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NCSU professor may testify about DNA in Simpson case

professor of statistics and genetics, is "on call" to take the stand in the notorious murder trial.

BY JOSEE DAOUST

For most North Carolinians, the O.J. Simpson murder trial is rit call part of their lives. For Bruce Weir, it's only a phone call away. Weir, the William Neil Reynolds professor of statistics at N.C. State. is "on call" to testify as an expert witness in the high-profile Simpson case. He will probably testify in the early spring or summer. Weir specializes in population genetics, the study of genetic variation between human, animal and plant populations. His research has led to the development of statistical methods enabling scientists to determine the probability that a DNA match linking a person to a crime secould have arisen from chance.

Judge Lance Ito canceled plans for a pre-trial admissibility hearing in which Weir was to testify. Weir is now available to the prosecution and will likely be called to testify if the defense contends that DNA evidence doesn't adequately take

evidence doesn't adequately take into account DNA variations

"[DNA testing] is never absolute proof ... it typically comes out to one in a million."

- Bruce Weir. professor of statistics and genetics

Critics of DNA testing contend, just as Simpson's defense team is expected to, that certain races may have more alleles in common with one another than members of a randomly chosen sample would. Alleles are part of a DNA strand.

"[DNA testing] has been challenged," Weir said, "As a result of these challenges, people are more careful about the way they go about doing the testing.

"It is never absolute proof ... it typically comes out to one in a

DNA testing has been used as DNA testing has been used as admissible courtroom evidence since 1989, and Weir assures that DNA testing is a highly reliable method used to obtain murder and rape convictions. rape convictions.

A DNA sample is usually taken

There are similarities between the DNA of brothers and sisters. For example, four brothers have a 25

example, four brothers have a 25 percent chance of having similar DNA. The chances of two unrelated people having the same DNA profile are one in 100,000. The odds for similar DNA is "one in 200,000 between parent and child. Although they are related, they have no trouble distinguishing between parent and child." Weir said.

weir has been called upon to determine the statistical reliability of DNA tests in 15 trials and pre-trial hearings including one in Hillsboro, Ore, that resulted in a murder conviction.

murder conviction.

Weir testified in North Carolina
vs. Futrell. a 1991 rape case
involving an NCSUs tudent. The
suspect's DNA was matched with
crime scene evidence and he was
eventually convicted. The use of
DNA evidence was challenged in
the N.C. Court of Appeals, but the
court upheld the conviction.

Scientists from the NCSU department of statistics are nely called on to testify in legal

Final tuneup



Ishua Benjamin shoots in State's last non-ACC game this year, a win over William & Mary. See Sports, Page 3

Officials develop policy to handle crises

A new university document offers guidelines about what to do if a disaster occurs.

So what happens if a bomb hits?
Or an earthquake?
Or the reactor in Burlington Labs melts down?
Luckily for us, the N.C. State Crisis Management Committee would be on the job. And they have a plan.
For the nast six months, the

would be on the job. And they have a plan.

For the past six months the committee has been working on a Crisis Management Plan that lays out the policites and procedures NCSU officials would follow in the event of these, or similar, disasters. Tom Stafford, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, says the document should help NCSU officials respond faster during a crisis because it spells out which faculty members should be contacted and what their jobs would be. Since every crisis is different, the plan offers general guidelines — not concrete rules. The exact people called in would depend on the nature of the crisis.

"You've got to have good people in place to make good judgments." Stafford said.

Despite the plan's foreboding

Despite the plan's foreboding title. Assistant Vice Chancellor for Business Jeff Mann says the document is really just common

"It's probably not as sexy a might think it would be," he "It's like a calling tree preparedness document."

preparedness document."

The crisis plan includes the names, titles and phone numbers of university and student government officials who would be contacted in the event of an emergency or controversial issue. These could range from the aforementioned disasters to major crimes to student protests. The plan also specifies when and who would contact media or law enforcement in a crisis.

"It establishes a chain of command," said News Services Director Debbie Griffith. "The whole idea is to make people aware

whole idea is to make people aware of what's going on."
Griffith said the university already has policies like those in the plan, but it was important to write them out it as single, comprehensive document. Mans add the document was designed so that university officials wouldn't have to invent the decision-making process during an emergency.
"Crises happen," he said. "We wanted to be sure that if and when they happen, we will be prepared."
Mann said the six-member

Mann said the six-member committee observed other large institutions and the problems they had dealing with emergencies. "We want to try to do better," he

The committee has finished a The committee has finished a rough draft of the crisis plan. Griffith said. It is waiting on the approval of upper-level administrators, such as the Chancellor's Executive Committee, before drafting the final document.

"I would hope it would be implemented this semester," she

Textbooks likely will remain expensive student. "You've got to have the books, so you've got to pay whatever they charge." Students frequently complain that instructors don't bother to consider price when selecting textbooks for their classes. Linda Holland.

revisions and students with no choice but to buy help keep textbook prices high.

BY ELLIOTT FISHER

SIAH WORTE

Tired of high textbook prices?
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You can complain. You can search for bargains. You can the following the fol

r academic items, your ers, calculators, new and



Students search the shelves at Pack Backers for the textbooks they need this semester

used textbooks, reference materials — those are all designed to be non-profit;" he said. "The mark-up that we have in the academic areas cover our overhead, our payroll, benefits, electricity and renovations."

Gray said Addams has the same pricing philosophy.

"In all honesty, bookstores do not make money off textbooks, they make money off T-shirts, trade books and other non-

academic stuff," he said.

Nonetheless, many students feel they're being cheated.

"[Textbook prices] have always been outrageous," said Kevin Hamlet, a fifth-year architecture

"I weigh the amount of valuable material in the book and if there's not enough to justify the price, I look for another alternative that's not as expensive," said Ann Schulte, an associate professor of psychology. Schulte said her greatest concern is that textbooks are revised too frequently. Hayes said that many textbooks, such as engineering and history texts, require constant revisions. Textbook revenues from NCSU Bookstores are projected to be about \$5 million this year, said Jeff Mann, assistant vice chancellor of business. The annual profit from the non-academic goods usually contributes \$1 million to the university. The largest portion of that goes to the general scholarship fund. Fetus placement in womb affects adult traits of some animals

■ A female's placement in its mother's womb also affects the ratio of males to females in the female's

By MICHAEL LEMANSKI

John Vandenbergh, an N.C. State zoology professor, is exploring an aspect of development that blurs the line between nature and nurture. Vandenbergh and other scientists hat produce multiple offsprings the location of fetuses in the mother's womb plays a role in determining some of the traits the animals will possess as adults.

Womb location may help explain how some animals are able to regulate sex ratio and alter the number of males and females born, Vandenbergh said.

In research Vandenbergh has been conducting with mice, he has found female mouse fetuses that are

located between male fetuses in the womb become "slightly womb become masculinized" as adults.

masculinized as adults.

"2M female mice" — females that were between two males in the womb — differ from females that were either between two females or between a male and a female, Vandenbergh said.

Not only do 2M females differ from their sisters anatomically, physiologically and behaviorally, their litters contain more males.

Vandenbergh found that \$8

percent of the mice in litters of 2M female mice were males, while 51 percent of the offspring of females that were between another female and a male in the womb were male. Only 42 percent of the offspring born to females that were between two other females were male.

Vandenbergh said studies have shown that mammals such as opossum, pigs and monkeys are able to alter the sex ratio of their offspring, apparently in response to environmental conditions. example, when food is abundant — litters contain more males than females. In adverse conditions, litters contain more females than

textbooks for their classes.

Linda Holley, the associate head
of the English department, said
that while her department has no
organized effort to encourage
choosing inexpensive texts, most
English instructors are extremely

Other faculty members also said they considered cost when choosing textbooks. "I weigh the amount of valuable material in the book and if there's

Scientists believe this ability to alter sex ratio favors species survival. During bad times, a few strong males mating with many females will produce the most offspring. The more babies, the

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News Notes

Civil rights activist to speak at King festival

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Civil rights activist C.T. Vivian
will be the guest speaker at the 10th
Annual Martin Luther King Jr.
Cultural Festival at N.C. State on
Saturday, Jan. 21.
Festival activities, free and open
to the public, will take place from
noon until 5 p.m. at the university's
McKimmon Center, at the corner of
Gorman Street and Western
Boulevard.
Vivian's address will focus on the
festival theme, "Living the Dream:
Troviding Community Service to
Humanity." He will speak during
the optional 5-30 p.m. dinner at the
University Student Ballroom.
Vivian was an assistant to Martin
Luther King Jr. during the turbulent
'60s Civil Rights Movement and
now chairs the Atlanta-based Black
Action Strategies and Information
Center.
Dinner tickets are \$7 for

Dinner tickets are \$7 for individuals 13 years old and above, and \$3.50 for those under 12 years

and 3-3-3-3 to the analysis of the festival traditionally draws more than 1,000 participants from North Carolina and neighboring states to commemorate King's birthday. It is sponsored by the NCSU African American Cultural Center and the NCSU Provost's Office in cooperation with St. Augustine's College and Shaw University.

es include workshops and ninars for adults, teens, preteens d elementary school-aged

TODAY VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for the 1995 Martin Luther King Festival. You may sign up in the African American Cultural Center, Room 355 or cal 515-4516 to leave your complete name, address and telephone number.

sponsoring a course to inform and train about HIV and AIDS from Jan. 27 to 29. Need committed students, faculty and staff. Twenty-two hours of training. Cost is \$41. Contact Marianne Turnbull at 515-9355 for roce information.

Turnbull at 215-9255 for more information. The REGISTRATION Program will be offered in Winston Hall Jan. 17 through April 17. The registration fee for each course is \$295 which includes the lab fee. For a free brochure call Lorri Toole at \$15-

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more likely it is some will survive
to continue the species.

The influence of womb location
on reproductive behavior in the
next generation could help explain
how wild populations control sex
ratio, Vandenbergh said.

However, the evidence that the
proximity of male to female fetuses
can influence sex ratio suggests that
other factors might have the same
kind of influence.

Vandenbergh said environmental

"The next step is to understand the mechanism by which these animals alter the sex ratio," Vandenbergh said. "We need to identify the chemical change that takes place and the time during development when it occurs."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Broughton Hall, Room 1402: Graduate students, seniors, juniors and sophomores can participate in Career Planning and Placement's information essions. Call 515:2396 for information. PARTY — Jewish at NCSU? Help create a stronger Jewish community on campus! We'll bring the pizza, you bring the ideas at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center CCM office. For more p.m. in the Student CCM office. For more info, call Darin at 942

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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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Recreational Sports office
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MEETING — The first
Bequestrian Club meeting
will be held at 6:30 p.m.
cin — Carmichael
Gymnasium, Room 2036.
Spring semester events
will be discussed. For
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MEETING — Make an entertaining difference at NCSU. Join the UAB entertainment committee for their first meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 3134.

THURSDAY

nutrition workshop will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Carmichael Gymnasium, Room 125.

at 515-3161.

GAMES — Games night will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Carmichael Gymnasium courts E3 and E4. For information, call the Intramural-Recreational Sports office at 515-3161.

SPEECH — The Pre-Law Students Association presents Melanie Nut. director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Wake Forest University. Nutt will discuss how to afford law school at 7:30 p.m. in the Nelson Hall Board Room, B-26. For more information, call

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Vandenbergh's findings have been published in the November issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA.



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Sports

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Return to sender: Fuller has career day

■ Todd Fuller's career day was the silver lining to an otherwise dismal performance by the Wolfpack.

By AARON MORRISON

On a night when no outside shots would fall against its final non-conference competition, N.C. State looked as though it might lose the last cake walk of the season, William & Mary.

The saviors were Todd Fuller and good defense.
In the end Fuller, Ricky Daniels

good defense.

In the end Fuller, Ricky Daniels, and Ishua Benjamin all scored in double figures, but Fuller was the force Wednesday night.

He amassed a career-high in scoring, 24 points, and tied Thurl Bailey's school record with nine blocks. Three of his blocks came the last two minutes of the game and helped the Wolfpack push the lead to 14 down the stretch.

"I think Todd really took

Men's Basketball

■ An 18-game road skid in the ACC hopes to find its end in Florida for the men's basketball team.

N.C. State hasn't won an away ACC game since 1992 — 18 games ago — but players say Sunday's tilt with Florida State won't make them a bunch of road-worriers.

"If we don't win, we've still got a full ACC season to go through," freshman point guard Ishua Benjamin said. "If we don't win

Saturday, we've still got to go to Duke and play them [Wednesday]."

Duke and play them [Wednesday].
Still, ending the school-record road skid would be one more step toward legitimizing the program.
State earned respect with a win over a ranked team, and by beating all the non-conference lightweights on its schedule.

But head coach Les Robinson wants to keep the game in

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Owen S. Good

Pack gets chance to cure road woes Sunday

advantage of the situation at hand," Pack guard Lakista McCuller said, "Todd had smaller guys checking him tonight and he was able to maneuver inside, draw some fouls, and step up to the line and hit his shots. He just played a big game for us."

us."
Oh, he also added 12 rebounds.
Fuller was the largest man on the floor but he used more than his size in playing that role. He connected on 14 of 17 free throws and dished out two assists.

out two assists.
"Successful basketball teams are good free throw shooting teams."
Fuller said. "I just tried to let the game come to me. I tried not to force the action. When one or two guys on a team are pressured defensively, someone has to step in and fill that void."

and fill that void."

The void was a result of good perimeter defense by William & Mary and impatience on the part of State's outside threats. The Pack had to wait six minutes between

Top: Lakista McCuller (3) said the team needs to "grow up" after a lackluster game against William & Mary. (Bottom) Todd Fuller had 9 blocks Wednesday

Uninspiring victory for Wolfpack

BY ANNA MARSHALL

William & Mary was the last of the lightweights. And or a while anyway, the Pack played down to its

William & Mary was the last of the lightweights. And for a while anyway, the Pack played down to its competition.

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N.C. State won easily enough Wednesday to play Florida State, the players know they have to crank it up a notch, even though FSU is at the bottom of the ACC.

"We really didn't play aggressively, and at the beginning of the game we really came out sluggish," forward Mark Davis said. "We can't come out like that on Sunday and expect to beat Florida State at Florida State. We have to regroup and get some intensity."

The win boosted State's overall record to 9-3, to go along with its 1-1 mark in the conference. William & Mary fell to 2-8.

While the outcome was never really in doubt, it took the team a while to get going. All except Todd Fuller. The junior center led the team with a career-high 24 points, and tied the school record for blocks with nine.

Still, State trailed for the first 71/2 minutes until two Fuller free throws gave them the lead at 10-9, and despite opening up a 14-point lead they led only 35-30 at the breax, in part because & &M shot 40 percent from the three-point line.

"We struggled a little bit on defense," said guard C.C. Harrison. "They got too many good looks behind the three point line and that really kept them in the ball game. They had really good screens, and we weren't switching on defense."

State picked it up in the second half, pulling away at the buzzer, Freshman Ishus Benjamin added 14 points and Ricky Daniels 13. As a team, the Pack made 7 of 18 threes.

18 threes.

In the end, State head coach Les Robinson said the Pack's stalent overcame the Tribe's.

"They really cranked their offense well," he said.
"We're a more talented team and more athletic and that showed up in the end, but they ran their stuff better than we did. They set the tempo."

The difference in the game, according to William & Mary coach Charlie Woollum, was that State took advantage of his team's turnovers.

"We had been taking good care of the basketball," said William & Mary coach Charlie Woollum. "We didn't take care of it tonight,"

And that, says Robinson, is the key to beating a team

And that, says Robinson, is the key to beating a team like W&M.

like W&M.

"When you're playing a team like this you've got to get some baskets out of transition," he said. "And it's easier said than done."

So now the real season begins in earnest. Kansas, UCLA, Carolina, Virginia, they're all in the shadows. And as State heads into two months of ACC play. Robinson expects his team to be competitive.

"We have a charge to him earner canne from hore on."

"We have a chance to win every game from here on." Robinson said, "and we have a chance to lose every game. We think we're going to have a shot night in and night out."

Grapplers sweep duals over break

The holiday break was more than merry for the wrestling team as they picked up four wins.

By Anna Marshall

N.C. State celebrated more than the holiday season over its winter

N.C. State check the holiday season over its winter break. The Wolfpack wrestlers defeated four schools at a Dec. 10 meet and turned in an intense performance against No. 13 Lock Haven State University Jan. 7.

The Pack also welcomed the return of injured heavyweight Steve Hawk to the starting lineup. After defeating Appalachian State, The Citadel, Georgia State and Pembroke State at the duals, State took on Lock Haven at Smithfield-Seinma High School, and the chance at a fifth-straight victory came down on Hawk's shoulders. Hawk wrestled for the first time this season after having surgery on both knees, only to lose the final and deciding competition by one point.

Fartly on against Lock Haven.

point.
Early on against Lock Haven,
State's lower weights racked up
points in tight matches. The success
was hard fought as 126-pounder
Wayne Jackson earned the team an
extra point for a superior decision.
"We got an extra point and that

Road Worriers

N.C. State has lost 18 games in a row on the road vs. the ACC. The last time state on away from Reymolds, George Bush was president. They have never bestern Florida State in Tallahasses. Georgia Fech and Virginia have been the most ungracious hosts during the 18 game losing street, bearing the Wolfpac three times. Everyone else has besten the Park beion.

Pack twice.
The last victory for State in each

Team	Year	Last win Score	Record
North Carolina	1992	99-94	0-2
Clemson	1992	63-61	0-2
Georgia Tech	1991	79-73	0-3
Florida State	never		0-3
Wake Forest	1990	61-57	0-4
Maryland	1989	90-67	0-5
Duke	1988	77-74	0-6
Virginia	1988	64-63	0-6
* Florida State star 92 season.	ted leag	ue play in t	ne 1991

Year	ACC	Others	Total
1990-91	2-6	3-3	5-9
1991-92	2-6	0-2	2-8
1992-93	0-8	1-3	1-11
1993-94	0-8	2-3	1-11
Includes Alaska	Shootout (1-2	2)	

Tammy Gibson had the kind of game head coach Kay Yow expects from her senior leader.

Women's team smashes FSU By Michael Preston

Asserval Scores Educate
Hopefully, Florida State's
women's basketball team enjoyed
the first minute of Wednesday
inght's game, because that is
precisely how long they were in it.
Before anyone could say
"Seminoles 2.
Florido Stote 68 Wolfpack 0".
ILC Stote 91 the N.C. State
women took off
on a 22-4 run, then put it on cruise
control and coasted to a 91-68 win
at Reynolds Coliseum.
"I've felt all along that we were a
better shooting team than what
people were seeing," said N.C. State
head coach Kay Yow. "We
have been shooting well in practice,
but not as well in games."

Tammy Gibson, who had one of her best all-around nights in recent memory. She lit up the Lady Seminoles for 21 points on 7-of-11 shooting, which includes draining four of seven from behind the arc. All because she untaped her fingers.

"Last week I jammed my finger in practice, so I've been trying to shoot with my fingers taped," Gibson said, "So Coach Yow asked me, or told me, to try to play without it, and I shot better," Yow knows that in order for the team to reach its potential, it needs Gibson to perform at this level as often as possible.

"This is the kind of game I expect

often as possible.
"This is the kind of game I expect from Tammy," Yow said. "We needed to see what the other wing and post positions could do, and that means Tammy scoring.

Offensively it makes a huge difference."
And while Gibson was busy getting back to her old self; sophomore guard Jennifer Howard was directing the first half of her shots, which resulted in 11 points. Howard's nine assists against two turnovers might have been the most impressive. "I wasn't really looking for the shot, and I wasn't forcing anything that wasn't there." Howard said. "We were just running our offense, trying some new plays and working on things we've done in the past."
That included Kolleen Kreul, who had 10 points and eight rebounds, standing at the free throw line and passing to Umeki Webb and Gibson

State's drop in foul shooting to last in the ACC is unusual considering last year's 70 percent clip.

The Wolfpack women's basketball team has struggled to keep its head above water, posting 7-5 (2-2 ACC) record. Once again the season has been a roller coaster ride for Kay Yow's squad. Early road wins followed by tough losses to top-five ranked Connecticut and Stanford are some of the ups and downs. The Pack opened the conference schedule

Women's Basketball

Free throws down, but State not out

Ted Newman

with a 68-45 blitzing of Maryland, then got blitzed at Duke.
One of the most notable statistics during the team's erratic play has been the foul shooting. Usually very reliable from the charity stripe the Pack ranks last in the league in percentage at just over 59 percent. Last year they shot 70 percent as a team from the line.

make them," Yow said. "But free throw shooting is more mental than fundamental. We're not going to talk about it, just continue practicing."
What is most surprising has been the free throw shooting of sophomore point guard Jennifer Howard. Last year she led the nation in percentage at 92.9 percent and set a school record by connecting on 40-straight during the season. This year has started out much differently.

See WOMEN'S, Page 4

Women's

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In State's first four games, she had only six attempts a made just two of those for 33 percent. But since then she has made 27 trips to the line and canned 24 of them, an 89 percent clip.

"In the first few games I felt a little out of my rhythm," Howard said. "I really dug myself a hole. But I haven't missed nine for the season and that's all I missed last year."

year."
With her hot shooting of late, her overall percentage has improved to 78.8 for the season, still not the numbers she had posted at this point last year. That would be enough to crack the league's top five, but her 33 attempts are not enough for her to qualify to be ranked.

ranked.
"I'm shooting with a lot more confidence now," Howard said. "I may have put too much pressure on myself. I would shoot every shot like it had to go in. Now I don't think of it like they're my foul shots but as the team needs the points."

Along with the improved foul shooting, Howard has improved in her overall scoring as well. Since the UConn game on Dec. 10 she is

Tallahassee in proper focus.
"Our goal is just to win more games," Robinson said, "We're not going to be concerned with when or where."

going to be concerned with when or where."
Florida State — which is no pushover — may be as easy as it gets on the road in the conference. The Seminoles are in an acknowledged rebuilding year and were picked to finish seventh. They ve started 0-3 with losses to Virginia. Wake Forest and Maryland.

But beating any ACC team looking for its first conference win is tought—home or road.
"They have to win, too," Benjamin said. Because if they don't, then their fans will be down on them, and they'd be under pressure."

FULL-TIME JOB: Lakista McCuller was disappointed, to say the least, with his team's performance in a lackadaisical 80-64 win over William & Mary.

Men's



averaging 15.8 points per game. Before that it had been only 6.8. It appears she has decided to lead the conference in another statistical category, three-point shooting. She has dropped in 32 out of 67 attempts for a league-leading 47.8 percent. Her 2.7 threes made per game are also tops in the ACC.

MELVIN A STRONG CANDIDATE: The Wolfpack's freshman center Chasity "Baby

"We've got to grow up in a sense and be more mature," McCuller said. "We've got to go out and play these feams the same way we play ACC teams."

Bryant Feggins took some of the

blame, too.
"The team wasn't ready to play,"
Feggins said, "I guess we were
going through the motions. In the
first half I wasn't playing intense.
But in the second half, I came out
and played more intense."
State led by as few as five during
late stretches of a game it was
favored to win by 19 points.
McCuller said the message after the
game was loud and clear.
"This was definitely a wake-up

"This was definitely a wake-up call." McCuller said. "We've got to play hard all the time. We can't be a sometiming' team, because ometiming teams get their butts ticked."

PHILOSOPHY IS THE GUIDE TO LIFE: Robinson was quick to point out after the game that William & Mary is where Phi Beta Kappa was founded, and that N.C. State was recently awarded a chapter in the nation's oldest greek-

Shaq" Melvin is putting up some impressive numbers, enough to make her an early candidate for ACC Rookie of the Year.

She is second only to Tammy Gibson in scoring for the Wolfpack at a 13.5 clip, which puts her twelfth in the conference. She is second in the league in field goal percentage at 58.6 percent.

To top it all off she is the team's eading rebounder, pulling down even per contest.

"Chasity is the best post player we have down low," Yow said. "She has worked her way into the starting lineup and continues to work and improve.

Her work is really starting to show on the court. She scored a career-high 24 points against East Carolina and poured in another 21 in the losing effort to Duke.

She recorded her first double-double against Florida in the Lady Gator Classic over the holiday break, scoring 13 and collecting 10 off the glass.

"If she can increase her intensity she can rise to another level and take us with her," Yow said.

take us with her, 'Yow said. letter society.

"This is a smart team, and it should be," Robinson said. "Phi Beta Kappa was invented there."

Robinson mentioned that Phi Beta Kappa was founded in an establishment called the Raleigh Tavern in 1637.

"Maybe we should have had a Phi Beta Kappa ceremony before the game," Robinson said.

Then he looked at the box score released by sports information after the game and read a figure aloud. "Uh. 7-for-18 three pointers is not 87.5 percent." Robinson said.
"That's not good for a Phi Beta Kappa school."

BUZZER BEATERS: Tyrone
Outlaw, a 6-foot-7-inch forward
and one of the state's top basketball
prospects, is reportedly telling
everyone at Roxboro Person High
school that he will come to N.C.
State. Sources say his intentions are
to play here for two or three years
and then go professional ... Until
the Virginia game, C.C. Harrison
had no turnovers. He has three in
the past two games, but his playing
time has increased.

FSU

Continued from Page 3 making backdoor cuts. State also played great defense, holding FSU to 37 percent shooting for the game and limiting Tanisha Rickman, the team's leading scorer, to one point.

"The defense played very aggressively." Yow said. "This was a good extension of the Virginia game for us, but we want it to be this way all the time."

State was also successful in getting the ball down low to Chastiy "Baby Shaq" Melvin. The freshman finished with 12 points, six rebounds, three assists, three steals and a block.

steals and a block.

In the second half, Melvin pulled down a rebound, and took it coast-to-coast to finish the play.

"She feels confident handling the ball because that is what she did in high school," Yow said. "We hoped to have Peace [Shepard], and Chas would be playing, but wouldn't

22-61 12-18 10-34 10 24 64

Cully 2). Turnovers: 15 (Small 4, Cox 3, Parker 3, Verkey 4, Fitzgibbons 1). Steals: 4 (Small 3, Purpura).

Continued from Page 3 making its first and second baskets of the game, thanks to the Tribe's slow tempo and State's rushed

Fuller was able to use his body and move strong to the basket. As a result he made easy shots and made 17 trips to the free throw line. McCuller, a senior guard, was disappointed with the team's performance.

Technical Fouls: Arnold, Purpura Attendance: 8.000

Fuller

carry as much of a load. She's made great progress in earning a starting position."

position."

One of the keys to State's victory was the fact the team was able to watch Florida State play Clemson on television, so it knew not to take them for granted.

on television, so it knew not to take them for granted.

"Had we not seen them, we might have seen that they were 0-3, and taken them a little lightly." Yow said. "We were ready to play for 40 minutes tonight and had the tempo the way we wanted it."

Even in the blowout, the two best plays of the game came with under 4 seconds left on the clock. The Pack's Erin Young, who was perfect from the floor, hit a running bank shot from 30 feet out to up the lead to 23.

On the last play of the game. Florida State's Allison Peercy heaved a shot from just above the Pack's three-point line—about 65 feet — and hit nothing but the bottom of the net. As if the game couldn't have gotten any worse for FSU, it did. The shot didn't count.

N.C. State (80)

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	m-a	m-a	o-t	a	pf	pts
McCuller	2-8	2-4	0-3	3	1	7
Benjamin	6-12	0-0	1-4	8	- 4	14
Daniels	5-9	2-3	1-6	2	2	13
Feggins	3-6	1-3	0-5	3	2	7
Fuller	5-7	14-17	3-12	2	1	24
Davis	2-3	0.0	0-0	0	.4	6
Hyatt	0-2	0-0	1-2	1	3	0
Harrison	2-4	2.2	0-1	1	0	7
Wilson	1-4	0.0	0-2	0	1	2
Totals	26-55	21-29	6-37	20	18	80

hree-point shooting: 7-18 (McCuller 1 Benjamin 2-6, Daniels 1-3, Davis 2-2,

Harrison 1-1).
Blocked shots: 9 (Fuller 9)
Turnovers: 14 (McCullar 2, Benjamin 2,
Daniels 3, Feggins 3, Fuller, Hyatt,

Steals: 7 (McCullar 3, Benjamin 2,

William & Mary N.C. State 30 34 - 64 35 45 - 80

on those came down the stretch when they needed it. "When a team slows the tempo when like they did you have to do what we did in the second half," coach Les Robinson said. "We caused turnovers and got some easy baskets as a result."

performance.

"Even when we are playing teams we are supposed to beat we still have to go out and play the same way we do against the conference teams and the bigger teams that we play," McCuller said. "I think we need to become more mature."

In a crucial stretch midway through the second half, State had a five-point lead and tried to administer the knock-out punch with a barrage of three pointers, but they would not fall. The Wolfpack was just 3 of 10 from three-point Pigskin Picks fades into the sunset

hat was Pigskin Picks 1994-95 nds much as it began.

coins to a close. And it ends much as a pegun. With the guest slot in first place. Thank you Fonzie, thanks Bill Woodward and Wes Petty. And so many others that made having the guest slot each week the torture that it was, fourteen guests combined for a 145-69 record, four

games in first place. Ted Newmon's Mather seeled the deal in the bowl week, gaing 12-6 and stifferaming MAD's Fronk books and the Winston Salem Journal's Eddy Landeeth, who finished 140-74 each. Meanwhile, Ted Newmon seeded up on the field with a 12-6 week. Finishing in second, 141-73. Tem Suiter, Land years's champon, feded down the stretch with a 10-8 bowl week. Mickey McCarthy finished 138-79.

Three-point shooting: 4-11 (Pedersen 4-6, Peercy 1-4, Rickman 0-1, Williams 0-1) Blocked shots: 1 (Peercy) Turnovers; 16 (Peercy 7, Penn 3, Hampton 2, Williams). Steals: 5 (Williams 2, Cobbins, Peercy,

N.C. State (91)

Three-point shooting: 9-14 (Gib Young 2-2, Howard 2-3, Mitchell 1 Blocked shots: 3 (Melvin, Floyd,

Florida State N.C. State

28 40 47 44

Break

would have been enough for us to maybe win the meet right there, we were counting on that," N.C. State head coach Bob Guzzo said.

But Ken Johnson lost in overtime in the 167-pound class, and the team suffered a one-poin deduction for a taunting violation The Pack's control began to mel

"That one really hurt us," Guzzo said. "We felt we could win that. Unfortunately Kenny didn't win. but I thought that from 118 right up through 167 we outwrestled each one of their wrestlers in a very strong team effort."

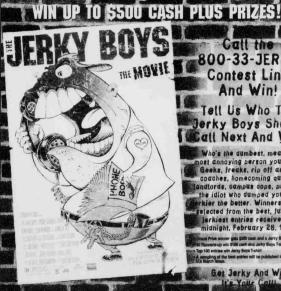
Losses at 177 and 190 focused all eyes on Hawk.

"We wrestled really well in the lower weights and then they had some tough guys in their upper some tough guys in their upper weights," Hawk said. "They started gaining some bonus points and ther the match came down to me and lost by a point. I wrestled pretty poorly."

The duals were successful from a team and individual standpoint. Regular 118-pound wrestler Mike Miller continues to come on strong after redshirting last season.

"Coming off the redshirt I just wanted to get off to a good start, Miller said. "We've been mor competitive and we all hope to b successful."





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nas raked in some serious box office cash.
There is even a "Pulp" merchandise store on America Online. People are running out to rent "Reservoir Dogs" and "True Romance."

rent "Reservoir Dogs" and "True Romance."

But do people appreciate the well-crafted tale of morality and mortality Tarantino has pieced together? Do they appreciate the anti-racism and, I'd argue, the message of tolerance in the film's graphic violence, its heavy dose of pop culture, its obscenity-laden L.A. gangsta-speak and Uma Thurman's swaying body.

To wit, the following conversation from three novice film critics in my geology class:

"They blew the dude's face off, man!"

'It was bad!"
'Blood and brains were all over

he car?"
I've seen the movie three times.
The first time was in a near-empty
heater. I thought it was very good,
ut hardly the best film of the year.

The second time was with three ends in a packed theater. Their



Horrors! '80s fashion

'80s rocker
Bon Jovi
pictured in
his big hair
phase. Other
musicians
such as
Prince and
Madonna
influenced
the way we
dressed way
back when
in junior high.

Jean Lorscheider

They didn't even bring a nickel.
Not one nickel.
These metal earrings and big fluorescent
pink triangular pins and bright brass chokers.
They were more than jewelry. They were
who I was around 1984 and '85. They were
key ingredients in what made up the junior
hish me.

key ingredients in what made up the journal high me.
But not one of the customers at the family yard sale wanted to part with a nickel for any or all of these treasures.
And this wasn't exactly what you'd call a picky crowd. The first thing to sell was this horible wall hanging of a smister-looking man with a monkey peering over his shoulder. One of my sisters made two bucks from that thins.

rom that thing. The jewelry? It ended up at the Salvation

The jewery Army. Personal pride aside, there's a good reason nobody would shell out a nickel, even for the whole batch: it was ngly. "Why did you let me wear these things?" I demanded of my mother, "I would think

you'd be concerned amony join and you be seen with me?"

She looked amused — you know, that oh-you-silly-child look — and replied:

"You wouldn't have listened to me, anyway. You were 14."

There's no telling a 14-year-old anything, especially how to dress.

Fourteen-year-olds know everything. The world revolves around them, and I was no

But the age explanation alone didn't satisfy

I mean, 14-year-old cave teenagers didn't did their mastodon bones fluorescent pink before they stuck them through their noses, flid they?

did they?

If Moran 14-year-olds wear their togas so tight it looked as if they were painted on?

And how did 14-year-olds in Napoleon?

And what time it was without their Swatch watch?

Swatch watch?

So what prompted us to dress like plastic, Gothic tramps in the early '80s'? Obviously, it was not because our omnipotent teenage knowledge told us that ugly was the proper way to dress.

Altman's film faux pas

■ What's in a name?
"Ready-to-Wear" or "Preta-Porter," the film by any other name would stink as badly.

By CLARENCE MOYE

Kim Basinger, one of the many stars in Robert Altman's "Ready-to-Wear" couldn't have put it better: "It's f—ing fruitcake time." Robert Altman may be a genius

Cuts."

That's what makes the total and complete failure of "Ready to Wear (Pret-a-Porter" such a mind-boggling experience, no matter which title you prefer.

Alman gives us several characters who could prove enlightening but fizzle out in ridiculous plot lines that come straight from TV sitcoms.

designers unveil their "pret-a porter" collections. The only rules are that anything goes. Someone should have given Altman a few rules because this film suffers mainly from its gaudy excesses.

excesses.

Actors are stuck parading around doing nothing more than looking good on the streets of Paris.

Teri Garr pops up for no reasor other than buying truckloads of clothes that are way too big for her



Robert Altman and Kim Basinger survey the scene in Paris.

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Pulp

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"It was awesome!"
And these are three of my martest friends.

smartest friends.
When I asked them why they liked it, they answered in blank stares, and thought for a minute.
"I liked it when Vincent and Mia

vere dancing,"
"I liked it when Jules had the vallet that said `Bad Motherf—

waitet that said Bad Mothert—
"I liked it when Bruce Willis killed Zed."
But "Pulp Fiction" isn't simply a mindless collage of excitement and violence. The shocks and obscenities are used as a backdrop for the true message of the film: violence is bad and will get you nothing but trouble in the end.
This is why John Travolta's character. Vincent, is killed halfway through the movie and resurfaces to call Jules crazy for getting out of

the crime business.

The viewer is confronted with the rather graphic death of a character—one of the few likeable ones—and shown what the rewards of crime and violence are.

Tarantino furthers his statement about mortality and morality by giving all the characters what they deserve.

giving all the characters what they deserve.

Mia's involvement in the dark business results in her overdose. Marsellus, the crime boss, is sodomized by two deranged rednecks. Butch leaves L.A. unscathed because he overlooks his pride to save Marsellus. The film also has some simple messages of sexual, racial and gender tolerance. Fabienne, Butch's girlfriend, seems to be a passive waif who lets Butch control her. But when she tells Butch that she wants to grow a potbelly and Butch lelis her that no men will like her, her reply is "I don't give a f—k what men think."

And even though the most frequently used word in the film, possible.

next to several variations of the f-word, is "nigger." the most intelligent character who sees that violence and crime are wrong is a black man (Jules).

And Jimmy, whom the viewer would assume to be racist, is married to a black woman.

married to a black woman.

Trantino obviously has some profound things to say about our culture; its intolerance of certain groups and its tolerance of violence. It saddens me that people who are far more intelligent than I only see the deceiving outer crust of "Pulp Fiction" — the violence and syrupy pon culture. op culture

Giving into the temptation to view a film like "Pulp" as pure shock and excitement wastes a good portion of the director's effort.

The violence and the other sludge that is apparently alluring to America is not what makes the film good. A simple look beyond the surface reveals a slew of things that helped make "Pulp" one of the best films of 1994.

Sheila, who shared those tacky junior high years with me. Sheila was pretty shocking looking in the seventh grade. One time her jeans split at the seams because they were of the lipstick.

I told her about how attractive my nicee looks compared to us at that age. "Why." I asked, "did we make ourselves look the way we did?"

She pointed out the obvious reasons — our pop-culture role

Movie

Continued from Page 5 It turns out that the clothes are for her husband, played by Danny Aiello, who appears to be a closet transsexual. The point of the whole transsexual plot is never made

clear.

Julia Roberts and Tim Robbins
also are trapped in thankless roles
as newspaper reporters assigned the
same room. Inexplicably, they share
it. And get this, all Robbins has to
do is get Julia drunk and she goes to
bed with him.

Even though Altman is credited with writing this film, it is obvious that some actors were attempting to ad lib their dialogue. This attempt at cinema verite only gives us a series of "Oh really?"s" and "Yeah's" and "Uh... Oh... Umm's." Basinger's character, Kitty Potter,

modes. Glam metal was emerging, and with bands like Bon Jovi and Poison came big hair, lots of makeup and leather. Prince started the neo-Gothic look, and Madonna created the trashy style so may of us young females strove to imitate.

"It's all about trends," Sheila told me. "Nowadays it's cool to look normal. When we were little, it was cool to look like a prositiute."

Teenagers now look so nice. My

interviews an unsuspecting Cher who just happens to be attending the real ready-to-wear shows. Cher spouts out these philosophical things about how it doesn't matter what you wear but "it's what you put inside."

Well, if she really believes that, how come she's the queen of makeup and hair care infomercials and has her own line of clothes. It's an embarrassing moment of a shallow person trying to sound insightful.

There's even a ridiculous recurring theme of big-name fashion people stepping in piles of dog crap.

And Altman didn't even have the

dog crap.

And Altman didn't even have

And Altman didn't even have the courage to carry it through the whole movie. The piles mysteriously disappear halfway through the movie. You're left thinking, what a bunch of crap. Several people have said they just wanted to see the movie because of the clothes, but they aren't even that great. They look like Armani meets Wal-Mart.

13-year-old niece is a good example. She's poised and clean, no makeup, no hairspray. Simple clothes. When I compare myself at that age to her, I'm amazed.

And here's the really scary part. Every fashion trend comes back as a retro fad. So it won't be too long until the mid '80s are hot again.

We're already up to the '70s, They're everywhere up and down Hillsborough Street. Straight hair,

culminate the film.

It wouldn't be so bad except one of them is eight-and-a-half months pregnant. It ain't pretty.

The movie's only saving grace is bankruptcy queen Kim Basinger. Her performance as an inept, shallow fashion correspondent who reads her questions off cue cards is dead-on.

Sha doe-

She does a great job of looking at the people she's interviewing and giving the impression that she doesn't give a damn what they're saying at all.

And who could blame her? These fashion experts are the most boring people I've even seen.

There's a great film to be made about the fashion industry. After "Ready-to-Wear," that is still true. "Ready-to-Wear": D

bellbottoms and those god-awful platform shoes adorn every other

Imagine: in a year or two, we may see the comeback of "Boy Toy" belts.

belts.

If and when the fashion cycle comes to that point. I'm locking my nice, normal teenage niece in a closet and not letting her look at any fashion magazines until the '80s go away again.

Clothes

ontinued from Page 5
Why did we think tacky was cool?

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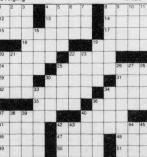
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Dream is yet to be realized

■ The civil rights leader's birthday is not just a vacation. It's a time of reflection on the dreams still unrealized for our

onday marks 26 years since an assassin gunned down Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, ending not only a remarkable life and a chapter in American history, but in many ways the opportunity for our nation to see a

true end to racial strife.
"I have a dream ..." King had said to the 250,000 person multi-racial crowd assembled before him around the Washington Reflecting Pool, ".... I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content

color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Dreams are among man's best motivators. And man reaches his peak when dreams are fulfilled. But we have yet to achieve King's vision.

Though the law now grants equal

rights and protection to all race American citizens, we are arguably as socially segregated as we were when King spoke those famous words in

August of 1963.
The Los Angles riots of 1992 are too reminiscent of the Watts disaster for comfort. Hate crimes are at an all-time peak in our nation.

Despite gradual advances,

disproportionate numbers of blacks still live below the poverty line. More schoolchildren can readily paraphrase Malcolm X's messages of anger than King's Gandhi-like nonviolent

Though the glass ceiling of corporate America is growing ever thinner, and some would argue non-

existent with the implementation of affirmative action legislation, contemporary segregation lies in social prejudice rather than professional inequality

If the key to social equality is financial success, then widespread education is the road by which blacks will truly achieve this elusive equality in our nation.

Unfortunately, much of the segregation on our campus is in many ways self-imposed.

In the last 20 years, many blacks have become so engrossed in establishing a distinct racial identity that they have created institutions which in some ways serve to further divide our collegiate educational system along racial lines.

Separate minority libraries, newspapers, student groups, fraternities and sororities do not serve to socially integrate this campus

The ideal of "separate but equal" in education was abolished by the Supreme Court just to be re-established by some members of the minority groups themselves.

We should work in this new year to we should work in this new year to end the definition of our origin as that of being African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, Anglo Americans and the spectrum of other racial identifications, to define ourselves simply and wholly as Americans. Americans

"This is not a war between the white and the Negro, but a conflict between justice and injustice," King remarked. The greatest injustice in modern America is that we, whether black or white or whatever other color, continue to racially segregate

New lights means more fans

Take a walk down to Doak Field to support the Wolfpack baseball team playing night games under the lights for the

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ooking for something new to do on a weekend night? Well, look no further Wolfpackers. You have seen the light — literally. Many baseball fans who have previously been prevented from attending games held in the afternoons will now be able to

arternoons will now be able to support our team at night. Thanks mainly to head baseball coach Ray Tanner's fund-raising efforts, N.C. State will soon be able to host night baseball games with the addition of lights at Doak Field.

Construction will begin in February and, weather permitting, the team should have its first night game on March 28 against The Citadel,

Tanner is optimistic about the support the team will receive.

predicting capacity crowds to watch his perennial power in the ACC

And for those of you who can't be there in person, there is a possibility the games may be televised on the regional sports network Home Team Sports. (Unfortunately, Cablevision of Raleigh only carries HTS Friday, Saturday and Sunday.)

Spring is a languishing time for Wolfpack sports fans with the end of the basketball and football season being an agonizingly long way off.

There aren't many better ways to spend an evening in the spring than watching baseball. Especially since college baseball may be the only variety we'll get to see.

Night games will garner more support for the sport that has been traditionally a less popular one than football and basketball at NCSU.

So if you're looking for something to do on a weekend or weeknight, check out the Pack's baseball team under the new lights at Doak Field.

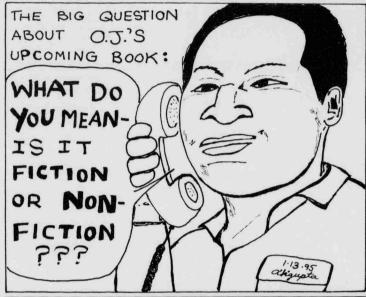
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Commentary

What a great day it is to be a Democrat!

Oh, happy days! With the convening of the 104th Congress on Jan. 3, a new era began not only for the Republican party but for us flamingly liberal columnists as well. We re talking about a bull market for satire here — a real bonanza for articulate bleeding hearts. It's a great day to be a Democrat simply because everything that goes wrong with the federal government is now someone else is fault. After 4D years we needed a little breather from responsibility. The Limbaughs of the world have had a big donkey's ass to pin the tail of blame on for a long time.

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It's cool to be the minority and the opposition has already handed turn and the opposition has already handed me more ammo for my elephant gun than I know what to do with. The fun and games re just beginning, and it's open seasor olitical guerrilla warfare. Let the mud

political guerrilla warrate. slinging begin! What do I see in the Capitol Hill crystal ball? Oh, speak of the future you political

ball? Oh. speak of the future you political sages.
Starting at the top, we have a Speaker of the House with a slimy amphibian for a namesake. Who could ask for more? Well, the Republicans certainly could. Newt Gingrich isn't exactly a great communicator, and he looks too much like a lost Kennedy. His absence of personal skills could leave the Republican party as high and dry as Newt's first wife when she was diagnosed with cancer. How about a "Contract With America" that's made to be broken? In the spirit of the overconfidence a landslide election can produce, the newly powerful Republicans have promised a moon rock to the elusive and unsatisfiable middle class — they are much more likely to

Michael Biesecker

produce green cheese.

Now the "Gingrich that stole a merry democratic Christmas" is going to be forced to steal from deficiar reduction in order to fulfill his fabled middle-class tax cut. This, in conjunction with no capital gains tax, a flat tax for the rich and a promise of more defense spending, will ensure the federal government won't be only morally bankrupt in the very near future. Ask President Bill Clinton about the whiplash effect of public opinion and the price of legislative failure.

Newt and the gang definitely have their work cut out for them.

The Republicans have promised to dismantle the New Deal and start a "Second American Revolution." To paraphrase Bob Dole in a recent interview, "We hope to return the federal government to 1900."

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government to 1900."
Well, the turn of the century was great if you were a Robber Baron, but it pretty much sucked for everyone else. What Bob and the boys may have failed to realize is that the economy of our nation is nothing like it was in 1900 and never will be again. When Roosevelt dabbled with American socialism in the New Deal, our nation was permanently and irreversibly transformed.

Voters of all socio-economic groups are more attached to programs such as the

golden parachute of Medicare and the Holy Grail of Social Security than Republican strategists might expect. There are some honey pots that you just can't steal from and expect to retain all of your digits. The Republicans may end up alienating the AARP vote, which has been their electoral bread and butter for so long. And successful Welfare reform will be another enigran for our party of pachyderms. AFDC will be a tough can of Playdoh to sculpt, and a legislative failure—could be disastrous for 15 million of America's impoverished.

Then there is the political minefield of constitutional amendments. There is a damn good reason there hasn't been but 16 in the 200 years since the Bill of Rights was ratified. It can be legislative suicide to screw with the most precious piece of parchment in the land.

The Republicans act as if they have an electoral mandate when only about 23 percent of voting age Americans cast a ballot last Nov. 8. The fact is that a majority of down home folks just won't condone prayer in public schools or an attempt to repeal Rev sx. Wade. The ideal of the separation of church and state is as strong as ever. This will be Newf's noose. The Trunk and Tusk Club also seems to assume these legislative victories will just come to them. Remember boys, Bill still has veto power and Democratic senators can filibuster too. It's tought to fly a straight agenda on only one big right wing.

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Contract is not all its cracked up to be

Anyone with even a passing interest in politics was sure to catch a much publicized interview with newly inducted Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich's parents last week. The interview, conducted by Connie Chung, revealed that "Newty" had referred to First Lady Hillary Clinton as a term that rhymes with rich (use vour imagination).

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Why didn't Gingrich's political advisers see this one coming? At a party celebrating the Republican conqueror's new office, the night before he accepted the gavel, his parents stuck out like a sore thumb. In a crowd of tuxedos and sports coats sat Gingrich's parents in less-thandress attire seemingly bewildered by the spectacle. Any Republican adviser worth his spin doctor status should have seen the warning signs.

The interview itself was conducted in a fair and routune manner. Gingrich's parents didn't have to grant an interview, and they most certainly didn't have to answer any questions of a personal nature.

and they most certainly drift it have to maswer any questions of a personal nature His mother admitted on Tom Snyder's "The Late Late Show" that Chung was polite and handled the interview like a professional. Nevertheless, if the Republican advisers had been on their toes, the whole situation could have been avoided.

avoided.
So we have "Newty" presiding as Speaker of the House and pushing the Contract With America as the Savior of our country. Fewer than 30 percent of Americans had ever heard of it in November. Let's take a look at Gingrich's



America and see where you fit in.
The contract's 10 proposals can be reduced into four broad categories — regulatory, fiscal and social reform, as well as tax cuts and spending. I will tackle the first two this week and continue with the latter two next week.
Under regulatory reform we have the eighth proposal titled the Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act. This provision destroys federal environmental, health and safety standards designed to protect the average American citizen. You can relate to this if you have a faucet in your place of dwelling.

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In Miliwaukee in 1993, 400,000 people became ill because of a microbe named cryptosporidium in the water system. The parasite hit those with the weakest immune systems — infants, the elderly, chemotherapy patients and people with HIV. More than 100 died. Other outbreaks have occurred throughout the United States since that incident.

The Environmental Protection Agency was scheduled to issue regulations that would prevent future water contamination in all of the 200,000 drinking systems throughout the country. But under the

Contract With America, these regulations and others affecting all kinds of health and environmental hazards would become

and others affecting air kinks of neath and environmental hazards would become obsolete.

The fiscal reform section of the contract is quite puzzling. To reach the goal of a balanced budget without tax hikes by 2002, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that \$1.2 trillion in spending must be cut. To put that figure in perspective, consider that total federal spending this year will be about \$1.5 trillion. If Republicans also cut taxes by \$200 billion over the next five years, many more budget cuts will be required. The last time anyone promised a combination of social re-engineering and tax cuts was in 1981, when Ronald Reagan cut taxes and promised a balanced budget by 1984. That 's part of the reason why America is now \$4.5 trillion (a mindboggling figure) in debt. The Republicans did not invent deficit spending, but 28 cents of every dollar sent to Washington pays interest on debt accumulated under Reagan and George Bush.

You will probably be surprised to discover one of the most vulnerable programs on the chopping block — middle-class student loans. The government currently places a grace

middle-ctass student loans. The government currently places a grace period on loan interest while students are still attending school. Republicans plan to change this policy, which could add hundreds or even thousands to an average student's loan.

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Seemingly harmless, but truly demeaning

Kudos to Coach Les Robinson on the impressive and exciting victory over our arch-rivals Jan. 4. It was tremendous to see the frenzied fans as they screamed, yelled, stomped and clapped in support of our men's basketball team. However, reflecting on the glorious evening leaves one darkened memory. The most embarassing play came obviously not from tour team, and unfortunately not from that of Chapel Hill, but from those fans whose "Carolina sucks" chant was picked up by the courtside media and broadcast clearly across the nation. While this cheer cannot be categorically denounced as horribly vulgar in and of itself, my fear was that it might have devolved into something more rude and embarassing — which would be fine in an effort to further throw the competition out of kilter but could bring to N.C. State an image of poor taste.

We can — and will — continue to

We can — and will — continue to defeat quality basketball teams. I

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hope our fans also will maintain the class of our basketball program and school as a whole.

Kevin D. Lye NCSU Class of 1994

State employee's behavior was rude

an N.C. State alumnus (Cla of 1978). Alumni Association and Wolfpack Club member, and rarely miss a game, home or away. I'm still quite dumbfounded at what happened, and to the best of my recollection, here is what transpired:

My friend and I were about 10 rows or so up from the wall separating the field from the seating

area. There were lots of people in the aisles and seats — everybody was happy and smiling, exchanging high fives and yelling back and forth. Rarely have I seen a happier bunch of State fans.

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We looked down at the field as the trophy presentation was ending to see many State players coming over to the wall around different parts of the field to greet family, friends and fans and to accept congratulations for a job well done. Everybody affiliated with the Wolfpack could not have been happier. Several players including William Strong, Tremayne Stephens and Dallas Dickerson had come to our part of the field and were just over the wall in front of us.

I started to step down and reach over the wall when I was grabbed roughly from behind and pulied

over the wall when I was grabbed roughly from behind and pulled backward. I was caught completely by surprise and was fully aware of by surprise and was fully aware of the security guards surrounding the field. My first thought was that there must be some in the stands, and I must have given one the idea that I was going on the field. I turned around only to confront two men in red blazers with Wolfpack ties. One was a short,

stocky, bald black man with glasses and the other I immediately recognized as Doug Overmeyer, the State band director. Any surprise I felt turned quickly into indignation toward those two

men.

I pointed to the black man and asked Overmeyer. "Who does he work for?" Overmeyer said. "He works for me." Neither of them ever said what it was they were trying to accomplish, not that any explanation would have justified it. At that point, I realized there were several other people around who had been treated the same way. There were two or three people who were taking issue with the situation.

were taxing issue with the situation. I think the people who were treated roughly showed remarkable restraint toward Overmeyer and his "assistant." But the bottom line is, there were two employees of N.C. State doing entirely unwarranted things to State football fans for completely unknown or nonexistent reasons. If any of the other people involved read this letter, they will surely recognize themselves and the events I described.

I am calling on the powers that be

to conduct some sort of investigation into this incident and to take the appropriate action.

I am still incredulous at the

Helm's comments were unwarranted

You are correct when you say that everyone is entitled, by the First Amendment, to freely express their own opinions. However, this freedom does not entitle that the expressed opinions be correct. This is the case with Senator Helms, If Sen, Helms wants to express his view that President Clinton is a failure as compander in chief of the view that President Clinton is a failure as commander in chief of the military, then that, as you said, is his right. However, it was not Sen, Helms' right to generalize his statement to the rest of the armed forces. Also, Sen. Helms made a

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passive threat towards the president. (By the way, Sen. Helms has seen making comments like this for years, so it is about time someone paid attention.) Anyone who is in such a position as Sen. Helms has no business openly threatening the president. But even if Sen. Helms meant his comment as a "Hippant" remark, how do we know that it was received, by everyone, as such? The point is that there is nothing flippant about a threat towards the president, serious or not.

serious or not.

Secondly, I am bothered by your statement that "one of his (Clinton's) first acts as president was an attempt to bring homosexuality into the military". Excuse me, but I believe that homosexuals were already in the military, but they lived in fear of a dishonorable discharge if found out I don't know, but that sounds an awful lot like discrimination to me. Please, get your facts straight before you comment — something that n. Helms could also use a little

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become a more united party than
they have been since Camelot.
They may even rally to Clinton's
fallen banner. Meanwhile the
Republicans will become more and
more divided as they have to
placate all of the special interests in
their shaky big business and
religion coalition. Throw in the
quotable wildcards such as Jesse
Helms and they have a recipe for
embarrassment. The media is an
equal opportunity carnivore.
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Maybe I'm being a little optimistic about how miserably the optimistic about how miserably the "Contract With America" will fail, but the odds are good. Who knows? Slick Willie may even be able to pull off the greatest political comeback since the Truman vs. Dewey election. Dewey election

Either way the next two years will be fun to watch — and more fun to write about.

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apprenticeship programs practiced
by most industrialized nations,
allow high school students to
participate in on-the-job training
and make critical contacts, which
launch careers. The Republicans
plan to severely limit or eliminate
the hopes of those who will never
have a chance to attend college.

Next week I will explore the tax cuts, spending increases and socia reform promised by the Contract With America and try to demonstrate how it could affect you. In the meantime, I strongly you. In the meantime, I strongly urge you to exercise your right as an American citizen and become informed on legislation that could play a role in your everyday life. You may not like what you find

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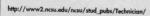
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