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Murderer, rapist dies by lethal injection

Central Prison's second execution in seven months was more peaceful than the first.

By KEITH JORDAN
MANAGING EDITOR

Kermit Smith died early Tuesday morning, ending his 15-year stay in prison on a first-degree murder charge.

Smith, 37, was convicted of killing Wesleyan College cheerleader Whellette Collins. He kidnapped Collins and two other cheerleaders after a basketball game in Dec. 1980. He raped her, bludgeoned her to death, pushed her legs into a cinder block and threw her body into a rock quarry.

Smith's mother Jean maintained that her son's action was caused by depression. She spoke in hushed tones to reporters after witnessing his death, which took place at 2:12 a.m.

"It was the most barbaric, cold-blooded thing I've ever seen," she said of the lethal injection that killed Smith. "This should pacify the people who wanted to see him dead."

Others who watched Smith die described the death as relatively peaceful compared with the last execution, David Lawson's death sentence was carried out by lethal gas on June 15 last year. Lawson struggled and gasped until shortly before dying, while Smith appeared to fall asleep a few minutes after the thiopental sodium injection.

Smith mouthed "I'm okay, I'm okay" to family and friends while waiting in the execution chamber, media witnesses said. At one point he seemed to speak toward the Collins family but what he said was lost behind the plexiglass separating him from the

witnesses.

Smith's sister, Kim, wept openly throughout. But the other witnesses — including members of the Smith and Collins families — were largely impassive.

About 150 death penalty opponents held a peaceful vigil on the prison side of Western Boulevard, while around 25 death penalty supporters held signs across the street supporting the state's decision. More turned out for the Lawson execution, especially among people in favor of the death penalty.

Dick Efyfe, a member of Pullen Baptist Church in Raleigh, said the numbers made a statement.

"There's not as much media attention, and it's very cold tonight," he said. "I guess a lot of [death penalty supporters] decided it wasn't worth coming out. Maybe that tells you something about the two groups."

Guards wheeled Smith into the chamber on a gurney at 1:50 a.m. He looked at each witness in turn and smiled at his mother.

At 1:52 a.m. Smith began to seem drowsy — a result of nerve medication he had requested.

At 2 a.m., he mouthed to his family that he was okay. At 2:01 a.m., he was injected.

His face turned ashen, then deep red about five minutes later, witnesses said. Smith then slumped over, unconscious. Warden James French entered the chamber and pronounced Smith dead at 2:12 a.m.

North Carolina's death penalty was reinstated in 1977. Seven people have been executed since then.

Smith was the second white man in the United States executed since 1976 for killing a black woman, and the first white North Carolinian ever executed for killing a black person.



Nola Mae Gilmore supported the execution of Kermit Smith early Tuesday morning. Smith was lethally injected for the 1980 murder of a cheerleader.

MATT NASH/STAFF

Group visits Africa

A trip to another continent was educational for several university community members.

By JAMIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

During Christmas break, while most N.C. State students were at home, more than 50 administrators, faculty members and students were half a world away in Ghana, gaining knowledge that will last them a lifetime.

The 12-day trip, organized by Lawrence Clark, associate provost for African-American affairs, was part of an exchange program being developed with the three universities in the West African nation.

The goal for the trip was to build strong ties with Ghana, and to give students a chance to learn about another country first hand.

"It is very important for the 21st century that our students have an international perspective," Clark said. "We want to establish a global village, and Ghana is a good place to start since 25 percent of the people in North Carolina can trace their roots to West Africa."

The NCSU delegation was well received, partly because the members were special guests of the minister of education, Harry Sawyer, Sawyer spoke at NCSU last spring.

Pamela Gibson, a graduate student who made the trip, was amazed at how welcome she was made to feel.

"In America we don't know how to welcome people," Gibson said. "They really went out of their way."

The students heard the president of Ghana address that country's parliament. They also heard lectures at the three universities, and spoke to students.

Members of the delegation said

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Paintings draw attention

A new art exhibit examines the horrors of female genital mutilation.

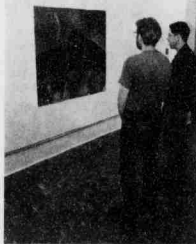
By LIZ MAHNCKE
STAFF WRITER

Controversial? Maybe. But not by intent.

At least that is what Joani Spadaro says about her art exhibit, "Visible Silence: Gendered Violence and the Mutilation of Women," now on display in the Brooks Hall gallery.

Some people have found the exhibit offensive. But most have expressed amazement with Spadaro's work and fully support the School of Design's decision to run it.

The controversy is due to her direct confrontation of an issue many are not aware of — the ritual mutilation of a woman's genital organs. Genital mutilation is the practice of removing the clitoris and/or the labia. These parts are cut off then sewn together, leaving a small hole for waste disposal. The woman is cut open by her husband,



Two people look at one of several paintings in an art display in Brooks Hall.

ROD GARREN/STAFF

usually on their wedding night. This practice ensures a man of a virtuous wife.

Spadaro's exhibit consists mainly of paintings. A few contain photographs and/or words. The words are African sayings recited during the mutilation.

"I chose painting because it is how I express myself best," Spadaro said. "I didn't want people to be afraid to look at them. I wanted to personalize the issue by putting clarity in the process and filtering it through me."

Spadaro has always been

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White flakes fall without disrupting classes

Earlier this week, Raleigh received a dusting of frozen precipitation.

By CHUCK NORMAN
STAFF WRITER

Students going to their 10:15 classes got a surprise Monday morning when they were greeted with the winter's first snow.

The flakes began to fall at 10:45 a.m. By noon the flurries were replaced by a steady snow fall, ending around 6 p.m.

WRAL meteorologist Greg Fishel said Raleigh is overdue for a big snow. Raleigh averages seven inches of snow a year, but hasn't had that much since it snowed six inches Feb. 1989.

N.C. State students gave the long-awaited snow mixed reviews.

"It is cold, but I like it," said Sonia Haanskorf, a freshman in mechanical engineering.

The flakes were a unique occurrence for some students.

"It's great — I'm from a country where it doesn't snow," said Sachin Gaur, a junior from India, who is majoring in industrial engineering.

But not everyone was impressed with North Carolina snow.

"It is a tease. It makes me reminiscent for real snow," said Sami Clark, a senior in economics and multidisciplinary studies. "I'm from D.C., I miss real snow."

James Clark, a sophomore in business from Ohio, also wanted more snow.

"It's a nice decoration, [but] it is nicer when there is a lot of snow," he said.

Others were a bit confused by the projected forecast.

"I thought it wouldn't snow until next week," said Charles Phinizy, a junior in mechanical



Snow falls on Harris Field Monday afternoon. Six tenths of an inch accumulated during the first winter storm of the season.

KEITH JORDAN/STAFF

engineering.

Rip Nance, a junior in pre-med, was greeted with the snowflakes when he left Manhattan Bagels at 10:45 a.m.

"Finally the weatherman was right — it's actually snowing in Raleigh," he said.

While he may not be able to predict every weather change, WLFL, Fox 22, weatherman

Steve Swienkowski did have an explanation for the snow.

"Monday's weather was the result of an upper level disturbance called a vorticity maximum," he said. "There was a low pressure system moving quickly northeast from the south over

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Inside Wednesday

Tennis:

The women's tennis team is looking to build on its best season ever. Page 3 ▶

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This year's freshman class is having the biggest impact in some time. Page 4 ▶



Gymnastics

N.C. State's highly-touted gymnastics team is ready to make a run at the NCAA Championships. Page 3 ▶

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News Notes

Author to discuss technological society

Tonight at 7 p.m. in the Witherspoon Student Center Cinema, Kenneth Gergen is lecturing on how people are in a hurry but don't know why. His book "The Saturated Self" explains how technological developments that bring us into contact with more people than ever before.

Exhibit

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Interested in women's issues, especially those relating to health. The project began as an independent study for a masters degree at Duke University, and it took Spadaro one year to complete the seventeen pieces in her collection.

The paintings use various images to convey the message. One has blank white rectangles in the center of the work. This symbolizes the

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missing pieces of the woman's body, post-mutilation. The pieces are grouped together in a series of two to three panels. One of them contains three pieces — "Last Blood," "A Sin Upon You" and "Red Sea." "A Sin Upon You" was inspired by actual words spoken by a child during circumcision to her father who was performing the ritual. "This practice happens to young children who have no say, no voice," Spadaro said. "That is the most disturbing."

One painting is an image of termite hills in Africa. A folk tale

tells how God looked upon the termite hills and they reminded Him of a woman's genitals, so He cut down the hills because He thought they were ugly. Spadaro depicts this with a combination of painting and text. "Phases of the Moon" interprets the phases of the moon as tin can lids, cut in the shapes of the moon. "This is the piece most people say is really pretty, until I point out that they use sharpened tin can lids instead of knives for the mutilation," Spadaro said. "The provost came and saw this piece, and that's when he started to back

away." Genital mutilation began long before written history, and no one is exactly sure how the practice started. It occurs primarily in the Middle East and Africa, and there is no distinction between religious and cultural reasons behind the practice. Now with immigration on the rise, the mutilation practice is spreading into Europe, where it has been outlawed in most countries. Unfortunately, the practice is so ingrained into culture that it is going underground. Recently, women immigrants have been seeking political asylum

from their native countries to avoid circumcision. "I was shocked by the amount of women this effected," Spadaro said. "There are estimates of 90 to 100 million women who have been mutilated. A lot of people are unaware of this practice." Spadaro sees a correlation between genital mutilation and the way the western medical establishment, especially gynecologists, treats women. "Women are incredibly vulnerable," she said. "They have been forced into unneeded hysterectomies."

"For a while a hysterectomy was the cure-all for everything. If it had been the other way around, it never would have happened." Spadaro's work has generated a lot of opinion, most of it positive. "It's important to this school that there is controversial work, like art and not so much design," said Daniel Plaumann, a design school student. "It's pretty personal, but it's important to have shows like that." Spadaro's exhibit ran through Tuesday in the Brooks Hall Gallery.

Snow

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the Carolinas." According to Swienkowski, Raleigh/Durham airport recorded seven tenths of an inch of accumulation — which is eleven hundredths of an inch liquid equivalent. Most of the snow melted as it hit the ground. Previous temperatures had thawed the ground enough to keep most snow from sticking. Shaded areas, open air areas and trees did accumulate some snow. Bridges and overpasses were not affected until after sunset. "It didn't really amount to much," Fishel said.

Although it snowed all day, the weather did not interfere with traffic. The temperature fell to 27 degrees overnight, but the small gusts of wind dried the roads enough to keep them in satisfactory condition. Transportation was unaffected, except for a few slick spots over bridges and overpasses. Despite the wintry weather, classes were not canceled, to the dismay of some students. "Unless it sticks, it is not worth it," Phintzy said. John Dettelbach, a junior in engineering, has been through this before, with much the same results. "Just once I would like to miss class because of the snow while I'm in college," he said. Cathy Dunbar, a junior in

chemistry, said the guidelines are confusing. "I wish there was a clearer policy on whether class is going to be canceled," she said. According to the NCSU Adverse Weather Policy, the university generally does not close during adverse weather and only makes public announcements for delay and closing decisions. "Faculty, students and staff are responsible for their regularly assigned duties. If conditions are hazardous, the faculty will consider the circumstances and make a reasonable effort to hold class. Everyone is urged to take all precautions when coming to campus given his or her personal circumstances. If a class meets,

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Ghana

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one major difference between life there and here is that students in Ghana feel safe on campus. So safe that when students are in their rooms, they leave the key in the door to let people know they are in. For many members of the group, the most memorable part of the trip was a visit to Elmina Castle, a place where slaves were traded. "Seeing the dungeons and the conditions that the slaves were held causes many of us to become very emotional," said Shelton Ford, a senior in mathematics education. Clark and Edward Erikson, interim coordinator of the NCSU office of International Programs, became interested in an African exchange program after visiting Togo in 1988. They decided to visit a country that didn't speak English so

students would have to learn another language. (French is the preferred language in Togo.) Two trips were made, but political unrest in Togo forced the delegation to find another country, and Ghana was chosen. In 1993, an agreement was signed between NCSU and the three Ghana universities, the University of Science and Technology at Kumasi, the University of Ghana at Legon, and the University of Cape Coast. It says the universities will try to collaborate on research and exchange programs. Students went on the trip for various reasons, but came back with more knowledge, perhaps, than they bargained for. Tonia Williams, said the trip showed her that wealth can not be measured by possessions alone. "Even though it seems we are rich we really are not," she said. "Sometimes people who have less than you and I really are more fortunate."

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Men's Basketball						
Team	ACC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Virginia	5	1	.833	11	4	.733
North Carolina	4	1	.800	14	1	.933
Maryland	4	1	.800	14	3	.824
Wake Forest	3	2	.600	10	3	.769
Florida State	3	3	.500	9	5	.643
N.C. State	2	3	.400	10	5	.667
Georgia Tech	2	3	.333	11	6	.647
Clemson	1	4	.200	10	4	.714
Duke	0	6	.000	9	8	.529

Wednesday
 N.C. State at Georgia Tech, 7:30 p.m.
 Maryland at Clemson, 7:30 p.m.
 Wake Forest at Virginia, 8 p.m.
 Florida State at North Carolina, 9 p.m.

Thursday
 North Carolina at Wake Forest, noon
Clemson at N.C. State, 2 p.m.
 Duke at Maryland, 4 p.m.
 George Mason at Virginia, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday
 Georgia Tech at Florida State, 2 p.m.

Women's Basketball						
Team	ACC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
North Carolina	6	0	1.000	18	0	1.000
Virginia	6	0	1.000	13	3	.813
Duke	5	1	.833	14	2	.875
N.C. State	4	3	.571	9	6	.600
Clemson	3	3	.500	13	5	.722
Georgia Tech	2	5	.286	9	8	.529
Florida State	2	6	.143	6	13	.316
Maryland	1	5	.167	9	8	.529
Wake Forest	0	6	.000	7	9	.438

Wednesday
 North Carolina at Duke, 7 p.m.
Wake Forest at N.C. State, 7 p.m.
 Virginia at Maryland, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday
 Georgia Tech at Clemson, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
N.C. State at Maryland, 11:30 a.m.
 Clemson at Virginia, 2 p.m.
 North Carolina at Wake Forest, 3:30 p.m.
 Duke at Florida State, 7 p.m.

Sunday
 N.C. State at George Mason, 2 p.m.

Wolfpack Notes

Melvin cops Rookie award for second straight week

SPORTS STAFF REPORT

Center Chasty Melvin was recognized as the ACC's Rookie of the Week for the second week in a row. She averaged 22.5 points per game on the week, as well as seven rebounds, in leading State to a 1-1 record.

The freshman from Roseboro, N.C., had her big week for the Pack start with a loss. She turned in a 30-point performance against third-ranked North Carolina and clearly outplayed another top rookie, UNC's Tracy Reid. Melvin went 13-21 from the floor and contributed seven rebounds and two steals.

In her next game, against Clemson, Melvin had 15 points, grabbed another seven rebounds and recorded three blocks and an assist to lead the Wolfpack to another victory.

Currently, she ranks second in the league in field goal percentage at 59.7 percent and is ninth in scoring, averaging 15.4 points per game. In ACC action, Melvin is shooting 63 percent and averaging 18.4 points, also second in the conference.

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Christi Newton is looking to finish strong this year; she ended last season sidelined with an injury.

Women's tennis hopes for better days ahead

N.C. State is looking to improve on last season's ACC record, and will rely heavily on experience to achieve that goal.

By JOE GIGLIO
 STAFF WRITER

As Margie Zimmer goes, so does the Wolfpack women's tennis team. Last season, the senior captain's record mirrored the team's. She finished the year 10-8. The team was 11-8.

If she plays as well as she did in the fall's big tournament, the Old Dominion Invitational, the team is ready for a banner season.

And after Zimmer captured the A flight singles championship at the ODU Invitational, coach Kelly Key has reason to be optimistic.

"Right now we are ranked 44th by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association," said Key. "Hopefully as the year progresses we will move up and eventually crack the Top 20."

But it's the team's standing in the conference, not the nation, that Key wants to focus on.

"Our main goal is to improve our record in the ACC," she said. "As we long as we stay healthy and some key people step up, we will be ready."

But after last year's success, the element of surprise will no longer be on the Pack's side.

"Last year we snuck up on some teams. This time they will be gunning for us."

The biggest Pearl Harbor attack took place when State dropped North Carolina 5-4. It was the Pack's first win over the Tar Heels in 26 tries.

"Carolina has the tradition and the facilities," Key said. "It means that we have caught up to them." And five of the six players who pulled off the upset are back. Overall, eight letter-winners return, including sophomore Kylie Hunt, the team's No. 1 player.

As a freshman, the Australian Ace racked up 15 wins in singles and 11 at No. 1 doubles to earn a trip to the NCAA Tournament. Hunt blanked her opponent 6-0, 6-0 in the first round before bowing out to the eventual NCAA champion in the second.

"Kylie is one of the best in the country," said Key. "She is quick-handed and quick-eyed, a force with a very big first serve."



Margie Zimmer's record is the barometer for the team.

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Expectations high for gymnasts

The Wolfpack seniors are going to be expected to carry the load if national championship hopes are to be realized.

By AARON MORRISON
 STAFF WRITER

Last season the N.C. State gymnastics team was .3 of a point away from 12th place in the country and a bid to the NCAA Women's Gymnastic Championships.

This season the Wolfpack looks forward to its next chance. The Pack returns seven of last year's nine starters, including Christi Newton, State's first NCAA national qualifier and school record holder in the all-around competition. Head coach Mark Stevenson believes this year's team is the best N.C. State has ever seen.

"This is the best team and best group of athletes I've had at N.C. State," Stevenson said. "Their work ethic is phenomenal. They do everything we ask them to do and then some. They are doing the things it takes to make this happen."

The Pack is trying to rebound from last year's near miss. State finished 16th in the nation last year after Newton was sidelined with an injury. This season State has made a transition from last year's young team to a group of experienced veterans. Stevenson's team returns with three seniors, two juniors, and two sophomores.

"We are really depending on upperclassmen this year," Stevenson said. "They have a lot of experience and we have to use that. They show the freshmen what it takes."

Newton paces Pack to first win

SPORTS STAFF REPORT

N.C. State's Christi Newton had a stellar performance and helped the Wolfpack to a first-place finish in the first meet of the new season.

Newton nabbed three individual events en route to the all-around title over gymnasts from George Washington, William & Mary, and North Carolina. The three events Newton won outright were floor exercise, uneven bars and the vault, on which she recorded a 9.9. In the fourth event, balance beam, she came in second, only .05 out of first.

State also got help from sophomore Elizabeth Bernstein. Bernstein finished second in the vault to claim third in the all-around competition.

The Wolfpack finished with 186.15 points. GWU was second with 184.3 and W&M came in third with a total of 182.9. UNC brought up the rear with a lowly 181.275.

Stevenson said. "They have a lot of experience and we have to use that. They show the freshmen what it takes."

Senior Suzi Curry, last year's team MVP, is very strong on the bars and beam. Nicole Cimato, also

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Talented crop of freshmen jump starts struggling basketball programs

■ This year's freshman class has turned both basketball programs around, simply by living up to its potential.

Have you seen this kid Chasty Melvin play basketball? And I know you've seen Ishua Benjamin and what he can do. Throw in C.C. Harrison and it all adds up to one thing.

This is one great freshman class. The class of 1994 has been very good to N.C. State athletics. I won't say they have resurrected their respective programs, but they have breathed

new life into each one. Melvin, a 6-3 center on the women's basketball team, has been a savior. She was highly anticipated and did not disappoint. Granted, she was not supposed to be prime-time so soon. Peace Sheppard's knee injury during the preseason really opened the door for Melvin to showcase her talent.

And showcase she has. She scored 14 points in her first game in Wolfpack red, but her real coming-out party was last week. She was pretty much unstopable against North Carolina on Wednesday night as she torched the Heels for 30. When Carolina's 6-7 center was guarding her, she just drove around. When fab-forward Charlotte Smith tried to D her, Melvin just shot over her.



Ted Newman

This week she won her second-straight ACC Rookie of the Week award. Her offensive performance against UNC and then her all-around game against Clemson helped her snag it again.

Melvin is so tough that when us Technician guys decided to give her a nickname (and a clever one it was) she called personally to put an end to it.

Every week Melvin has climbed in the conference statistical

standings. She is now second in the league with 18.4 points per game in ACC games and is shooting .597 percent against the league. That is also second in the ACC.

Benjamin, more like "Osh," on the other hand, has become a household name to all Pack fans. The 6-5 guard has raised the level of play of the Pack and provides something sorely missed in the past couple of seasons, a true point guard.

Benjamin himself has said that he prefers to set up his teammates for scores.

And holding true to his word he leads the team in assists and is second in that category in the ACC. However, he also leads the Pack in scoring.

The two-pronged attack out of the backcourt is something State has

lacked during the past couple of seasons.

And I know some of the underclassmen are getting tired of hearing "Ishua this, and Ishua that." But if it weren't for him Lakista McCuller wouldn't be averaging 14 points per game or taking nearly eight threes a game. And the added outside threat he possesses has kept defenses from completely collapsing on Todd Fuller and Bryant Figgins in the post.

Not to mention the drive-and-dish dimension of his game. Benjamin creates so much by being able to get into the middle of the lane and see over, as well as through, the defense.

Harrison has been lost in the hype and shuffle surrounding Benjamin. He was, after all, as highly rated as

Benjamin last did win. And his high school team did win the state championship on his last-second shot.

But he started out slowly and Benjamin didn't. Lately, things have changed. Benjamin's game has not deteriorated, but it is beginning to rise and fall with the rest of the team's play. But Harrison has been steadily rising.

He scored 10 points last Sunday against Maryland. But the key stat is his four turnovers — all seasons. Benjamin has 50, but in substantially more playing time.

Melvin, Benjamin, and Harrison probably know little about each other before they got to Raleigh. Now the trio will probably have their names etched together in the history of N.C. State basketball.

1994 Gymnastics Schedule					
Jan. 22	at William & Mary	W	18	at Michigan Invite	7:00
27	FLORIDA	7:00	24	ACC TRI-MEET	7:00
Feb. 10	HEARTS INVITE	7:00	Apr.		
19	EASTERN MICHIGAN	2:00	20-22	NCAA Championships (Athens, GA)	
25	at George Washington	7:00			
27	at Nebraska Invite	2:00			
Mar. 4	BUBBLE INVITE	7:00	HEAD COACH:	Mark Stevenson	
11	at Missouri Invite	7:00		(1.5h Year)	

Gymnasts

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a senior is strong on the bars and will add strength to the team's vaulting. Giving a needed boost on the floor exercise will be senior Rosann Grabner. Grabner finished fifth in the floor exercise at the NCAA Regional meet.

Newton leads the talented junior tandem. She is a leading contender in the all-around competition and is one of only two athletes in the nation to complete a layout full-in back out on the floor.

Junior Jennifer Kilgore is one of the team's top beam and bar workers and will also compete in the floor exercise and the vault.

An all-around competitor who looks to challenge Newton this season will be Sophomore Liz Bernstein. This extra weapon could

provide the punch that propels the Wolfpack into the nationals.

Lisa Donaldson, a sophomore and three-event competitor, has just been cleared to compete after coming off an ankle injury.

With such a small team Stevenson says staying healthy is paramount.

To go along with all the experience the Pack will have a lot of youth. Stevenson brought in five freshmen to make up one of State's strongest recruiting classes ever. The newcomers are Stephanie Wall, Ashley Hutsell, Emily Bradsher, Barbie No, and Amy Blankenstein.

To go along with the tough team the Wolfpack has a much tougher schedule this season. The schedule includes seven top-12 teams including Michigan, Florida, and Penn State.

Most of the powerhouse schools give out 10 scholarships while State awards only about five. That can make the going tough, but

Stevenson says his teams have a mission.

"We have very dedicated athletes," Stevenson said. "Nobody else wanted them and now they are beating the teams that didn't want them."

The Wolfpack has already had an impressive start this season. They came away with a win this past weekend at a tournament hosted by William & Mary. State beat George Washington, William & Mary, and UNC. State's final score was 186-15.

"If we can remain healthy and peak at the right time, the right time is the month of March, then we can advance to the NCAA finals," Stevenson said. "We really would like to have a lot of support this season. This team can do really well this season."

The Pack holds its first home meet 7 p.m. Friday at the Raleigh Civic Center.

Tennis

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Hunt was named to the All-ACC team, named team MVP and finished ranked 35th in the country by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Last year, State won its first six matches, but lost its next four. Key attributed the slide to a lack of focus.

"At the very least we should have split those four," she said. "We have to stay internally motivated and the wins will follow."

Key feels the year of experience will help underclassmen Chas Chandler, Dana Allen, Laura Cowman and Meredith Quinn. The addition of freshman Blair Sutton, a three-time state champion, solidifies the lineup.

After the fall season, Key was very pleased with the team's doubles play and that will help the team improve its in-conference record to above .500.

The doubles combination of Zimmer and Hunt is ranked No. 33 in the country. Key is banking on continued stellar doubles play from Wilmington native Leslie Marshall.

Individual action begins this weekend at the ACC Coaches Indoor Tournament in Chapel Hill. Team play starts Feb. 15 at home against UNC-Greensboro.

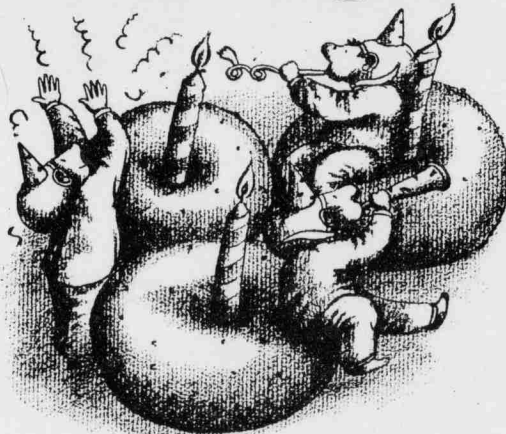
Basketball Previews

Records	Records
N.C. State 10-5 (2-3 in the ACC)	N.C. State 9-6 (4-3 in the ACC)
Wake Forest 7-9 (2-3)	Wake Forest 7-9 (2-3)
Site	Site
Alexander Memorial Coliseum, Atlanta	Reynolds Coliseum
Time	Time
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	Tonight, 7:00 p.m.
Radio	TV
WPTF-680	WKFT-TV Ch. 40
The Skinny	The Skinny
To stay the team will miss Ricky Daniels is a hell of an understatement. Inside strength has figured dramatically into four of the Wolfpack's five ACC games, seeing as how Todd Fuller is the only player over 6-8. With Daniels, who averaged 7.7 rebounds to Fuller's 7.8 — out of the lineup, the Wolfpack will be at a disadvantage against Tech's James Forrest and Eddie Elmagr.	Wake Forest comes into this contest bottom-feeding in the ACC. They are riding a six-game losing streak and stand in last place in virtually all statistical categories. The Wolfpack is riding high after a tremendous performance at North Carolina last Wednesday and a win over Clemson on Saturday. State has edged into fourth place in the conference and were it not for Organizer losses to UConn and Stanford would probably be in the top 25.
Daniels' right thumb came out of joint in the first half of the Pack's 84-67 loss to Maryland Sunday. He is expected to miss four to six weeks. Marcus Wasopi, a 6-8 junior, should start in Daniels' place. So if there was ever a night for Bryant Figgins to shine, this is it. The 6-8 forward has had some hard-luck performances lately, and some fans are starting to get on his back. There is no challenge more appealing to Figgins than the challenge to prove himself; this would be a timely game to meet it.	But back to the game at hand, Chasty Melvin is second in the conference in scoring at 18.4 and Jennifer Howard is drawing threes. She averages three made per game and is knocking them down at a 48.8 percent clip.
On the perimeter, Lakista McCuller needs to get back on the radar. The senior shooting guard was 1-for-9 against Maryland. Kista can expect not to see many good shots along the three-point arc this time, either. If point guard Ishua Benjamin lets the offense get out of hand for too long, and McCuller tries to put the team on its back with the three-pointer, it's lights out for the Pack.	Sophomore forward RaeAnna Mulholland seems to be carrying the load in Winston Salem. She is the only Deacon to rank in any individual statistical category in the ACC.
The keys to victory, again, are simple: discipline outside, pressure inside.	But that does not make them a bad team. Wake Forest coach Karen Freeman was an assistant to Kay Yow before taking over at Wake and her best player, Tracy Conner is nowhere to be found.

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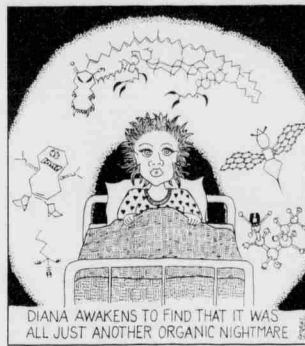
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Opinion

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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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Equal access for same price

Steady growth of computer labs into equal access will take time and resources.

Everyone should have equal access to computer facilities on N.C. State's campus, and everyone should pay the same fee.

And that's what Associate Provost Bill Willis is working toward. But the student body must be patient, because such an ideal situation won't be achieved overnight.

The two access systems are Eos and Unity. Presently, the engineering students pay a fee for Eos use. Non-engineering students have access to Unity through the education and technology portion of student fees, which is \$88. Eos users have to pay \$62 extra, because the total cost for Eos use is \$150 per student per semester.

Obviously, the engineering curriculum requires more computer use than other curricula (thus, the extra fee). What is not so obvious is the list of factors keeping all students from having the same access at this time.

Willis said there aren't enough computers to allow access to the entire student body. If the doors were opened immediately, the engineering students — as well as other students who rely heavily on the computer labs, such as students from the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences — might have a hard time getting a seat in the labs.

The university has an obligation to protect engineering students, not only because of the extra fee, but because

engineering homework, obviously, is more important than, say, Internet access for history majors.

So the university needs more computers. But where would the university put them all? Assuming the computers could be purchased, campus buildings would need major renovations. At present, there's limited space for new labs. Worse yet, there's little money to renovate, Willis said.

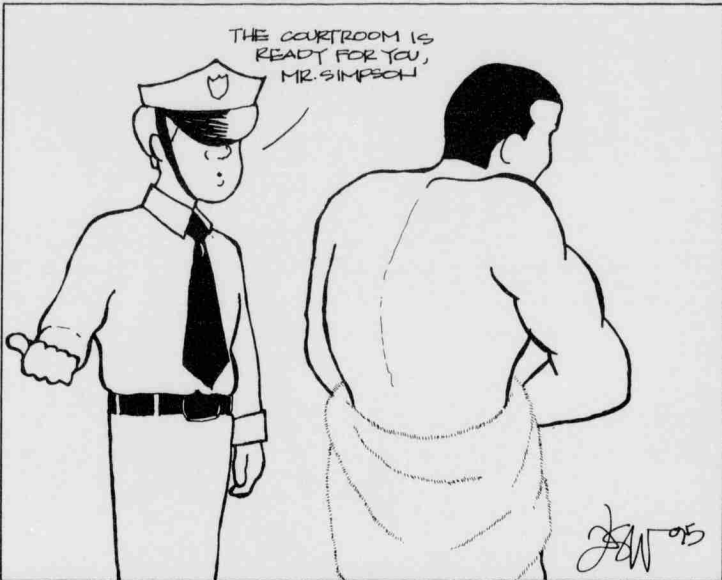
There's also limited money for campus labs in general. Expansion of the computer labs comes under the auspices of a larger umbrella: the education and technology fee.

This fee has to cover all labs, not only computer labs. Willis said the foreign language labs and some science labs need updated equipment. From his standpoint, achieving the goal of equal computer access must not cheat other labs on campus.

Once everyone does have the same access, and the campus has more computers and more lab space, it only makes sense that all students should pay the same fee. The extra charge for engineering students will end and the overall education and technology part of student fees will increase.

"There's a lot to consider as we grow this thing," Willis said. While Willis is proceeding — "pacing" — the growth of the computer labs on campus, the administration should support him with all the resources possible.

And the student body must remain patient, knowing that soon everyone will pay the same amount and get the same access.



Commentary

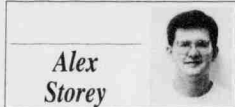
Question of life is the root of all protest

This past Sunday marked the 22nd anniversary of the ever-controversial Roe v. Wade decision, the judgment handed down from the Supreme Court making abortions legal in the United States. Since then there have been countless speeches, marches, protests and even violence over this issue.

It puzzled me for the longest time as to why this is such a divisive issue. The stance of the respective sides and the extremes to which both the pro-lifers and the pro-choice folks would go to amaze me. Each side says it has its basis in widely respected documents, the pro-choice crowd with the Constitution and the pro-life movement with the Bible, and all the while they dismiss their opponent's ideas as nothing more than Philistine pig-ignorance.

The protests began, most notably the Operation Rescue effort headed up by Randall Terry. Operation Rescue was for the most part non-violent, generally nothing more than hordes of people praying by police barricades in front of targeted clinics. But the pro-life protests have gotten nastier with demonstrators pelting doctors and patients with stones as they enter the clinics. Federal laws were then passed to crack down on disruptive and disorderly protests.

Then came the stalkings, the arson and the bombings. The violence escalated until one prominent pro-life activist, Paul Hill, took a 12-gauge shotgun and killed a Florida abortion doctor and his escort in front of a clinic last summer. Hill was later sentenced to death last December. John Salvi was recently arrested for killing two people and injuring several others



Alex Storey

when he opened fire on two clinics in Boston and Virginia.

The war being waged is becoming more vicious by the day. The pro-life movement with its protests and the pro-choice movement with its litigation are creating a hostile environment. I wondered how an issue like this could raise otherwise placid people into the throes of passionate hatred. It finally occurred to me: it's an issue of being.

The whole question of abortion, as it is with euthanasia and doctor-assisted suicide, is what is life to us? Where does life begin and when does it end?

Does a human fetus become a person after 40 days, when it has brain waves, at 6 weeks when it has a nervous system, or in the third trimester when it can live outside of the mother's womb? In other words, what makes aborting a fetus any different than having a wart removed? When is it no longer a lump of cells but a bona fide life?

Abortion, as with euthanasia, is a matter of doing unto ourselves. Crime, another serious issue in the forefront, is people doing unto others, and nobody likes anybody doing much of anything unto them. The end is agreeable, to get rid of crime or at least reduce it, but the ways and means of getting to this end are hotly

debated from the halls of Congress to the city streets.

But the issue of being is almost entirely self-contained. When the action moves from the second- and third-person to the first person, when we only speak of what "I" did instead of what "you," "he" or "they" did, the solution becomes far less obvious. The question spills over into the rights of the individual to privacy, freedom of choice and the right to "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness." The issue becomes indelibly personal, and the mere idea of "personal," be it space or thought or action, is a tumultuous realm rife with complex problems and neither easy nor satisfactory answers for a consensus of the personality cult of "me, myself and I."

Can there ever be a mutually agreeable decision on abortion? Who knows? Any solution to something so incredibly personal is bound to have its detractors no matter how grounded in logic or reason it may be. Reason and logic may very well be cast by the wayside, and the issue will be decided in the kangaroo courts of the media, where the only motions are emotions, the briefs are long-winded and didactic, and the sheer force of numbers being the only basis of judgment.

But until society as a whole can reach an agreement on what human life is, what the differences are between being a life and being alive, and what the beginning and end of a human life is, the litigation will go on, the bickering will continue, and, sadly, so will the killing. It is in such a climate that the pursuit of happiness becomes a wild goose chase. Oh brave new world.

Volunteerism is key to unity

Saturday's 10th Annual Martin Luther King Cultural Festival put forth a timely and essential message for the black community.

The roughly 1,000 students who attended the celebration learned from seminars such as "Supporting the African-American Community: More than Just an Idea" and "Affording Education for My Children." But perhaps the festival's theme sums it up best: "Providing Community Service to Humanity."

Central to the festival were comments by Iyailu Moses, director of the African American Cultural Center. She told the festival, "we need to encourage our young people to go out to the community and see what needs to be done, to volunteer and to be a part of the continuing movement for human rights."

Everyone, not only the black community, needs to consider Moses' call for volunteerism. The call seems to be sounded often by clergy and politicians, but heeded begrudgingly.

With volunteerism, opportunities abound, both for the black community and the rest of Americans.

Community involvement brings all Americans closer to achieving what Martin Luther King wanted — a united nation of peoples working together for the common good.

It is time for Americans to recognize, as King stated time and again, that we as a society sink or swim together — therefore, if we as a nation are ever to peacefully co-exist in our multi-racial splendor, we must work in the service of humanity, in the name of the human race.

We must stop looking out for our own, and start looking out for each other.

We must stop segregating ourselves by race and become a species — recognizing we are all only human in the end.

In remembering King, everyone should remember it was cooperation, mutual respect and a unity of purpose among the many races of this great nation that was the core of his dream for his children.

The comeback kid will ride again

Newt, Newt, Newt. That's all I've heard about for the last few months. 100 days. Contract with America. Swings to the Right. But hey! Aren't we forgetting someone here?

Where's Bill? What happened to our fearless, albeit indecisive, leader? Where's the Comeback Kid?

With all the hubbub of Newt and his "The Democrats are out to get me" schtick, it seems we have neglected the guy with Air Force One and all the guns. As any poker player will tell you, if you can't pick out the sucker in the first half hour, it's you. While Newt has kicked and screamed about Sesame Street and Mexican loan guarantees, Bill has been quietly hiding two years worth of Newt under the table. He's going to play Ace for a sucker.

Anybody with more than three working brain cells won't count our boy Bill out yet. This is a man with more lives than a truck full of cats. Remember how everyone thought his national career was over when he took a week and a half to deliver a keynote address at the Democratic National Convention in 1988.

Nobody thought he could win the presidency after allegations of drug use, marital infidelities, communist ties and Whitewater fiasco. Everyone assumed charges of impropriety with Arkansas State Police would do him in. Sexual harassment suit? He dodges another bullet! Rush Limbaugh claims Bill had something to do with Vince Foster's suicide? Duck! Rose Law Firm questions? Can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man! The fact is, only a few people knew who



James Ellis

Bill Clinton was a year before he was elected. He came out of nowhere to whip the tar out of a president many said couldn't be beat. They gave him the name "Slick Willie" for a reason. Too bad both Republicans can't see that as an advantage in this fickle political environment. Didn't we use to call Ronald Reagan the "Teflon President"?

We're talking about a man with more images than Madonna. One day, he's FDR ("We need to come together..."). The next, he's Reagan ("Tax cut!"). Today, he's LBJ ("I'll give you whatever you want, just pass this bill..."). Tomorrow? Who knows? He could be JFK — in bed with a bleach-blonde and problems with the Russians.

Right now, Bill's playing it smart: being quiet and making nice with Newt. Occasionally, he sticks his head out of the Oval Office to try and help Mexico's economy. (Sidebar: A Democratic president for free trade and a GOP legislator against it? Who'd have thought it?)

Bill's just playing the rope-a-dope (insert joke here). He can weather Newt's shots for a while. He can smile during his first

press conference. He can talk of "cooperation" and "negotiation" until the cows come home.

But when Newt looks tired, he'll strike. When the American public has gotten its fill of the man from Boy's Town (set your watches folks), Bill will jump out of the woodwork with a whole slew of shiny new programs just in time for the Iowa and New Hampshire primaries.

Counting Bill out is the worst mistake the field of GOP hopefuls can make. Bob Dole and Newt made their names and a number of headlines by sitting on the sidelines and screaming, "Don't quit your day job, Bill!" and "You suck!" Anybody can do that. The hard part is making policy, as our GOP friends are about to find out.

As Newt and Dole try to make hash out of their victory, they will be on the firing line, just like the Dems before them. It's tough to look good with a blindfold on and a cigarette in your mouth. Bill will have the upper hand come next January. He will have called in three years worth of favors to put a Sunday meal's worth of piping hot middle-of-the-road programs on the table so we can get a big whiff of "election reform," "welfare reform" and "education reform."

Then, when we start to salivate, it'll be all over but the voting.

The question for next year is not whether Bill can come back in time, but how much of a fight Newt will be able to put up.

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Hockey's time has come

Friday brought two important things to those at N.C. State who know hockey is the world's greatest sport. First, the National Hockey League (finally) began its season, and second, the editorial "Bringing hockey to the South" appeared on Technician's opinion page. I think I can speak for many when I say the ACC should begin efforts to make hockey a varsity sport. We appreciate your comments and would like to see Technician go further in its efforts.

Hockey is one of the club sports at NCSU, and it would be great to see coverage of their games. They play at Dorton Arena, closer to campus than Carter-Finley, and no doubt would receive increased support from the student body if articles about the team were printed in their school newspaper. It would be great to open up Technician and read about the Wolfpack blasting Duke or Carolina off the ice — which they do frequently. Adding a schedule of games so students know when they can see their hockey team would help increase fan support. A great many students pay to see the IceCaps, so no doubt the opportunity to see Wolfpack

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hockey, which is free of charge, would be taken advantage of by many.

Canada's national sport indeed has great potential here in the South, and Raleigh proves that. The IceCaps are successful, youth leagues abound and a number of new ice facilities are scheduled to open in the near future.

A number of students, myself included, play in adult leagues in the Triangle. Hockey can be very successful in the ACC, especially if students decide to support it.

Come on red and white fans, get yourselves to Dorton Arena. You'll have a blast cheering the Wolfpack pucksters to victory, and you'll let the university and the ACC know we're ready for varsity hockey at NCSU.

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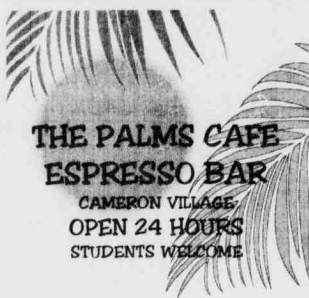
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