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Deans: Students suffer in first year

■ In an effort aimed at ultimately getting students their diplomas faster, some faculty members have identified a problem common to freshmen.

By PRISCILLA HUNTER
Staff Writer

Administration is considering ways to improve how freshmen are advised. Provost Phillip Stiles has issued a memo to the university's deans asking for ways to

improve the current system of having professors within a freshman's college advise the student.

Among the goals the memo outlined for a new system:

- Increased persistence rates.
- Higher retention and graduate rates.
- Higher degree completion.
- Enhanced academic self-image.

The answer could be to hire full-time advisers who will not only advise on curriculum choices but also monitor the freshman's academic progress, said James

Anderson, the dean of undergraduate studies.

"[The new program will consist of] highly structured advising that will connect adviser, advisee and faculty when students have difficulty," Anderson said.

The provost's memo also identified some problems that many universities have had advising freshmen, including:

- Little or no formal training for advisers.
- No clear expectations or responsibilities for advising.
- Failure of students to accept responsibility in the advising process.

Jason Dyckes, a freshman who entered NCSU as a zoology major, decided to change to accounting last semester and submitted the appropriate forms to the business school. When it was time to register for spring semester, he had not been assigned a new adviser and his old adviser did not know his new major's requirements.

"I just went to the [business] college and someone there helped me, I don't remember his name," Dyckes said. "I'm just floating right now."

M. Mohan Sawhney, associate dean of

CHASS and Bruce Beezer, associate dean of education and psychology, said they are evaluating their colleges' advising procedures.

Both identified the need for a procedure that allows for easier and earlier intervention in cases of academic difficulty. Under the present system, advisers cannot identify potential problems.

"Responsibility for initiating contact is on the student," Sawhney said. "But the student who most needs the advice is least likely to seek it."

NASA's work easier after NCSU's input

■ A half-dozen metal balls that were designed on campus should help make NASA radar more effective.

By CHRIS BAYSDEN
Staff Writer

When the space shuttle Discovery lifted off Wednesday, it took the handiwork of N.C. State University's engineering program with it.

One of Discovery's mission objectives is to launch six spheres, which NASA will use to calibrate ground-based radar. The spheres will calibrate the Haystack radar system in Massachusetts.

Houston Control scientist David Talent said the calibration process is like a ruler — one that now has no marked increments on it. But since NASA knows the size, speed, radar and light reflecting characteristics of the spheres, it will be able to determine how accurately the radar is working.

"[It's] out way of marking the ruler," he said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

The orbiter ejector, which will put these spheres in orbit, was designed and built by NCSU engineering students. And NASA officials have nothing but praise for NCSU's handwork.

"They [students] were extremely conscientious," Talent said. "We got a tremendous piece of hardware."

That was obvious to many of those who have worked on the project.

"The NASA folks were just thrilled," said project overseer and NCSU associate professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering Larry Silverberg.

Talent said that although NASA made a few minor modifications, the orbiter ejector "was 99.9 percent the design of the [NCSU] students."

NASA not only received a tremendous piece of equipment, it got it cheap as well, Silverberg said.

"NCSU received a grant [from NASA] for the design, construction and fabrication of the device. The total cost of the whole thing was \$50,000," he said. That amounted to a savings for NASA, who would have paid 1 to 2 million dollars if it had contracted the job out to a company.

"When given a challenge, our undergraduate students will rise to the occasion."

— Larry Silverberg,
associate professor

Although there are several radar stations around the world who will take advantage of the spheres being in orbit, the Haystack radar system is the one NASA is most interested in.

The radar's purpose is to detect debris, which is potentially dangerous to space vehicles. Talent said a collision between a space craft and a speeding ball bearing the size of a thumbnail would unleash the same amount of explosive energy as four hand grenades going off at the same time, only in a much smaller area.

"You can think of [the debris] as trash, or you can think of it as space mines," Talent said.

During the cold war, NASA scientists were more interested in being able to spot incoming Soviet missiles than space debris, and their instruments were calibrated to spot large objects Talent said.

But now scientists are trying to monitor much smaller chunks of debris, and to do that NASA must calibrate the Haystack radar system.

NCSU became involved in the project when alumnus Andy Mueller was working at NASA as part of a cooperative education program. When he found out that NASA needed an orbiter ejector, he suggested that NCSU students could build one. NASA eventually accepted the idea, and 39 NCSU computer, mechanical, electric, and aerospace engineering students began work on the project.

They divided into five groups: four competing against one another to come up with the best design, while the fifth made sure the other groups adhered to NASA standards.

When the designs were finished, the students took them to Houston, where NASA picked the one they liked best. A group of nine students

Another brick in the wall



A Polovick Construction employee works on expanding Polk Hall. Polovick plans to have the extension completed within two weeks, weather permitting. Other campus construction includes turning bricks over to prevent them from decaying. Yes, really.

Senate plugs in

■ NCSU student leaders hope to strengthen universities' political clout with a computer network that will help student governments exchange ideas.

By MARK TAFFAR
Staff Writer

Student Government is about to dive head first into the information age.

Student Senate is working to establish a computer database accessible to other universities' student governments. Found on Internet, a national computer network, the database would give student governments a forum for discussing problems.

"I heard about him mailing a whole lot of letters through the U.S. mail and I immediately thought, 'there's got to be a better way.'"

— Kevin Lye,
student senator

Student government leaders are hoping the database will become a lobbying tool for schools and their students, said Student Senate President Chris Scott.

One student lobbying group, Lead or Leave, was started by Ross Perot and is student run.

"It will give universities lobbying power," Scott said. "The way it was with these others is that [Lead or Leave] would handle the issues. Now we may be able to lobby Washington, D.C. directly."

Scott said he has done a lot of talking about it, but Student Senator Kevin Lye has really been working behind the scenes, providing technical insight.

Lye, a senator from the College of

Students earn credit in floating classroom

■ Classrooms aren't what they used to be. Two NCSU students spent last semester traveling around the world.

By JASON SCHEPERS
Staff Writer

In Russia, they just missed Gorbachev. In Japan, they barely missed a typhoon.

And, needless to say, they missed the bricks. At least a little bit. Maggie Williams and Hadley Goodman, both juniors in communication at N.C. State University, traveled to 14 countries last fall on a Semester at Sea program.

The program, coordinated through the University of Pittsburgh, set sail from Vancouver on Sept. 14, and ended with

their trip in Florida on Dec. 24.

Their 11-country trip included Japan, China, Taiwan, Malaysia, India, Egypt, Ukraine, Russia, Morocco, Turkey and Greece.

"We got on a ship with 400 students and 60 faculty and staff," said Williams, who lives in Fayetteville.

Their ship, the S.S. Universe, hoisted anchor with students from dozens of universities across the United States. There were also students from Canada, Spain and England.

Williams and Goodman were the only NCSU students to enroll in the program.

"To the best of my knowledge, we were the first State students involved with the program," Goodman said.

But their adventure nearly ended not



Goodman (left), Williams and a roommate sailed with about 460 teachers and students.

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News Notes

Conrad's research makes better alloys

A materials engineer at N.C. State University has developed a new way to make metal castings stronger, a process that has immediate applications in the automotive, aerospace and electronic industries.

By applying pulses of high electric current to a metal alloy as it solidifies, Hans Conrad, professor emeritus of materials science and engineering, has found that he can reduce the size of crystalline grains in the metal.

The more refined grains improve the metal alloy's strength, durability and mechanical properties, including the ability to withstand thermal stress.

Crop Science senior is GCSAA scholar

Ten outstanding students from around the United States and Canada have been named as Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Scholars for 1994.

Paul McGinnis, chairman of the association's Scholarship Committee, announced the winners after a two-month evaluation process that narrowed the field from more than 90 original applicants.

One of the 1994 scholars is N.C. State University student Chris Hartwiger. The senior in crop science received \$2,000.

GCSAA scholars are selected on the basis of academic excellence and the potential to become leading professionals in golf course management and related fields.

Winners receive monetary stipends ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,500 depending on the recommendations of an independent student financial aid service.

GCSAA's Scholarship & Research Foundation has presented more than 1,000 scholarships since the 1950s. In 1994, the foundation will distribute nearly \$100,000 in student financial aid.

TODAY

HUMAN RIGHTS — Organizing Committee for Human Rights Week needs students to help make NCSU's first Human Rights Week a success. 12 to 1 p.m. today in Poe Hall, Room 616. Call Josh Humphreys at 832-0220 for more information about joining our effort.

MEETING — Gaming Club meets Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in Tompkins Hall, ground floor. Many role-playing and strategy games are offered. Members get discounts at Foundation's Edge and Hobbymasters. Questions? Call Donna Nolen at 851-8010.

PLAN NOW — Sign up now for career planning for adult or returning students — a four-hour workshop on Feb. 19, 9-10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Pullen Hall, Room 2100. Call 515-2396 for details. Alumni are welcome.

EXHIBIT — The industrial design department of the School of Design presents impressive student projects. Now until Saturday, today from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ESSAY CONTEST — African-American Student Affairs is sponsoring a scholarship essay contest, titled "African-American Women in Leadership." All African-American

women students are encouraged to compete for the \$500 prize. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 14. Call 515-3835 for details.

LANGUAGE — Korean language classes are now available at NCSU. Place: Harrelson Hall, Room 143. Time: Every Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. For more information, contact Songmeek Choi at 512-2958 or Jonathan Kramer at 515-7983.

EXPRESS YOURSELF — Be an NCSU tour guide. Interested and outgoing students should come by Peele Hall, Room 112, or call 515-2434 to get an application.

FREE TUTORING — Available to engineering students in introductory math, English, chemistry, physics and computer science. Sign up in Page Hall, Room 118. Questions? Call 515-7205.

GUITAR — Three beginner guitar classes and one intermediate class at NCSU. Groups meet one hour each week for 11 weeks. Learn accompaniment styles for acoustic guitar through country, folk and pop music. Cost is \$110. Guitars are provided. Call Bett Padgett at 834-4636.

SATURDAY COLLEGE BOWL — "Five students went to visit Gorbachev by waiting around his office," Williams said. But this was hardly a Carnival Cruise. Students had to take between 12 and 15 hours of classes while on board.

"Most of the classwork was independent study and included fieldwork in each country," said Goodman, whose coursework included cultural anthropology, psychology of gender and foundation design.

Williams' courses consisted of history of Japan, environmental issues, and perspective drawing. The most important thing

Spring Challenge College Bowl Tournament is Saturday. To register, call Laura Cleveland at 231-7957 or Kirk Harris at 512-1515. Open to all NCSU students and faculty.

SUNDAY **ASIA NIGHT** — Come Sunday to see 10 Asian dances at once. Dinner costs \$5. Entertainment is free. Tickets available at the Student Center. Questions? Call 515-5237.

MONDAY **MEETING** — The Human Resource Management Club will have its first meeting. Henry Turlington will speak on human resources and small businesses. Nelson Hall, Room 223A at 7:30 p.m. All majors welcome.

INTERVIEW — Ace the on-campus interview. Join other students in this important career step Monday, 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Mann Hall, Room 304. Present yourself effectively to get the job you want.

DANCE — Country line dancing aerobics Mondays 4 to 5 p.m. at Fairmont United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Clark Avenue and Home Street. \$1 per session or \$3 per month. Call 832-3371. All faculty, staff or students are welcome to come.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

TUESDAY **LEADERSHIP** — The Leadership Development Series presents "How to Handle Difficult People" and "Leader as Coach: Building Your Team." To register, call 515-2452. Open to all NCSU students.

MEETING — Pan-African Talent Show cards meeting is Tuesday at 7:08 p.m. in the Student Center Annex Cinema. For more information, call LaShon at 515-5018. Sponsored by Black Students Board. All are welcome.

TOURNAMENT — Wood Hall Campus-Wide Spades Tournament is Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in the upper C-building of Wood Hall. Bring your own cards to compete in double elimination. Everyone welcome to join in.

MINORITY STUDENTS — A special evening for engineering and science students will feature a speech by Shirley McBay Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in Poe Hall. **MEETING** — Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (SECA) will meet Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in Caldwell. If animal rights and welfare concern you, please come. For more information, call 834-4399.

MEETING — Come join the College Republicans Tuesday. For information, call Megan at 571-9819.

JOB FAIR — Attend NCSU's third annual job fair, sponsored by the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management Department in The McKimmon Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Buffet lunch and opportunities for employment.

WEDNESDAY **MEETING** — The Lesbian and Gay Student Union meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Tompkins Hall, Room G-118. Awareness Week will be discussed. Refreshments will be served. For information, call Beth at 596-6779 or Rob at 821-5995.

CIRCLE K — Former Key Clubbers, continue doing community service through Circle K work with the SPCA, Tammy Lynn Center and local soup kitchens. Meetings are Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Commons. Questions? Call Debbie at 512-8522.

INTERVIEW — The final orientation session for on-campus interviews for full-time and summer jobs is Wednesday from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. in Pullen Hall, Room 2100. If you can't

come then, there will be an audiotape orientation in the same place at a later time. Call 515-2396 for information.

SAILING — The Sailing Club covers every aspect of sailing: racing, lessons, social events, campus trips and more. If you love to sail or are just a beginner, come to the meetings. Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Carmichael Gym. Room 2037.

THURSDAY **INTERVIEW** — Second Interview: Prepare for the plan of office visit. A critical step in job searches. Career Planning and Placement counselors advise you Thursday, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in Pullen Hall, Room 2100.

MEETING — The What's Happening Policy What's Happening items must be submitted in writing on a What's Happening grid, available in Technician's offices, at least two publication days in advance by noon. Space is limited and priority will be given to items that are submitted earliest. Items may be no longer than 30 words. Items must come from organizations that are campus affiliated. The news department will edit items for style, grammar, spelling and brevity. Technician reserves the right to not run items deemed offensive or that don't meet publication guidelines. Direct questions and send submissions to Dave Blanton, Assistant News Editor.

Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society will have its second organizational meeting Thursday at 5 p.m. in Weaver Hall, Room 158. All majors are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

SYMPOSIUM — The Self Knowledge Symposium meets every Thursday from 7:30 p.m. in Tompkins Hall, Room G123. The symposium is a non-denominational student group in search of the life worth living.

MEETING — InterVarsity Christian Fellowship West Chapter invites you to its Large Group. They are every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Williams Hall, Room 2215. This week's speaker is Larry Keeler, minister of music at First Baptist Church in Mt. Airy.

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long after it began.

"We almost hit a typhoon before we got to Japan," Williams said. But the ship managed to avoid the storm.

Five days of their journey were spent on the ship, and 10 on land.

Along the way, being at the right place at the right time could prove to be an adventure in itself. During their stop at Russia, for example, a few students were able to engage in a little glasnost.

Goodman learned was recognizing the diversity of cultures.

"The caste system in India, for example, is something you read about, but you don't know what it's like until you've been there," she said.

Of course, when you are on a four-month cruise, studying is not always the most exciting thing to do.

"We had one night in the South China Sea where we had a pirate watch," Williams said. "We had to go around the tip of Singapore, and in the past, pirates would sometimes jump a ship."

Everyone took turns watching. But, alas, no buccaneers showed up.

Internet

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Physical and Mathematical Sciences, said getting the electronic forum up and running would require a vote by Internet users.

Eye said he expects the new system to be on-line in two months.

Eye said he got the idea for the computerized billboard when Scott told him about a survey he had conducted.

"I heard about him mailing a whole lot of letters through the U.S. mail and I immediately thought, 'there's got to be a better way,'" Eye said.

Eye is also putting the finishing touches on a document that

Internet

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explains the purpose of N.C. State University's newest billboard service.

If things go as Scott predicts, Big Ten and ACC schools will have access to the service.

"There are 20 to 30 schools interested right now," Scott said. "Later, we hope to connect all the nation's universities. It's all just starting to blossom."

He started mailing letters about the idea back in November. Eventually the word spread and now he heard many schools are very interested in it.

That interest has given rise to a meeting that started Thursday in Columbus, Ohio. Scott said he had planned to go, but he had to make last-minute changes.

time there is no battery. Instead, the ejector has been connected to the shuttle power system.

Silverberg said the project was more than just a contrived homework problem, also offering hands-on experience to the students. Silverberg also praised the students.

"When given a challenge, our undergraduate students will rise to the occasion," he said.

Space

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built the final prototype.

The orbiter ejector went up on a shuttle mission last year, but engineers had to go back to the drawing board when a NASA battery failed, Silverberg said. This

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Sports

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Clemson holds Wolfpack inside in check, pulls out win

Clemson 71
N.C. State 59

By GREG WILSON
COLUMBIA, S.C.

CLEMSON, S.C. — Ninety seconds of the 40-minute women's basketball game gave Clemson most of what it needed to down N.C. State 71-59 Thursday night in Littlejohn Coliseum.

State led 28-27 with 30 seconds left in the first half, which is significant. The Wolfpack is 6-0 when leading at the break. But Clemson avoided having to crack an unbeaten record when Dory Kidd made two free throws, gave the Tigers the lead, and State could not respond.

With that matter solved, State's second half quickly fell apart. Jennifer Howard committed a foul on the in-bounds play to start the half. State's next two possessions resulted in a turnover and a missed shot while Clemson converted on its first three opportunities and took a 35-28 lead.

"I think that the start of the second half really hurt us," Wolfpack head coach Kay Yow said. "The first six possessions, we just didn't get done what we'd like to get done, and it put us in a hole."

After the see-saw battle in the first half — neither team led by more than four points — State was forced to play catch-up. Umeki Webb led the charge, scoring seven

of the Wolfpack's first 11 second-half points. After a Howard three-pointer, three free throws by Murel Davis and a Kolleen Kreul basket, Clemson's lead was cut to 48-47.

But from there, State could not turn the tide, Yow said.

"Our turnovers really hurt us, as well as our low shooting percentage. But I thought we played good defense until we started fouling."

Considering Clemson is a poor free-throw shooting team, the Pack's comeback chances down the stretch were certainly good. However, the Tigers sank all eight of their free-throw attempts in the last minute to seal the victory.

Clemson coach Jim Davis felt the key to shutting down State was in containing

Kreul. State's top forward managed only six points, eight below her season average. "We just lined up toe-to-toe with them and played our normal, help-side defense," Davis said. "We knew Kolleen had been shooting the ball extremely well from the top of the key. From 18 or 19 feet out, she had just been wearing it out against Virginia and North Carolina."

Webb led the Pack with 16 points, and Howard followed with 14. State did a fair job shutting down the ACC's leading scorer, Jessica Barr, who only totaled 14 points. She was averaging 21 coming into Thursday's game.

But three other Tigers reached double figures. Dana Puckett scored seven points in the final two minutes en route to her team-high, 16-point performance.

With the win, Clemson improves to 12-6 overall and 6-3 in the ACC. State falls to 10-8 and 4-6 in the conference.

The Wolfpack enters a difficult stretch in the conference slate. Tied for sixth, State goes up against Maryland and North Carolina on the road in the next week and a half.

"I really feel that we need to take one of these [road] games," Yow said, including the Clemson loss. "So every time we play, we're really working hard. We had a shot, but we made mistakes and we just couldn't get it done."

The Pack's next game is against Old Dominion Sunday at 2 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum.

Geoff Wilson is staff writer for The Tiger.

Deacs leave Pack in wake

Wake Forest 72
N.C. State 60

By TED NEWMAN
SAVANNAH, GA.

WINSTON-SALEM — N.C. State might as well have been playing in a library. Except there is no pep band in a library.

Wake Forest's defense silenced the Pack and, inexplicably, the crowd, yielding only one three-pointer during the entire 72-60 victory at Lawrence Joel Coliseum.

Todd Fuller matched his career high of 20, but Wake prevented the rest of the team from having much effect. Curtis Marshall was the only other Pack player to score in double figures, posting 13 points.

"We've been two different teams of late," State head coach Les Robinson said. "We were a much better home team to a very large degree. We talked about that more than anything in preparation for this game, the mental part of playing on the road. It worked tonight. We played better."

State quickly jumped out to an 10-1 lead in the first five minutes as Fuller opened the game with three straight baskets. Bryant Figgins scored only once after a basket during the run and eventually fouled out. Ricky Daniels, who contributed two points to the early

first-half lead, added only a free throw during the rest of the game. The Deacons answered with a run to balance the game. After a television timeout at the 15:48 point, Wake went on a 12-3 stretch to tie the score at 13. It remained close throughout the half and Wake took a 33-32 lead at halftime.

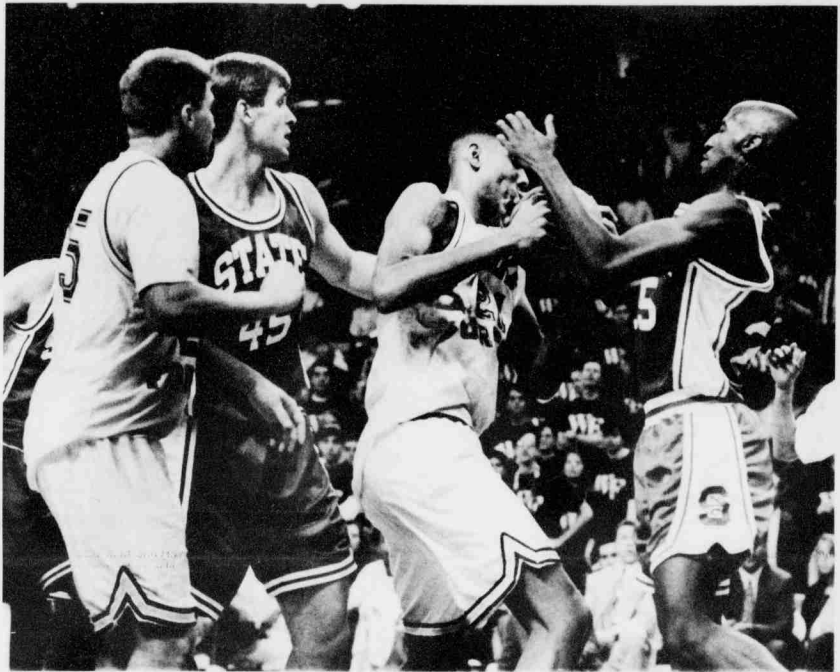
"He [Wake's Randolph Childress] was playing great defense," said Curtis Marshall, who hit the Wolfpack's only three-pointer. "I thought if I could touch the ball I could take him. He just denied me the ball."

The second half opened much like the first had ended. At the 17:35 mark, the score was noddad at 37. But that's when Wake put together the game's decisive run.

After 14-4 run by the Deacons during the next four minutes, the game was in the Deacons' hands 51-41. The Pack cut the lead down to six twice, but Wake was able to keep them at arm's length down the stretch.

"Our guys did battle tonight," Robinson said. "They scored most of their first half points in transition. We battled back, we are improving. Our five-on-five defense was good. Transition defense really hurt us."

With the defense keying on stopping the three-pointer and



Wake Forest center Tim Duncan grabbed nine rebounds in the Deacons' 72-60 win over N.C. State Wednesday night in Joel Coliseum. Duncan also totaled 14 points and four blocks.

One unit must take on Heels

N.C. State's men's basketball team only has to do one thing to defeat the second-ranked Tar Heels Saturday — play as a unit.

N.C. State's best hope of defeating North Carolina Saturday is to go one-on-one with the second-ranked Tar Heels.

The Wolfpack must function as nothing less than one unit — a total team effort — if State is to have any hope of winning, State coach Les Robinson said.

Men's Basketball

Owen S. Good

"We need to have tough mental discipline for 40 minutes," Robinson said. "If we let up for three minutes, [then] the floodgates open."

Now that State has shown it can shoot capably in an ACC contest — it hit 50 percent against Florida State and 46 percent versus Georgia Tech, winning both —

Robinson says he's not stressing shooting as much as he was before. Passing, spacing and good shot selection are the parts of the most important sum of the game — the score.

"It's not shooting, it's execution before the shot," Robinson says. Before the Pack's 72-60 loss to Wake Forest Wednesday night, Robinson said he would still be optimistic after a loss if he felt his team was in a position to win.

"We could have played our guts



Les Robinson: ready for Sat.

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State, Monarchs renew storied rivalry

Women's Basketball

Kevin Brewer

Sunday's game between N.C. State and Old Dominion won't just be another non-conference game for each team.

The N.C. State-Old Dominion women's basketball rivalry still means something to Wolfpack head coach Kay Yow.

Just ask her about the 1984-85 season.

That's when State defeated Old Dominion 82-71 on Feb. 1 in Raleigh. Linda Page, a first-team all-ACC selection that season, led the Pack with 31 points.

Then on March 21, the fifth-ranked Monarchs avenged the loss on their home court in Norfolk, Va., defeating the 12th-ranked Wolfpack 77-67 in the NCAA East Regional. Old Dominion won

ACC Standings

Team	ACC	Total
Virginia	0	16
North Carolina	8	18
Clemson	6	3
Duke	6	4
Maryland	5	4
N.C. State	4	6
Georgia Tech	1	6
Florida State	1	9
Wake Forest	0	9

Today's game
Virginia at Florida State, 7 p.m.

Saturday's game
Duke at Maryland, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's games
North Carolina at Wake Forest, noon
Virginia at Georgia Tech, 2 p.m.
Old Dominion at N.C. State, 2 p.m.

the national championship three games later in Austin, Texas.

"Some of our most disappointing losses were to them," Yow said. "It's still a big game. But we don't have any games left that aren't big. It's important to do well in our two non-conference games,



Former Pack star Linda Page had a few battles with ODU.

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Tennis team ready for season

Injuries, graduation and poor weather have hurt the progress of the men's tennis team this pre-season.

By AARON MORRISON

Staff Writer

If the N.C. State men's tennis team can recover from graduation and unexpected injuries, the season promises to be a good one.

State lost two key seniors, Glen Philip and Sean Ferreira, to graduation; a rising senior standout, Steve Finch, to a shoulder injury; and a freshman to an injury suffered in an auto accident.

Philip and Ferreira, both all-ACC selections last year, left the Wolfpack with a tough climb this season but not an impossible one.

"Losing good players in tennis is tougher than losing them in another sport," State coach Crawford Henry said. "Philip and Ferreira always came up with valuable points for us and now they are gone."

Finch had shoulder trouble during the fall season. He played with pain off and on and finally had to have surgery on it during Christmas break. Finch has not hit a tennis ball since the fall, and Henry is not sure when he will return or even begin to work out on the court.

"He gave it all he had, even when he was hurt," Henry said. "His situation is kind of like a good pitcher having an injury. After a while of playing hurt, his fastball turns into a batting-practice pitch."

The Pack does have a few aces to flash while it waits for Finch's return. Senior Bert Bolick comes back to State with a regional ranking and hopes of advancing to the NCAA individual tournament. He was unable to attend the tournament last season because the Wolfpack did not advance in the

Men's Tennis

Date	Opponent	College	Time
Feb. 11	* Boston College		5 p.m.
20	at South Carolina		3 p.m.
22	UNC Charlotte		2 p.m.
24	Barton College		2 p.m.
March 4	Richmond		2 p.m.
7	Furman		2 p.m.
13	* Army		1 p.m.
14	at Central Florida		2 p.m.
16	at South Alabama		11 a.m.
17	at Florida State		3 p.m.
18	@ Miami of Ohio		1 p.m.
24	Georgia Tech		2 p.m.
26	at Maryland		noon
27	at Virginia		1 p.m.
30	at North Carolina		2:30 p.m.
April 3	at VCU		11 a.m.
7	Duke		2 p.m.
10	Clemson		2 p.m.
13	at Wake Forest		2 p.m.
16	Charleston		1 p.m.
21-24	ACC Tournament	(Charlotte)	
May 13-15	NCAA Region II	(Columbia, S.C.)	
May 20-29	NCAA Championship	(South Bend, Ind.)	

* Columbia, S.C.

Orlando, Fla.

NCAA team tournament, so lower-seeded players took Bolick's place. "If a team like Stanford advances to the NCAAs and most of their players are already out at the tournament site, their lower seeded players will get a chance to compete in the individual tournament," Henry said. "That way the NCAA doesn't have to pay for more players than it has to."

The Wolfpack also adds some talented underclassmen to its lineup. One is Eric Saunders, a freshman from Salisbury. The addition of Saunders gives State a very potent doubles team. He and Bolick are the eighth-ranked doubles team in the region and can produce needed points for the Pack.

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Tough Cat is a Hap'n Tale

■ The 15th annual Hap'n Tales, "Andy and the Tough Cat," is a performance with lots of action and some big lessons for children.

BY JEAN LORSCHIEDER
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Some N.C. State University students act like a bunch of little kids. This behavior may not seem out of the ordinary, but these students earn course credit by acting this way.

Students who take COM-403, a touring theater class, are working on the 15th annual Hap'n Tales production at Thompson Theatre. They spend the semester concentrating on a play for and about children.

"Andy and the Tough Cat," written and directed by Charles A. Martin Jr., is billed as "a modern tale for young people." The play will be performed in lunchrooms, gyms and auditoriums in Raleigh area elementary schools for hundreds of kids this Spring.

The play is not all fun and games, though. It is meant to teach children as well as amuse them.

"What you want to do is entertain the kids, get them to laugh, get them to really enjoy what's going on, while in effect, they're absorbing the lessons that you want them to learn about being friends and being honest," Martin said.

"Andy and the Tough Cat" also teaches kids about the importance of helping others, eating properly and getting help from adults when needed, Martin said.

Martin's play revolves around a group of children and their playground, a refurbished vacant lot. Andy, Sandy, Marty and Lori are scared of Jessie, the new kid in the neighborhood. Jessie, who originally came from a rough neighborhood, is big and intimidating. Paul Linguini, an "unscrupulous" junk

dealer who wants the playground for his business, enlists Jessie to scare the other kids away.

Meanwhile, a teacher realizes the children run away from Jessie. She explains that Jessie may act unfriendly, but he really needs to make new friends. The kids have a change of heart and befriend Jessie, who tells them of Linguini's plot. With the help of adults, including one kid's father who is a town councilman, the children foil Linguini's plan.

The characters in children's theater are almost stereotypical and definitely not subtle. The good guys and the bad guys must be easily definable, Martin said. "They've got to be big, exaggerated characters — almost like cartoons ... where a villain is a villain."

Clay Arceneaux, a junior in communications with a concentration in theater, agreed. He and his brother Cliff, a sophomore in mass communications, are both on the crew of "Andy and the Tough Cat." They played the villains in last year's Hap'n Tales production, "The Teenage Crazy Musketeers."

"The key to doing children's theater is: everything has to be huge. Overdone. Overplayed. You can't do a role too big," Clay, the play's tour director said. "It's not as complicated as doing something serious. You just have to get up there and get big with it."

Clay said that kids like people who have funny voices and chase each other around.

"Slapstick is a big part of 'Andy and the Tough Cat,'" Martin said. For instance, at one point in the play, Linguini's evil sidekick jumps into the villain's arms.

Action is crucial in a children's show. Bigger action and a "sense of largeness" are needed to capture and hold children's attention, Martin said.

The cast members get a lot of feedback from the kids in the audience, but these comments and criticisms are not



Photo Courtesy of Thompson Theatre

"Andy and the Tough Cat" is showing Feb. 4 through Feb. 6

discouraged, Martin said. "If we're entertaining them, they will stop to listen. They will sort of sense when it's time to stop talking and listen, so they understand what's coming next. If we're not doing a good job, they will go right on talking," Martin said, laughing.

Cliff, the production's stage manager, said the kids in the audience often voice criticisms. "They'll say anything," Cliff said. "They'll tell you that you're dumb or they don't like you. A couple of them

wanted to mob us last year."

Although he and his brother have given this year's cast of newcomers a few pointers on handling a rowdy audience, there is no way to fully prepare a troupe for what may happen, Cliff said.

The Hap'n Tales players will perform "Andy and the Tough Cat" at Thompson Theatre at 7:30 p.m. on February 4th and at 2:30 p.m. on February 5th and 6th. For more information, call 515-2033.

Ukrainian music in bloom

■ Ukrainian music came to full blossom at the N.C. State Student Center with the help of Ken Bloom.

BY JENNIFER RAYNOR
STAFF WRITER

The music of the Ukraine filled the air Sunday, Jan. 30, in N.C. State University's Student Center. Like a flower opening to full bloom, Ken Bloom gracefully played the bandura, a harp-like instrument with origins in the Soviet Union.

Ken Bloom is an outstanding folk musician, teacher and instrument builder who has appeared in concerts throughout the United States and Canada and in motion pictures and television programs with such well-known performers as Linda Ronstadt, Vassar Clements, David Bromberg and Jethro Burns.

Bloom's wealth of knowledge and experience is no secret to Trans Music International (TMI), the sponsors of the concert. In presenting Bloom, TMI provided an opportunity for the audience to learn more about the culture and music of the Ukraine.

The concert included traditional Ukrainian music performed on an 18th

century style bandura, as well as a modern bandura, with a few selections from the British Isles, Scandinavia and North America. Bloom's musical selections demonstrated the versatility of the instrument.

"Waltz for Aunt Luba," the second piece in the performance, brought the audience closer to Bloom. Bloom wrote this song for his Aunt Luba, who loved waltzes. He spoke of the first time he played it for her. "I looked up and she had big tears in her eyes," Bloom said. "It was beautiful," she said. "I love Ukrainian waltz. Play it again." So if no one else likes this, at least my Aunt Luba did.

Needless to say, the audience was awed with the beauty of the piece.

Later in the concert, Bloom showed his own versatility by taking "a great leap backward in time" when he played "Kudarik," translated as "The Bag Pipe," and sang a Ukrainian folk song. Jane Pepler, a folk singer, joined in. The combination of their voices and the bagpipes created a beautiful melody.

Further into the program, Bloom's wonderful sense of humor and outgoing personality got the audience involved in Ukrainian "sing-alongs." Smiles and laughter were abundant.

Bloom's program is only one in the

"Adventures in World Music" Series presented by TMI. The next scheduled concert is March 20. Carnloch, an Irish group, will be featured at Parizade located in Durham at Evin Square.

Jessie Cannon, an executive director at TMI, is excited about Carnloch's concert. He saw them perform at "Easy Street" in 1992.

"[Carnloch] filled 'Easy Street' in 1992. They were wonderful. People were so happy with this group."

Thanks to a grant from the Mary Biddle Foundation, TMI will be presenting six more concerts featuring international music and spotlighting radio stations in the Triangle area. One of the stations in this series will be NCSU's own WKNC-FM. WKNC will be featured for their World Cafe program on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cannon attributes much of TMI's success to Jonathan Kramer. Kramer teaches world music in the Music Department at NCSU.

"[Kramer] really helped with setting things up, with helping the program take off," Cannon said.

If the upcoming concerts are anything like Bloom's, I know one concert reviewer who will be attending for mere pleasure.



By MARIANNE STAFF

Ken Bloom entertains at Visual Arts Center by playing Ukrainian music.

A&E Calendar

From February 4 to February 10

Films

DEMOLITION MAN — 1993, 114 min. Director: Marco Brambilla. Cast: Sylvester Stallone, Wesley Snipes. Stallone and Snipes star in this action adventure about an L.A. policeman pursuing a ruthless nemesis through a peaceful but powerless society in the year 2032. Student Center Annex, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and 10 p.m.

GLORY — 1989, 120 min. Director: Edward Zwick. Cast: Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington, Cande Carroll, Morgan Freeman. A stirring Civil War epic that pays long-delayed tribute to the first African-American regiment to fight against the Confederacy. This film won critical acclaim and three Academy Awards. Student Center Annex, Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Events

NCSU Arboretum Third Annual Preview Party — Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Garden Magic. The City Gardeners Civic Center box office, or at the door. Wednesday at the Raleigh Civic Center. Call 782-7385 for information.

EMERGING ISSUES FORUM — Investing in Health: An American Agenda. Feature addresses by U.S. Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders, Richard Lamm, Bill Gradison, David Broder and others. Thursday and Friday. Registration is \$100 for two-day event. Call 515-7741 for information.

Lectures

JAPANESE CULTURE — "When the Media Marries a Princess: Reflections on Japan's Royal Wedding." N.C. Japan Center, 5 Rosemary Street, Thursday at 5 p.m. Admission free. For more information call 515-3450.

Developing Minority Professionals Through Quality Education — Dr. Shirley M. McKinley, president of the Quality Education for Minorities Network. Free and open to the public, 200 Poe Hall, Tuesday at 7 p.m. Call Russ Cole, 515-2396, or Stephanie Adams, 515-3264.

Music

The Art Farm Quintet — Cost: \$16 general admission, \$20 reserved. Stewart Theatre, Stewart Theatre, Saturday at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call 515-3104.

Performances

Andy and the Tough Cat: Hap'n Tales Children's Company — Thompson Theatre, Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$1.50 children, \$3 adults. To reserve seats call 515-2033 between noon and 5 p.m.

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A paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through which the thoughts, the activities and in fact the very life of the campus are registered. College life without its journal is blank.

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The teaching challenge

Instructors must utilize creativity and enthusiasm to energize dull classes.

Students often complain of boring classes that put them to sleep. While students' occasional inattention and tendency to doze off are usually blamed for the problem, the solution primarily lies on the shoulders of the teachers.

Teachers — whether they be professors, lecturers or graduate students — have several responsibilities. One is to establish the mood of the class. When students complain that a class is boring or uninteresting, it's usually because the teacher has not sparked their interest. Teachers are expected to be the trailblazers of classroom excitement.

Teachers may feed on the enthusiasm of their students, but they need to take the initiative. Boredom leads to boredom. If teachers let uninterested students bring them down, the cycle will continue.

In the same way boredom breeds excitement replicates itself. When a teacher leads the class with innovative ideas and tactics, the response can be overwhelming.

By unconsciously relying on routines, teachers encourage the kind

of monotony that leads to boredom. The key is for them to abandon routines as much as possible. They should always be on the lookout for new approaches. They should commit themselves to discovering new areas of discussion and adding variety to the classroom experience.

One way is for teachers to encourage class discussion. By throwing out questions and confronting debate, they can create a dialogue that motivates students.

Teachers need to take charge and make students interested by showing a guiding interest in the subjects themselves. As classroom leaders, teachers influence students. As educators, they are responsible not only for passing on information, but for enhancing it with their own interest in the subject. When teachers are dissatisfied with their jobs, students can sense it.

Teachers' lack of enthusiasm and unwillingness to improve their teaching tactics may be a result of mixed priorities. Whether sidetracked by research or resting comfortably in a tenure position, they need to follow through with their obligations to their students. If students are not their main priority, teachers need to give up their positions to enthusiastic, qualified educators who will put students first.



Commentary

Gun restrictions won't stop crime

I live about two blocks from Cup-a-Joe, where two panes of window glass have had to be replaced — due to stray bullets — since its opening.

As I read in my living room, I spend too much time worrying, looking at my windows and wondering when a bullet will crack through. Will it hit me? Will it hit my girlfriend? My roommate? Will it be fatal?

Living in fear is no fun. But emotions surrounding the hot topic of gun control must be subjected to reason and to fact. On a recent CBS Evening News (which I watched only because Dan Rather was off), an "Eye on America" segment looked into the ticket brokers and ticket scalpers who make their living off high-priced events such as the Super Bowl. One of the blurbs was a brief interview with a middle-aged couple who said they spent \$900 for a pair of tickets to the last Rose Bowl.

The reporter added that Super Bowl tickets, pictured on the screen with \$125 printed on them, would be going for as much as \$725 apiece through scalpers. But sports fans were expected to shell out the cash for them anyway. What does that have to do with guns? Everything. As a columnist and former New Republic editor, Stephen Chapman recently pointed out, "criminals need guns like salesmen need telephones." How true. Criminals know where to get guns on the streets and on the backroads, and they'll pay the price.

Restrictions on guns (aside from background checks) won't stop crime. In fact, a recent study shows that when the public is armed, crime goes down. The January edition of Reason magazine reported on an Independence Institute study authored by Clayton Cramer and David Kopel. Cramer and Kopel looked at



Colin Burch

10 states where authorities are required by the state to issue "a carry permit for self-protection to anyone who passes a background check and completes a safety class." They compared the murder rates in those states, both before and after "carry permit laws" were passed.

The article continues saying, "Cramer and Kopel find the most dramatic effect in Florida, where the murder rate was 18 percent to 87 percent above the national average between 1975 and 1986. After the state approved a 'non-discretionary' carry permit law in 1987, the murder rate fell steadily, from 36 percent above the national average in 1986 to about 4 percent below in 1991."

The murder rate dropped 4 percent below the national average after the people were allowed to carry weapons! How about that? When criminals know the public is armed, they know to chill out. But in the final analysis, it is a simple fact that free people can only stay free when they can freely arm themselves. Yes, freely arm themselves. There's been this mass hypnosis of the American people, to the point where they point their finger at certain types of guns and yell and scream and outlaw, for no worthy reason.

But as Joseph Constance, the deputy chief of the Trenton, N.J. police department, told the Senate Judiciary Committee in August (as quoted in the Jan. 6 issue of The Wall Street Journal): "Since police started keeping statistics, we

now know that assault weapons were used in an underwhelming .026 of 1 percent of crimes in New Jersey. This means that my officers are more likely to confront an escaped tiger from the local zoo than to confront an assault rifle in the hands of a drug-crazed killer on the streets."

I bet you were led to believe assault weapons were a major problem in this country.

So where's all this hype about gun control coming from? Is it that too many young people are stoned when they pass the handgun control booths at the Lollapalooza Festivals, and that they're believing everything they hear? Is it the news media? I know that's a tired (though still accurate) gripe from conservatives, but what has gotten into the American mind?

Gun-control advocates always cite the "well-regulated militia" phrase in the Second Amendment as a dictate against individual ownership of guns, but they never suggest what that militia is! No, it can't be the National Guard. The whole idea of a Bill of Rights is to establish what the government cannot take away from the individual — i.e., a government organization won't serve the Second Amendment. If anything, the "well-regulated militia" must be private, made of citizens who are not accountable to the government for the ownership of weapons.

Fear has to be set aside in favor of freedom. After all, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, more people died in 1992 from heart disease, cancer, stroke, chronic obstructive lung diseases, motor vehicle accidents, pneumonia, influenza, diabetes, HIV, suicide, illegally owned weapons and police-owned weapons than from the guns of law-abiding gun owners.

Listen up, Turner

Todd Turner needs to listen to students who say general admission seating is a bad idea.

N.C. State University's 1992 football season opener against Appalachian State University showed that general admission seating does not work. A second attempt would be a waste of time.

Today NCSU's Athletics Council will meet to discuss the possibility of eliminating the assigned and block student seating in the lower deck for NCSU's home football games.

Athletics Director Todd Turner's motive for last year's attempt was to create early fan turnout. His plan failed miserably. In fact, student complaints were so extensive that the plan was dropped after only one game.

As the issue of general admission arises once again, Turner and the Athletics Council need to focus on the facts and the many drawbacks of that system.

Instead of rewarding the students who get to their seats early, the general admission system forces them to contend with groups of rowdy students who come in late and claim seats that are already taken.

Those same groups of students will continue to come in late. Turner wants students to show their school spirit by filling the stands before the

game. But by pushing for general admission seating, Turner is taking the spotlight off of school spirit and shining it on himself.

Turner showed interest in opinions of the student body by asking the Student Senate to take a couple of weeks to get students' reactions to the idea. However, Turner can get a good idea of the student body opinion by looking at last year's response. At that time students' voices were loud and clear: General admission is a bad idea. Now is the time to listen to those voices again.

The reasoning behind the push to retry the failed policy is unclear. Many of Turner's decisions have been questioned in the past. But unlike other controversial athletics policies, this one has no apparent benefits for students.

Last year's attempt showed that the policy does not accomplish its goal. Seats will continue to be empty at kickoff and students will have to fight to keep their seats during the games. General admission seating failed once. Students don't want to try it again.

In this troubled time for NCSU athletics, Turner should listen to the students and yield to the opinion of the majority.

"We're not going to do things that the students don't like," said event and ticket manager Jimmy Garrity. Turner should honor that guarantee.

Impossible to agree on nature of God

I too was a bit incensed by the cavalier tone of G. Douglas Gilbody's "liberals—good, conservatives—bad" article, but since I lean on a liberal bent myself, I thought it would be better to let conservatives lend more teeth to a reaction than I could. I was suitably rewarded for my restraint by two delightful letters in the Jan. 31 Technician.

I do find it necessary to question the "Laws of God" idea. Which god is being referred to? Could it be Hindu? Rastafarian? Perhaps Allah?

I think from the tone of the letter and the location of the origin (i.e. the Bible Belt), it may be assumed to be Judeo-Christian. Even under those constraints, it could be a fine and brimstone God of the Old Testament, or a loving, forgiving God of the New.

People's opinions of God's nature vary from vindictive to benevolent; from singular to Trinitarian on up; all-powerful to struggling with lesser angels like Satan. Existentialists believe Him to be indifferent. Gaia worshippers believe Her to be nurturing. Atheists find fault in the lot.

If we can't all hold the same narrow views on the nature of God, how can we hope to agree on "God's Law?"

The Campus

FORUM

Gilbody needs facts to support his claims

The vapid assertion that our mass media has a conservative bias is a typical statement, showing that having nothing to express is not a check on expressing it. G. Douglas Gilbody attempts to establish this proposition of conservative media by mentioning that Ronald Reagan was not impeached (as if the media held impeachment hearings), and then capering by any actual examples of bias. It has been said that the truth and credibility of a statement are unrelated. Nevertheless, I think if I were going to suggest something spectacularly false, my topic would be different in two ways. I would try to support it at least slightly, and the topic wouldn't quite be unambiguously contradictory reality. I myself wonder if the fabricates such tripe on his own, but regardless I have evidence to the contrary:

1) A CNN-USA Today-Gallup survey in April 1993 showed 50 percent of Americans opposed to the idea, 44 percent in favor... [of Clinton's policy of homosexuals in the military]. A Nexis search provided 47 editorial-page endorsements of the proposal, with only one paper (The Washington Times)

opposed. (This information courtesy of Daniel Seligman.)

2) A 1992 poll of 1,410 journalists showed that 44.1 percent identified themselves as democrats and 16.3 percent identified themselves as republicans. (The poll was conducted by D. Weaver and C. Whitton at Indiana University.)

3) Going to the 1992 presidential election, coverage for the 73 days prior to election was examined by Joann Byrd (ombudsman for the Washington Post) in all of the paper's pictures, stories, et cetera and found 175 of these "elements" to be portraying Bush positively, to 184 negatively. Clinton fared better, shown favorably in 195 and negatively in 52. Further, 58 percent of the elements on the front page about Bush were negative, compared to 28 percent for Clinton.

Charles B. Parker
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Alumnus proud of basketball team

An open letter to N.C. State Coach Les Robinson:
Dear Coach,
I am proud of our team.
I would much rather watch students play basketball than basketball players masquerading as students.
Thank you.
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If only everybody could follow my granddaddy's example

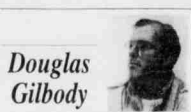
Today I want to tell you about a great man. His name was Lee R. Barnes and he was my step-grandfather. He died on Jan. 26, 1994, and I was privileged to have been a pallbearer at his funeral. The ceremony was a coming home of sorts for me, and a chance to pay my last respects to a man of rare faith in God.

I had not been back to my grandfather's hometown, Columbia, South Carolina, in over 14 years. Time passes slowly in small towns; the people had changed a great deal, but the surroundings had changed little. The ceremony was held in the church Granddaddy Lee (what my step-grandfather wanted to be called) helped to build.

Whenever I think of "church" in my mind, I do not think of Notre Dame, Westminster Abbey or Chartres, but rather of my

grandfather's church, the Cabin Swamp Church of Christ. On good days, when I attended in the late 1970s, the attendance would surge to more than 100, including visitors, of course. The Sunday School class I was in was called "Agape Teens." The sermons were often about the disadvantages of an eternity in hell, and the preachers would offer advice on how to avoid that unhappy situation. They liked to sing hymns at Cabin Swamp, and my personal favorite was, and still is, "When the Roll is Called up Yonder I'll be there."

I could not get over how the people I had known there as children had changed. A precocious 10-year-old girl had blossomed into a beautiful woman of 24. A tomboy, whom I had played football with, had changed into such a dazzlingly attractive woman I did not



Douglas Gilbody

recognize her, much to my embarrassment. Even more embarrassing was that a young girl whom I had worshipped from a distance attended, and to make a short story simple, had absolutely no idea I had ever walked this mortal earth. Oh well. Even more embarrassing was the fact that I forgot my suit. My grandma had me wear one of my granddaddy's suits to his own funeral. The tie had been cut short, and the suit was life insurance gray.

But I do not think granddaddy cared too much. I am sure that

wherever he is now he is happy. I must point out that he did not believe in divorce, so the only way he was going to escape my grandma was feet first. My grandma physically resembles Aunt Bea of Mayberry, but there the resemblance ends. My grandma is Aunt Bea from hell, Aunt Bea with an attitude — a cross between Aunt Bea and the Terminator. At least the Terminator kills his victims quickly; my grandma would slowly talk you to a horrible death. Everything you say to her sinks like a rock in an underground lake, while she drones on mercilessly about the virtues of shelling snap beans or the thrill of the chase in antique hunting. God is truly merciful, however, because granddaddy needed a hearing aid, and he could turn her off as needed.

But I have not told you about Lee

R. Barnes, the man. His faith in God was stronger than a rock. He never swore, always attended church and always lived the example of what he thought a Christian should. He told me an interesting story one time. Since he was a quiet man, and I respect my elders, I listened closely and respectfully. He told of when his first wife, Dixie, lay in the hospital sick. The doctors did not think she was going to live much longer. My granddaddy prayed to God, not that He spare her, but only that His will be done. When God's will was to call her home, he accepted it stoically and without complaint or self-pity.

Like Jesus, my grandfather was a carpenter. When he was 65 and still putting shingles on houses, he asked that his pay be cut since he could

not work as hard as he once could. His employers refused.

My granddaddy had his own view of the universe. "The stars," he told me, "are points of light in the sky put there by God for the enjoyment of man." In my own way, I wholeheartedly agree. He may have been a simple man, but his faith moved mountains.

I wish more people today would lead, like my granddaddy, by righteous example, and not by self-righteousness. I wish more people had the ability to stoically withstand the slings and arrows outrageous fortune can hurl at them. I wish they would get on with the business of their lives, which is to make the world a slightly better place.

I hope that for you my grandfather can be an example of how faith in God can still impact our lives today.

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their strengths are more than sufficient to overcome their shortcomings, as are everyone's.

Winton Smithwick
Class of 1976

Suggestions for Robinson, Turner

I have a few proposals for getting our athletic teams back on top. First, Todd Turner must resign as athletic director. He is not the man needed to help rebuild our standing as one of the top athletic programs

in the country. He has made too many poor decisions while serving as athletic director.

Todd Turner hired a little known Les Robinson after the Jim Valvano allegations. When what we actually needed was to bring in a "big-name" coach who had better coaching and recruiting skills. Todd Turner also agreed with the policy of a higher grade point average requirement than the NCAA standard to try to prove the image that our school is strong academically. All this has done is cost us valuable players and a recruiting snaghold. The team has since continued to decline along with athletic event attendance.

Then Mike O'Canin was hired as football coach. O'Canin is a good coach, but everyone knew Buddy

Green wanted to be a college head coach. Green waited for his opportunity under Dick Sheridan but was denied, and he is now heading west.

Obviously, there needs to be a change, and athletic director is the place to start. I propose all Wolfpack Club donations be withheld in an escrow account until Todd Turner is gone and Les Robinson resigns as head coach. Robinson, a Wolfpack alum, should take the position of athletic director and help his school get out of the poorest athletic showing in decades.

Kevin Brown
Junior, textile management

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Asia Night gives students a chance to experience Far East's culture

■ This weekend offers a chance for people to learn about Oriental culture.

By NICKY WILLIAMS
Senior Staff Writer

Fourteen different ethnic groups will present food and entertainment at Sunday's third annual Asia Night.

"This is the third year, and we've been improving," said Akira Morita, general coordinator of the event.

"This is one of the biggest international events at NCSU," said Janey Boullleur, program advisor for the Union Activities Board. "The students do the food, the publicity, everything. There are approximately 100 people behind the scenes."



Morita

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— Janey Boullleur,
program advisor for the UAB

The goal of the program is to provide a broad perspective of many different Asian cultures to N.C. State University students. Morita said. He said he also sees it as a way to associate all Asian nationalities. There are about 665 international Asian students attending NCSU.

Morita said he expects at least 300 people to attend the event, which will be held in the University Student Center. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a full-course dinner in the Student Center Ballroom.

"We cook by ourselves using the Dining Hall kitchen," said Morita, a

junior in parks and recreation. "We have eight different dishes from seven Asian countries."

Morita said while students dine they can watch a fashion show. While dinner comes at a cost, entertainment and displays can be enjoyed free of charge.

The second floor will be full of tables set up to display Asian culture by regions. The displays will feature various articles such as ornaments and clothes.

After dinner, there will be entertainment. This will be a combination of narration, dancing and singing, Boullleur said.

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Black History Month Calendar

February, 1994

NCSU African American Cultural Center

Date	Event
5	O.A. Dupree Awards Banquet, AACC Multipurpose Room, 3 p.m.
8	Student Interaction lecture by Shirley McBay, in AACC Room 356, 3 p.m.
10	Gallery Lecture by James Gadson in the AACC Gallery, 8 p.m.
11	AACC Black History Month Lecture by David Hilliard in the AACC Multipurpose Room at 3 p.m.
12	Student Interaction, by David Hilliard, in the Multipurpose Room, 4 p.m.
15	Quiz Bowl, SAAPAMS, in the Multipurpose Room, 6 p.m.
16	Lecture on African-American Male/Female Relationships, by June Murray in AACC Room 356, 7 p.m.
17	Gallery Lecture by David Johnson in the AACC Gallery, 8 p.m.
20	Gallery Lecture by Charles Joyner in the AACC Gallery, 2 p.m., followed by an Exhibit Reception at 3 p.m.
21	Health Forum with Students for Health Awareness, in the Multipurpose Room, 7:30 p.m.
23	Family Feud by Delta Sigma Theta, in the Multipurpose Room at 6:30 p.m. Ebony Man Contest in Stewart Theatre, 8 p.m.
28	Lecture on Traditional Education in Africa by Kongite Wessene in AACC Room 356, 7 p.m.



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