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Victim fights back

■ Winston Hall was the site of a violent encounter for one NCSU employee earlier this week.

By NICOLE BOWMAN
STAFF WRITER

Barbara Levenbook, an associate professor of philosophy, was assaulted by an unknown man Sunday morning in a first-floor restroom in Winston Hall.

Levenbook had been working in her office for a while when she went to the restroom. After three minutes in the restroom, she heard the door open, the Public Safety police officer said.

"It felt dangerous," Levenbook was quoted in the report.

As she opened the stall door to leave, a black male pushed her into a stall.

According to the police reports, Levenbook started screaming.

"Then he told her to shut up," Public Safety spokesman Sgt. Larry Ellis said.

The suspect hit Levenbook in the face with his fists until she fell. Levenbook bumped her head on the floor, knocking her glasses off, the report said.

"He didn't have a weapon," Ellis said. "He just used his hands."

She continued to scream until the assailant put his index finger and thumb in Levenbook's mouth, according to the police report. She bit down as hard as she could and grabbed his genitals.

The suspect left after Levenbook began to fight back.

Levenbook suffered from a bump on her head and her bottom front teeth were loose. She also had a cut on the left part of her upper lip.

Levenbook could not be reached for comment.

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The wording of the LGSU's painting in the Free Expression Tunnel was changed Tuesday morning, offending members of the group.

MATT NASH/STAFF

War of words fought within tunnel walls

■ N.C. State students disagree over anti-gay messages painted in the Free Expression Tunnel.

By JEAN LORSCHIEDER
STAFF WRITER

The Lesbian and Gay Student Union painted a portion of the Free Expression Tunnel Monday evening with rainbows and messages about diversity. By Tuesday morning, the pictures and pink writing were covered with slurs, epithets and threats.

Individuals armed with white and red spray-paint can crossed out words and added to the gay students' statements. The colorful letters and sprawling rainbows on a black background were covered with hate graffiti.

Next to a message about the gay and lesbian hotline was spraypainted a statement too vulgar to appear in print. "Gays die" was scrawled over "Gay pride." "This way out of Gayville" partially covered a list of "notable queers."

Breaking from tradition, the LGSU painted a part of the tunnel they hadn't done yet Tuesday

night, said Jon Lauve, interim LGSU chair.

"In the past, we have reclaimed the tunnel, repainting over the slurs painted there," he said. "We have had to go back and repaint a couple of times. This year we have chosen to leave the hatred marks up there to invite the campus community to deal with it."

But, as in past years, the tunnel's defamatory at the beginning of Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week has caused a stir among people who walk through it.

Some students expressed concern over the hate messages, while others said they were just retaliatory forms of free expression.

"I don't have any problem with it at all," said Jonathan O'Quinn, a graduate student in physiology. "I'm completely against making an issue out of gay and lesbian rights." He said that people who make an issue out of homosexual rights are insecure with their own sexuality.

Shweta Shah, a sophomore in electrical engineering, said some people do not understand the message the LGSU tried to get across by decorating the tunnel.

"I think people are misinterpreting the message, thinking [the LGSU] is trying to convert people, but it's just a matter of awareness," she said. "Covering up the message is one thing, but I think what they wrote is kind of mean-spirited."

She said the people who covered the gays' decorations were not as tasteful in their expression.

Freshman Scott Hill said he has no problem with individuals covering up the LGSU's painting.

"They're just using their free expression," he said.

Lauve said he respects the rights of the painters.

"I don't want to make it look like it shouldn't be a place for free expression," he said. "In no way do I want to deny the freedom of individuals in the tunnel."

Hill said he does not appreciate the concept of blue jeans day, a day when wearing blue jeans signifies support for sexual diversity, according to the LGSU.

"Some people are going to forget and they're going to end up in jeans," Hill said Tuesday. "It's not an accurate statement. Personally, I'm not wearing jeans tomorrow." An announcement on the tunnel

was for blue jeans day originally said, "Blue jeans day — wear yours to support everyone's sexuality." It had been covered with "If you support killing fags, wear shoes."

In response to that particular comment, Lauve said the LGSU is organizing a barefoot rally Thursday from 12:30 to 1 p.m. on the Brickyard.

"The whole idea of Shoe Day I have no problem with," he said. "They use Shoe Day to promote their own ideas in very good, healthy ways without being offensive."

Lauve said the comments expressed Tuesday were not tolerable.

"What was scrawled in the tunnel was in a different spirit than what the fliers expressed," he said. Lauve said he doubts that the group who put up the posters painted in the tunnel.

"I don't think any group on campus claims responsibility for Shoe Day," he said.

Bobby Ehasz, a sophomore in electrical engineering, chuckled at the rewrite.

"I think we all know [homosexuality] exists, but [the

painting] kind of sticks it in the face of those people who do agree or don't agree," Ehasz said. "It's almost like they're making a challenge."

He said the individuals who cover the gays' messages are "answering the challenge."

No matter what the reason, covering up the gays' messages is not fair, said Aimee Troxler, a freshman in pre-med.

"I don't think it's right, because everyone has a right to their own opinion," she said.

Those who oppose the gays' painting should not cover it up, Troxler said. A better alternative would be to write their sentiments on another part of the tunnel wall.

Bill Ward, a freshman in business management, said painting the Free Expression Tunnel is a good way for the LGSU to get its point across, even if the writing is inevitably covered up.

"That comes with anything where you have an open environment, especially an unmoderated debate such as this,"

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History professor excavated ancient Roman Empire city

■ An NCSU history professor and several students got the chance to play Indiana Jones last August.

By DYAN BAYSINGER
STAFF WRITER

Summer, when you're in academics, is a time for discovery. A time for finding yourself. A new major. A romance. A city.

Thomas Parker, an N.C. State history professor since 1980, and some university students discovered the 2,000-year-old city of Aila beneath the modern city of Aqaba, Jordan last August.

Parker and students from NCSU and other universities around the country spent eight weeks in Aqaba this past summer. From May 10 to July 15, the 35 students, 15 professional staff members and 70 locals dug up history.

"No one knew its exact location, though Aila was mentioned in a number of historical documents," he said of the lost city.

The primary goal of the project

was to collect evidence of the economy of the ancient city. The group looked for evidence of agriculture, animal husbandry and a trade system based on money.

Luxury goods, including ivory from Africa and spices from the Orient, passed through Aila, which is believed to have been an important port city during the Roman Empire.

The excavators discovered 170 coins, animal bones, pottery and textile fiber mats.

Most of the coins found were not minted in Aila. This helped show the excavators the variety of travelers and trade practices going through Aila.

For the participants on the dig, the days were full of discoveries. One group discovered a camel leg bone with a cryptic personal letter written on it. The script is now being professionally analyzed in Switzerland and will eventually be translated.

The group also discovered surface artifacts that may lead to the discovery of other lost cities.

Andrew Smith, a graduate student in history, discovered 160 previous



N.C. State students help excavate the lost city of Aila, underneath the modern city of Aqaba, Jordan, last summer.

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archaeological sites on the surface, near Aila.

The students on this trip had a rare and special opportunity, Parker said. Because of Jordanian law, most of the manual labor on the dig had to be performed by the locals, an honor usually reserved for students. Therefore, students were allowed to be "trench supervisors" and were responsible for cataloging all the artifacts found in the digs.

Parker said excavators are in a race against time because of the tourism boom Jordan has experienced since the signing of the Jordan/Israeli peace treaty this past October.

Parker said the Jordanians may plan to build hotels, restaurants and other tourist-like buildings on top of important, undiscovered cities.

He is currently trying to convince Jordanian officials that economic and tourism opportunities lie in the ancient ruins. People will visit to see the artifacts and antiquities of ancient times, Parker said.

Parker is taking another group of students to continue the dig in Aqaba next year.

The project was funded through grants from NCSU, the National Geographic Society, the National Endowment for Humanities and other major contributors.

NCSU economist advises Hunt

■ Two NCSU professors have ideas about how the entitlements program should be reformed.

By JASON KING
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jim Hunt was being worked on a new plan for state welfare reform, and one NCSU professor had a hand in deciding what direction the plan should take.

Mike Walden, a professor and extension economist in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, is a member of the Governor's Welfare Reform Task Force in North Carolina. The task force recently submitted a list of recommendations to the governor for his proposal on reforming the current welfare system.

Walden said today's welfare structure is not set up to get recipients on a track towards self-sufficiency.

"There are a number of problems with the current system and I think everyone recognizes them," he said. "The foremost problem is that there is not much incentive for recipients to work."

The current plan contains a number of stipulations that Walden called "stilly." Currently, if one

parent in a two-parent family works more than 100 hours a week, they are ineligible for benefits. Recipients are also disqualified if they have over \$1000 in savings or own an automobile worth more than \$1500.

The task force advised Hunt to adopt a policy that would replace the 100-hour work rule and exclude the cap on car value. The task force also advocated a plan that would increase the savings lid to \$2500.

"With the way the current system is set up, it is truly the case that they can be better off on welfare," Walden said.

Under the task force's recommended plan, recipients would sign a contract with the state that would require them to pursue job training.

"After they have completed their job training, they would have to move themselves into a work situation as agreed in the contract," Walden added. "If they don't fulfill their contract they will be sanctioned in the way of losing benefits."

A system that puts recipients to work is a must, said Nelson Reid, an NCSU professor and the director of the Social Work Program in the

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Christi Newton has returned to the gymnastics team with a passion. Page 3 ▶

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The track team, led by a talented newcomer, prepares for indoors. Page 3 ▶



Wrestling: The wrestlers finished their regular season with a home meet against Duke.

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News Notes

New machine aids tobacco harvest

N.C. State researchers are trying to cut one of the biggest costs in producing flue-cured tobacco by taking the "hands" out of handling the leaf.

Mike Boyette, an NCSU researcher and N.C. Cooperative Education Extension Service agricultural engineer, hopes a new harvesting and curing system will cut harvesting expenses.

"If this idea works, we think it's possible to harvest and cure a crop of tobacco totally with machines," said Boyette, an assistant professor of biological and agricultural engineering in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Boyette's system is part of Raymond Long's low-cost tobacco research at NCSU. Long and other crop science researchers are using a \$50,000 grant awarded in 1993 by the N.C. Tobacco Research Commission to study the production of low-cost, flue-cured leaf for generic cigarettes. Tobacco companies and the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corp. also have funded the study.

With the new curing setup, tobacco is mechanically harvested and fed into a chopper that cleanly cuts the leaves into 3-by-5-inch pieces. The pieces are then conveyed into a trailer that doubles as a curing barn, thus eliminating both racks or separate curing boxes. "Next year, we're going to look at some alternatives to the curing schedule to see how it affects the chemistry of the cured leaf," he said.

Boyette first tested the system last summer in a modest computer-controlled curing chamber on the NCSU campus.

"With as much tobacco as we were packing into the curing chamber, we really didn't think it would cure," he said. "But after several false starts, we found that if we could get air to it, we could cure it."

TODAY

CLASS — A self-defense class for NCSU women will be taught today, Thursday, March 1 and 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Carmichael Gym. Tuition is \$12. Call Connie Domino at 515-9355 to register.

DISCUSSION — A screening and discussion of the movie "Stormy Weather" will be held from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the African American Cultural Center. Sponsored by ENCORE Center for Lifelong Enrichment and the AACC. Free and open to the public.

MEETING — Materials Technical Society meets at 8 p.m. in Riddick Hall, Room 222. Meetings offer informative news about materials related events and student interests. Free refreshments are provided. Add mts_info locker for more information.

WORKSHOPS — Join Leadership Development Series for two workshops, "Time Management for the '90s" and "Interpersonal Management Skills." Sign up in the University Student Center, Room

3114. **MEETING** — Make an impact. Join NCSU's volunteer service organization for an informational meeting from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Student Center Green Room.

MEETING — The Society of Women Engineers meets at 7 p.m. in Daniels Hall, Room 226. This week's guest speaker will be from Student Health Services to discuss stress management. Food provided.

MEETING — Student Action with Farmworkers is working to establish a scholarship for students of migrant farm worker background. Come and contribute with your input at 7 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 3123. For more information, call 512-0244.

ORIENTATION — Want major related work experience while in school? Attend a Cooperative Education Orientation at 4 p.m. in Caldwell Hall, Room G111 or call 515-4427 for more information.

POETRY — The Lesbian and Gay Student Union and Union Activities Board are co-sponsoring Karla Rushin, a black lesbian poet on campus at

8 p.m. in the Witherspoon Student Center Cinema.

AWARENESS — Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Awareness Week runs through Friday. Today: Blue Jeans Day. Call 571-9622 or 851-9479 for details.

MEETING — Circle K meets at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Blue Room. Circle K is a coed community service organization helping Tammy Lynn Center for the handicapped and the animal shelter. To get involved, call Christine at 836-8170.

SYMPOSIUM — Display rese. ch projects in four categories: biological sciences, engineering/technology, humanities/social sciences, and physical/mathematical sciences. Entry deadline is March 28. Call 515-5114 for more information.

RAFFLE — Delta Zeta free tuition raffle tickets will be sold through Feb. 23 in the Brickyard. The drawing will be held Feb. 23.

INTERNSHIP — available to assist with sexual assault prevention and personal safety awareness programming. Contact Connie Domino,

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sexual assault educator at 515-9355.

THURSDAY

READING — Author Randall Kenan will read from his forthcoming book, "Walking on Water: A Journey into African America," followed by a discussion, reception and autograph session at 7:30 p.m. at the NCSU Faculty Club. For more information, call 515-2841.

LACROSSE — Come out and play women's club lacrosse. Practices are Mondays at 4:30 p.m., Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 2 p.m. on the lower intramural field. No experience necessary. Call Suzi at 512-5623 for more information.

MEETING — Come and check out the Ballroom/Social Dance Club. There is swing,

waltz, mambo, tango, and more! Meetings are from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Carmichael Gym. **PRACTICE** — Hey women! Come out and play with the NCSU women's ultimate frisbee team. We practice every Tuesday and Thursday on the lower intramural fields. Interested? Call Erika at 834-6416.

MEETING — A weekly meeting for college students who want more from life. Campus Crusade for Christ Prime Time, is at 7:30 p.m. in Carmichael Gym, Room 104. All are welcome.

FRIDAY

MAGIC — The Spencers magic and illusion show will be at 8 p.m. in Stewart Theatre. Tickets are \$5 for NCSU students, \$8 for the general public and are available at Ticket Central.

CARNIVALE — Mardi Gras with costumes, dance, show, food and drinks will be held from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Multicultural Center. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the Student Center information desk and at the door.

DANCE — LGSU will sponsor a Dance Night tonight at Legends night club as part of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Awareness Week.

CAFE — Brazilian Carnival will perform at Cloud And Fire Express, located inside Western Lanes Bowling Center. All musicians are acoustic. Call Walt Denny at 834-5229 for more information.

SATURDAY

CHALLENGE — How do you deal with unexpected challenges? Can you organize a small group to accomplish a difficult task? Test your leadership skills at the Leadership Reaction Course. Go by the Student Center, Room 3114 for more information.

CONFERENCE — The Association for the Concerns of African-American Graduate Students will sponsor a conference on "African-Americans: Taking it to the Next Level." Call

481-1581 for more information. **CAFE** — Thumper Company will perform at CAFE. Call Walt Denny at 834-1345 for information.

MONDAY

AUDITIONS — Auditions for spring student studio will be held today and Tuesday at 7 p.m. For more information, call Diane at 515-2405.

LECTURE — Eric Schopler will give a speech on "Autism in the Schools" at 3:30 p.m. in Poe Hall, Room 636. The event is sponsored by the department of psychology and is open to the public.

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Tunnel

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Ward said. "You kind of have to expect it."

Lauve said he wanted members of the community to enter the debate. He said the phrase "If you're not part of solution, you're part of problem" applied to the graffiti, and individuals need to determine where they stand on the issue.

He also said the issue does not affect just members of the gay community.

"It affects everyone, like racism and sexism affects all of campus," Lauve said.

Although he said he does not approve of covering the LGSU's messages, David Navarro said their opponents have the right to do so.

"I think that it's the right idea for free expression, but the wrong application," Navarro, a freshman

in electrical and chemical engineering, said. "It's as pointless as asking somebody a question in a debate and interrupting them halfway before they're through."

Lauve said nothing would change the opinions of NCSU students.

"We can do all kinds of things 'til we are blue in face, but can't do anything to change people's mind," he said.

Assault

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Her attacker was still at large Tuesday night.

The suspect is a black male, about 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighing around 200 pounds. He is described by Public Safety as having "a football player build." He had close-cropped brown hair and brown eyes.

The suspect was wearing tan pants and a navy blue sweatshirt with white letters.

Welfare

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College of Humanities and Social Sciences. He has taught and written about social welfare for 25 years.

"There is a great deal of consensus as to what direction we need to go, and work is at the center," Reid said. "For all practical purposes, all of the successful aspects of the social welfare system in the United States recognize or reward work or contribution from work. Social security is a good example of that."

Reid said education, work and responsibility in child bearing all need to be instilled into poverty-stricken families' values.

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Interested students can pick up applications in the Student Center Activities Office, Room 3114, University Student Center. Students must apply in Student Government Office and Student Activities Office. Deadline for applications is March 8th., at 5:00p.m..

ELECTION NOTICE

Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

Team	ACC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
North Carolina	10	3	76.9	20	3	86.9
Virginia	10	3	76.9	18	6	75.0
Maryland	9	3	75.0	20	5	82.4
Wake Forest	8	4	60.0	17	5	77.3
Georgia Tech	6	6	50.0	16	9	64.0
Florida State	5	8	38.5	12	11	52.1
N.C. State	4	8	33.3	12	10	54.5
Clemson	3	9	25.0	10	4	71.4
Duke	1	12	7.7	11	14	44.0

Wednesday
Wake Forest at Clemson, 7:30 p.m.
Virginia at Georgia Tech, 8:00
N.C. State at Maryland, 8:00
Florida State at Duke, 9:00

Saturday
Clemson at Maryland, 1:30 p.m.
Georgia Tech at N.C. State, 1:30
North Carolina at Florida State, 4:00

Sunday
Virginia at Wake Forest, 1 p.m.
Duke at UCLA, 3:45

Women's Basketball

Team	ACC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Virginia	15	0	100.0	22	3	88.0
North Carolina	10	4	85.2	23	4	85.2
Duke	10	5	66.7	19	6	76.0
Clemson	9	5	64.3	19	7	73.1
N.C. State	9	5	64.3	16	8	66.7
Georgia Tech	8	0	100.0	7	1	87.5
Wake Forest	3	11	21.4	10	14	41.7
Florida State	3	12	20.0	8	19	29.6
Maryland	2	12	14.3	10	15	40.0

Wednesday
Mercer at Georgia Tech, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday
Wake Forest at Florida State, 7 p.m.
N.C. State at Clemson, 7 p.m.

Saturday
Duke at North Carolina, 1 p.m.
Clemson at Georgia Tech, 2 p.m.

Sunday
N.C. State at Wake Forest, 4 p.m.
Maryland at Virginia, 12 p.m.

End of Regular Season

Baseball

Team	ACC			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Wake Forest	0	0	0.000	2	0	1.000
Florida State	0	0	0.000	7	1	87.5
Duke	0	0	0.000	5	2	71.4
Clemson	0	0	0.000	2	1	66.7
Virginia	0	0	0.000	2	1	66.7
Georgia Tech	0	0	0.000	3	2	60.0
N.C. State	0	0	0.000	3	3	50.0
North Carolina	0	0	0.000	3	4	42.9
Maryland	0	0	0.000	0	0	0.000

Friday
Geo. Washington at N.C. State, 3:00
Wake Forest at Florida State, 3:30

Saturday
Geo. Washington at N.C. State, 1:00
Wake Forest at Florida State, 2:00
Salem Hall at North Carolina, 1:00
West Virginia at Duke, 1:30

Sunday
Geo. Washington at N.C. State, 1:00
Wake Forest at Florida State, 1:00

Sports

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Christi Newton qualified individually for the NCAA's as a freshman. After missing the end of last season with an injury, Newton intends to make it back and take her team with her.

Newton takes gymnasts to next level

After missing last year's NCAA Championships with an injury, Christi Newton is back with a vengeance.

By JOE GIGLIO
Staff Writer

Christi Newton was the first N.C. State gymnast ever to compete in the NCAA National Championship meet.

And she did it as a freshman.

So how did she top it as a sophomore? She sprained her foot and missed the post-season.

When Christi Newton competes, she pushes the limits of danger.

Newton hurt her foot performing a layout full-in pike on the floor exercise, a move so dangerous that it usually only performed at the Olympic level. Only two other women in the NCAA mount the floor exercise

with it in their routine.

So now that she's in the middle of her junior year, Newton has experienced the highs and lows of college athletics. If anything, the injury may have been a good thing. It made her put her career in perspective.

"It made me look at things realistically," she said. "It brings you down out of the clouds and it made me take a look at my career, at what I wanted to do for the next two years."

And this year Newton is back. The junior from Jacksonville, Fla., won the all-around competition against both William & Mary and Eastern Michigan and has finished in the top three at every meet. Her efforts have led the Wolfpack to a 7-1 record and a top-20 ranking.

Coach Mark Stevenson figures the reason for Newton's success is her attitude.

"She has an aggressive attitude

that she is not going to miss," Stevenson said. "She has a very focused determination at the meet not to miss."

Newton's determination and talent have made her the most successful gymnast in the school's 15-year history in gymnastics. She owns the highest score on the vault, the floor exercise, the uneven bars and the all-around competition, and is tied for first on the balance beam.

"She has the highest skill level of anyone I've coached in 15 years," Stevenson said.

This season Newton, a sports psychology major, is ranked fourth in the nation on the vault, fifth on the balance beam, and sixth on the floor. She feels she doesn't have one event that stands out from the rest.

"I'm strong in every event, but I've also got weaknesses in each

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Gonzales at home on State's track team

Arriving in Raleigh by way of Madrid, Spain and Idaho, Jose Gonzales has found success at N.C. State.

By DAVID HONETA
Staff Writer

Right now, Jose Gonzalez is having to deal with an unusual sport, an unusual country, and an unusual language. He should be struggling with culture shock.

Instead, he is helping the N.C. State distance runners enjoy unaccustomed success in indoor track, thriving academically, and, he says, having fun.

Despite competing seriously in indoor track for the first time, Gonzalez, a junior from Madrid, Spain, is currently leading the ACC in the 3000-meters, with a time of 8:20. He is also third on the conference list in the mile at 4:12, a time that trails only teammates Kristian Agnew and Jon Hunt. With

Agnew, Hunt, and Patrick Joyce also ranking high in the 3000-meters, the Wolfpack distance corps appears ready to score big in this weekend's ACC Indoor Track & Field Championships.

Despite excelling in cross country, the Wolfpack distance runners have struggled as a group during recent track seasons.

"Typically, we've had one or two runners perform at a really high level, but we haven't had the broad-based scoring at the conference like we should," head track coach Rollie Geiger said. "I told the distance guys last year that we weren't pulling our weight in track, and they seem to have responded."

The team may be motivated by a disappointing cross country season, in which it finished a close second behind Wake Forest at the ACC's. It has also been boosted by the presence of Agnew and Joyce, both of whom are anxious to race after

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Swimmers looking to cap impressive conference run

The men's swim team is expecting to have another banner meet at the upcoming ACC Championships.

By MICHAEL TODD
Staff Writer

At the ACC Swimming and Diving Championships, the N.C. State men's team is looking to add another championship banner to the 24 already hanging in the Casey Aquatics Center.

Interim head coach Beth Harrel

has no doubt the team will be ready come Thursday.

"The swimmers are going to swim great," Harrel said. "They're confident. They have a lot of talent, and they're going to swim fast."

Last year the Wolfpack won the ACC title was in 1992, under the direction of Don Easterling, who retired earlier this season. State beat Virginia by 13.5 points.

This year, State finished 13-2 and won the ACC regular season title with a conference record of 6-1, edging North Carolina by one-half

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Pair of Wolfpack women sweep basketball's weekly awards

SPORTS STAFF REPORT

To add to the excitement of knocking off No. 9 North Carolina on Sunday, two N.C. State women's basketball players received ACC honors this week. Tammy Gibson was named Player of the Week and Chastity Melvin earned Rookie of the Week honors for the fourth time this season.

Gibson, a senior guard, averaged 23.5 points, 7.5 rebounds and 6.0 assists for the week. In the win over the Tar Heels, Gibson poured in a season-high 32 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. She also dished out another season high, this time in assists with six.

Against Georgia Tech, Gibson scored 15 points and also tallied six assists.

Melvin, a Rookie of the Year candidate, averaged 17.5 points, 8.0 rebounds and 2.5 steals. She also shot 60 percent from the floor to boot. Against the Heels, the freshman center scored 14 points, nabbed 10 rebounds and stole the ball a career-high four times.

Melvin also knocked down 21 points and recorded six rebounds in the win over the Yellow Jackets.

Newton

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event," Newton said. "Each meet I leave room for improvement." And she would certainly like to improve when she gets to the NCAA tournament. Even though she made it to the big show as a freshman, Newton was disappointed with her performance. She finished 44th.

"I've got to go again to make up for lost time," she said. "Being the only one from my team there, I was nervous and I really let myself down." Newton's determination to return has influenced the team, and she's excited about the team's chances of making it to the NCAA Championships.

"We have improved our score in every meet," Newton said. "There is no limit this year."

The team set a goal at the beginning of the year to make it to the nationals.

"We have really put our hearts into it," she said. "It is right in front of us. We put a lot of work into it and we support each other and you couldn't ask for anything more from a team."

With Newton on the sidelines last year, the team finished 16th in the country — just three tenths of a point behind the 12th-ranked team. The top 12 teams advance to the championship round.

Newton said her presence could have made the difference.

"We probably would have gone," she said. "Three tenths of a point is not that much, but then again I could have messed up and we would have finished farther out."

The year off due to the injury pales in comparison to the 16 years she has been involved in gymnastics. She started in gymnastics when she was five. And

every time out, the one thing Christi Newton wants to be is consistent. "I want to go four-for-four each time out," she said. "I hate coming out of a meet and only having done three events or falling on one."

Consistency leads to confidence for Newton. And in a sport like gymnastics, it's important to remain level-headed.

"I don't want to go into a meet feeling nervous," Newton said. "I do this too much to feel that I am not very confident heading in it."

Newton is happy with her decision to come to N.C. State.

"I came here to be the one that shines," she said.

Newton was recruited by Florida, Alabama, and Stanford but only State offered her a scholarship. She said she gets a bit of personal satisfaction from competing well against those schools.

"They didn't offer any money so I came here," she said. "So I'm here and I'm going to kick their butts."

Water

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game. The main competition for the Pack will come from the two-time defending champion Tar Heels, whom State defeated 130-113 at the end of the regular season.

"The way I look at the meet, we are going to have to steal 50 points from Carolina to win the thing," Harrel said. "And I certainly feel we are going to do that."

State will look to make up those points in the sprint freestyle events. Wolfpack swimmers hold five of the top 10 conference times in the 50-meter freestyle and four of 10 in the 100-meter freestyle.

Leading the way for the Pack is Carlos Santander, who holds the conference's second best times in both events. A freshman from Venezuela, Santander joined the team midway through the season and has fought through a shoulder injury to be a force in the 50-, 100-, and 200-meter freestyle events.

The sprint freestyle events can cover up any weaknesses that may arise during the meet.

"We have the 200 free, the 50 free, and the 100 free to pull us through the areas where we are not

as strong," Harrel said. State will look to the diving duo of Todd Smith and Brad Shirley for help in the overall race.

Smith was undefeated in the one-meter event this year, and only had one loss on the three-meter. That loss came to last year's conference champion.

"I will not be astonished if he is a double winner and considered as MVP of the ACC Championships," diving coach John Candler said.

Shirley has put together a solid year in both events, and this senior could go out with a bang.

"Brad has just been a steady performer, a consistent placer in the top eight," Candler said. "But this time, third is within his grasp. He is diving consistently well."

According to Harrel, success for the divers is vital for State's title chances.

"They always do a great job for us," Harrel said. "Like always, we need our divers."

Other strong points for State are in the butterfly and backstroke events.

State will be led by Mark Wolfenden, who has the second best time in the 100-meter butterfly and the ninth fastest in the 200-meter butterfly.

"We have great butterflyers," Harrel added. "We have a lot of 100

butterflyers that will do a great job for us. I'm feeling that we have a lot of power, and can get a lot of points out of that event."

Chucky Cox, who holds the ACC record in the 100-meter backstroke with a time of :48.80, leads a good group of sprint backstrokers against Carolina. The Heels have four of the ACC's top 10 times in the 100-meter backstroke and three of the top 10 in the 200-meter backstroke.

The Wolfpack does have two trouble spots. In the breaststroke events, strong conference competition may cause problems for the Wolfpack.

"I'm a little worried about the breaststroke," Harrel said. "Will Coenen and Sami Rennes are fine breaststrokers, but the conference is thick with fine breaststrokers. That's going to be a tough one for us."

Also, the individual medley events will be the source of some concern for the Pack.

State does not have a top-ten swimmer in either individual medley event, while Carolina has four in the 200-meter I.M. and five in the 400-meter I.M.

Track

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successful distance runner since arriving in Raleigh. Last spring he placed 10th in the NCAA championships in the steeplechase. In the fall he led the Wolfpack cross

country team all season, culminating with a second place finish in the ACC meet.

Gonzalez is also doing well in N.C. State's tough architectural program, having made the dean's list during both of his first two semesters. The combination of athletic and academic success is exactly what he was looking for when he decided to come to the United States.

"In Spain it is difficult to go to school and be an athlete," Gonzalez says. "The two are not combined like they are here. I knew I wanted to run, and I wanted to be an architect, and it seemed like the U.S. was the best place to go."

After starting out at Northern Idaho Junior College, he researched architecture and track programs and decided on N.C. State.

"There were a few schools that were better in one or the other, but not both," he said. "This was the best for the two things I wanted to do."

Good enough that he went to great lengths to get to Raleigh. Although Geiger does not normally recruit foreign athletes, Gonzalez convinced him to make an exception.

"A Spanish kid, at an Idaho junior college, is not someone we would normally contact," Geiger says. "But when I looked at his record, and how hard he worked for the things he wanted, it was obvious Jose would be good for our program."

Gonzalez started the application process too late to be admitted to architecture in the fall of 1993.

When he returned in January, an illness forced him to miss most of the indoor season — but he really didn't know what he was missing.

"I had never run indoor track before," he said. "In Spain there aren't many tracks, and Northern Idaho didn't run indoor either, so this is new to me. So far so good. I've run personal bests in my first two races."

Gonzalez hopes to do well this weekend and then qualify for the NCAA indoor meet, probably in the 3000-meters. However, he and Geiger both feel that indoor track is just a stepping stone to the more important outdoor season. That is especially true for a steeplechaser like Gonzalez, whose specialty is only contested outdoors.

He will probably redshirt during the outdoor season, saving his final year of eligibility. He will still compete, focusing instead on his national championships. His time of 8:40 ranked him 10th among Spanish steeplechasers last year, and he says he needs to cut 15-20 seconds to compete with the U.S.'s top runners. With the athletic and academic adjustments well in hand, Gonzalez is gradually fitting into the American social culture as well. After a year in Raleigh, teammates have only one real complaint.

"Jose's always late," says fellow steeplechaser Agnew. "He's a lot better than when he first got here, but it still seems like he's the last one to show up anywhere."

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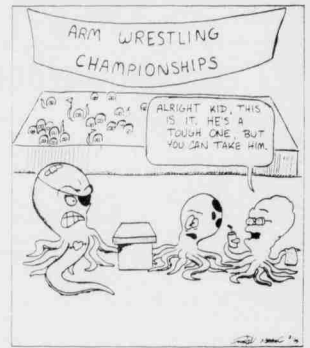
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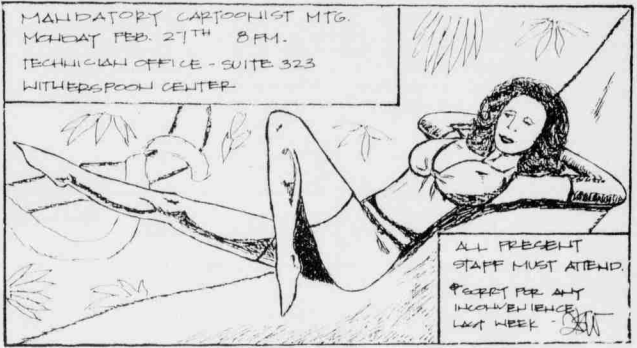
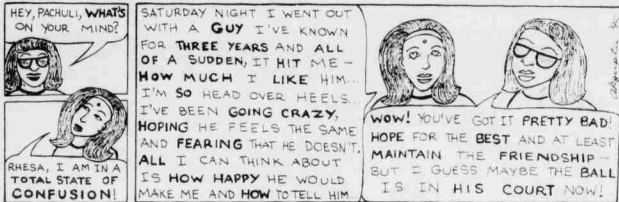
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Opinion

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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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Bags at the door, please

■ Some store security measures may drive student customers away.

Certainly it's worrisome to many students that a thief could casually walk up to the lockers outside the student bookstore, pull out another person's backpack and walk off.

Or, on Hillsborough Street at Schoolkids Records, a thief could just reach in the door and swipe a backpack or other personal item.

Students don't feel secure with the current arrangement. Of course, the stores have their own security concerns.

It's easy for someone to stash something in his backpack and then claim that it's a violation of their rights for a store manager to do a search. The store is out of its merchandise, and the individual is off with hot goods.

With the student bookstore, the lockers are a plus, but few people actually carry their own locks. At Schoolkids, the watchful eye of the person behind the cash register can't stop the quick-handed snatch.

The worst way to attract business is to let the word-of-mouth reputation of a store include a couple stories of theft.

A compromise, which has the security of both the students and the stores in mind, is very possible. Schoolkids should move the drop-off point for the backpacks closer to the counter.

The student bookstore should at least move the lockers inside the store rather than leave them so close to the doors. And, if possible, cameras could be installed above the lockers.

These changes would be courteous to the students. And, with better security measures, more students would feel safer dropping into these stores.



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In fact, the media are under attack these days. In this new conservative-leaning environment, media-bashing is bound to get worse, fast. It might even be safe to say that being a journalist has now become politically incorrect.

But Technician's detractors, like media-bashers, aren't very open-minded. And when the rhetoric drives a fine institution like this one into the ground, it's time to stand up and make some noise in the name of truth and free speech.

We are perched at the edge of a new millennia and it's time for the campus community to start acting like it. An

age of backwardness need not be revisited upon this campus.

Thus, N.C. State needs a day to support those students who may be a little different in their linguistic orientation. The campus community must stand firm and let the world know that it will not let the student media, especially Technician, get reamed by this odd new political correctness.

The students of this campus can show their solidarity and support — if they will only be willing — by engaging in a very simple act that everyone is accustomed to.

In fact, today's the day. If you support Technician, if you support our journalists, if you support this unpopular career of pursuing truth and freedom in a politically correct age, then show your support.

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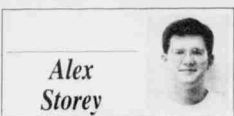
Rutgers's PC prince burned by his own fire

Hooray for multiculturalism! This jewel of liberal thought has saved us from our own sensibilities and prejudices both conscious and nonexistent. It has paved the way for a thought police to prevent the scourge of free thoughts from tainting our sensivity to others. And it made the "good thought" (read: correct thought) the standard for salvation, instead of the good words advanced by the repressive and hegemonic social institution known and loved by millions (gasp!) as religion.

The crusade to make amends for past injustices done to oppressed groups is in full swing on many college campuses. This means cultural centers and libraries, separate newspapers, faculty heads, even entire departments for the disadvantaged and wronged social group of your choice. It's all about bringing the college experience up to snuff with the standards of the Inquisition-minded PC watchdogs.

This is where one Francis Lawrence fits in. He is the embattled president of Rutgers University in New Jersey. A few weeks ago he made a racist remark while giving a speech about changing academic standards of universities to accommodate minorities. He said that some disadvantaged students have trouble making good scores because their "genetic hereditary background." The remark implied that blacks are intellectually inferior and consequently have lower scores on standardized tests such as the SAT and the ACT.

His colleagues say it was an unfortunate slip of the tongue. President Lawrence had been on his feet speaking for an hour and a half and hadn't eaten since early that morning. If for one would be a tad on the incoherent side if I were in his place.



Alex Storey

His supporters also point to his increased African-American enrollment from one percent of the student body to 10 percent. During his five years at Rutgers, he instituted a speech code that restricts what a person can say (Who cares about First Amendment rights? The Constitution was written by a bunch of oppressive white men, remember?), replaced real college courses with touchy-feely subjects as part of a "multicultural curricular change," and instituted diversity awareness training. He also created what he calls "self-affirming environments" in some of the residence halls, which is nothing more than ethnic and racial segregation (voluntary of course) and taught professors not to discuss unapproved ideas about race, gender or the power structure in their little PC papal state.

He's so correct, he refused to read *The Bell Curve* by Charles Murray and Richard Herrnstein, a book on genetics and its effects on intelligence, because he thought the book was "morally wrong." And to think these people pride themselves on their open-mindedness too.

But apparently talk isn't cheap to the students anymore. They were so incensed over his remarks that students started a sit-in of sorts at mid-court during halftime of

the Rutgers-Massachusetts basketball game (a game that exploits underprivileged black youngsters for the profit of the university, mind you) and forced the second half to be postponed until early March.

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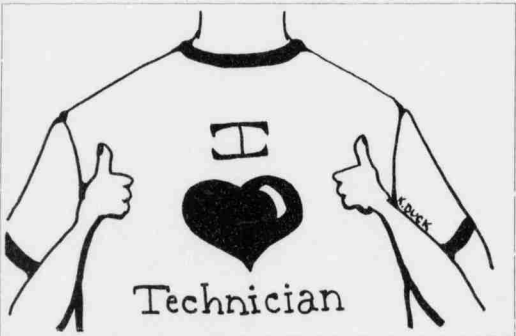
The protests didn't stop there. There were also protest gatherings on campus, and some students tried to storm a meeting of the New Jersey state colleges' Board of Governors. The few who were let into the meeting voiced their dissatisfaction with his comments and clamored for his resignation.

I think it's a shame that Lawrence should be persecuted by the people he's done so much for at Rutgers.

But this is multiculturalism. Words speak louder than actions, and the slip of a tongue can bring down even the bishops and popes of this cult of correctness. Slips do not a racism make, nor derogatory remarks a Klanman.

He helped build this system of diversity, and it is the very thing that will bring him down.

Multiculturalism has tied President Lawrence to his own pitard and is laying the kindling at his feet. The only thing left to do is light it and burn him like so many blasphemous heretics before him during the Inquisition. It's the only correct thing to do.



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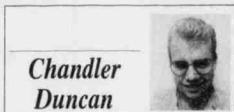
NCSU: Not just for engineers anymore

Last weekend we all basked in the glory of a big basketball win against that nearby university whose name sounds like Puke. While there are some remnants of school spirit that seethed from Reynolds Coliseum Saturday afternoon, this is as good a time as any to try and de-bunk the bogus inferiority complex which all too many N.C. State students seem to have about their university.

There is a myth that NCSU is a Technical college without anything to offer outside of Engineering. UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University are just better schools when it comes to liberal arts. I say BULL. I will have to preface what comes next by saying there's nothing wrong with engineering, and it's a great program here — but our arrogant neighbors make the mistake of thinking that's all we've got going for us. It's time to set the record straight.

I have met too many excellent liberal arts students who were given the choice between UNC-CH, Duke and NCSU and made NCSU their first choice because of the excellence of our liberal arts programs. In our English Department, for example, even the most pessimistic of professors will tell you what a great department we have.

To those who linger under the delusion that NCSU is just an engineering college I would strongly recommend taking a better look around! NCSU is North Carolina's biggest university, comprising nine colleges plus the new Freshman college. Engineering is only one of our colleges



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(accounting for about 29 percent of undergraduate enrollment). The decidedly non-engineering, non-hard-science colleges of Education and Psychology, Management and Humanities and Social Sciences account for 31 percent of undergraduate enrollment. The remainder is split between the colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Forest Resources, Textiles, Design, Physical and Mathematical Sciences and the Undergraduate Studies program.

The point being engineering is just one piece of the pie here at NCSU. Engineering students do not make up a majority of NCSU students by any stretch of the imagination, and they are actually outnumbered by students in fields which have nothing to do with engineering.

Other dispirited NCSU students with doubtless swallow in inferiority even in the face of this information by espousing the myth that the really GOOD liberal arts and non-engineering stuff is at the other schools. This, too, is a bogus lie.

Our College of Management, for example, had more medal-winning scores on the CPA exam last year than any other state school. Our students' scores far

exceed state and national averages. Our college of Humanities and Social Sciences recently attained a Phi Beta Kappa chapter, which is an honor only bestowed upon the top liberal arts schools in the country. Our Legislative Internship Program is by far among the best internship programs in political science in North Carolina — Lt. Governor Dennis Wicker was a participant.

To any lingering "NCSU is just for Engineers" whiners out there, I would remind you that Governor Jim Hunt got his undergraduate degree from NCSU (he was not in Engineering, but in Agriculture & Life Sciences). Former Lt. Governor Bob Jordan also got his undergraduate degree from NCSU (again, not in engineering).

Just a few non-engineering super achieving alumni from my college (Humanities & Social Sciences) include Chief Justice Burley Mitchell, of the State Supreme Court, Judge Jack Cozart of the N.C. Court of Appeals, newly elected U.S. Senator T.J. Havensworth of Arizona, novelist Neil Caudle and T.R. Pearson and the Dean of Boston University School of social work, Wilma Peebles. The list could go on and on.

Our putrid blue neighbors with their pom-poms and Gone With the Wind Charles Hamilton mystique have been wetting on our leg so long too many of our students believe it's raining. We shouldn't need a basketball win to tell these bastards to go to hell. NCSU is a great deal more than just an engineering college.

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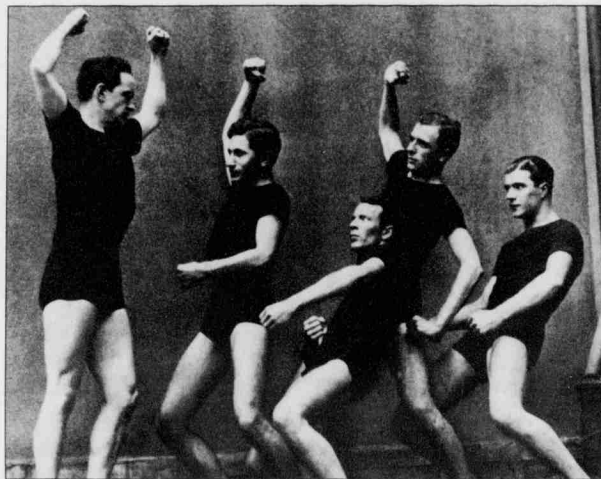
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