unused money from various other items in the budget to give to clubs, she said.

"It may get to the end of the year and we'll have more money and we'll ask some people back," Hyson said.

Hyson said she and other members of the finance committee are working on several projects that should help future Senates avoid some of the financial problems Student Senate faced this year.

"We're working to come up with some guidelines to avoid big budget bills," she said.

Brown professor appointed Provost

News Staff Report

N.C. State University has chosen Brown University physicist Phillip Stiles as the new provost. The News & Observer reported Friday.

Stiles told The N&O he decided to come to NCSU, because he feels the university is headed in the right direction.

"What I found in my visits to N.C. State was what I believe are the seeds of the paradigm of the great

institutions of the 21st century," Stiles said. "It already does in its extension programs what many institutions have to recognize—they have to be in touch with their patrons, society and have some of their work affect what goes on in the world today."

Stiles, a 58-year-old Connecticut native, has been the dean of research and the dean of the graduate school at Brown since 1986. He has co-edited two books, published

more than 147 scientific articles and is known for his work on the properties of electronic materials.

As provost, Stiles will head the academic, research and public service programs at NCSU.

Stiles replaces Interim Provost Frank Hart who held the position for two years.

Chancellor Larry Monteith told The N&O he is happy with the decision.

"There is strong support for him

across campus, so I'm excited. He's going to be a very effective provost, and I look forward to it," Monteith said. Stiles was Monteith's first choice for the job.

Stiles starts in July at a salary of \$127,000 a year, \$3,000 more than Monteith makes.

Monteith, who lives in a home provided by NCSU, is not opposed to the salary.

Student dies in weekend crash

News Staff Report

An N.C. State University freshman died Friday in a two-car accident on U.S. 70 near Garner, The News & Observer reported.

Jarrod Thomas Styron, 19, died after running a red light and colliding with another car at the intersection of U.S. 70 and Raynor Road, about 1.5 miles east of Garner. He was heading west.

Scott Allen Piner, an NCSU freshman, was also in the car along with Gabe Styron. Jarrod Styron's aunt, Wake Medical Center treated both for injuries after the accident, which occurred at 12:10 p.m.

No one in the other vehicle received injuries.

Jarrod Styron was an English major at NCSU and wanted to write fictional novels. He made dean's list in Fall '92, his first semester at NCSU. He was from Beaufort, N.C.

Styron's 1984 GMC Jimmy rolled over twice before coming to rest 257 feet from the intersection.

Funeral services are scheduled for today in Beaufort.

Styron and Piner were 1992 graduates of East Carteret High School.

LGSU fights to raise awareness

By Tina Petelle and Dee Henry
Senior Staff Writers

The Lesbian and Gay Student Union hopes to educate N.C. State University students about homosexuality with its second annual Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week.

The group will hold events throughout the week.

"It's our hope people will address the issues," said Neil Abernethy, treasurer of LGSU. "Maybe students could learn a few things and get rid of some of the negativity."

LGSU Co-Chairman Rob Faggert sees

the main issue as protection from discrimination.

"We just want to be treated like everyone else and get the same opportunities that everyone else gets," he said. "We want people to stop persecuting us for just being ourselves."

The week's events touch on a variety of subjects pertaining to lesbians and gays.

"We've tried to make it a broad and diverse week in topics," Faggert said.

Today at 12:15 p.m. Alan Proctor, a Presbyterian minister, will speak on "Religion—Homosexuality and Homophobia."

"Some people are anti-gay because they

think it isn't sanctioned by religion," Abernethy said. "We hope this will give them a different perspective."

Mike Nelson from the North Carolina Pride Political Action Committee for Lesbian/Gay Equality will discuss the political movement for equality in North Carolina Tuesday at 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, the LGSU will hold InfoFair. Information tables will be set up in the University Student Center lobby for gay and lesbian representatives from the Triangle area. The fair will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Wolfram tackles stigmas

By Tina Petelle
Senior Staff Writer

No matter how much language is studied, certain dialects have stigmas attached to them. N.C. State University professor Walter A. Wolfram, a nationally-known linguist, is one to take these stigmas away and teach people to celebrate the differences in communication.

"American education remains intolerant of language differences," Wolfram said Tuesday during a lecture at the University Student Center Ballroom. "There is an American dilemma in communication differences set by various myths."

Wolfram was the keynote speaker for Communication Week. Wolfram said people are often asking him questions about dialects, especially whether they exist in all people. He said one of the common myths is that not everyone uses dialects.

"Dialects are in fact alive and well. On the good side, everyone is interested in and notices them," Wolfram said.

"But a dilemma faced is the love/hate relationship. Certain aspects of language are considered quaint and local while others are highly stigmatized, showing intelligence."

"Another myth, Wolfram said, is that vernacular [nonstandard] English is an inaccurate way of

speaking English. "Grammatical rules exist because people use them in language," Wolfram said.

Standard English has its purposes, but dialect also has an important place in society, Wolfram said.

"I am not opposed to standard English. There are cosmetic reasons why we learn standard English," Wolfram said. "Myths are severe with several consequences to peoples' lives. There are benefits to thinking of language."

Language is important, because it distinguishes one person from another, Wolfram said.

"Dialect is the greatest testament we have to uniqueness of humanity," Wolfram said. "We owe it to ourselves, to the kids and to society to start thinking about language."

Wolfram said certain aspects of language can show various personality characteristics that sometimes cause problems.

"There are language-use dimensions, which show manners of rudeness, politeness and upbringing," Wolfram said.

"Socialization plays a role. These differences are also matters of cultural conflict."

Wolfram said these functions of language help define a person, and people are cheating themselves by ignoring them.

"Part of the American dilemma is language serves several different functions at the same time,"

Wolfram said. "It is a symbolic indicator of personality, solidarity and identity."

Wolfram said some people dislike their dialects, because it causes problems in everyday life. But dialects are important and people understand that.

"If we feel good about the way we speak, then we become better learners of standard English," Wolfram said.

Because of his interest in dialects, he wanted to start a program to teach children to distinguish their dialects and learn the history behind language.

"Twenty-five years ago, a group of my colleagues and I proposed to go to schools and teach vernacular language. People laughed at it as a preposterous idea," Wolfram said. "Twenty-five years later, after not giving up a dream, I was allowed to go ahead and teach it."

Wolfram said it is important to teach children about dialect differences.

"I'm trying to teach them how language works and understand language patterns as to what they mean," Wolfram said. "It attempts to change kids' attitudes about dialects."

Wolfram said he was pleased with the program.

"Basically we are trying to teach them to respect the language they speak in a non-patronizing way," Wolfram said.



Michael Russell/Staff

Information, please

Stephen Hutchins gives Tracy Turner the grand tour of the N.C. State University School of Design. Turner is an applicant in the interview process. The interview plays a major part in gaining acceptance to the School of Design.

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cents who contribute to the cause.

"In doing it in increments like this, it's a whole lot easier for students to participate," Allen said.

He said, however, he does not expect to collect the total amount of money raised in the phone-a-thon, because seniors are not legally obligated to make good on their pledges.

"You're not guaranteed to get all that money. The first two class gifts, in '87 and '88, have just collected and only received roughly 60 percent of what was pledged," Addison said. "What we receive we anticipate to be less than what was pledged."

Though the ultimate goal is to receive the full amount from each senior, Addison and Allen said any

contribution would help.

"Even if we only receive about 60 percent of the money, that's still great," Allen said.

The process of deciding where to donate the money began months ago, Addison said.

"In late September, late October, we sent out a memo to the deans and professors, basically everyone on campus, asking for ideas for a senior gift," he said.

"We had a small committee of five members review the suggestions. We then narrowed it down to three finalists and asked each group to come in and make a presentation. Then the Senior Class Council voted as a group on the endowment gift."

Seniors have made donations to the library in the past, but never to such an extent.

"This is the first time, in my knowledge, that we've given an endowment as a gift," Addison said. "We recognize the importance

of our library. I think that's the reason for the continued support of the library as a gift."

Incentives are also provided for those seniors who contribute to the library endowment fund.

"For every senior who pledges, we give them a photocopy card of five dollars as a sort of gift," Davis said. "We also make them honorary life members of the Friends of the Library." They can come to the library without having to pay an annual fee, she said.

"It is a way to recognize or honor any group that has done a lot for the library," Davis said.

Donors also gain membership into the Alumni Association and receive the award-winning NCSU Alumni Magazine, Allen said.

On a rotating basis, each student who contributes to the library endowment also gets his or her name on a plate in one of the new books donated to the library, Allen said.

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The sweet score of Wolfpack success — 74-72

State wins another one at home as Whyte scores career-high 22

By Bill Overton
Sports Editor

If only they could wear the home whites all the time...

The N.C. State women's basketball team continued its success in Reynolds Coliseum Saturday, overcoming a 10-point deficit in the last five minutes to stun ninth-ranked Maryland 74-72.

For the Pack, the victory was especially sweet for a number of reasons. The most obvious is the fact that the Terps handed the Wolfpack its worst defeat ever, 92-52, just two weeks earlier in College Park. Then, there was the motivating factor of trying to rebound from the loss at last-place Duke Tuesday night.

But there was hardly a comparison between either of the above-mentioned teams and Saturday's team. The Wolfpack, now 11-10 overall and 9-1 at home, put together an inspired and solid effort. Now if it could only take that effort on the road.

"I have said all this year that I know I have a team that can be a great team," Wolfpack head coach Kay Yow said. "This game shows what kind of character this team is made of."

Maryland, which trailed for most of the first half, caught fire in the second half. The Terps rallied from

seven down with 16 minutes left to a 10-point cushion with 4:45 remaining. But the Pack refused to give in and battled back with a 10-0 run that knotted the score at 70 with 2:29 to play.

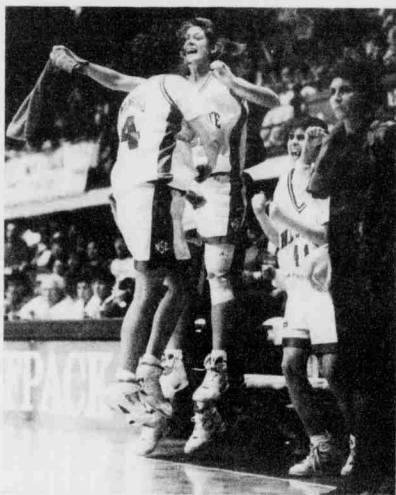
Maryland would score once more to take a brief two-point edge. However, center Teri Whyte scored inside with just over a minute left and then rebounded a Tammy Gibson three-pointer with 34 seconds and got hacked. She calmly knocked down the two free throws to give the Pack the final margin of victory.

"We got some breaks and made some breaks and took advantage of all of them down the stretch," Yow said. "When we got down by ten, I said we can just stay and give it our best shot and give ourselves a chance to win it."

Maryland, which lost for only the fifth time this year, was obviously dejected at the outcome. Coach Chris Weller said that the 40-point blowout last game was misleading.

"We had a very, quick spurt [last game]," Weller said. "That's why it got a little out of hand. Today they played harder than we did. When you're on your home court in front of your fans, you always tend to play a little bit harder. The game is more emotional than anything else."

State had a number of legitimate



(l-r) Jenny Kuziemski, Lisa Hodges, Krissy Kuziemski and State coach Kay Yow celebrated the Pack's 74-72 victory over Maryland Saturday.

concerns about the Terps before the start of the game. But Yow made her top priority to stop Maryland leading scorer and lead-

Pack collects sixth win as buzzer-beater misses mark

By J. Keith Jordan
Senior Staff Writer

N.C. State's basketball team is getting pretty good at dodging those last-second shots.

Two weeks ago, a missed Clemson shot at the buzzer ensured State's only ACC win of the season. Saturday night, two Tennessee misfires in the last five seconds gave the Pack a 74-72 win, its first since the victory over the Tigers.

Pack center Kevin Thompson gave State the lead with five seconds left on a putback of Lakista McCuller's miss. After a Tennessee timeout, the Vols' Corey Allen threw the ball the length of the court, setting up Stanley Caldwell's 12-foot jumpshot that bounded off the iron. Kevin Whitted's tap also missed the mark.

The victory ended State's three-game losing streak and moved the Pack to 6-13 for the season. State coach Les Robinson, who played seven of the eight men on the team for 21 minutes or longer, said everyone on the squad contributed to the win.

"It was an eight-man effort," Robinson said. "We've been playing better basketball lately."

There were many heroes in the game for the Wolfpack.

Thompson made eight of 13 shots and scored 17 points. Six-foot-eight forward Marc Lewis grabbed seven rebounds, all of them at the offensive end, and added nine to the scoring column. And freshman Todd Fuller scored 11 and got six rebounds in only 21 minutes of action.

But the biggest heroes were sophomore guards McCuller and

Curtis Marshall. The tandem combined for 24 points, seven assists and, more importantly, zero turnovers.

Sparked by the excellent guard play, the team as a whole had 16 assists and only six turnovers. McCuller especially asserted himself in the game's final stretch, scoring six points in the final two minutes.

McCuller did the job on defense as well. Allan Houston, the Vols' 6-foot-6 all-America candidate, scored 27 points but did not control the game the way he often does.

Tennessee sophomore center Shaun Sheffield, who played against McCuller when both were in Georgia high schools, said he warned his teammates about the muscular 6-foot-3 guard with the 39-inch vertical leap.

"I told the guys, 'Look out for this one. He's from Georgia and he can play,'" Sheffield said.

True to the warning, Marshall said he and McCuller have played well together recently.

"Lakista and myself are starting to gel," he said. "As your guard play goes, so goes your team."

But Marshall's hard play almost cost the Pack the game.

On the inbound pass with three seconds left, the 5-foot-11 guard from Omaha, Neb., tried for a steal and missed, leaving Caldwell wide open. But the shot went a hair long, preserving State's win and Marshall's hero status.

"I shouldn't have gambled, but I got a good look at the ball and thought I had it," Marshall said.

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Gymnasts nipped by Rhode Island

By Jennifer Bouck
Senior Staff Writer

Regrouping after a shaky start on the vault, the N.C. State gymnastics team placed second in its third annual Hearts Invitational Friday.

In the close contest for first between State and Rhode Island, the WRams barely came up on top 188.95-188.8. North Carolina (185.3) and Air Force (145.7) rounded out the four-team field. State's record now stands at 10-4.

Rhode Island just had more consistency," State head coach Mark Stevenson said. "We had put ourselves in a position to win, but we just couldn't do the job. We had more difficulty in our routines. But, basically, you can pick and choose where we could have won."

The Pack actually won everything except the team title. State's Christy Newton won three events to capture the all-around individual title with a 38.5 point total. The Wolfpack also got a victory from Roseann Grabner on the floor exercise.

But State could not overcome its poor start on the vault. With the exception of event winner Newton (9.85) and Julie Redding (9.55), the Pack gymnasts struggled with their landings. Three of the six Pack

vaulters fell, forcing State to count two falls in its team score.

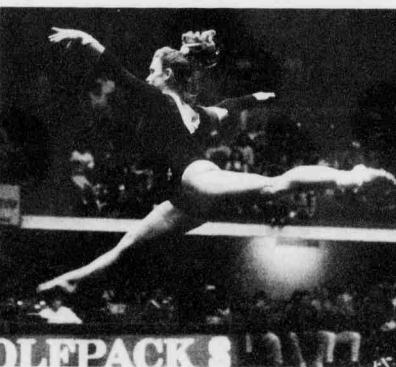
"We had hit the vault all week in practice," Stevenson said. "Our performance surprised everybody. Our girls were very surprised they couldn't land the vaults on their feet."

But the Pack would recover from the snag. Moving on to bars, the Pack won with a school-record 47.65 points. Newton used a record-breaking performance to claim her second apparatus victory. Her 9.8 score surpassed the former record of 9.75 held by Karen Tart and Angela Fontana.

"On bars the team did a great job," Stevenson said. "I was very happy how they came back after struggling in the vault."

The Pack's triumphs continued on the beam. The squad tied yet another school record with a 47.75 team score. In addition, Newton captured her third event with a season-high 9.75. But the Pack again hit a bump, as it lost freshman Holly Martinson to an injury. Stevenson said she strained her medial collateral ligament in her knee on her dismount.

"It looks like we will be without Holly for three weeks," Stevenson said. "But, I think her injury may



N.C. State's Julie Redding was part of a second-place finish for the Pack. The Pack entered the final rotation with the notable absence of Holly Martinson to an injury. See **GYMNASTS**, Page 8

NORTH CAROLINA AT N.C. STATE
Records: North Carolina 19-3 (9-3), ranked 12th
 N.C. State 11-10 (5-6)
Site: Reynolds Coliseum
Time: Tuesday 7 p.m. (FX/AWRDC)
Key Players: North Carolina
 Tonya Sampson, G (22 rpg, 8 rpg)
 Charlotte Smith, F (16 pp, 9 rpg)
 N.C. State
 Tammy Gibson, G (21 pp)
 Danvel Parker, G (16 pp, 5 pp)
Notes: State is 9-1 at home and will be looking for revenge over the Tar Heels. Carolina defeated the Pack in Chapel Hill earlier in the season. State views each and every game as a must-win situation as it fights for a birth in the NCAA Tournament. Sampson leads the conference in scoring and steals (4 per game) and is the leading candidate for ACC Player of the Year.

UNC-GREENSBORO AT N.C. STATE
Records: UNC-Greensboro 7-15
 N.C. State 6-13 (1-9)
Site: Reynolds Coliseum
Time: Tonight 7:30 p.m.
Key Players: UNC-Greensboro
 Scott Hartzell, G (14 pp, 4.1 pp, 2.8 rpg)
 Yusuf Stewart, G (11.1 pp)
 N.C. State
 Kevin Thompson, C (15 pp, 8 rpg)
 Curtis Marshall, G (10 pp, 6 assists Saturday)
Notes: The Wolfpack will be searching for its second-straight victory when the Spartans visit the Coliseum tonight. However, State can't afford to get careless with UNC-G. The Spartans just defeated the College of Charleston. Earlier this season, Charleston upset Georgia Tech. UNC-G has won four of its last seven games. This is the Spartans' second year of NCAA Division I competition.

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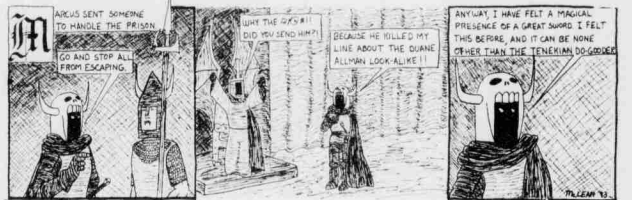
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Stop anti-gay violence

Everyone resents change in some form. The status quo can be comforting, and to leave the old ways behind for new and unknown is often hard. Take for instance the invention of the automobile. Many people were scared of the bulky machine that made a horrible noise. Automobiles were around for nearly fifty years before people began buying them.

A little closer to our generation came a move to end racial segregation. In Little Rock, Arkansas, the Governor, the State Militia and hundreds of angry mothers barricaded a high school to prevent black children from being educated with their white children. A break in the status quo scared them. The leap into the unknown caused them to retaliate in violent, evil ways that seem absurd to us today.

But a similar kind of violence is with us today. President Bill Clinton has maintained his campaign promise to rescind the "no homosexuals in the military" policy. Those in the military have firmly said they do not agree with the order, including the entire Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Other service men have taken it a step further. They show their disapproval of gays in the military by seeking out homosexuals to relieve their anger — to put it nicely.

In a gory display of unbridled hatred, a sailor stationed in the

Far East was beaten to death by four of his fellow Sailors for admitting he was gay.

Closer to home, Crae Pridden was badly beaten outside a gay bar in Wilmington by three marines from Camp Lejeune. Pridden is not in the service, he was just hanging out when he was attacked without provocation.

The marines responsible for the beating of Pridden have admitted their guilt and shamelessly take pride in their disgusting act of heroism.

Folks just don't like to change the status quo.

Ignoring the violent responses, there is still a troubling amount of hatred in the armed forces against gays. Gays are seen as not being manly, or too feminine to fight, which simply is not true. A fact of life is that when the ban is lifted, all the gays in the military will already be in the military. They have always been there. The difference is now they are beginning to come out of the closet.

Society cannot ignore the violence. It is real and it is happening. To condone such actions is to say it is okay to deny a fellow American of his constitutional rights. In retrospect, people see how stupid they were to reject automobiles or segregation. Let's hope that it doesn't take years for people to see how stupid they are to reject the rights of a citizen of America.

Saluting the vegetables

In a timely move that coincided with Hillary Rodham Clinton's announcement that broccoli will return to the White House, University Dining has brought vegetables back to its menu.

It was about time someone other than Wolfpack moms noticed that Taco Bell and Lil' Dino's does not make the nutritious food that makes up a well-balanced diet.

Since the beginning of fall 1992, students have been held hostage to the fast food diets of those on-campus restaurants. Now University Dining is going to let the students have their vegetables. On the new Celerity line, students can find baked potatoes, mashed

potatoes, carrots and green beans. Wolfpack moms have got to be pleased.

Variety may be more important than the type of food at this point. Some students have told Technician that their tacos and subs are often poorly assembled and scantily garnished. At the Atrium Lil' Dino's, the lines have gotten a little long from time to time. And the subs prices at Lil' Dino's are a little higher than some of Subway's comparable sandwiches.

But who can live on subs and tacos? Technician salutes the vegetables. Busy students don't have time to go off campus in search of healthy food.



Columns

Wolfram and dialect discrimination

"All payroll forms must be filled out before salary may be processed," a corporate memo tells employees.

"Is that young 'un?" a Southerner asks an adult white pointing to a nearby child.

"Who be on your team when you play basketball?" an inner city boy asks his friend.

What do these snippets of language have in common, other than being irritating to most English teachers and students? They are all valid, systematic forms of communication. That was the point Dr. Walt "Toots" Wolfram made in his Communication Week speech Tuesday night in which he urged the audience to avoid stereotyping people based on their speech pattern.

"It's no longer acceptable to publicly discriminate based on skin color or gender," said Wolfram, a William C. Friday Distinguished Professor of linguistics. "Dialect differences are the last superficial characteristic that people can openly use to judge others."

Wolfram is right. And to a certain extent, it is as wrong to use speech as it is to use race to determine how smart, well-educated or hardworking someone is. Though dialects are possible to change, doing so is hard enough to discourage most people from trying.

I don't really have an accent; people I meet are often surprised when I tell them that my parents and their ancestors have lived in eastern North Carolina for over 200 years. But many members of my family have the pronunciations and vocabulary typical of the Wilson area.

Because of my closeness to them, I feel



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insulted by the gibes their speech sometimes draws from people who grew up in other parts of the country. My girlfriend's mother, originally from New Jersey, calls Southern pronunciations "lazy." Another friend who moved here from Ohio says North Carolinians sound like uneducated hicks.

Isn't that nice. Just because this area's speech is something of a throwback to 17th century English in pronunciation and word use, we're lazy, uneducated hicks. We're actually just different.

Probably none of us are above language stereotyping. I'll readily admit that Northern accents sometimes grate on me, particularly ones from Boston. But what really bothers me is hearing someone with a thick accent of their own complain about how others speak.

What's important to remember is that, no matter how much some group's way of talking bothers you, it makes sense to those people and their intended audience. A black kid from D.C. is not trying to say "she is on my team" and making an incorrect approximation when he says "she be on my team." He is using a form of speech that he has carefully learned from his parents and

which makes perfect sense to his friends and family.

When blacks use the word "he" in that context, Wolfram explained, it refers to an activity that occurs intermittently. The sentence "she be on my team" means "the girl plays on my team whenever we play." A black kid would never say "that be my sister in the picture" because that is an incorrect usage of a set, logical system of grammar.

The same is true of every regional and demographic variation in speech. "Yorn" isn't a Southerner's mispronunciation of "yours;" it's the way many people from a big part of the United States learn to talk. It's correct — for the people who were taught to say it that way.

It can be hard to understand someone with a very different dialect, and for that reason it's important for business people, teachers and journalists, among others, to know how to use a form of standard English that won't confuse anyone. At the same time, it's wrong to automatically assume that someone who doesn't speak the way you do reflects bad qualities in his speech.

To assume that black speech, or Southern speech, reveals stupidity is to assume that most black people, or most Southern people, are stupid. And that is prejudice as surely as is thinking that black skin indicates inferiority.

Wolfram, who teaches Jordan's Modern English class, defeated the columnist 15-7 Friday in a game of pick-up basketball. His seven-inch height advantage overcame Jordan's perimeter shooting.

Tactics of Sister Souljah parallel Hitler's

I am glad the crowd at Sister Souljah's speech was small. Idealism aside, when a radical speaks (especially when you have to pay to hear him or her speak), the majority of those in attendance are already in agreement with the views presented. I am glad because I do not like to think that her views are those held by a majority of African-Americans on campus. If you were not there, trust me, the reaction of the crowd demonstrated full approval.

I attended out of curiosity, took notes throughout the speech and came away with some new knowledge. For example: Sister Souljah is an "expert" on the condition of the African people. All blacks are just "African." To be African is to stand for individual gain, capitalism and godlessness. The problems facing the "African" woman and family are a result of the "African" woman trying to follow the white-American woman's lead (whom Souljah refers to as "bitches"). Homosexuality, transsexuality and bisexuality are all the result of American-European confusion. Welfare is slavery. Black racism is impossible. Integration of public schools is racist. Birth control is being used by whites to control the "African" population. Whites are "legal thieves" who are "raping and robbing and stealing" from "Africans." AIDS was invented by a white scientist and tested in the "African" community. "Africans" are at war with whites.

My message to Sister Souljah is this. You don't represent every "African." America is great because it stands for individualism

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and capitalism. My mother is not a "bitch." If welfare is slavery, tear up the check. Oppression, not racism, equals power plus prejudice. Love your enemies. Admit whether you are a Christian or Muslim. It is hypocrisy in either case to refuse to do so. I thought money was the root of all evil, not the white man. Don't use the argument that because Africans have been around longer, they are inherently superior. A white supremacist will argue the inverse. Consider how closely your tactics parallel Hitler's. Lastly, do not go to war on white people, we do not want to fight you.

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Christianity, Bible not responsible for slavery

I have a headache. I have just finished reading Tre' Scott's letter titled "Christians and the Bible created slavery," and I now need some aspirin. Tre', I would invite you to re-read my letter "Christian principles override racial barriers" for what it is, and not for what you would create it to be. For those of you who didn't read my letter, I'll summarize: I feel that we are all Americans, we are all here to help each other out —

regardless of sex, race, and cultural differences and that there are more important issues on our campus (such as rape, theft, class and library lundings) than what happened hundreds of years ago.

But slavery, Tre', was started by the Egyptians (the Pharaohs had Hebrew slaves), not the Christians. There was slavery and cruelty long before there was Christianity.

Tre' said that "Christians are killing Christians in Jesus' name for selfish gains" and I can only assume he is referring to Bosnia-Herzegovina. I, too, watch the news as reporters tell of the atrocities being committed against humans. Such atrocities are not condoned by the Bible — I have trouble believing such people are truly Christians. Regardless of their beliefs, what they are doing is blatant sin, and it will be judged.

Furthermore, Tre', I never ever said I was ashamed to be white! I said that learning about slavery in the U.S. made me embarrassed my ancestors and their behavior, but a close black friend (Carole) told me that I was being silly — that what's past is past and I should not feel embarrassed.

The next issue Tre' raised was that America is a slave state. Tre', perhaps you missed a few things in history class, but America is still the land of the free. Nobody, and I mean nobody, is forced by the government to take drugs, drink alcohol, or to be on welfare. I agree that the welfare system stinks and should be reworked completely, but it is not a form of slavery! Tre', I am sorry that you felt the way you did about my earlier article. I truly want the

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