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Alphas show up, win match

Someone had to win a Black History Month competition — even though only one prepared team came.

By JOE BRUNO
Staff Writer

A four-member team of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity won the seventh annual African-American History Quiz Bowl Tuesday, defeating a last-minute entry.

The Alphas defeated The Nubians, a group of Nubian Message staffers who were not exactly prepared for competition.

"I came to the event as a spectator but ended up participating because nobody else showed up," said Tony Williamson of The Nubians.

The Society of African Americans in Physical and Mathematical Sciences (SAA-PAMS) sponsored the event held in the Student Center Annex Multipurpose Room.

Bernice Campbell, president of SAA-PAMS, said the society begins planning the event in October by sending letters to all 27 African-American organizations on campus.

Teams do not officially enter the

event in advance, so coordinators did not know how many teams would appear on Tuesday. The Alphas were the only prepared team to appear, and the event proceeded under a very informal atmosphere.

Other groups that had been tentatively scheduled to compete were the Society of Black Engineers, the Black Students Board and the New Horizons Choir. But entries are not binding.

Questions included:

- What African American pioneered open-heart surgery? (Dr. Daniel Hale Williams)

- What former congresswoman from New York was the first black woman to sit in the U.S. House of Representatives? (Shirley Chisholm)

- Who was the first black leader in the deep South to be extended an invitation to speak at the Atlanta Exposition? (Booker T. Washington)

The winning team consisted of Kanton Reynolds, a senior in industrial engineering; Sean Bullock and Casey Sessoms, seniors in mechanical engineering; and Bobby Johnson, a senior in pre-med, student body treasurer and

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Kanton Reynolds (left) of Alpha Phi Alpha knew enough answers to help his team win the seventh annual African-American Quiz Bowl Tuesday night.

By MARIKKE/STAFF

You sure I need that?



By MARIKKE/STAFF

Jack Garland and Kristin Cooper of the improv acting group performed a sketch Tuesday night about asking a partner to get screened for sexually transmitted diseases. "Let's Talk About Sex" was an open forum in the Student Center Annex in which students expressed their views about sexual relationships. Improv acted out several situations many college students encounter, including "Are We Ready for Sex?" and "Verbal Coercion."

Blue Jeans Day mission expands

The LGSU is taking a slightly different approach to Blue Jeans Day 1994. The student group said it expects a warmer response.

By RON BATCHO
Senior Staff Writer

The Lesbian and Gay Student Union's members want you to think twice about what you wear today. Today is Blue Jeans Day, part of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Awareness Week 1994.

It's designed to be a day for individuals to show their support for human rights, said Beth Harrison, LGSU co-chair.

The reasoning behind this year's Blue Jeans Day is a little different from the past.

"This year, wearing blue jeans supports every person's right to live and love freely," Harrison said.

Harrison said the change was made to take out some of the stigma the awareness week has had.

"Some people may not be in support of gays and lesbians, but [those same people] would support this," she said.

Harrison said this year is even more important.

"In the past dozen months or so, the media has propelled the issues facing the queer community to the top of the evening news and the covers of national magazines," she said.

"If students have to think about wearing jeans for just one day, then maybe they'll think about the reasons why themselves," Harrison said.

Harrison said there is a reason for choosing blue jeans.

"We pick blue jeans because we know that

"Blue Jeans Day started in the late 70s at campuses around the country. Other campuses have Blue Jeans Day when they have their awareness weeks."

— Beth Harrison,
LGSU co-chair

blue jeans are a basic element of almost every college student's wardrobe," Harrison said. "[The gay rights movement] has a history of being an activist thing."

She said Blue Jeans Day is nothing new. "Blue Jeans Day started in the late 70s at campuses around the country," Harrison said. "Other campuses have Blue Jeans Day when they have their awareness weeks."

"The event has been sporadic since the mid-80s," Harrison said. "But it has been regularly in February over the past three or four years."

"Blue Jeans Day is only part of a week of events," Harrison said.

The LGSU painted the Free Expression Tunnel over the weekend, listing famous people and events sponsored throughout the week.

Other events include an information fair, which will be today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the University Student Center lobby. There will also be discussions and videos during the week.

Mission Valley rooms to debut

Students now have larger and more expensive options for upscale living on campus.

By AARON TRUDO
Staff Writer

Tired of living in the chunk of real estate between Western Boulevard and Hillsborough Street? Then Housing and Residence Life may have the answer for you.

What used to be the Mission Valley Inn is now almost ready for dorm life and HRL wants you to get a peak at it. HRL began to show two rooms to students Monday at the Avert Ferry Complex.

Students can move into the newest campus housing as soon as this fall.

About 100 N.C. State University students got a look at the future of campus housing. Here's what they found.

"I think the rooms are pretty cool. There's lots of space out here, and [the rooms] seem a lot bigger than the residence hall rooms on main campus," said Crenshaw Gordon, a senior in computer science.

It's not just perception. The rooms are bigger. Each room spans 320 square feet. The average on-campus dorm room offers between 150 and 190 square feet. Each of the rooms in the complex has its own personal bathroom.

Traditional rooms at the complex

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African American Cultural Center library still incomplete

Despite support from an associate provost, there's no librarian to let students check books out of one campus library.

By TARA SMITH
Staff Writer

Ever heard of a library without a librarian? The African American Cultural Center Library doesn't have one now, but it is making do.

A graduate student and work-study students are filling in by ordering new books, keeping shelves in order and being available to answer questions.

A librarian cannot be hired until there is a position created for one on campus, said Iyailu Moses, director of the African American Cultural Center.

"Any library needs one individual who can focus their attention on that library and be devoted to developing something worthwhile."

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director of the African American Cultural Center

"Any library needs one individual who can focus their attention on that library and be devoted to developing something worthwhile," Moses said. Associate Provost Augustus Witherspoon has requested that a position be created for a librarian.

"The library contains materials of, by and for African-American people," Moses said. It is specifically dedicated to issues relating to African

Americans, ranging from history to science. There is, however, a lot of space available for more books.

Laura Peacock, one of the work-study students who has been busy ordering some of these new books, said the room is less useful now than it will be when finished.

"Until the computer system is installed, students cannot check out books, so right now the library serves as a reading room," she said.

News Notes

Faculty member receives award

Donald R. Howard received the Distinguished Veterinary Alumnus Award from Michigan State University at the annual Michigan Veterinary Conference Honor's Banquet held Jan. 27 in Lansing, Michigan.

Howard is associate dean and director of academic affairs in the College of Veterinary Medicine at N.C. State University.

The award honors an alumnus who is held in high esteem by his or her colleagues and who has excelled in teaching or practicing veterinary medicine.

Howard earned his doctorate in veterinary medicine from Michigan State University in 1965 and a master's degree from Texas A&M University in 1969. He returned to Michigan State University as an associate professor in 1972 after earning his doctorate from the University of Missouri.

FROM STAFF REPORTS AND NEWS RELEASES

Correction

A story in Monday's Technician identified state House candidate Duane Hall as a part-time student at N.C. State University. He decided not to enroll this semester in order to make time for his campaign. Technician regrets the error.

TODAY
COLLEGE BOWL — Wow your friends with your knowledge. Join us for College Bowl practice from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the University Student Center, Room 321.

DINNER — The 13th annual Susan B. Anthony Dinner is today at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. For more information, call the Women's Center at 515-2012.

MEETING — The Society of Women Engineers will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in Riddick, Room 222 for food, door prizes and a great speaker from Northern Telecom.

EXPEDITION — The Leadership Development Series presents "An Expedition Into the World of Leading Volunteers," 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. today in the Walnut Room, Student Center. Call 515-2452 for more information and registration.

BALLROOM DANCE — Learn how to dance with a newly formed student club. Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the NCSU Dance Studio. Call Dance president, Nichole Parisee at 859-9887 or vice president Travis Garris at 512-9269.

CIRCLE K — New meeting place: Student Center Annex, Room 107 on Wednesdays at

7:30 p.m. Fun, fellowship and community service. Work with local Key and Kiwanis Clubs. Questions? Call Debbie at 512-4852.

SAILING — The Sailing Club covers every aspect of sailing: racing, lessons, social events, campus trips and more. We now have boats in the water, and there is sailing every weekend. Races are just around the corner. All skill levels are welcome. Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Carmichael Gym, Room 2037.

MEETING — Culture: The Asian Students Association invites everyone for discussions, speakers, movies and more. Weekly meetings are at 7 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 3118.

ESSAY CONTEST — Women's History Month Committee is sponsoring a 1,000-word essay contest. \$500 will be awarded for the best essay. Theme: "In Every Generation, Action Frees Our Dreams." Submission deadline is March 16. Call 515-2012 for details.

MAGAZINE — N.C. State Engineer Magazine needs writers and staff to help with publication and business aspects of the magazine. All majors are welcome. Excellent resume builder. Call 515-3394.

PLAN NOW — Sign up

now for career planning for adult or returning students — a four-hour workshop Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Pullen Hall, Room 2100. Call 515-2396 for details. Alumni are welcome.

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 \$800 prize. The deadline for submissions is today. Call 515-3835 for details.

HONOR SOCIETY — The Golden Chain Honor Society recognizes rising seniors displaying outstanding scholarship, leadership, character and service to the university. Interested students should get application forms in Pullen Hall, Room 2120.

LANGUAGE — Korean language classes are now available at NCSU. Place: Harsell Hall, Room 143. Time: Every Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact Songme Choi at 512-2958 or Jonathan Kramer at 515-7852.

GUITAR — Three beginner guitar classes and one intermediate class at NCSU will meet. Groups meet one hour each week for 11 weeks. Learn accompaniment

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styles for acoustic guitar through country, folk and pop music. Cost is \$110. Guitars are provided. Call Bett Pudgett at 834-4636.

THURSDAY GERMAN CLUB — Come join us for free drinks and conversation at Mitch's Tavern. The German Club meets every Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

JOB SEARCH — The academic job search for doctoral and master's students is seeking academic or research positions. A workshop Thursday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Mann Hall, Room 323. Sponsored by the Career Planning and Placement Center.

INDIA NIGHT — Tickets go on sale at these times: Tuesday at 4:30 p.m., Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Friday at 4:30 p.m. Buy tickets at the Student Center Box Office. Two tickets per person. For more information, contact Alul at 387-0440.

MEETING — Co-op program orientation meetings are Thursday at 4 p.m. in Caldwell Hall, Room G111 and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Caldwell Hall, Room G106.

SYMPOSIUM — The Self Knowledge Symposium meets every Thursday at 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.

FRIDAY 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.

COFFEEHOUSE — The Instant Coffeehouse features the band LAPD Poetry Slam at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Commons. Join us for coffee, cards and fun. Free to all NCSU students.

MEETING — Due to Friday's weather, the meeting to plan the March 29 Chinese Theme Dinner has been rescheduled for Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the University Dining Hall. Meet at main entrance. We'll have lunch. Call 515-7034.

PRIZES — Pi Tau Sigma Bowl-A-Thon. Win fabulous door prizes. Free T-shirt with 20

cents per pin or \$50 in donations. Get information in Broughton Hall, Room 3211.

MONDAY ENTERTAINMENT — The UAB Entertainment Committee and help plan our coffeehouse, comedy night and novelty shows. Meetings are every Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 3125.

DANCE — Country line dancing aerobics. Mondays from 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 and students are welcome.

MEETING — The Pre-Med/Pre-Dent Club will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Bostian Hall, Room 3712. Admissions officials from Bowman Gray Medical School will speak.

MEETING — Come join the College Republicans in the Student Center Blue Room at 7 p.m. Chief Heidman is the guest speaker.

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.

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Rooms

Continued from Page 1 will have bunk beds, desks with overhead shelves, dressers, wardrobe units and a small refrigerator with a turntable microwave on top. The efficiency rooms will have a special dryer that has a full size 12 cubic foot refrigerator, overhead cabinets and a microwave.

Last week's ice delayed the shipment of the unit. But it will arrive today and students will be able to see the complete efficiency apartment Thursday.

Students can also view the rooms at different times through the first week of March. Student tours are available Thursdays and Fridays this week through March 4. The Thursday tours are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the ones on Friday run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Answers
Crossword Puzzle

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AFTER THE GARDNER WAS FIRED, HE WAS SHAKING LIKE A LEAF.

p.m. Also, there will be tours Monday and on Feb. 28 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Students who can't see the rooms at those times may call Project Coordinator Scott Sherman to arrange for other viewing times.

Students living at the complex can beat the summer heat with air-conditioning, enjoy free basic cable and enjoy computer access to the campus network from each room.

"These rooms are bigger, and I like the idea of having a computer work station at the complex and connections for computer access to the campus network in each room," said Shetal Patel, a senior in electrical engineering.

Sign-up for the efficiency room begins Monday. Upperclassmen can sign up for the apartments, but graduate students will get first priority even if there is a waiting list, said Susan Grant, associate director at HRL.

"If you're not a graduate student, sign up for a traditional room. If the graduate students don't fill up the efficiencies, then there will be considerations made for undergraduates," Grant said.

Traditional room sign-up will begin March 23 as part of the regular fall room sign-up. Students can choose between a



An efficiency on display at the former Mission Valley Inn looks posh compared to many present residence hall rooms. It is being remodeled for its new role as a dorm.

nine- or 12-month plan, Grant said. Students choosing a nine-month traditional room will pay \$1,090 a semester. That's the same as students pay for a room in Wood Residence Hall, an on-campus dorm with similar services.

Students will make three payments of \$1,090 for the 12-month plan. The efficiency apartments will go for \$1,200 a semester or \$3,600 — paid in three payments — if the occupant opts for the 12-month option.

There's a chance two of the complex's four residence buildings will not be open by fall 1994, Sherman said. Since two of the buildings are old, they both have a lot of asbestos and will take longer to prepare.

If these two buildings aren't available by the first day of classes for fall 1994, they may be opened shortly into the semester. And at the latest, the rooms will be ready by spring 1995, Sherman said.

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CIP has made available funding for a number of awards up to a maximum of \$2,000 per recipient. Eligibility: undergraduate students participating in research or study programs abroad which take place during the upcoming summer or academic year. Qualified applicants must complete two semesters at NCSU prior to participation abroad. Applications will be judged on the creativity and originality of the proposed activity, and award amounts will depend on justification of expenses.

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Candidates for President must have served at least six months as a chair or member of a UAB committee; or as a member of the Student Center Board of Directors. At-Large Board of Directors candidates must be fee-paying students in good standing with the University and who do not hold offices in the UAB.

Deadline for applications is 4 p.m., February 28. Candidates must also complete forms in the Student Government office to be accepted. Call 515-2451 for more information.

Students, athletes get first-year grace period

■ N.C. State University's academic probation rule has been changed and it will affect more than the average student.

By OWEN S. GOOD
Assistant Sports Editor

The policy that got Lewis Sims and Peace Shepard kicked off the N.C. State basketball team has been changed.

The change in policy, announced Friday in Provost Phillip J. Stiles' first State of the University report, all first-year students — freshmen and transfers — cannot be placed on academic probation after their first

semester in school. The change will be studied by the faculty senate and a permanent ruling made in the future.

Stiles' decision has received praise from both the university's academic and athletic communities. Many say it changes a largely punitive measure to one designed to help students succeed.

"This is just what we need," athletics director Todd Turner said. "In place of something punitive, we've put in something pro-active that intervenes to help students be successful."

Beginning in 1990, a student's academic status was evaluated at the beginning of each semester. Those placed on probation were not allowed to play intercollegiate

"I'm convinced that freshmen do not arrive with the maturity to take charge of their academics. These things make the first semester tougher than the second."

— Dr. Phillip Stiles
N.C. State provost

sports.

But under the new rule, which becomes effective next fall, freshmen and first-year transfer students get a full year to adjust to NCSU. After that, they will be evaluated every semester.

Also, students who receive below a 2.0

grade point average in their first semester must meet with their adviser and mutually agree to a plan to get them back on track.

Stiles report says that if a student's GPA falls below Academic Warning I and they have a "significant commitment to any other activity at the university," its effect on

the student would be evaluated.

"If they have other significant commitments, they would meet with the academic adviser and see if the other activities should be curtailed," Stiles said.

Stiles said that under the previous rule, students had no motivation to do anything to raise their performance, except for the possibility of suspension. Now, students have to work with their advisers to get in better academic standing.

This means first-semester athletes have the level playing field coaches have been calling for.

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Feggins helps Pack win third straight

N.C. State 85
N.C. A&T 64

By MIKE PRESTON
Staff Writer

It has been three years in the waiting, but it finally happened.

Monday night, N.C. State's men's basketball team accomplished something it hasn't done since the 1991-92 season. Wolfpack coach Les Robinson's second year with the team. State has won three games in a row.

"It's a strange feeling, there's no question about that, and I just want us to continue the momentum," Robinson said.

The last time the Pack won three in a row it defeated Florida International, Western Carolina, and Pittsburgh. The 78-77 win over the Panthers was in the ACC-Big East Challenge.

The Pack's victory Monday, an 85-64 rout, came at the expense of an under-sized North Carolina A&T team, which failed to stop State's taller inside game and streaky outside shooting.

State started the game strong, leading 20-8 with 13 minutes left in the first half. And the Pack held its largest first-half margin with 11

minutes left at 26-12.

However, near the end of the half, the Pack slumped. The Aggies scored nine unanswered points to pull within five with 8:01 left. State also mustered only two points in the last five minutes of the half, but managed to take a 40-32 lead into the intermission.

"At that point, I just told them to buckle down," Robinson said.

And State forward Bryant Feggins did just that. The Wolfpack began the second half 15-7 run, keyed by Feggins, who picked up where he left off in the first half. The run gave State lead 55-39 lead, which didn't drop under 11 for the rest of the game.

Feggins was 7-7 from the field and scored 18 points in 26 minutes.

"Bryant [Feggins] is starting to play like the Bryant of old," Robinson said. "He's learning to play with his situation and adjusting to it, and that has been a big plus for him."

Center Todd Fuller, who had 13 points and a team-high seven rebounds, also contributed to State's strong inside game.

And with State's inside game dominating for most of the game, A&T switched its defense from man-to-man to a zone, giving



Mark Davis picks through A&T's defense in Wednesday's win.

State's perimeter a chance to break the game open.

Guard Lakista McCuller led the outside attack, hitting five three-pointers and totaling a team-high 19 points.

"We really have got it together

right now, and we just have to continue to make progress as a team and continue working hard," McCuller said.

Not to be outdone by McCuller's

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All-Stars leave a lot to be desired

■ What do Isaiah Rider, Dan Jansen, A.J. Kitt and Pat O'Brien have in common? They all get ruffed on this week.

Owen S. Good



What a thrilling slam dunk contest over NBA All-Star Weekend. I mean it. I hadn't seen dunks like that since, oh, last year's contest. Or, in the case of the bounce-the-ball-off-the-floor-grab-it-and-reverse-jam, I hadn't seen many of those dunks since the two dunkers before.

Is it just me or does this stuff seem a bit old to you? Not that it's unathletic — I'd make a noise to rival the Target Center on its best night if I could do what Isaiah Rider did (East Bay Funk Dunk) to win. On a three-foot goal. But frankly, these are all-stars, and more should be expected.

Remember when the foul-line dunk got old? People started jumping over things. And bouncing it behind them, between their legs, catching it and dunking it. And they seemed to miss less often.

Maybe I'm just getting old. But this needs a little pep. Dunks that would seem bland by contest comparisons — reverse jams, 360s, — are absolutely spectacular in a game. To quote a colleague who witnessed Rodney Rogers' 360-degree slam against N.C. State Feb.

4, 1993, "I about urinated on myself."

But wouldn't the same effort, a plain-old spin-dunk, have drawn yawns at the Target Center?

So give the dunker a set-up man, for even more combinations on an alley-oop, and a blocker to either dunk over (always a bonus in a game situation when someone famous and/or tall gets his lunch handed to him) or get around. Now that a game situation is created, the dunk is more challenging, more realistic, and more entertaining. Seeing as how past winners, Dominique Wilkins, for example (still one of the best dunkers in the league), are letting the new guys take a shot, why not give them a chance to defend their title with some intimidating D's?

The only other way the dunk contest can get more entertaining is if really novel stuff takes place next year. Like Rider picking up a combination mini TV/VCR playing a tape of his winning dunk in 1994.

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Slams

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and windmilling that through.
• Some similar suggestions include:
• Shaquille O'Neal taking the little kid from the Pepsi Commercial (the one that won't give Shaq a sip) and dunking him.
• Karl Malone, aficionado of southern culture that he is, combining the contest with a truck-pull theme by strapping himself with explosives set to go off once he crashes into the rim.
• Anyone dunking Shaq's rap CD into a garbage can.

Don't you love sports figures that are so good they can't win anything? As soon as everyone is ready to forget the Buffalo Bills, along come U.S. speed skater Dan Jansen, luger Duncan Kennedy and skier A.J. Kitt.

Jansen, the world-record holding gold champion, finished out of the money again in the third Olympics he has been favored to dominate.

Kennedy, who's last name might as well be changed to "the best hope for the U.S.'s first huge medal," sledged into a couple of walls after starting the day in contention for a bronze.

And then there's Kitt. All we know about him is what CBS has been hyping for the past two years. CBS drooled all over him at Albertville, and he came up flat. This year, he didn't wait long to get upstaged — try the first day.

Teammate Tommy Moe — who looks like Curly — made the early start and outlasted everyone else for the gold in the downhill.
Now, it's Moe Pat O'Brien is blubbering over on the late-night "Rock-n-Roll Highlights." Moe is currently in third place, with

Basketball Previews

Records
N.C. State, 9-13 (3-7 in the ACC)
Florida State, 10-10 (3-8)

Site
Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center

Time
Today, 7 p.m.

Radio
WPTF-890

The Skinny
Florida State lost to N.C. State for the first time in ACC play Feb. 7, Jan. 18. Now the Wolfpack is hoping to make the Seminoles their first conference sweep since embracing North Carolina 59-58 and 69-64 in 1992.
Beating the 'Noles this go-around will be a taller order. FSU is accustomed to point guard Charlie Ward (10 points, five assists per game) now, whereas the Heels' Manion Jones and the Pack's Jennifer Howard will be squaring off in a battle of freshman point guards. Jones is averaging 15 points and three steals for the second-place Heels, while Howard has hit 32 consecutive free throws and is approaching her own school-record of 40.

— Kevin Brewer

Records
N.C. State, 11-10 (4-6 in the ACC)
North Carolina 20-2 (10-2)

Site
Carmichael Gymnasium, Chapel Hill

Time
Today, 6 p.m.

Radio
WKNC 88.1-FM

TV
WRDQ-Ch. 28

The Skinny
Monday, North Carolina dropped from third to fifth in the Associated Press Top 25 after being swept sixth-ranked Virginia last Wednesday. Tonight, the Tar Heels will try to drop N.C. State out of contention for an NCAA Tournament berth. Unless the Wolfpack wins the ACC Tournament, its 4-6 conference record combined with a loss to Carolina will probably keep the Pack out of the tournament.
But, less importantly, the Heels' Manion Jones and the Pack's Jennifer Howard will be squaring off in a battle of freshman point guards. Jones is averaging 15 points and three steals for the second-place Heels, while Howard has hit 32 consecutive free throws and is approaching her own school-record of 40.

— Owen S. Good

Aggies

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three-point spectacular, backcourt mate Curtis Marshall turned in his second double-double in the last three games. Marshall compiled 11 points and a career-high 11 assists, including a thunderous alley-oop to forward Marcus Wilson.
"We came out and played hard, we were able to get our composure and knock them out. It was a good win for us," Marshall said.

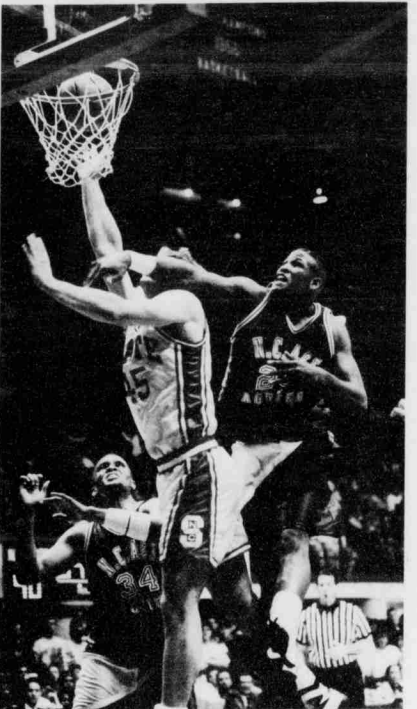
State also shot 52 percent from the floor, its highest percentage all season. The performance also marked the second time this season State shot over 50 percent. The first was a 50-percent game against Florida State.

Although the 21-point win was the first time State has won by more than 20 since it pummeled Hawaii in the Great Alaskan Shootout by 35, Robinson was still concerned about how the team would perform as a favorite.

"We had been playing well as the underdog, and I didn't know how we would respond to being the favorite," Robinson said. "But the team came out and played well and got the job done."

State improves to 9-13 overall and 3-7 in the ACC. The Wolfpack will take on Florida State tonight at 7 p.m. in Tallahassee, Fla. The Pack and the Seminoles are in a three-way tie for seventh with Clemson.

"We're going to go in with a lot of confidence and we're going to play hard," Marshall said. "And they're going to be in for a battle."



Marc Lewis gets a face full of Aggie as he goes to the basket.

teammate Kyle Rasmussen in second, of the men's combined.
But, of course, there's a big difference between Jansen and the Bills. When it's Team USA, there's no one else to really root for (unless you come from another country, so its hard to laugh at one of your own).
But it's very easy to sneer at O'Brien. His mission must be to turn every major sporting event he covers into some kind of chess party. Don't you love his [bleep]ing grin? I expect him to hit on me every time I turn on the tube. Where is the leisure suit for this guy?

Monday night, we were treated to some kind of home video production, produced by the Paister, touring the CBS offices in Lillehammer. I understand this will be a nightly feature.
O'Brien took great pains to mention that CBS workers had scrawled Valentine's Day messages to each other all over some wall in the central offices.
You know, when this stuff only happens every four years, I'm just a little more interested in the athletes than the obnoxious pseudo-journalists that cover them.

Intramural-Recreational Sports

Intramural Sports

- There is an athletic directors meeting March 1 at 6 p.m. in Room 104 of Carmichael Gym.
- Registration for co-rec and men's open A and C softball is now in progress and will close Feb. 23. When there will be mandatory organizational meetings for all.
- Registration for co-rec volleyball opens Monday and closes March 2. Don't miss the mandatory organizational meetings March 2 at 7 p.m. in Room 104 of Carmichael Gym.
- Registration for men's and women's open Badminton closes Feb. 25 at 6 p.m.
- Basketball playoffs will begin Tuesday. Schedules will be posted Monday.
- Anyone interested in being an official for softball must attend one of two officiating clinics. There are Monday and Thursday next week. They will be held at 5 p.m. in Room 2014 of Carmichael Gym.

Outdoor Adventures

Trips

- The Southeastern Wildlife Expo in Charleston, S.C. will be held Feb. 18-20.
- Kayaking and canoeing will be featured during Spring Break in Charleston, S.C. on the Edisto River.
- A weekend at the Croatan National Forest near New Bern, N.C. is available April 15-17.

Workshops

- Climbing — Learn to rock climb next Wednesday at the NCSU Rock Wall from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Anyone interested must pre-register in Room 1000 of Carmichael Gym.
- Wilderness Gourmet. For the event, please be at the Lower Miller Fields from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 8.
- Anyone interested in any of these events must pre-register in Room 1000 of Carmichael Gym. Ask for Brian Miller.

Sports Staff Meeting

Stephanie Renegar, you are expected to attend
There is a mandatory sports staff meeting today at 5 p.m. All members of Technician's assault sports department need to report to World Headquarters in the secret hideout. You know — the annex. Agent Newman will demonstrate how Jennifer Howard "faced him in practice this week

Grades

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"In competition, the word really is 'fair,'" women's basketball coach Kay Yow said.
Yow said students need more than a semester to adjust to college. Stiles agreed that first-year students may not have what it takes to be successful from the start.
"I'm convinced that freshmen do not arrive with the maturity to take charge of their academics," Stiles said. "And transfers, even though they've been to another school, come to a new institution with no buddies, they don't know how professors grade. And all these things make the first semester

tougher than the second."
James Anderson, dean of undergraduate studies, said the rule is an example of the provost taking an aggressive approach toward helping students. He added that it was the first time in a while he was aware of a provost making such a study.
Sims, a junior college transfer and Shepard, a freshman, were both ruled ineligible to play at the beginning of this semester.
But Turner says the athletics department had little to do with the actual rule change.
"In the past two or three years, I've kept the chancellor and provost up to date on policies and procedures that impact student athletes," Turner said.

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Six degrees of comedy

■ "Six Degrees of Separation" offers comedy and social commentary.

By MICHAEL J. LEGEROS
Staff Writer

Sturdy filmmaker Fred Schepisi follows up his delightful "Mr. Baseball" with the equally enjoyable "Six Degrees of Separation." Though so-so as social commentary, this is cunning comedy when it works — which is most of the time.

"Six Degrees" is based on the award-winning stage play, which, in turn, is based on the real-life story of a young man who conned several members of New York City's "upper echelon" by posing as the son of a famous actor.

The film opens on Fran and Ouisa Kittredge (Donald Sutherland and Stockard Channing), a posh Fifth Avenue couple with an incredible story to tell (via flashback). The night before, a wounded young black man, Paul (Will Smith), arrived at their door. He claimed to know their children at Harvard. He also claimed to be the



son of Sidney Poitier. To the insulated couple, he certainly looks and sounds the part. He says he's in town to make a film of "Cats." He says he was mugged and his thesis — on "Catcher in the Rye" as a hate doctrine — was stolen.

Soon, Paul's poise and charm has his hosts hanging on his every word. And, after serving them up a spectacular meal, the couple insists that he stay the night. Which leads to disaster on the morning-after. Paul is kicked out, the flashback ends, and the Kittredges become the talk of the town...

The first 45 minutes of "Six Degrees of Separation" is brash, unpredictable fun. The dialogue is a stitch, the pace is lively, and the gullibility of Fran and Ouisa radiates like sunshine. Watching Paul worm his way into the controlled lives of the Kittredges is classic comedy.

But it ends when the flashback does.

Once the con is gone, the film deflates a bit. The plot becomes more conventionally paced as everyone struggles to understand the hows and whys of what happened to them. Comedy takes a breather as social commentary rears its ugly head. The whole thing goes on twenty minutes too long and wraps with an embarrassingly literal finale.

"Six Degrees of Separation" strives for the subtlety of Woody Allen. But even with all the highbrow humor, this is really just pop comedy with class.

That said, there's a ton to enjoy in this film. Great gags, great lines, and a cast that's perfect. Sutherland is droll fun, playing comedy for the first time in who knows when. Channing is wide-eyed and wide-open and the real anchor of the film. She's Oscar-nomination good, even when saddled with an awful closing speech.

Then there's Smith. The young actor/rapper continues his upward spiral as a rising talent. He shows a nice range of emotions in the film's

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"Father" features great casting

■ Daniel Day-Lewis gives a startling performance in "In the Name of the Father;" his new film that focuses on the strength of the father-son relationship.

By CLARENCE MOYE
Staff Writer

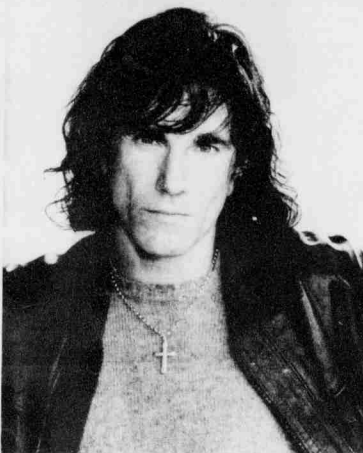


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Daniel Day-Lewis stars in "In the Name of the Father"

Never have I been so glad to be an American than after I saw Jim Sheridan's "In the Name of the Father." This emotional film stars Daniel Day-Lewis as Gerry Conlon, an Irishman falsely accused of bombing a British pub for the Irish Republican Army. He, his family and his friends are subjected to hours of mental and physical abuse and are forced to sign confessions for a crime they did not commit.

Conlon's father Giuseppe, played by Pete Postlethwaite, is also imprisoned, causing his health to deteriorate. Gerry decides to devote his life to freeing him on a compassionate parole.

The emotional core of the film rests in the scenes between Gerry and his father. Gerry, at first, is the common rebellious son who doesn't respect his father because of certain events in his childhood. He never thought he could do anything right for his father.

After being sentenced to life and spending years in prison, he begins to see how much his father cares for him. The only reason Gerry signed a confession was



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Richard Gere, who played the title roll in "Mr. Jones", has his life flash before his eyes in his latest movie, "Intersection"



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Father

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because the ruthless police threatened to kill his father.

Day-Lewis's performance dominates this film and I really couldn't imagine anyone else in this role. Without him, "In the Name of the Father" would just come across as another political injustice film, but Lewis and Postlethwaite put real emotions into their roles. Any son who has ever argued or fought with his father should see this film to really appreciate the role of the father in the family.

Emma Thompson also gives a solid performance as Conlon's appeal attorney who accidentally stumbles upon a piece of information deliberately withheld from the original defense.

This is director Jim Sheridan's best work yet. He moves this film along at a brisk pace without dwelling on the plight of the IRA, which a lesser director could have easily done. Sheridan knows how this film will catch its audience and he rightly places the emphasis on the son-father relationship.

"In the Name of the Father" makes the viewer appreciate our



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Through their prison ordeal, Gerry Conlon (Daniel Day-Lewis) struggles to come to terms with the nonviolent beliefs of his father Giuseppe, who never gives up the fight for freedom.

government and our Bill of Rights in the Constitution. It also leads the audience to lose respect for law enforcement officers. After hitting

and torturing Conlon and his family to pure madness for confessions, the British officers get off scott-free — a startling fact that really hits

home with the audience.

"In the Name of the Father": Grade A.

Movies

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most dimensional role. And watch the supporting cast for a surprise turn from former John Hughes habit Anthony Michael Hall.

Though seemingly a "light" comedy, "Six Degrees of Separation" does boast a strong sexual content that may surprise some viewers.

Bottom line: "Six Degrees of Separation" is two-thirds comedy and one-third commentary. The former is much funnier than the latter in this engaging story about a young con man who worms his way into the life of a posh New York City couple.

Grade: B+

The sole virtue of "Intersection," the high-profile, low-interest remake of the 1970 French drama "Les Choses de la Vie," is one bona fide great hook.

Said hook comes at the beginning, and it's ripe for the picking: Vancouver architect Vincent Eastman (Richard Gere) is about to have a nasty collision with either a minibus, a logging truck, or both. Mere moments before the impact, Vincent's life flashes before his eyes.

(Which, for the audience, means a flashback that lasts the ENTIRE film!)

Unfortunately, what passes for Vincent's life is already dead-on-arrival.

The story goes that Vincent is recently separated from wife and business partner Sally (Sharon Stone). He's living with a journalist (Lolita Davidovich), but he hasn't resolved his feelings for either woman. He's sitting on the proverbial fence and the film — courtesy of embedded flashbacks — shows how he got on the fence in the first place.

As accurately as "Intersection" portrays a man in transition between spouses, the story makes for lousy drama. The characters are unflattering and there's no passion to the proceedings. This is "carpe diem" — seize the exit!

With such a who-cares story, the only remaining allure is in the window-dressing. But even the bells and whistles get botched in this one.

The British Columbia locales are nice and safe and maybe too clean. The lighting and cinematography is also very pretty, which helps to scrub away any grit from the surface of this story. Coupled to such a too-handsome cast, it's hard to sell this drama as believable.

Of the three leads, only Stone does anything worth watching. She gets a great ice-queen role that may win her notice. Even if her scenes are scarce.

Put it all together and you get a film that seems trapped in a bizarre nether-realm between safe and sorry.

With a little more ham, this could've been a great Bad Movie. A contrived confrontation between Davidovich and Stone already sticks out like a sore thumb. Other close-to-camp moments include Martin Landau's "time is short" speech, an obvious stunt-double wrecking Gere's car, and Davidovich's "delivery" of the Year's Best Breast Joke.

The filmmakers could also have gone the other way. With a little narrative juggling and some clearer characterization, they could've refined this mess into something memorable.

As it stands, it's hardly worth watching.

Bottom line: Other than a great promotional film for highway safety,

"Intersection" is just another stop on the Road to Dullsville (pop. 3). Wait until the video.

Grade: C

IMPACT to help student, charity link

A new group may help guide people into useful activities.

By **PHYLLIS JASPER**
Staff Writer

Interested in helping local people and charities? There's a new group that wants to make it easier to get started.

Individuals Moving People and Communities Together (IMPACT) was officially started in December, but is just now getting organized. The N.C. State University volunteer organization was created to try and get more people involved in volunteer work and the community, said Stephanie Welsh of Volunteer Services.

The idea came from a similar organization that existed a few years ago, the Student Service Council.

Welsh said there are many leadership opportunities, although they are still trying to recruit

"We're looking for a lot of support."

— Angela Cox,
IMPACT member

people.

Angela Cox, a student who has been an IMPACT member for a month, said there are now about 10 to 15 people involved.

"We're looking for a lot of support," she said.

Another student, Jen Esposito, said she got involved in IMPACT to help others as well as to get to know other people. It is an especially good organization to join for someone that does not have transportation, since most events

are well organized and transportation is provided, Esposito said.

IMPACT is a full organization with several branches. The administrative branch keeps track of the members and puts out a newsletter.

The service programs branch looks into what causes interest the members. Then it matches them with national organizations involved with the cause. Welsh said the branch probably will not be

concentrating on placing people in specific positions until sometime in March.

When IMPACT is fully organized there will also be a branch that deals with getting fraternities and sororities involved in activities.

A special events branch handles one-time events such as food drives and fund-raisers. On its latest service project, IMPACT worked with Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity at a food bank. It is now raising funds for the Hoestead House in Raleigh, which takes care of people infected with AIDS.

As well as helping others, there is another reason to volunteer.

"Community service in today's market place really can help out people on their resumes as well," Welsh said.

On Feb. 24 and 25 the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness will speak to IMPACT volunteers and other interested students about their tenth annual Hunger Clean-Up Project.

Quiz bowl

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candidate for student body president.

Quiz bowl categories included scientists and inventors, politics, civil rights leaders, education, arts and entertainment, slavery and abolition, and sports.

The purpose of the event is to enrich knowledge of African-American history in different fields, said Kristi McClellan, a senior in chemistry who coordinated the event.

Also, the Alphas finished second and third in competitions in 1992 and 1993, respectively.

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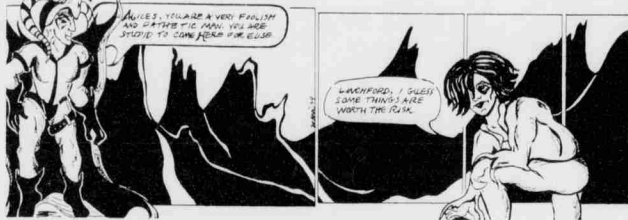
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Still Life with Rug Rat by Amy Swearingin



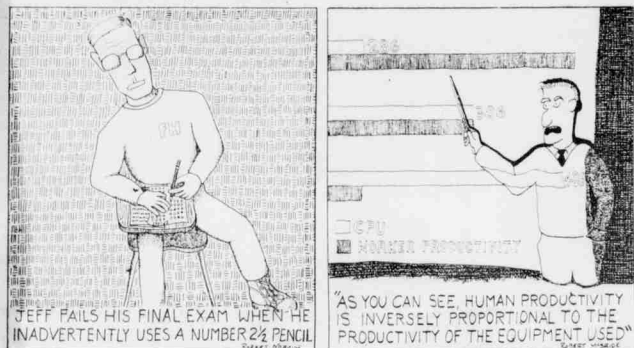
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■ Students have the opportunity to learn more about African Americans and their accomplishments during Black History Month.

The importance of African Americans to this nation's history should always be recognized and celebrated. Unfortunately, that's often not the case.

For that reason, Black History Month, which is held each February, is an essential reminder of the vital role African Americans have played in American history and of the atrocious abuses they suffered here for centuries.

The great African Americans who dedicated their lives to the fight against "separate but equal" legislation would be outraged if apathy killed the spirit that fueled the civil rights movement of the 1960s. Black History Month is one way to keep that spirit alive. A lot can be learned by looking at the past and the steps taken to achieve legal equality.

It was not long ago that whites and African Americans could not go to school together, play together or even drink from the same water fountain. African Americans were viewed as

inherently inferior and were treated as such.

The leadership of Martin Luther King Jr. and many other civil rights activists enabled America to go beyond the ignorance that bred fear and hatred. Ignorance was the real culprit and education was the key to making changes for the better.

Laws were changed and landmark cases, such as Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education, proved that America was finally beginning to grow up.

Black History Month celebrates that growth. It also attempts to educate those still mired in prejudice.

Several campus events have been planned in honor of Black History Month. David Johnson will speak Thursday at 8 p.m. in the African American Cultural Center Gallery. Later in the month, Charles Joyner and special guest Neena Freelon will speak at the center. Check Technician for other speakers and events and their times.

Students should take advantage of Black History Month to educate themselves about African-American history and to celebrate the many accomplishments of African Americans. It is a part of U.S. history that no American should ignore.



Commentary

Holy Bible doesn't need a rewrite

The Afro-centrists are at it again with their extreme relativism.

In a story appearing in Monday's News & Disturber, the theological tenets of a one Rev. Cain Hope Felder were displayed for all to see.

This Howard University divinity professor is expounding on how the white man has perverted the Bible, erasing the "true" nature of those whose lives are chronicled on its pages. Felder claims that many of the people in the Bible who are presently portrayed as white may have actually been black.

I have two questions for him. 1. Who cares? and 2. How would he know?

It appears that he has some inside track to this issue. So far inside that he has edited his own version of the Bible which he calls the Original African Heritage Bible.

In the N&D article, Felder claims that "early scholars have downplayed the role of blacks." With this portrayed injustice, he then proceeds to alter the history of the land and the people who inhabited it.

One statement I just love. It goes, "You try to walk from Jerusalem to Europe, and I'll walk [to] Africa. We'll see who gets there first."

Now, we have to put this in context. Does he mean anywhere on the continent of Africa? If this be the case, this was done all the time. The classic example is the herding up of the Jews into bondage, taking them from their homeland to Egypt which, I remind you, is indeed in Africa. But there are two faults with this position.

First is that residents of biblical-time Egypt were not black. They were, and are, descendant from the Semitic race of people (and related to the Jews) who initially inhabited the region of Sumer (or Babylonia, or currently, Iran/Iraq/Syria).

Secondly, let us suppose that all archeological information, both textual and artistic, is phony. Let us presume that the inhabitants of Egypt were indeed black, descendants of those who lived in the sub-Sahara region of Africa. Let us presume that these people fit the classical phenotype of those inhabitants of modern Zaïre, Nigeria and Cameroon. This, by the way, is what the illustrations in Felder's Bible represent. What then do we have?

We have a group of people, who Felder insists are black, that enslaved millions of Jews. Just try and get devoted Afro-centrists to admit that black people ever practiced slavery. A primary motivation for their historical revisionism is to portray the black people as a peaceful race that was enslaved on a repeated basis. The Afro-centrist would never accept scurrilous rumors of blacks enslaving any other people.

Can I have it both ways. I think, though, that he was probably referring to his walking to the cradle of indigenous African civilization—that of the sub-Sahara. If this is the case, I could start out in Jerusalem and stroll to Europe (Greek Ionia) and beat him by a long shot



Steve Crisp

while he either tries to haul his carcass over the Ethiopian range (elevation up to 15,000-plus feet) or crawl through 1,000 miles of sand (through modern day Sudan). All I have to do is trot along the shoreline of modern day Lebanon, Syria and Turkey. Nice walk, actually. Very pleasant scenery and climate.

Natural barriers, such as a mountain range or the largest desert in the world, tend to isolate people. Perhaps no one ever told that to Felder.

My second main problem with Felder's position is that Afro-centrists claim to have a different text than what today's Bible is built upon.

Afro-centrists claim that the early, white church fathers took the "true" copies of the Bible, complete with references to the appearance of its characters, and altered it for their own oppressive purposes. This is absurd.

Certainly, modern translations will vary their theological interpretation of the ancient Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic texts to suit their particular dogma, but the early words are still there for definitive reference.

Scholars have texts that date back to the second century A.D. for the New Testament and (I believe) the fifth century B.C. for the Old Testament. I suppose the guys sitting around in 325 A.D. doing up the Nicene Creed decided to alter all previous texts, artificially date them so that they would appear older to modern dating techniques and then destroy the originals.

If this is true, then where did the Afro-

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Striving for excellence

■ The new Teaching Excellence and Learning Center is a step in the right direction to eliminate poor teaching.

Proceeds from a Parent-Alumni Group fund raiser could make professors at N.C. State University better at what they do.

The new Teaching Excellence and Learning Center will collect information that new instructors and graduate students can use to develop their teaching skills. Just as important, experienced instructors can also use the center to improve their existing skills and to learn new ones.

The center is a step in the right direction. It brings attention to the problem of poor teaching and, at the same time, attempts to correct that problem. While further steps need to be taken, the center should result in direct benefits for students.

Students will not be able to receive the benefits of the center until it has a home. The new facility, which will collect information related to the skills needed to improve teaching, does not have a location yet, but is

scheduled to open this fall.

"We can use this information to see if we can help professors better meet the needs of students," said James Anderson, dean of undergraduate studies and professor of counseling education. The key to meeting those needs is utilizing information. Once the problems have been identified, direct steps need to be taken to maximize students' educational benefits.

Anderson said NCSU is not up to par on helping professors become better teachers. "Most universities of our size already have some kind of program in place that shows their commitment to improving education," he said. Even though the center is arriving late, it is a welcome addition to the university.

The Parent-Alumni Group should be praised for its work in raising money for the center. The university should also be commended for recognizing the need for it. If the center is properly utilized, it should have a significant positive effect on the level of education students receive. It is an addition to the university that is long overdue.

Thought for the Day:

"Always stay in your own movie."

— Ken Kesey

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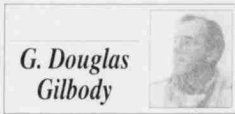
Embarrassed of conservative peers

Being one of the few voices of moderation on an increasingly conservative campus, I feel obliged to take a stand against the rising tide of racism, chauvinism and outright denial of reality I see at N.C. State University.

First, I am embarrassed by the claim of some people that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is itself racist by merely seeking a decision in the Seagroves case. Let me see if I have the accusation correct: A young black man is shot dead, the jury deadlocks over the charge of manslaughter, yet somehow Seagroves, a white man, has been judicially "lynched." I can only describe such convoluted logic as white supremacism. I believe it is the job of the courts to decide guilt or innocence, not the media, and I believe groups and individuals have the right to seek redress of grievances as per the First Amendment. Please note I have not taken a position on the case of whether Seagroves is guilty or not.

I am further embarrassed by the historical ignorance of people who cowardly imply that the NAACP's only purpose is to protect African Americans at the expense of whites. As the oldest civil rights organization in the United States, the NAACP, to my understanding, has always sought to protect the rights of all. It was Martin Luther King Jr. who wrote from a Birmingham jail that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

I have grown weary of white Anglo-



G. Douglas Gilbody

Saxon Protestant (WASP) males crying foul every time a court case goes against a WASP when a minority is involved. Please note that I do not define myself as white, Anglo-Saxon or solely Protestant. Perhaps these folks who think justice should be blind until WASP males are involved could make their own movie about the Seagroves case; they could call it "White Men Can't Be Guilty."

I am still further embarrassed by the re-emergence of the old macho male mindset that any woman who has a drink with a man and goes home with him has forfeited all civil rights. Some call this "sleazing" in their narrow-minded morality. Accordingly, in this line of thought, women can never be victims of domestic violence since they can always simply just walk out the door. The people who say this do not ask if the woman in question has somewhere else to go, thus having to endure abuse till they snap.

The assertion by right-wing misinformation specialists that there is no health care crisis, I must admit, amuses me the most. With 84 percent of the people agreeing with me in a USA Today/Gallup poll, I must be right.

The two separate strands of prejudice I

have mentioned are part of the intolerant attitude that started in the 1950s with Joe McCarthy. He used the label of communist against anyone who disagreed with him, and made right-wing extremism fashionable, for a while at least. The 1960s saw an opening of opportunity for minorities in the United States. In the 1970s, the nation's conscience drifted into a deep hibernation. In response to a moderate president being elected in 1992, the forces of reactionary conservatism dawned on the good old days when women had no legal defense against being raped by their husbands, African Americans did not enjoy the most meager civil rights and everybody was a zombie who conformed to an unwritten code without bothering to ask why. Remnants of these attitudes still lurk in the dark corners of Cox Hall.

Nevertheless, I place little blame on the shoulders of conservatives for the sins of the past. I place still less blame on moderates, so-called liberals, political parties or action groups. Rather, I would place the brunt of the blame for today's ills on the shoulders of the silent majority. It is they who decide elections which in turn decide who makes policy. It is the passiveness of people who are afraid to get involved that allows the Hitlers, Stalins and Regans to come to power. I believe one should either stand up and be counted, or sit down and be ignored. Maybe I could make a movie about the mass apathy on the NCSU campus. I could call it "The Silence of the Lambs."

Campus crime terrorizes student

As a student of N.C. State University, I am concerned about the two violent sexual assaults that have happened in the last two weeks. Since I've arrived here from my island home, I've been subtly bombarded with the horrific hazards of college campus. Well, I'm scared.

However, my feelings of anger are more overpowering. How can we, as an academic community, allow these heinous violations to occur? A student should not have to feel fear walking from the library to central campus, much less in a locked building. Fear is not conducive to gaining an education.

To Technician, the title of the article printed Monday spotlighting the Pullen Park assault was demeaning and ignorant. That "rape failure" surely raped her mind, trust and sense of security. Have a little class and sensitivity.

Krissi Jones
Freshman, undesignated

King's movement has gone astray

Over the last several decades, the civil rights movement in America has made great efforts to increase the equal rights of African Americans. The movement, born

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out of the 60s, had its most noticeable personality in Martin Luther King, who called for America to become a "color-blind society." Unfortunately, King's desire for a color-blind society has been brushed aside for the new philosophy of "get even, not equal." This new philosophy is most noticeable during Black History Month.

A deluge of flyers is strung across campus encouraging the African-American community to participate in the month's events. These events eradicate King's color-blind society in favor of "get even, not equal." The three most blatant examples of this are in three flyers I found around campus.

First, there is the announcement of a former higher-up in the Black Panthers coming to discuss the issues of the split in the African-American community. Now imagine if a former Grand Dragon came to address a student group. The group would be instantly labeled racist and the opinion page would be overflowing. Even if the man was there to discuss the horrors of racism, the label would stick. Is a former Black panther the type of representative King would

want to spread the color-blind society message?

Then there is a flyer in which Snoop Doggie Dog is pictured with a message to encourage members of the African-American community to hold their heads high today. Why is a convicted felon and gang member being put on a pedestal as a spokesman for the African-American community? Why are delinquency and disrespect for the laws being celebrated? When put to King's test of non-violence, Snoop Doggie Dog fails miserably. Snoop Dog wants nothing more than to instill violence and "get even" tactics in the African-American community.

Finally, there is a flyer that was posted inviting African Americans to a discussion on the black man and the "Amerikkkan Dream." This discussion served no purpose but to create anger in the African-American community and to inject the idea that African Americans will never make it in American society. No wonder there is such a crisis in the African-American community when the message they are being sent is "you can never make it here. No justice, no peace."

King would no doubt be very distraught if he saw what was being passed for the modern civil rights movement.

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centrists get the original texts from? Trick question. Actually, they're just making this stuff up.

The truth is that, with the exception of some of the Ethiopian people who are clearly named in the Bible (and rather despised by the natives, I might add), the people found in the lands of Abraham, Moses, Pharaoh, Christ and Paul are Semitic. Not indigenous, sub-Saharan black.

It is a shame that brilliant minds can be put to such a perverted waste of scholarship.

Then again, if they were really brilliant, they wouldn't try to foster this garbage on others to begin with.

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