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New room is 'nicest' computer facility on campus

■ The Unity lab is the final piece to fall into place in the Avent Ferry complex.

BY RON BATCHO
News Editor

Computing just got a lot easier at N.C. State's newest residence hall. A new Unity computer lab opened in Avent Ferry Complex last Wednesday. The lab has 60 new Sun Sparc5 workstations and two WolfCopy printers. It will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week to all university students.

Tim Luckadoo, director of housing and residence life, said the lab was scheduled to open when students came back in the fall. But the opening was delayed because Sun was having problems manufacturing the computers.

"Opening the lab took longer than we hoped it would," Luckadoo said. "It is the last big item for the Avent Ferry project."

Luckadoo and Bill Willis, associate provost of academic computing, said the lab is open for all students all the time.

The computers, which cost about \$5,000 a piece, were paid for by the education and technology fee paid by all students.

Carl Allred, assistant director of the computing center, said Sun was chosen because only a few companies make computers that are compatible with the university's Unity system. When bids were taken for the 60 computers, the computing center asked for 8 bit graphics processors, but got 24 bit processors at the same price, he said.

"The new machines have high-end display hardware," Willis said. "We are experiencing a few glitches right now, but they will be fixed soon."

Allred said the lab is clearly above similar facilities.

"It is the nicest facility on campus," he said. "It is more open and has a little bit better computers."

H&R L spent \$30,000 on tables and chairs for the facility, and pays a clerk who watches the lab and does other things for housing.

"The combining of the lab and the watch desk is financially a good thing to do," Willis said. "It gets you dorm access and access for people in other areas."

Luckadoo said H&R L chose Avent Ferry because the location was good.

"It is close to students living on Avent Ferry Road, Fraternity Court and the Stroud Center," he said. "Thousands of students are in walking distance from the lab."

Discussions about putting a lab there started a year ago, Luckadoo said. Having a computer lab in Avent Ferry Complex attracted a lot of students to live there.

"It is the same as Sullivan — students want to live there for the lab," he said.

In addition to the lab, all rooms in Avent Ferry Complex are wired to the university's network, as are Alexander, Tucker and Watauga residence halls. This fall, rooms in Bragaw and Sullivan residence halls will be on line.

Students living in these halls have



Students use the new Sun Sparc5 workstations in the recently opened computer lab in the Avent Ferry Complex.

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Class of '95 gets \$20,000 for drinks, parties and fun

■ N.C. State's Alumni Relations department says making today's upperclassmen happy will pay off in the long run.

BY CHRIS BAYSDEN
Assistant News Editor

Attention seniors! There are thousands of dollars with your names on them, and you don't even have to mail anything to Ed McMahon.

This semester the N.C. State Alumni Relations department will spend several thousand dollars sponsoring free activities as a reward to seniors. The program is part of the revamped department's attempt to increase alumni contributions to the university.

Over the past few years, NCSU's Alumni Relations department has undergone some major changes. And that's good news for seniors, said Matt Smith, director of Young Alumni Relations.

"We are taking a radical new approach to alumni relations," Smith said. "We're really trying to break out of the mold and get nutty this year."

So far, "nutty" has included free Cokes on the Brickyard, a free tailgate party at the NCSU/Georgia Tech football game, where Smith also gave away \$1,000 worth of door prizes, and parties at Charlie Goodnights and the Varsity Grill. All free. And only for seniors.

"My goal is to make 5,000 seniors happy," he said.

Despite all the money his department is giving to the future graduates, Bass thinks the money is being well spent — not wasted.

"That's easy to defend," he said. "Alumni Relations will not apologize. That's very much an investment for us."

Smith said there is a reason for

spending so much on seniors.

"We want to get these folks feeling very proud and loyal to N.C. State," he said. "We're trying to make N.C. State like a family."

Smith said that if he is successful in boosting school pride, students will one day come back to the NCSU family as contributing alumni.

"By spending this money on seniors, it's really going to come back to our university," he said.

Smith said the senior class gift is an example of the rewards his program can have. He hopes this year's seniors will be excited enough to donate \$15,000 to the university. The money will be used to buy new computers and technology for the Career Planning and Placement Center.

Smith emphasizes that he doesn't just expect to get monetary rewards out of the senior program. He said he also hopes the future alumni will give back their time and resources, helping with things such as recruitment as well as fundraising.

The seniors program is nothing new. It has been around for about eight years. Changes in the program started in January 1993, when Alumni Relations became a part of NCSU under the University Advancement Model, said Jim Bass, associate vice chancellor of Alumni Relations. Previously, Alumni Relations raised its own money. Now the department is funded by the NCSU Annual Fund, which is comprised of contributions to the university.

"We are no longer a fundraising organization," Bass said. "We are a service organization."

Those services aren't limited to just the over 100,000 alumni. They also include the 5,500 or so NCSU seniors.

Smith, a 1994 NCSU graduate, said he thought he was hired to improve the programming for

seniors. The major change is in the quality and creativity of the events," he said.

Smith said his office has a budget of about \$35,000. About \$15,000 of that goes to administrative costs. The rest goes to the seniors program.

"It's the senior's money," Smith said. "Our only purpose is to make [them] happy."

Although Smith sets up general guidelines on how the money is spent, the class — not he — decides what to do with the budget.

All suggestions are brought before the Senior Class Council, which consists of 35 to 40 senior volunteers. The group votes on ideas and assigns committees to develop the ones that pass. Smith said he hopes to have about ten activities this semester.

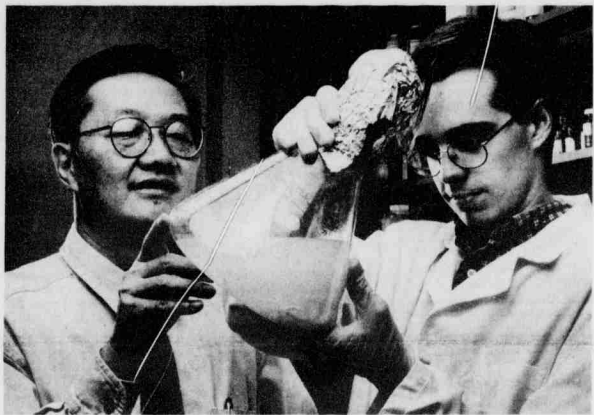
The next activity will be Jan. 30, when free hot chocolate and donuts will be provided for seniors, Smith said. Other possible ideas are a "Seniorstock" concert with at least one big name band, an Adam Sandler concert and a "last supper" for seniors.

Seniors may attend all events or activities by showing up and having their Senior Red Card with them, said Senior Class President Christina Verleger. The cards were supposed to be mailed to all seniors. Seniors who haven't gotten their cards may pick them up at Alumni Relations. All they need is some form of identification, she said.

In addition to the events, a Senior Red Card will also get its owner a 10 percent off at the State Shop, Smith said.

Smith said that, though they have had over 1,000 people attend some events, he has been disappointed with the overall attendance.

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N.C. State poultry scientist Jason Shih (left) and graduate student Scott Carter examine a beaker of hydrolyzed feathers. Shih has received six patents for his work with waste.

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Professor turns feces into fish food

■ A university scientist has found a way to get previously unheard-of benefits from manure.

BY NICOLE BOWMAN
Staff Writer

Hmm. What to do with 500 million tons of chicken and cow ... uh ... you know. Stuff. Jason Shih has been thinking about this rather aromatic problem for 16 years now. And he thinks he's got the solution.

Shih, a professor of poultry science, has discovered a way to turn animal waste into fuel.

Shih has developed a process which turns the waste into products such as fish food, poultry and livestock feed and methane gas for fuel.

Despite the benefits, Shih said he isn't sure how his process will be put to use.

"It's the industry's decision not mine," Shih said. "They have to figure out the economic costs and benefits of the process."

The environmentally sound process works by heating waste in a digester unit to more than 115 degrees Fahrenheit. Warmth-loving bacteria in the digester converts the waste into a mixture of methane gas and carbon dioxide, which can be used as fuel. The bacteria also destroy pathogens — allowing it to be used, after further processing, as a nutrient-rich feed supplement.

"The best uses of the process are pollution and by-product control," Shih said.

An unexpected offshoot of Shih's research was the discovery

of a bacterium, called *Bacillus licheniformis* Strain PWD-1, which breaks down feathers into a highly digestible source of protein for livestock. "It has about the same nutritional quality as soybean proteia.

Testing shows that the newly discovered bacteria secretes a keratinase enzyme, which may have other uses.

According to Shih, the enzyme's ability to break down proteins such as collagen, elastin and keratin makes it valuable for quickly getting rid of livestock carcasses. Pharmaceutical uses also are possible.

It now takes about five days for the bacteria's enzyme to breakdown feathers. But Shih and

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Atrium patrons get espresso, cappuccino and latte

■ A new coffee shop on campus may keep some students from going to other parts of town when they want hot drinks.

BY ELLIOTT FISHER
Staff Writer

What do you do if you need a quick caffeine fix but you're too hip to be seen drinking regular drip coffee?

Before this semester, students who didn't want to leave campus for a

gourmet cup of coffee were out of luck. But University Dining has changed that with its opening of an espresso bar in the Atrium last week.

In order to achieve a quality product, University Dining business manager Randy Lait said the department bought a \$4,800 espresso machine. He said it works better than regular filtering machines because it uses a completely different steam pressure process. The grind is very dark and powerful and produces a strong cup with the consistency of liquid cream.

For those who find straight espresso too harsh, the coffee house is offering cappuccino, latte, cafe mocha and a variety of flavors that can be added to them. Cappuccino is espresso with steamed milk added and latte is espresso smoothed out with even more milk.

Rich Futrell, co-owner of The Third Place coffee house in the Five Points area of Raleigh, said he thinks the recent surge in popularity of coffee is a reflection of a large social movement. With the decline in alcohol consumption, coffee is an inexpensive treat.

"People in America have become isolated," he said. "Many work and live in places which no longer foster relationships."

Futrell said consumer demands for speedy service and enormous selection have been met, and traditional gathering places have fallen by the wayside. Many people in search of a neighborhood gathering place converge in coffee houses because they are usually more laid back than bars and restaurants, and they allow people

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Students wait in line to get coffee and other gourmet drinks at the Atrium's new coffee house. It opened last week.

KATHLEEN OHLER/STAFF

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The women's team tunes up for No. 3 UNC by beating Georgia Tech. Page 3

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The men's squad drowns Florida State over the weekend. Page 3



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It was this kind of day for N.C. State as it lost to Florida State Sunday 107-79. Page 3

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News Notes

Registration opens for Encore courses

Registration is open for the first session of the spring semester programs offered by N.C. State's Encore Center for Lifelong Enrichment. These programs, for people over the age of 50, will be held at the McKimmon Center from Monday, Jan. 23, to Friday, March 3.

Since 1991, Encore has offered a variety of noncredit daytime courses, colloquia and special events. First-session selections target a broad interest range from history to the environment.

Six-session courses included "The Historian as Detective," "The Byzantine Empire," "The Biology of Disease," "Reading (between the lines of) Mystery Novels," "Contemporary Issues in Environmental Technology," "Africa in the 20th Century," "The American Musical Theater," "The Planets," "North Carolina as a Retirement Community," "Conversational French," "The English Experience," and "An Introduction to Personal Computing."

In addition, a number of one-session colloquia are being offered: "Opera and Technology: Its Impact," 1:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23; Local acoustical consultant Al Ruocchio will show how current technology has modern opera stars competing for "CD counter space" with long-gone singers.

"Relaxation Options: Get A Grip," 1:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30; Dr. Marianne Turnbull, coordinator of NCSU Center for Health Directions, will discuss dealing with the stress that accompanies the empty nest and retirement years.

"North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)," 1:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6; Dr. Edward Erickson, coordinator of NCSU International Programs, will discuss how NAFTA relates to the world economy.

Encore Spring Study Groups also will team with the Meredith College Foreign Policy Association for a six-session evening series beginning at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30 at Meredith College Student Center.

TODAY

VOLUNTEERS — Volunteers are needed for the 1995 Martin Luther King Jr. Festival. You may sign up in the African American Cultural Center, Room 205, or call 515-4516 to leave your complete name, address and telephone number.

REGISTRATION — American Red Cross is 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 more information.

REGISTRATION — Build leadership skills now. Registration for the Leadership Development Series is now in progress. Stop by University Student Center, Room 3114 and sign up for a workshop.

MEMBERSHIP — CATT, The Computer and Technologies Theme

Program, is now accepting applications for membership. To get more info, or to arrange a tour, e-mail membership@catt.ncsu.edu.

INTERNSHIP — Paid summer internships helping migrant farmworkers and their families. Interns work in health clinics, schools, law offices and community organizations. Earn course credit and have fun while helping others. Call 512-0244 for more 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 information, call Darin at 942-4057.

WORKSHOP — Interviewing techniques workshop for job seeking seniors or graduate students from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Broughton Hall, Room 1402. Present

yourself effectively for the on-campus interview with help from Career Planning's counselors.

MEETING — The first Equestrian Club meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Carmichael Gymnasium, Room 2036. Spring semester events will be discussed. For more info, call 512-5229.

MEETING — Amnesty International campus group will meet tonight at 8 p.m. in the Student Center boardroom on the fourth floor. Everyone is welcome. Contact Josh at 512-6358 for more information.

MEETING — Organizational Circle K meeting will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Brown Room. Circle K is a co-ed community service club involved in helping people like the handicapped in the Tammy Lynn Center. For more information, call Christine at 836-8170.

ORIENTATION — Spring 1995 full-time or

WHAT'S HAPPENING

summer job interview orientation will be held from 4 to 5:15 p.m. in Broughton Hall, Room 1402. Graduate students, seniors, juniors and sophomores can participate in Career Planning and Placement information sessions. Call 515-2396 for information.

THURSDAY

PARTY — A campus peace party will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Everyone is invited. In party and peace we can create the society we all want and need.

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.

WORKSHOP — A nutrition workshop will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Carmichael Gymnasium, Room 125. For additional information, call the

Intramural-Recreational Sports office at 515-3161.

GAMES — Games night will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Carmichael Gymnasium courts E3 and E4. For more info, call 515-3161.

SPEECH — The Pre-Law Students Association presents Melanie Nutt, 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 515-5597.

MEETING — Join the new Lorax Environmental Club for the first meeting of the semester at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Brown Room. Everyone welcome. Refreshments will be served.

FRIDAY

MEETING — The Raleigh Backgammon Club will be meeting at the Western Lanes Bowling alley on the first

and third Fridays of the month. Free lessons are given upon request. For more info, contact Frank Bommarito at 552-2291.

TOURNAMENT — A badminton tournament will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Carmichael Gymnasium Courts 4 and 6. For additional information, contact the Intramural-Recreational Sports office at 515-3161.

SATURDAY

FESTIVAL — The Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Festival, entitled "Living the Dream: Providing Community Service to Humanity" will be held at the McKimmon Center from noon to 5 p.m. Free. A dinner featuring civil rights activist C.T. Vivian will be held at the Student Center Ballroom at 5:30 p.m. For more info., call 515-4516.

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Unity

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to buy an ethernet card for their computer and call the telecommunications office for more information on getting in the system.

Right now, there is no charge to hook up to the network in a room, but there will be a monthly or semester fee in the fall, Luckaddo said.

"It will be billed as an optional service, like cable and phone service," he said. "Right now, the only cost is to have the ethernet card."

Willis said whether there are more labs will depend on demand.

"We want to have enough labs so they aren't overly crowded," he said.

There are no specific plans for other labs right now, but Willis said

the computing center is looking at other residence halls and at north campus.

"We are growing as fast as we can handle right now," he said.

With the opening of the new lab, there are over a hundred terminals open to any student, in addition to the hundreds of workstations dedicated to PAMS, Textiles and Engineering, Willis said.

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the School of Design are starting later, so it will take longer for them to get good access, he said.

"Right now we are in transition," Willis said. "Other departments are catching up. When we have adequate numbers, we might be able to bring down some of the barriers."

Shih

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Eric Miller, an associate professor of microbiology, have identified the DNA sequence that controls the production of the enzyme. Researchers are currently working to clone the gene's DNA sequence and manipulate it to mass produce the enzyme. If successful it may reduce the time needed to break down feathers to one day.

N.C. State has filed for a patent on the technology that came from the research.

Coffee

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to go out inexpensively.

The coffee shop concept was one of the hot topics discussed at a university food service conference, and Lait said he knew the idea was perfect for the space in the Atrium. Officials said the space, which is too small to cook in and too small for another convenience store, was being underused last year as a video game room.

From the mid-70's, when there was no dining hall on campus, to

the present existence of a Chick-Fil-A, Taco-Bell and numerous C-stores, the addition of a coffee house is indicative of University Dining's rapid growth.

Lait said he hopes the coffee sells well so he can continue to increase student dining options, but he said he doesn't want to disrupt the profitability of nearby businesses.

Michelle Godwin, of Peaberry's coffee house on Hillsborough St., said she has yet to notice a dip in their sales.

The Atrium's coffee house prices range from \$1-2 and is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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North Carolina	3	1	.750	12	1	.923
Maryland	3	1	.750	13	3	.813
Wake Forest	2	1	.667	9	2	.818
Clemson	1	2	.333	10	2	.833
N.C. State	1	2	.333	9	4	.692
Georgia Tech	1	2	.333	9	5	.643
Florida State	1	3	.333	7	5	.583
Duke	0	4	.000	9	6	.600

Wednesday
 Florida State at Clemson, 7:30 p.m.
 N.C. State at Duke, 7:30 p.m.
 Virginia at North Carolina, 9 p.m.

Thursday
 UNC-Wilmington at Ga. Tech, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
 Clemson at Wake Forest, 1:30 p.m.
 Duke at Florida State, 2:30 p.m.
 Va. Tech v. UNC at Greensboro, 4 p.m.

Sunday
 Maryland at N.C. State, 1:30 p.m.
 Georgia Tech at Virginia, 4 p.m.

Tuesday
 Duke at Notre Dame, 8:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball						
Team	ACC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Virginia	5	0	1.000	12	0	1.000
North Carolina	4	0	1.000	13	2	.867
Duke	4	1	.800	13	2	.867
N.C. State	3	2	.600	8	5	.615
Clemson	2	2	.500	12	4	.750
Georgia Tech	2	2	.500	9	6	.667
Maryland	1	4	.200	8	7	.500
Wake Forest	0	4	.000	7	7	.500
Florida State	0	6	.000	4	13	.231

Wednesday
 N.C. State at North Carolina, 6 p.m.
 Duke at Georgia Tech, 7:30 p.m.
 Iowa at Maryland, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday
 Clemson at Wake Forest, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
 Clemson at N.C. State, 2 p.m.
 Florida State at Wake Forest, 4 p.m.
 Georgia Tech at Virginia, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday
 Maryland at North Carolina, 12 p.m.

Wolfpack Notes

Melvin wins Rookie Award

Freshman center Chasity Melvin was named the ACC's Rookie of the Week after leading the Pack to two wins. Melvin averaged 18 points and six rebounds for the week, while hitting on 71% of her shots. She now ranks second in the league in field goal percentage (.592) and leads the team in scoring (14.3).

She earned the award behind a 12 point and seven board performance that led to a 91-68 victory over FSU, and then poured in 24 points while adding five rebounds.

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Sports

Men swimmers top 'Noles

By MICHAEL TODD
 STAFF WRITER

Following a holiday season filled with two-day practices and lots of work, the N.C. State swimming teams returned to action against Florida State on Saturday.

The hard work paid off as the men's team put on one of their best performances of the year and defeated the Seminoles 127-110.

"They swam faster than they have all year," interim head coach Beth Harrel said. "I think they're feeling pretty good about that. They're real confident."

With the victory, State maintains its undefeated record. The Pack is 9-0, 5-0 in the ACC.

FSU jumped out to an early lead by posting wins in the first two events. In the 200-meter medley relay, the Seminoles edged out State's team of Chucky Cox, Sami Renness, Mark Wolfenden and Ed Riley for first by .36 of a second.

Then the 'Noles swam away with the next event, the 1000-meter freestyle, by capturing first and second place. State took third through fifth, led by Kevin Pchola, who finished 10 seconds behind the winner.

After two events, the Seminoles led 24-12. No problem, because throughout the season, State has found itself behind early.

"We've got to work a little harder on our medley relay and our distance freestyle events," Harrel said. "But we don't mind coming back. We like to give people a false sense of confidence."

The Wolfpack narrowed the gap as Matt Ream won the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 1:41.13, followed by Carlos Santander's

Men	
Florida State	110
N.C. State	127

Women	
Florida State	130
N.C. State	107



HUNTER MORRIS/STAFF
 Chasity 'Baby Shaq' Melvin gives Joannah Kaufman a facial en route to the basket.

'Baby Shaq' smags Jaqs

By TED NEWMAN
 ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

ATLANTA — N.C. State's women's basketball team rallied from a first-half deficit then turned up the defense in the second to beat Georgia Tech 81-67.

The Wolfpack (8-5, 3-2 ACC) got its most balanced inside-outside attack of the season.

Guard Jennifer Howard poured in 25 points anchored by 5-6 three-point shooting and freshman center Chasity Melvin powered in 24.

"Jennifer Howard and Chasity Melvin had great games," State coach Kay Yow said. "A lot of other people played hard and played defense, boxed out and made that extra pass to them when they were open. It was a great team effort."

Early in the contest it looked like it would be the "Carla Munnion vs. Baby Shaq Show." Munnion, a

freshman guard for the Yellow Jackets, was everywhere in the first half. She rattled off 13 points in the first seven minutes of the game. At the other end Melvin was carrying the load for the Pack as she netted nine during that span.

With 12:58 left in the first half a Melvin jumper nudged State ahead by a point at 21-20. But the Wolfpack would score only one basket over the next five-and-a-half minutes. At the same time the Jackets got hot on an 11-2 run that briefly gave them some breathing room.

With Melvin on the bench with her second foul, Howard made her presence felt. She scored a quick seven points near the end of the half and a three-pointer with 1:40 on the clock brought the Pack all the way back into the lead at 40-37.

"We made some substitutions and had different combinations on the floor," Yow said. "When we settled

down we made a run back. We just kept playing hard and made our own run."

In the second stanza, State never relinquished the lead and slowly pulled away. Howard picked up where she left off by hitting a deep three from about 24 feet for the Pack's first points of the half.

From that point on it was all Melvin, as she matched Howard's first-half output with 15 points of her own. Virtually unstoppable on the blocks, Melvin was the focus of the offense until the game was safely in hand. And when the Pack couldn't get it inside, Howard would step out and drain a three to keep the defense honest.

Munnion did all she could to keep Tech in the game, scoring 12 points in the second half. She finished with 28 points to lead all scorers. But State really turned up the

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FSU blows out Wolfpack

By OWEN S. GOOD
 SPORTS EDITOR

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — N.C. State coach Les Robinson figured the hubbub over the Wolfpack's victory over North Carolina two weeks ago had the team thinking "about skipping a notch" on its rise back to respectability.

Instead, it took a step back — like 22 feet back — in heating up 32 three-pointers, making only eight, and losing 107-79 to Florida State. It was the Wolfpack's 19th straight ACC road loss.

"You can't skip rungs," Robinson said. "Some of our early successes got the fans, the media and maybe the players thinking about skipping a notch."

State (9-4, 1-2 in the ACC) looked like it did two years ago — which Robinson said was "beneath the floor" — when it went 8-19 and

attempted 20 three-pointers a game.

"It comes down to taking a lot of three-pointers; if you hit them, we win," senior forward Bryant Feggins said. "If you miss them, a lot of things start happening. You get long rebounds, which can lead to transition baskets [for the other team]."

That was pretty much the formula Florida State (7-5, 1-3) used to undress the Wolfpack for its first conference win this year. The Seminoles outscored State 54-31; the Wolfpack grabbed only 17 of its 54 missed shots, while FSU came down with 37 of State's misses.

If missed three-pointers pour on the Seminoles' already-hot transition game, then it's no wonder State went down by 15 points in the first 12 minutes of the game. The Wolfpack did not make a two-point basket until the 7:40 mark of the first half. Only Ishua Benjamin, Bryant Feggins and Ricky Daniels

scored two-point field goals in the first 20 minutes.

"This was the first time we completely lost our discipline," Robinson said. "Our biggest problem was early on, we tried to execute and shoot too quickly."

While the Wolfpack worked the ball around the exterior, Florida State scored 14 of its first 22 points on layups or dunks.

Then, trailing 25-12 with 11 minutes left, State heaved up six consecutive three-point attempts and came down empty on all of them. Senior guard Lakista McCuller, who ended up with 25 points, was responsible for three of them.

From there, it was all uphill for the Wolfpack. State opened the second half by cutting the Seminoles' 16-point lead down to 13 on a three-point play by Ishua



MELISSA BAUER/STAFF
 Here's a rarity: N.C. State trying to score inside against Florida State. The Wolfpack didn't hit a two-point shot until 7:40 of the first half.

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defensive pressure and shut the Jackets down.

"In the first half I thought we had spurts of intensity," Now said. "In the second half our shot selection was very good, we didn't commit the foolish fouls and we played with great intensity on defense. And that made the difference."

After hitting 51.6 percent in the first and scoring 39 points, Tech was held to 31.4 percent and only 28 points in the second. Conversely, the Wolfpack torched the nets in the second at a 57.1 percent clip.

Umeki Webb was the only other Pack player to finish in double figures, collecting 10 points. Quicha Floyd collected 10 rebounds to go along with seven points in only 23 minutes of play.

State heads down I-40 tonight to face undefeated and No. 3 North Carolina at 6 p.m.



HUNTER MORRIS/STAFF
Jennifer Howard (14) added excellent defense (two steals) to her well-balanced offensive game; Howard got 25 points and was 5 for 6 from the three-point line.



MELISSA BAKER/STAFF
Ricky Daniels (32) was one of many neglected inside players.

Georgia Tech (67)					N.C. State (81)								
fg	ft	r	a	pts	fg	ft	r	a	pts				
Munnion	11-22	5-7	1-4	1	3	28	Gibson	3-11	3-3	0-1	6	1	8
Kaufman	3-10	1-2	0-2	0	3	7	Howard	9-12	2-2	0-2	1	1	25
Martin	1-4	2-4	0-6	1	4	4	Webb	2-7	5-8	0-4	3	3	10
Smith	7-11	1-2	6-9	2	3	16	Melvin	9-14	6-7	0-4	0	2	24
Finney	3-12	0-0	3-6	2	3	8	Kriul	1-2	0-0	0-4	0	2	2
Gaspard	2-7	0-0	1-3	0	3	4	Michell	0-2	2-2	1-4	0	3	2
Buchannon	0-0	0-0	1-3	1	2	0	Floyd	4-7	0-0	3-10	3	3	8
Wilkinson	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	Davis	1-1	0-0	0-2	0	0	2
Totals	27-66	9-15	13-35	17	21	67	Young	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
							Totals	29-56	17-22	9-39	13	15	81

Three-point shooting: 4-11 (Finney 2-4, Smith 1-2, Munnion 1-5).
Blocked shots: 2 (Munnion, Kaufman).
Turnovers: 19 (Munnion 4, Martin 4, Gaspard 4, Finney 3, Smith 2, Kaufman, Buchannon).
Steals: 8 (Martin 4, Munnion, Kaufman, Smith, Gaspard).

Three-point shooting: 6-13 (Howard 5-6, Webb 1-2, Gibson 0-5).
Blocked shots: 4 (Webb 4).
Turnovers: 20 (Howard 5, Webb 4, Melvin 4, Gibson 2, Kriul 2, Floyd, Davis, Young).
Steals: 11 (Webb 3, Gibson 2, Howard 2, Floyd 2, Melvin, Young).

N.C. State	40	41	—	81
Georgia Tech	39	28	—	67

Basketball Previews

Records
N.C. State 9-4 (1-2 in the ACC)
Duke 6-5 (0-5)

Site
Cameron Indoor Stadium, Durham

Time
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Radio
WPTF-680

The Skinny
Duke is 0-4 in the ACC, unraveled for the first time since 1986, and without its head coach. That means nothing about tonight's game, because the Devils' misfortunes are balanced out by N.C. State's much-talked-about road losing streak and recent ineptitude on the court.

State probably doesn't know whether it should feel lucky or confident. This Duke program is used to losing five in a row — it hasn't done it since 1977. And while calling the Devils in a down year is better than getting them, red-hot Duke has broken its two most recent four-game slumps — in 1988 and 1992 — with wins over the Wolfpack.

State gambled last time, sending in a small lineup against Florida State in hopes of forcing turnovers and eventually catching up. The Wolfpack will have to gamble tonight, and that means trusting Todd Fuller and Ricky Daniels against Duke's Cherokee Parks and Erik Meek.

The Pack can ill afford to leave up nothing but threes; Duke is a more disciplined team and plays more aggressive defense than the Seminoles, which blew the Wolfpack out by 28 points. Still, Duke is a traditional rival, one that the Wolfpack is quantified to get up for.

Home or road, The Pack looked uninspired in its last two losses to FSU and Virginia. Maybe the prospect of winning in Cameron, all the ACC's toughest arena, will be enough to stoke State's fire.

— Owen S. Good

Records
N.C. State, 7-5/2-2 in the ACC)
North Carolina 16-0 (4-0)

Site
Carmichael Auditorium, Chapel Hill

Time
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Radio
WYLT-FM 96

The Skinny
The Wolfpack women face their third top-5 team of the season, but this time it's on the road. Gomis against No. 2 Stanford and now No. 1 UNC in December showed that the Pack could compete with the upper echelon teams in the country.

Last year the Tar Heels romped over State twice en route to the national title. But the loss of UNC's dominant inside tandem of Sylvia Crawley and Tonya Sampson bodes well for the Pack. Sure they still have Charlotte's National Championship MVP, Smith, but State now has Chasity "Baby Shark" Melvin.

Melvin is second in the league in field goal percentage and fourth in scoring. She leads State in scoring at 16.6 points per game.

Carolina has a dynamic backcourt in the form of last year's ACC Rookie of the Year Marlon Jones and this year's leading candidate Tracy Reid. Jones, Smith, and Reid live off the heels' running, pressing style and the Pack struggles getting the ball upcourt, it will be a long night.

The Wolfpack and Melvin should exploit the Seminoles' weakness and J. Jennifer Howard continues her hot shooting of late from three-point land, there could be an upset in baby-blue heaven.

— Ted Newman

FSU

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Benjamin, but would be down a demoralizing 20 points in five minutes.

But wait, there's more. Florida State packed in a 12-0 run with 7:36 left, going up 95-63 — 32 points, the largest deficit the Wolfpack has faced all season.

"We learned that if you don't come to play, you get your you-know-what kicked," McCuller said. Seminole forward Bob Sura did a lot of you-know-what kicking by himself in turning in the 13th triple-double in ACC history. The senior from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., got 12 rebounds, 19 points and 12 assists.

"He's a player," Robinson said. "He knows how to play the game. I said the same thing about Sam Cassell. There are a lot of good guys in this league that don't know

how to play, but when he reaches the NBA, and he will, he'll already know how to play."

Florida State head coach Pat Kennedy said the 'Noles performance can be chalked up to "three terrific days in practice."

"We practiced the way we played out there," Kennedy said. McCuller had a similar take on the Pack's performance.

"We've got to do it the way we do it in practice," McCuller said. "If we convert the way we play in practice to the way we play in the game, it'd be a remarkable improvement."

Tonight, State faces a similar challenge to the one in Tallahassee — it takes on Duke, looking for its first conference win and playing at home. The Wolfpack has not beaten the Blue Devils in Durham since 1988, and has lost at Cameron Indoor Stadium by an average of 20 points since then.

Swimmers

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Opinion

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

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Efforts should be rebooted

Grade distribution reports are now online, but they are not as telling as they could be.

N.C. State took another step into cyberspace by placing grade distribution reports online. The reports for last semester are available on the World-Wide Web at: <http://www2.ncsu.edu/class/grades/>.

The reports are broken down by subject and a separate listing is available for each section of a course that was taught. This move is a step in the right direction.

It allows the student to make more informed decisions in their scheduling and allows them to see which professors give out the most F's or which ones are generous with A's. It also furthers the university's effort to become more electronic and put information within reach of the students it serves.

But there is a problem with the current set-up. Reports are available only for sections that have more than 50 students, "to ensure statistical significance" as stated at the top of the Web page. This was done because the administration was afraid that if

smaller sections were included, students could figure out who got what grade.

This restriction is quite laughable. With a small section, say around 10 to 15 students, the concern is genuine.

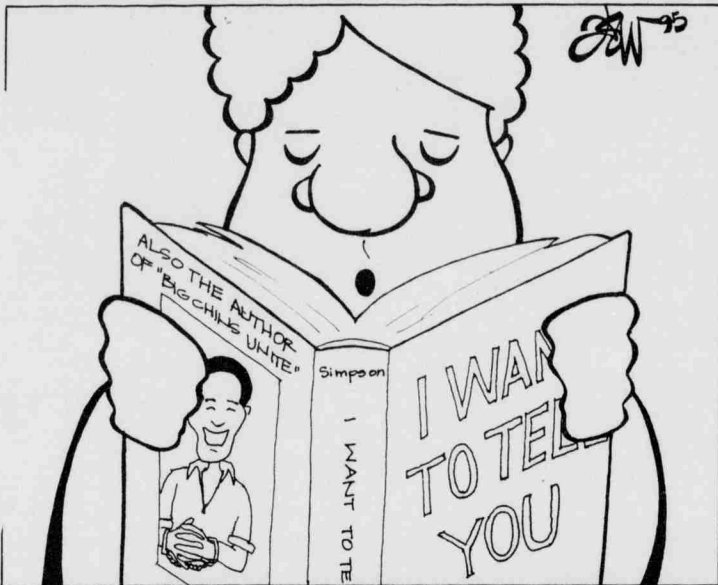
But to determine from raw data exactly who out of 40 people failed a course would be incredibly difficult. Why would anyone bother to sit down with these reports and try to figure out who got an A or an F in the class?

Also, most sections are smaller than 50 students, the average being around 25.

Therefore, most of the classes students take will have fewer than 50 students in them, thus providing the students with only a very small amount of information they can use. This silly restriction ensures statistical worthlessness.

It would be of greater benefit to the student if the limit was lowered to 15 students.

This would allow for a far greater amount of information to be available to the students while safeguarding the privacy of the students and their grades, and would still "ensure statistical significance."



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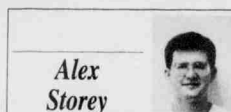
Make my day Overmier, resign now

It is the dead of winter, yet a snake is still out at play.

The venerable Douglas Overmier, director of the N.C. State marching band and symphonic wind ensemble, is once again playing the part of a bug in a red blazer. The cold-blooded, hot-headed reptile in Price Music Center has apparently confused his role in the music department with those of a nightclub bouncer and the kind of bully one would have found in the service of the Gestapo or the pre-Vietnam KGB.

A letter to the editor that ran in last Friday's Technician disturbed me. It was written by Tommy Thomas, a 1978 graduate of NCSU. He recounted in his letter the sort of treatment he received while at this year's Peach Bowl in Atlanta. A few of the Wolfpack players had congregated on the field in front of the band section to shake hands with the adoring fans leaping over the wall. He was grabbed from behind and pulled back as he joined the others at the wall. Thomas turned around and who should he see but Overmier and presumably one of his assistants, who was nameless in the letter. Thomas nobly restrained himself and told Overmier what he thought of them and this unwarranted action against him. Thomas said Overmier never explained his actions nor offered any justification for them. Thomas also noted several other people around him complaining about the same sort of treatment and taking issue with Thomas' situation.

Thomas was appalled by the conduct of



Alex Storey

Overmier, as well he should be. Students on school-sponsored trips have been told for years to behave themselves because they are not only representing themselves but the school. It would certainly reflect badly on the university if a band member acted up, but how would it look if the band director acted up? An employee of NCSU, and readily identifiable as such, roughing up spectators at the game is extremely unprofessional. Such an action says this university beats up on spectators for no apparent reason. Is this the image we wanted to project to the 64,902 spectators in the Georgia Dome?

As if that wasn't enough, Overmier seems not to like it when his students speak their minds.

Several students were having a conversation in Price when one of them made a comment about who might be the new director of the music department.

Ron Tearing, head of the department, had been named director of visual arts. One student, Student X for clarity's sake, made a comment about the situation and who the new director might be. One of the graduate assistants was involved in the conversation, and upon hearing these comments went upstairs where the faculty

offices are located. The conversation ended soon thereafter and Student X left the building.

A few minutes later, Overmier came downstairs and asked Student Y, who was involved in the conversation, where Student X was. Overmier had been searching the entire building, including the restroom, in search of Student X. Student Y said X had left the building. Overmier, apparently having been told what X said, told Student Y with forked tongue that if he saw X, he should tell him to not make such comments or he would bring charges against him.

Overmier is a man out of control. In the past he brought up ludicrous charges against former students intent on expelling them from school, but just three days before it was time to argue his case before the Judicial Board, he dropped the charges and slithered away after subjecting the accused to 134 days of jettison over an uncertain academic future. Now the music department's loose cannon is strong-arming students and alumni at official band functions and hunting down those who dare to be so bold as to exercise their constitutional rights to speak their minds. How my stomach turns.

Overmier, you are not a god. You are not the end-all and be-all of the music department. You do not have tenure and you are replaceable. You are nothing but a tyrannical self-centered demagogue, bent

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Common sense is plentiful

Doing it by the book often causes a greater emergency than having the freedom to make an informed decision on the scene.

Although being prepared for the worst is optimal, it is often a policy that does not need to be written down.

N.C. State's Crisis Management Committee has for the past six months worked on a crisis management plan that NCSU officials would consult in the event of an emergency. An emergency constitutes anything from a melt down in Burlington Labs to a violent student protest.

Despite the foreboding title of the document, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Business Jeff Mann said the document is really just common sense.

If it is just common sense, why bother to write it down?

Crisis situations transpire too rapidly to have a war room type committee, such as the Crisis Management

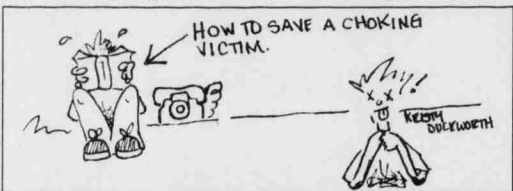
Committee, handling it.

This method of crisis management is more of an advanced bureaucratic damage control than a real plan that can be implemented solely by the specified people. It is too general to impart any new knowledge.

Decision making in an emergency often happens without consulting a manual or a book. Setting a standard policy of emergency management is an attempt to cover the university's own tails more than cover all the bases.

The university should have a little more faith in the ability of its faculty and students to handle a crisis. No emergency situation will fit into the mold of crisis planners. The best response to such a situation would be for professionals on the scene to have the freedom to creatively manage an incident.

The Crisis Management Committee may have worked too hard to concoct a plan with information students and faculty already know. No response should be preordained and set into stone. The last thing an emergency



Suddenly, it's the 1980s all over again: skinny ties, Duran Duran and Reaganomics.

Republicans across the country are remembering fondly the days of higher military spending, lower-than-low taxes, and dangerously low regulation (anyone remember the \$200 billion we spent to pay for S&L de-regulation? We're just now finishing the payments).

What brought about such wistful thinking? Newt's Contract with America, silly. You have to wonder if we should be learning lessons from a man who just now admitted to being senile.

Newt's Contract has begun a new round of arguments which were cold and tired a decade ago. If we lower taxes, will the people use that extra money to buy stuff or invest in industry? And if they do, will we expand the economy enough to pay for the cuts?

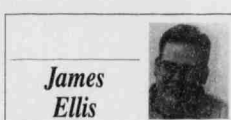
Even the most rosy of scenarios show that in five years, only 32 cents of every dollar cut will come back. What a bargain.

But we have forgotten the most fundamental question of taxation: Who cares how much is being taken when the money is just going to be squandered anyway? Who cares that they may take 10 percent off my federal income taxes (not local, not state) when they're still buying into such boondoggles as missiles that don't work, postal service with no service and buildings no one wants to work in?

If you (and I mean you) had to re-write the budget so that the country got the most benefit, what would you spend it on?

Sure, roads are good. Sure, safe borders are good. Sure, social security is good.

But in general, they are not the programs



James Ellis

upon which this country should be built, are they? I have in mind (as if you were surprised) a particular program which helps everyone — young and old, smart and ... not so smart — be better workers, better thinkers, better managers, better entrepreneurs, better everything.

Can you guess what it is? Chances are, you benefit from that program right now, albeit minimally. That program is education. Not just for little kids, but for anyone who wants it. People who want a great primary education and don't want to have to go to Canada to get it. People who want to learn new job skills. People who want to attend universities. Everyone.

How will this program of programs benefit all of America? Easy. Studies show that the lower your education level, the higher your chances of committing a serious crime. What need would we have for affirmative action programs, if minorities have real access to top notch schools. Everyone's production would increase if they went to elementary schools which they really tried to teach them how to think.

People wonder how countries like Japan and Germany managed to come back to superpower status so soon after being devastated by war. They trained their

children well. They taught them how to think and work, and they grew up to be strong and intelligent workers.

Things such as interest rates and tax rates will mean little if everyone has a better job in which he or she makes more money. We won't be dependent on low-skill jobs (auto builders, retail salespeople, burger flippers) to support our middle-class.

What kind of world would our children live in if they went to an elementary school where they and their teachers were afraid of being shot? Secondary schools which show the "Lonesome Dove" mini-series as an example of an epic?

Colleges where it is literally impossible to fail — not because students are smart, but because their teachers aren't allowed to give "F's"? What kind of job will they get if the closest they have come to intellectual stimulation is pondering whether Miller Lite is less filling or tastes great (the answer is tastes great, by the way)? And what will they do when they can't even find a job?

Why can't anyone see that we will slowly stop making the technological and social advances which made America strong if we don't care about how well educated we are? Politicians aren't really happy with the idea because a smarter populace will demand real answers from our lawmakers, instead of the pabulum they feed us now.

It's the real match-up America should be watching: Education of Politics As Usual.

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