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Arctic blast chills campus

For the second time in three weeks, the campus of N.C. State is blanketed with snow. Although this storm is a mere dusting compared to the last, which resulted in classes being canceled for the first time in thirty years, NCSU's Physical Plant is working overtime to make the campus safe for students.

Ivan Dickey, assistant superintendent of landscaping services at NCSU, said that the cleanup is going well, but there is still plenty of work to do. He said the cleanup's success is partly due to the de-icer dusting the campus received prior to the storm.

According to the National Weather Service, NCSU will probably not receive any more snow or sleet within the next few days. However, temperatures will remain "bitterly cold."

Saturday night the low temperature was around 10 degrees. Forecasts called for a low of 20 degrees on Sunday night and highs between 30 and 35 degrees Monday.

-Compiled by Phillip Reese.

Civil rights activist to speak at NCSU

The Rev. James Bevel, civil rights activist, will deliver the N.C. State 1996 Lawrence M. Clark Lecture at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, in the Multipurpose room of the NCSU African-American Cultural Center. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Bevel was a key figure in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, which historians record as a collective event that had a profound effect on the social history of 20th-century America. Bevel was director of non-violent education for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Bevel took part in the Mississippi Project from 1961 to 1963; the 1963 Birmingham civil rights demonstrations; the 1963 March on Washington; the 1965 Selma Right to Vote effort; and the 1966 Chicago Open Housing Movement.

Today, Bevel chairs the Declaration of Independence Co-Signers Convention (DICC), a broad-based organization which strives to turn Americans' attention to the need for every citizen to assume full responsibility for government.

Courtesy of NCSU News Services.

Vet students travel to Ghana

Four students from the College of Veterinary Medicine at N.C. State will begin an intense, month-long study of the delivery of veterinary medicine, with particular interest in ethno-veterinary medicine practices, in the Upper East Region of Ghana.

Wesley Cook, Timothy Herold, Raymond Huml and Danny Leininger will study the traditional animal agricultural practices of the region. They will survey about 100 farmers to learn about their man-gement practices, including medical, surgical and pharmacological intervention decisions to prevent or cure disease in domestic animals.

Courtesy of NCSU News Services.

Students sack Hillsborough

Students stormed Hillsborough Street after Saturday night's game just like U.S. troops did at Normandy — except students weren't met with armed resistance.

By JENNIFER SORBER
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Despite snow and freezing temperatures, a jubilant mob of N.C. State fans wildly celebrated the win over arch-rival UNC-Chapel Hill Saturday night.

The win, which was the Wolfpack's third of the Atlantic Coast Conference season, triggered a massive party at the intersection of Hillsborough and Home streets.

Students and supporters chanted and danced like mad people for more than an hour while bombarding traffic lights with snowballs and toilet paper.

"We've been waiting for this so long," said Kristin Hill, a freshman in mass communication. "We proved that we do have a team that can be number one."

Other students said they felt that the win erased the pain caused by other losses.

"This one game made up for the entire season," said Andy Jones, a junior in textile management.

Records get thrown "out the door when Carolina comes to town."



Students celebrate on Hillsborough Street Saturday night after the basketball team's 78 to 75 victory over arch-rival UNC. (MATT PETERSON/STAFF)

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HRL offers new choices

Smoke- and alcohol-free residence halls will be available to N.C. State students next fall.

By NICOLE BOWMAN
STUDENT STAFF WRITER

In response to requests from students and parents, N.C. State's Department of Housing and Residence Life will offer students smoke- and alcohol-free residence halls and floors starting next fall.

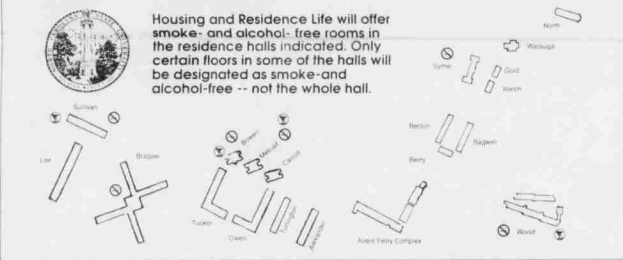
"The option of creating a smoke-free environment seemed like a natural one," said HRL Director Tim Luckadoo. "We've heard time and time again from students and their parents that they don't want to be in an environment that's disrupted by alcohol."

Luckadoo said that the designation is the result of an HRL study done in conjunction with the Inter-Residence Council and different hall councils.

"This plan is what came out," he said. "We also wanted to spread it across campus."

Luckadoo said that some hall

Smoke- and Alcohol-Free Residence Halls



Housing and Residence Life will offer smoke- and alcohol-free rooms in the residence halls indicated. Only certain floors in some of the halls will be designated as smoke- and alcohol-free -- not the whole hall.

councils were worried that their halls would be seen as dull as a result of becoming totally alcohol- and/or smoke-free.

"They're concerned with over what image the designation will give them," he said.

Currently, residents can smoke in their rooms and outside of the hall's parameters, but not in "common" areas like halls or bathrooms. This option will still be available for those who choose not to live in smoke- and/or alcohol-free residence halls.

Luckadoo said that resident advisers living in smoke- and alcohol-free environments will have to abide by the rules their residents live under.

"Those staff will have to honor those options and they'll know that

before they're placed in those areas," he said. "So, if you smoke and you apply to be an RA, we would not put you in Metcalf."

If the spaces don't fill up, Luckadoo said that HRL would probably convert the special areas back to normal residence hall status.

Luckadoo said a committee is looking into different methods of punishment for violators. Students will be able to view the rules of conduct during fall sign-up.

"Students would have to honor the designation if they are allowed to live on an alcohol-free floor," he said. "We wouldn't evict a student if they were not conforming."

Students who are placed into a smoke- and/or alcohol-free environment and wish to move will

be allowed to move to another hall, Luckadoo said.

"It's not intended to be a restrictive policy," he said. "If you choose to live there, we want it to be available to you."

Luckadoo said the special halls will be monitored closely next year to "see how things go."

"This is almost a trial run to see how popular it is," he said. Luckadoo said he believes HRL will have no problem filling the spaces.

As of Feb. 1, 159 continuing students applied to live in a smoke-free environment, while 68 applied for an alcohol-free environment.

"It's a virtual guarantee that we'll fill smoke-free," he said.

The fall residence hall sign-up sessions will be held Feb. 21, Feb.

Changes in NCAA will affect State

The new plan will result in different rules for each of the three divisions in the NCAA.

By JASON KING
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The National Collegiate Athletic Association has restructured its legislative body, giving large schools, such as N.C. State, more power in making decisions that affect them.

The restructured plan will take effect Aug. 1, 1997, said Arthur Cooper, N.C. State's faculty representative in the current NCAA system.

Cooper said he believed the newly-restructured NCAA would be advantageous to NCSU because it would shift most of the division's power to the eight major conferences: the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), Big East, Big Eight, Big Ten, Pacific 10, Southeastern, Western Athletic and Conference USA.

"The larger institutions felt the smaller institutions dictated what the NCAA did, and they are not the ones who fund the NCAA," Cooper said.

Under the current system, each university receives equal representation, no matter what its athletic prowess is. The new plan will result in different rules for each of the three divisions.

"What it did was federate the CAA and get similar institutions together," Cooper said. "It's a simplified structure of organization."

An executive committee of 16 presidents from the three different divisions would preside over the NCAA, while each division would have two main legislative bodies.

Division I would be governed by a Board of Directors and a Management Council; the plan states that each conference must be represented on one of the two.

The board would be made up of 15 presidents: eight from each of the eight major conferences, one from either the Big West or Mid-American Conferences, and six from Division I-AA and I-AAA conferences.

The council will consist of 16 administrators from the eight major

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Patents fund programs

Money from patented products goes to an assortment of people and programs.

News Staff Report

N.C. State receives more than \$1 million per year from the patents that its researchers have filed and it uses the funds generated to continue its pursuit of cutting edge technology.

Mark Crowell, director of technology administration and development, said that the \$1.63 million in patent royalties from the 1994 fiscal year was distributed to a variety of programs.

The management policy gives 25 percent of the gross to the inventors. The rest goes into a trust fund.

A new twist in the patent policy, Crowell said, is that at the end of every fiscal year, 10 percent of the total license money goes to the lab that generates inventions.

He said that occasionally the royalties generate enough money to allow early development projects to do more research. This allows the office to make patents more valuable.

Crowell said that the implication of more royalties increases the amount of money going to research.

NCSU does license patents toward the purpose of starting small businesses. The university then takes a small percentage of the stock or royalties in return for starting up the company.

NCSU researchers received 40 patents in 1994. The university ranked 27th in the country in patent royalty income, according to a survey conducted by the Association of University Technology Managers, Inc.

Party

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said Josh Craig, a junior in computer science.

Coach Les Robinson has been under intense scrutiny this season, but students said they were impressed with his coaching at the end of the game.

"I'm glad we pulled it out in the end, instead of choking," said Rob Schoderbek, a senior in biological engineering.

"We deserved it," said Lennix Whitehead, a sophomore in business. "The coaching at the end was the key to the win."

After a season filled with single-digit losses, many celebrants said they were glad to see such a large turnout on such a cold night.

"It's good that people are out and excited," said Heather Fosina, a sophomore in business management.

Raleigh Police Department officers estimated that approximately 2,000 people joined in the party.

"I'm pretty surprised with the amount of people here, since we didn't have that many wins this season," Craig said.

This year's celebration far surpassed those of previous years, according to some students.

"There's more people here and it's a lot wilder," Taylor said.

RPD officers blocked off Hillsborough Street between Gardner Street and Chamberlain Drive in anticipation of the celebration.

"It's good that the police department closed off Hillsborough Street," said Greg Taylor, a senior in zoology. "It shows they support N.C. State also."

But celebrating students booed when law enforcement officers began to break up the crowd.

"It's not fair because we've been waiting for this win for so long, and when we finally get it, they cut it short," said Marcell Hough, a freshman in computer science.

"We just beat Carolina," said Mike Meagh, a sophomore in history. "They should let us celebrate. We're just partying and having a good time."

Public Safety Sgt. Larry Ellis said that "the celebration was fine but a lot of people were inconvenienced" due to the Hillsborough Street closing.

Approximately two dozen RPD officers and 30 Public Safety officers gathered on Hillsborough Street to attempt to keep people safe.

"We don't mind the celebration," said Master Officer M.N. Thomas of RPD. "We just don't want anybody to get hurt."

Ellis said he thought the crowd was "very well-behaved."

One student was injured during the post-game celebration. According to Bill Bloomingdale, a junior in electrical engineering, two female students from NCSU were being carried on top of the crowd when one woman fell and landed on her head.

The injured student was taken to Wake County Medical Center.

Aside from the one injury, law enforcement officers said the crowd behaved as well as could be expected.

NCAA

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conferences and 18 others from smaller ones.

In the legislative process, the council will be responsible for developing and approving legislative changes, but the board will have the final decision as to what will be adopted into law.

The restructuring could pave the way for some highly-debated topics, such as additional financial aid for athletes, Cooper said.

"I don't believe there is any way we can avoid that," he said. "The NCAA is going to have to come to grips with it."

Cooper said that furnishing athletes with additional financial support could be fair, provided that the support is need-based.

This need-based system would offer increased support for athletes from financially troubled backgrounds.

But there is one problem that needs to be dealt with before any kind of athlete-payment system is jettisoned. That of cost containment or ending the "vicious cycle of spending" that is currently taking place in Division I schools, Cooper said.

Cooper said he could possibly serve as one of the ACC's two representatives on the council.



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Sports

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Pack Power!

Three's rain on UNC comeback

By J.P. Giglio
Sports Editor

What goes around comes around. For the N.C. State men's basketball team, a victory in a close game finally came its way.

After losing six of its conference games by six points or fewer, the Wolfpack came out on the winning side with a 78-75 win over No. 9 North Carolina.

"In the long run, everything balances out," coach Les Robinson said. "Now we've won three close games and lost three."

Things almost didn't balance out for the Wolfpack after North Carolina whittled a 19-point second half lead to one.

State countered the comeback with All-ACC center Todd Fuller. Fuller connected on two free throws with 9.9 seconds left in the game to push the lead back to three.

The Tar Heels had one last chance at Shammond Williams' shot from the corner bounced off the back of the rim.

The 19-point deficit was nothing new for the Tar Heels. UNC trailed against Wake Forest and Duke by 18 and 17 points respectively, before pulling off the comeback wins.

Robinson knew that not even a 19-point deficit is safe with North

"They were bustin' big time tonight."

- Dante Calabria, UNC forward

Carolina.

"They're the masters of coming back," Robinson said. "They've been coming back since the Fifties."

The Pack built the lead behind a rainstorm of three-pointers. For the game, State connected on 14 of 33 shots from beyond the arc.

Forward Al Pinkins led the three-point barrage with four of five. Even Fuller, who finished up with a game-high 24 points, hit on two of three.

The 42 percent from beyond the arc is a far cry from the first game in January. State hit only 10 of 41 in the 96-72 loss earlier in the season.

"They were bustin' big time," UNC forward Dante Calabria said. "The three was there for them tonight."

Shua Benjamin also came up big for the Pack. The sophomore scored



With no time left on the clock, Jeremy Hyatt (20) and the rest of Reynolds celebrate Shammond Williams' failed attempt at a Chris Collins-like three-pointer. N.C. State escaped with a 78-75 win after holding a 19-point lead early in the second half.

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Potpourri of Pack athletics

Track Athletes Deliver

Alvis Whitted moved ran the NCAA's second best time of the year for 200 meters, and school records fell in two field events as Wolfpack athletes shone at the ACC-SEC challenge at Gainesville, FL Saturday.

Athletes from N.C. State, Clemson, Florida State, and Virginia represented the ACC in the inaugural matchup between the nation's top track conferences. N.C. State provided the bulk of the points as the ACC won the men's title, while the SEC triumphed in the women's competition.

Whitted was the Wolfpack's star performer, as his time of 21.27 moved him into second nationally at 200 meters. Whitted was the ACC champion last year in the event.

In the men's 35-lb. weight throw, John Williamson set a new N.C. State record with his second-place toss of 58'10". Sherlane Armstrong set a Wolfpack women's record of 40'10" while winning the high jump.

Other highlights for the N.C. State women came in the distance events. Kristen Hall qualified for the NCAA championships at 3000

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meters, lapping the field to win in 9:39.86.

Arni Jerremann qualified in the mile while finishing second in 4:49.04. State also provided the ACC with a win in the high jump, where Quicha Floyd jumped 5'8".

The State men were strong across the board, winning several events to go along with Whitted's victory. Reggie Barnes won the triple jump with his best mark of the year, 49'2 1/2". Jason Johnson cleared 16'2" to win the pole vault. Pat Joyce won the 3000 meters in 8:26.53, and the distance medley relay team of Matt Plummer, Dan Lee, Dan Smitas, and Jose Gonzalez won in 10:14.03.

-David Honea

Swimmers take fifth in ACC

The N.C. State women's swimming team finished in fifth place in the Atlantic Coast Conference

Swimming and Diving Championships held in Chapel Hill over the weekend.

The Wolfpack finished with 399

points, over a 100 point improvement from last year's performance. State beat Maryland and Duke in the standings, but were way behind North Carolina. The Tar Heels won their sixth straight team title with over 800 points.

The Wolfpack's best performances came from a pair of freshmen.

Gina Galligan won the ACC title in the 100-breaststroke on Friday and set a new championship meet record with a time of 1:03.10.

It was her second time breaking the same record that day. In the qualifying heat, Galligan swam a 1:04.08 to break the record set by State's Patty Waters back in 1981.

"I knew there would be a lot of good breaststrokers right behind me," Galligan said. Carmen Baker walked away with a pair of third-place finishes. On Friday, Baker visited the podium after her performance in the 400-individual medley. Her time of 4:24.66 qualified her for consideration as an entry into the NCAA Championships.

Baker also finished third in the 200-butterfly on Saturday with a time of 2:05.52.

"I really didn't know how to swim the race," Baker said. "So I just went out there and did what I thought I could do."

-Michael Todd



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N.C. State fans storm the court after Shammonu Williams' just-second three-point attempt clanged harmlessly off the rim. State's 78-to-75 victory over the unranked Wolfpack has upset the heavily favored Tarheels in Reynolds Coliseum. The win was the Wolfpack's third in the conference this season. The game, which had been a blowout in the first half, turned into a heartbreaker in the second half as the Tarheels, who were leading 65-40 at the time, lost 75-78. The Tarheels cheer about after a season filled with close games that, one-by-one, turned into heartbreaking losses. N.C. State is now 13-8 overall and the Tarheels are 7-4 in the ACC.

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- Jason Burton
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"It was totally awesome — sweet revenge from the first time we played them."

- Jarid Durham
Freshman, Engineering Undesignated

"This is a great win for the team, the coach and the fans when we needed it. It shows the season ain't over yet."

- John O'Quinn
NCSU Student Body President



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78-to-75 victory marked the second time in two years the team this season. It finally gave the State faithful something to rally and the team is tied for eighth place in the conference.

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Opinion

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We never close, Part II

■ NCSU administrators still lack courage for not cancelling all classes today.

Three weeks ago, the Triangle was hit by the worst snow and ice storm in recent memory. High schools and elementary schools were canceled for a week. Business across the heart of Carolina took a day or two to dig itself out from the weight of the cold stuff. Even N.C. State canceled classes for a day.

So why, when the inclement weather returned on Friday, did NCSU remain open? When the first storm arrived, Raleigh seemed reasonably well prepared. Sand and salt covered the main roads, plows ran across secondary roads every few hours and our own Physical Plant was on top of things, shoveling walkways and stairs as soon as the first flakes fell.

This time, however, no one was ready. Plows have barely hit

Hillsborough or Western yet. Salt and sand (which the Raleigh branch of the Department of Transportation got a new shipment of only last week) haven't been spread over many local areas.

Why won't NCSU administrators let the school close? It is hardly a black mark on their record for closing a school covered in treacherous ice and snow. In fact, by closing school, they would be looking out for the students' best interest. Cancelling class until 10:15 a.m. and implementing the wishy-washy adverse weather policy simply isn't enough.

Students should not be forced to risk themselves and their cars by driving on unsafe roads. And will the roads be for clear enough for the Wolfline by Monday morning? If they aren't, students face real danger by coming to school.

NCSU should seriously reconsider its snow policy. Better safe than sorry.

HRL gets it right for once

■ Housing and Residence Life does something good for its customers by creating alcohol- and smoke-free dormitories.

It's no secret that N.C. State's Department of Housing and Residence Life has been somewhat lacking in responding to the needs of its clients. From charging residents for moldy rooms to repainting doors hung on the wrong rooms to renovating at a snail's-pace the firetrap known as Fraternity Court, HRL has been a paragon of ineptitude.

But, as amazing as it may seem, HRL has done something right. Starting this fall, HRL will provide

alcohol- and smoke-free residence halls and floors in response to student and parent demand. These areas will be designated as alcohol and smoke free, and residents as well as Resident Advisers will be expected to abide by the restrictions. HRL says that enforcement will not be iron-fisted — if a student violates the rules, he won't be immediately evicted, and if a student decides he doesn't like the arrangement, he will be allowed to move to another room or hall. And if the allotted spaces are not filled, they will revert back to normal rooms with the current rules on alcohol and smoking in effect.

It's good to see that HRL can do something right. Now let's see if they can keep it up.

University needs new major

■ NCSU needs the proposed arts studies major to truly be a "university."

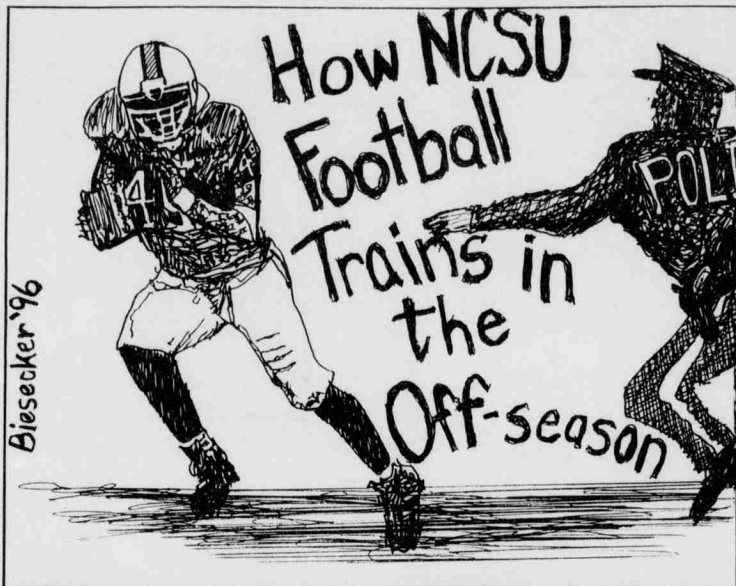
N.C. State is considered a university, of course, by virtue of its broad universal curricula. Despite its inclusion of humanities majors, NCSU is still dominated by technical fields such as engineering and agriculture. There hasn't been much to offer in the way of arts, but that may soon change.

A proposal has been floated to create a B.A. degree program in arts studies. The program would be geared toward the study of the arts and their roles in society, as opposed to a pure study of an art one would find in a fine arts program. The program, if approved by a series of committees, CHASS, the Board of Trustees and the UNC

Board of Governors, would be implemented in a practical matter by redistributing available resources. Not a single new course would be created for the major, as the curriculum will be composed of courses already in existence at NCSU, nor will there be a need to hire additional faculty.

The university sorely needs an arts major. NCSU is the only campus in the UNC system that does not offer a B.A. in any of the arts. This university, though cutting edge in many respects, is behind the curve in this respect.

The university administrators, the Board of Trustees and, ultimately, the Board of Governors must approve this new major, so that NCSU can be an institution that offers a truly universal education.



Commentary

Affirmative action is simply unfair

How often have we heard leftist civil rights activists speaking on behalf of minority groups for legislation to change hiring practices in an attempt to facilitate minority employees' transition into the job market?

They say too many of today's businesses are intentionally overlooking members of minority groups for jobs and hiring whites simply to avoid hiring a minority. In other words, no matter how qualified an individual may be, many businesses will not hire him/her because he/she is black. Affirmative action programs are being tested and implemented to make sure that businesses hire a "fair" number of minorities, but what defines fair? Common sense would suggest that a "fair" number of minorities in the workplace would mean that the percentage of minorities in the American population should be equivalent to the percentage of minorities holding jobs. Often times you will hear that businesses or institutions should "look like America." So let's carry out their dreams and desires to its full extent — "fairness" in professional sports.

The National Basketball Association, though dominated by whites in the first 20 years of its existence, is now 75 percent black and 25 percent white with no Asian or Native American players. Given that as of 1993, the U.S. population was 83.6 percent white, 12.4 percent black, and 4

percent other, it is fairly obvious that discrimination has infested player hiring. Despite this obvious discrepancy, why are Jesse Jackson and the Rainbow Coalition not trying to make the NBA look more like America? Keeping totally consistent with the demands of modern civil rights groups, I propose the following:

1) Put intense pressure on the NBA and its corporate sponsors to adopt coherent hiring policies which, over a period of say, three seasons, would change the racial make up of the NBA to mirror that of the general population. If this means overlooking a qualified black player to hire an equally qualified or possibly slightly less qualified white player, then so be it. Failure to do so would result in player walkouts and a nationwide picket of all NBA games (see "Black Enterprise," July 1987 and Jesse Jackson's threats to do just that to Major League Baseball).

2) Given that 75 percent of the NBA is black, that means that there are 243 black players and 81 white players currently on rosters. Remembering that 83.6 percent of the United States is white and 12.4 percent is black, during the off-season the NBA must fire 202 black players to bring the percentage of blacks in the NBA to 12.4 and hire 191 white players. Sure the numbers sound bad, firing 202 people is like dissolving the entire Atlantic

Division, but we all want what is fair, right?

So, now that fairness is finally going to be achieved, let's look at the damage we have done. Pretend, for a moment, that during the 1982 NBA draft, the Chicago Bulls had only one pick, and because of affirmative action quotas, they had to pick a white guy or face consequences — even if the white guy wasn't very good. Hmmmm... the NBA just wouldn't be the same without Michael Jordan would it? Who would win all those scoring titles?

OK, you're probably saying, "But wait, guys as good as Jordan would have made it big somewhere. Just look at his talent!" Exactly! That's the strongest argument against affirmative action programs ever. If a person is qualified, even over-qualified, that person will succeed in life. That's the beauty of living in America — hard work and talent is rewarded. Making some phony attempt at fairness does nothing but run the risk of putting less qualified people in place of those fully qualified (white or black). Why weaken the work force (or the basketball team) to make someone feel like they've achieved something when they may not have?

Does anyone think this would ever be pulled off in the NBA today? Of course not! It's probably doing nothing more than making some people angry — maybe very angry — and that is yet another problem with quotas. Instead of healing the wounds that already exist between the races, it inflicts even more hurt and spite between blacks and whites. Too many minorities have been enormously successful to suggest they cannot achieve without help from a program.

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Discovering how important friends are

A little over a year and a half ago, I made one of the best decisions of my life and decided to experience an Outward Bound course. Now, for those of you unfamiliar with an Outward Bound course, it is a month-long wilderness trial designed to teach you to appreciate what you have. Without going into too much detail about the whole thing, I think that the part of the course that taught me the most about myself was the three days I spent all by myself with no human contact.

Solitude. The word itself makes that weightless feeling of dread materialize in the pit of my stomach. What those three days in the wilderness taught me was that not only I am a very boring individual, but that I could never lead the life of a hermit. I'm so in need of human companionship that I wouldn't last for very long if I suddenly found myself to be the only human alive.

That's why, when things turn sour for me, I turn to those on whom I depend for everything from transportation to free meals. It's amazing how quickly you find out who's really a friend when life takes a turn for the worse. Everyone else blames

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you, tears you down and, worst of all, abandons you when you need them most. When I have problems, my friends know how to forgive, how to console, how to sympathize and, most of all, how to say in all the right ways, "I love you, man." Where would I be without these faithful people with whom I can share my victories and my happiness, my defeats and my sadness?

While searching for an appropriate example, I seem to keep coming back to last weekend. Last Friday night and Saturday morning was spent with three wonderful people who know how to make someone enjoy life when he's not enjoying it at all. The four of us — two guys, two girls — drove last week to Wrightsville Beach on a whim, just watch the sun come up. During the trip, we talked about everything and we all grew very close, joined by the kind of camaraderie you can only get while sitting in a car for four hours while staying up all night to watch the sun come up over the ocean.

I learned a lot about the four I went with, and never felt so close to three people who, looking back, were really strangers for all intents and purposes. Sure, we all

knew each other before we took the trip, but we never thought we would share some of what was said. It was a magical moment in my life, and a happy ending to a terrible bout of sadness.

I can say these three are my close friends because although they knew that I was having a bad week, they were determined to bring me out my funk by showing me how fun total exhaustion and elation at making it home safely can be. Although I can't say we'll always be friends, I can say I will never forget the 12 hours of sleep we missed on purpose just to mug for the camera on the beach to show we had done it.

Since that weekend, I have, in one way or another, hurt the feelings of each of the aforementioned individuals. I hope that by reading this, they will know how lucky I consider myself to have them in my memory and alive to say I'm sorry. It was a marvelous trip, guys, and I would trade it for anything in the world. I just hope you know what a great time I had and how eager I am for Part II. Friends are what keep me going. They are the ones who can weather my pathetic personality and try to keep me moving forward instead of backward.

To those three, and anyone else who is my friend, I salute you. You are not only the most patient, but the most tolerant group of people I know.

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Pack downed by No. 7 Vandy

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CHARLOTTE — The N.C. State women's basketball team was hammered by the No. 7 Vanderbilt Commodores 93-61 in the inaugural Naismith Classic.

The 32-point margin was State's worst defeat since the 1992-93 season when the Pack lost by 40 to Maryland in College Park 92-52.

"We're really disappointed in our performance," coach Kay Yow said. You can't really have days like this, where nothing seems to go right. You can't get together as a fivesome on the court.

It was just one of those days for us.

State shot 33 percent from the field for the game and only 22 percent in the first half. Also, the Pack committed 19 turnovers, 16 of which were in the second half. The Wolfpack played Vandy close

for the first five minutes.

With State down 16-13, the Commodores went on a 10-0 run to double the Pack's score at 26-13.

The closest State got to Vandy for the rest of the game was seven points with seven and a half minutes left in the first half. The Commodores lead at halftime 41-22.

In the second half, Vanderbilt salted away the game with a 22-2 run over a span a seven minutes in the second half.

The Wolfpack fought to keep the score respectable from that point on, with Chasty Melvin carrying the load. Melvin scored 11 of her 19 points in the second half.

State's performance against Vanderbilt was undeniably its worst this year.

"It was uncharacteristic of the way that we have played most of the season," Yow said.

State drops to 15-5 overall. The Wolfpack next game is against Virginia at Reynolds Coliseum on Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

Box scores

Commodores 93, Wolfpack 61

Player	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	Pts
Vanderbilt	41	52	—	93			
Cunningham	25	7-9	5-6	0-3	2	2	19
Jarek	1	0-1	0-0	1	4	3	5
Oaks	1	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0
Janik	16	2-3	4-4	1-3	0	0	8
Sam	19	1-5	7-8	1-3	6	2	9
Hilimon	22	2-5	1-2	2-8	1	3	5
Redman	9	1-2	1-1	0-2	2	0	3
Palmasano	16	3-5	3-3	0-2	2	1	9
Ostrom	14	2-5	0-0	0-1	1	0	7
Respondek	11	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	2	2
Gornica	12	4-4	2-2	2-6	0	4	10
Lewis	4	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	2	2
Totals	200	31-56	27-30	6-30	20	17	93

Player	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	Pts
State	41	52	—	61			
Mitchell	29	1-5	3-0	0-5	8	3	2
Howard	33	4-10	2-2	0-1	1	1	14
Webb	32	3-11	2-3	3-5	3	5	8
Davis	22	2-6	0-1	1-2	0	3	4
Melvin	32	7-18	5-7	5-7	0	3	19
Jones	11	1-5	0-0	1-1	1	0	2
Williams	7	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	3	2
McLendon	7	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Shepard	18	3-6	3-5	1-4	2	9	9
O'Connell	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Potest	5	0-1	1-2	2-2	0	1	1
Newman	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	200	29-62	10-15	13-36	14	20	75

Three-point goals: 4-13 (Palmasano 2-4, Respondek 0-1). Blocked shots: 10 (Hilimon 3, Gornica 3, Cunningham 2, Ostrom 2, Respondek). Turnovers: 21 (Hilimon 4, Respondek 4, Sam 2, Cunningham 2, Lewis 2, Jared, Janik, Redman, Palmasano, team 2). Steals: 12 (Hilimon 3, Ostrom 3, Sam 2, Ostrom 2, Redman, Palmasano, Lewis).



Wolfpack 75, Tar Heels 75

Player	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	Pts
State	41	52	—	75			
Hylatt	30	3-6	4-4	0-4	2	3	12
Strong	20	4-8	0-0	2-6	0	5	11
Fulfer	38	7-13	8-8	2-6	1	2	24
Harrison	31	0-5	2-2	0-1	3	0	2
Marshall	19	0-2	0-0	1-1	3	1	0
Prinke	20	4-6	0-0	1-8	0	2	12
Benjamin	30	5-10	2-3	0-2	5	2	14
M. Harrison	5	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Wagner	7	2-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	5
Totals	200	24-53	16-18	6-30	15	17	78

Player	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	Pts
UNC	41	52	—	75			
Carlier	14	2-3	0-0	0-4	0	4	4
Jamison	35	7-10	4-6	4-7	1	3	18
Zwicker	26	2-4	0-0	1-3	3	2	4
Calabria	39	7-16	2-3	3-4	4	16	16
Williams	37	6-13	2-2	1-4	2	17	17
Okujala	22	4-11	0-0	0-1	4	0	10
Okujala	27	1-5	2-2	2-4	1	5	4
Totals	200	29-62	10-15	13-36	14	20	75

Three-point goals: 7-22 (Mclendon 3, Okujala 2, Williams 2, Calabria 0-1). Blocked shots: 0. Turnovers: 11 (Jamison 3, Mclendon 3, Okujala 2, Williams 2, Calabria 1). Steals: 4 (Okujala 3, Calabria).

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the team's final three field goals to finish the game with 14 points.

"I just wanted to take control," Benjamin said. "We've been missing a team leader, if anyone was going to make a stupid play it was going to be me."

But unlike earlier this season, when Benjamin struggled from the floor and with his decision making,

last night's performance was reminiscent of his stellar All-ACC freshman season.

"If you want to say this is the Isha Benjamin of last year, it's Benjamin said. "But I'm stronger and more mature this year."

It was the third time in the last five years that State has beat UNC at home.

State improved its record to 13-8 overall and 3-6 in the ACC. Virginia visits Reynolds Coliseum on Thursday night at seven o'clock.

ACC Standings

Team	Conference	Overall
North Carolina	7-2 .778	16-5 .762
Wake Forest	6-2 .750	14-3 .823
Georgia Tech	6-3 .667	13-10 .565
Maryland	5-4 .556	11-7 .611
Duke	4-5 .444	13-8 .619
Clemson	4-5 .444	14-5 .737
N.C. State	3-6 .333	13-8 .619
Virginia	3-6 .333	8-10 .444
Florida State	2-7 .222	10-8 .555

Tennis teams kick off season

Sports Staff Report

Both the men's and the women's tennis teams have new coaches, both of them saw action this week on the road.

The women's team was victorious against Miami, Oh, 5-2.

State received singles wins from newcomers Nena Bonacic and Sara Causeway and veterans Sara Cowman and Dana Allen. In doubles competition, the team swept the Redskins.

The team will open their home schedule on Wednesday Feb. 14 against UNC-Greensboro.

The men's team played two

matches in South Carolina over the weekend.

The Wolfpack lost to the College of Charleston 6-1 and South Carolina 5-1.

Against the College of Charleston, Hayes Calvert picked up a singles victory 7-5, 6-4 over Casey Valkenburg.

In doubles competition, Dan Murphy and David Bollock scored an 8-3 victory over M. hael Run and Kevin Srinbling. But it wasn't enough to earn the double point.

Against the Gamecocks, Robert Braconic picked the lone win with a 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 win over Jorge Esqueda.

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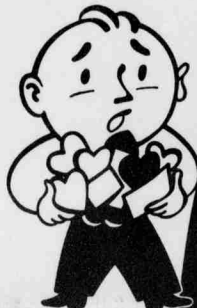
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