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Full scholarship endowed for N.C. State Engineering

Two brothers, both former N.C. State engineering students, E. James Angelo, Jr. and William E. Angelo, have established the Ernest James and Ethel Hudgins Angelo Memorial Scholarship in memory of their late parents.

The scholarship will go to students in the College of Engineering from Forsyth County.

The scholarship will cover tuition, fees, and room and board for one year and will be given to a student who demonstrates an interest in environmental issues.

"This commitment by the Angelo brothers is an investment in tomorrow's environmental leaders," said Chancellor Monteith. "This scholarship will allow the College of Engineering at N.C. State to continue to attract top scholars."

NCSU music group hosts party

N.C. State's only coed a capella group will host a party Friday at 8 p.m. in the Bragaw activity room to celebrate the release of their first CD, "First Class."

A Cappology group member Sonya Shearon said a capella music is "intricate music with no instruments except voices."

Free food will be served at the party.

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Outside

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Misleading instructions prevent grade postings

■ A mistake made by NCSU's Registration and Records led most professors to believe that they could not post grades this semester.

By PHILLIP REESE
News Editor

Bare doorways and blank bulletin boards unnecessarily greeted those in search of posted grades last semester.

Most N.C. State professors did not post final semester grades outside of their offices and classrooms because of misleading instructions sent out by NCSU's

Registration and Records, Associate Registrar Sherwood Bryan said.

The instructions Registration and Records sent to professors concerning grade posting were meant to discourage, but not restrict, grade posting, Bryan said. Instead, the instructions appeared to prohibit grade posting.

"When you read the instructions we sent to the faculty it sounds like we are telling them what to do rather than giving them advice about what to do," Bryan said.

The instructions concerning the posting of grades were made because of concerns about student

"In the future, we will not prohibit instructors from posting."

— Sherwood Bryan, Associate Registrar

privacy, Bryan said. But professors will be allowed to post grades outside their offices and classrooms this semester.

"There has not been an actual change in policy," Bryan said. "In the future, we will not prohibit

instructors from posting."

Bryan said Registration and Records is sorry about the mistake. "It is this office's intention to make things as convenient as possible for students," he said. "We apologize for any inconvenience."

Because of Registration and Records' mistake, most students had to pull their grades off NCSU's TRACS system. Many students said grades were not posted on the TRACS system in a timely manner.

"It takes so long to get grades on the net," Mars Carpenter, a sophomore in mechanical engineering, said. "If you leave

early a lot of your grades will not be posted."

Bryan said many grades were not quickly posted on TRACS because most professors did not bring their students' grades directly to Registration and Records' office. He said many final grade reports probably sat within individual university department offices for a number of days before they were turned in.

Bryan said Registration and Records will still discourage, but not prohibit, grade posting outside of classroom and office doors. He

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Concert sham fools students

■ A hoax left approximately 200 Seven Mary Three fans out in the cold at Reynolds Coliseum last semester.

By PRESTON MOON
Staff Writer

A lot of students showed up at the entrance of Reynolds Coliseum the night of Saturday, Dec. 14 to take a break from exams and enjoy a good concert. When they got there, however, they discovered a dark and empty building with no sign of any music inside.

For a week prior to that Saturday night, flyers announcing a concert with the bands Seven Mary Three and Dogstar appeared in many residence halls on campus. The flyers indicated that the concert would be free with a student ID and were convincing enough to attract a large crowd of expecting students.

By nine o'clock that night, around two hundred people had showed up expecting the bands to play.

"We came here expecting a good time, and all we found was an empty basketball court," said Mark Ware, a freshman in the First Year College.

Many students were angry at having been tricked by the flyers and hoped that whoever was responsible for planning the hoax would be caught and punished.

Most students who showed up had changed their plans that weekend so they could attend the concert.

Gretchen Krupwicz, a freshman majoring in business, said that she could have gone home as early as Wednesday the eleventh, but she stayed on campus three extra days to see the bands play.

Some of the students blamed the university for the confusion.

"I think it is the school's responsibility," Accounting Sophomore Bernard McAvoy said. "They should have put up some notice otherwise to tell people this wasn't real."

Reynolds Coliseum Manager Mark Labarbera said that he was not aware of the flyers until the day before the supposed concert. He said he would leave it up to Public Safety and the Student Judiciary Board to decide on how to pursue and prosecute whoever planned the hoax.

Robert McIntyre, a freshman in EEU, said he found it hard to believe that university management did not notice the fake flyers earlier.

Labarbera, however, said looking for deceptive flyers is not the university's responsibility.

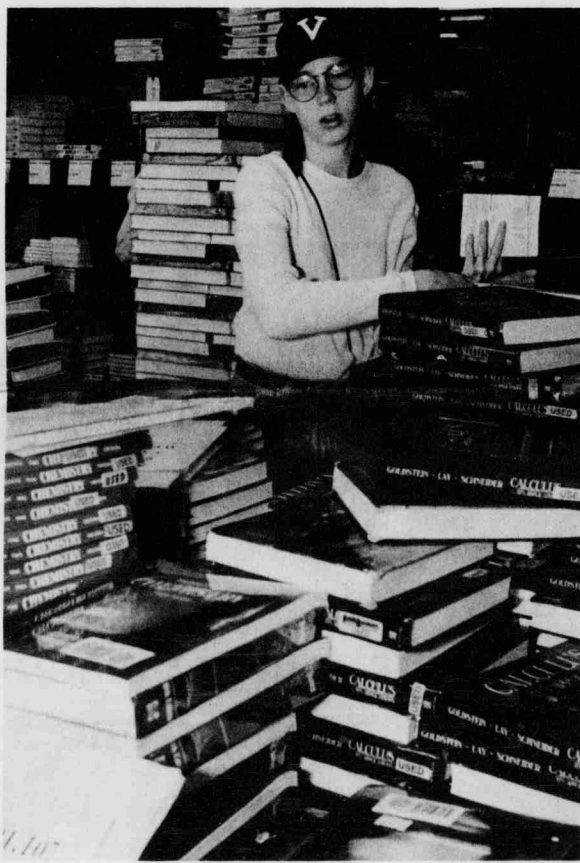
"We don't send people out on a regular basis to locate flyers," Labarbera said, "it's certainly not something that someone at Reynolds would do."

Labarbera said Reynolds personnel were able to locate one of the flyers after the event. The flyer was handed over to Public Safety.

There were some students that saw through the scam from the beginning. Jack Brinson, a junior in physics, went by the Reynolds Coliseum ticket window the day

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Books-A-Million



Melissa Will, a freshman in Design, picks up a few textbooks at NCSU Bookstores Tuesday.

■ A leading figure in the world of athletics shared his views with NCSU students and faculty last semester.

By MARK McCRAW
Staff Writer

The president of the United States Olympic Committee spoke at N.C. State's Witherspoon Student Center Friday morning, December 13. Leroy Walker, who was honored at NCSU's Community Brotherhood Dinner later that evening, spoke on "promoting academic excellence and international understanding through athletic competition."

Cleon Thompson, Special Assistant to Chancellor Monteith, introduced Walker by reminiscing about his influence as a coach at North Carolina Central University in the early 1950's.

"I held two practices a day for my teams," said Walker, "one in the afternoon and one in the library at night."

According to Walker, the second practice was an academic mentor session to help his athletes with their studies. Walker said this session is the reason most of his team made the honor roll.

Walker used his early athletic programs as an example of how we can reach the youth of today.

"As leaders of these young people, I beseech you not to give up on them," Walker said. "We cannot skip a generation."

Walker said that the talent of the nation lies stagnant within the growing youth populace. "You have to start with the talent," Walker said. "A jackass has never won the Kentucky Derby."

According to Walker, a major problem is that leaders of today have failed to help the younger generations see their talent and fully achieve their potential.

"Youngsters have lots of potential, we just have to mold them and show them we care," Walker said.

According to Walker, athletics can be an integral part of this molding process.

"Don't tell me that you can't be a student-athlete," said Walker. "We simply need to be much more compassionate to the academic needs of our student athletes."

Walker said low student-athlete grades are caused by a lack of proper emphasis on the academic aspects of athletics.

"Football players are consumed. No wonder they can't study," said Walker. "There was a time when you couldn't be drafted into the NFL or NBA until your class graduated. Now there are many attractions to draft them straight from high school."

Walker emphasized diversity as another

Connector approaches dead end

■ Opponents of the Duraaleigh Connector are poised to win their battle against the proposed road.

By JULIE P. MURPHY
Assistant News Editor

The Umstead Coalition, a group dedicated to the preservation of Umstead State Park, is hesitantly celebrating as they await official movements toward deleting construction of the Duraaleigh Connector from the Department of Transportation's plans.

Governor Jim Hunt said Tuesday that the preservation of North Carolina's natural areas was the primary factor in his decision to recommend termination of the connector.

"The sanctity and beauty of Schenck Forest and Umstead Park far outweighed the need for a road," Governor Hunt said. "These are beautiful and serene natural areas, which are so rare and are getting rarer. We should not build roads at the expense of our environment."

Jean Spooner, director of the coalition, said the group is happy about the recent recommendations of the chancellor and governor.

"We feel positive that the local governments will support this end since they've received the backing of the governor," Spooner said.

Spooner said, though, that the Board of Transportation would have to make the motion to delete the Duraaleigh Connector from the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in order for the decision to be definite.

The State Board of Transportation meets Friday and may present a motion to eliminate the Duraaleigh Connector from the TIP.

Coalition member Jill Heaton said she would like to see the board

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U.S. Olympic Committee president visits NCSU



Leroy Walker speaks at the McKimmon Center.

necessary ingredient in formulating academic excellence and international understanding. He defended his all-women and all-minority committees by saying, "Affirmative action is getting bashed because we've abused it some, but they can't bash affirmative opportunity, especially if we institutionalize it."

According to Walker, we have to let minorities, especially women, know we are encouraging

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Road

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make that motion. "If the secretary of transportation moves that the Durableigh Connector be removed from the plans, I'd feel more secure," Heaton said. "In order to feel that this is a good-faith move, I'd like to see this happen."

With the termination of the Durableigh Connector, alternate moves to alleviate traffic problems in the Durableigh area are needed, Spooner said.

Widening all of Durableigh Road, furthering mass transit and improving the interchange at Edwards Mill and Durableigh are all areas of improvement Spooner said are necessary to help solve the traffic dilemmas the DOT is up against.

Juanita Shearer-Swink, a senior transportation planner at the Triangle Transit Authority, said their department is already working on ways to ease traffic problems in the Triangle area.

"For the past three years we've

been using the Regional Bus System, which services areas between all major university campuses, Research Triangle Park and the airport," Shearer-Swink said. "The next step is called the Regional Rail System."

Phase one of the Regional Rail System would travel through 34 miles of 16 different stops throughout the Triangle, according to Shearer-Swink. She said that the anticipated completion of this phase is 2002.

Shearer-Swink said the department is working on developing permanent funding plans that will be presented to the North Carolina legislature in the upcoming session.

Spooer said these are the kinds of improvements that should have been emphasized instead of the connector.

"The DOT could obviously never prove that the connector was the real solution to the traffic problems on Durableigh," Spooner said. "The coalition wants to continue to work with all parties involved to find real solutions to these problems."



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said new technology could soon allow professors to post grades online as they simultaneously report the same grades to Registration and Records. This system will be more efficient than TRACS, Bryan said.

"As soon as the grade is submitted by a professor it will go straight to the student and Registration and Records," Bryan said.

The new system will be tested by one university department this semester before it is implemented throughout the university.

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before the bogus concert date to check things out.

"It wasn't hyped enough," Brinson said. "I thought there would have been much more advertising to be a free concert with bands that popular."

Others shared Brinson's skepticism, but decided to go by Reynolds just to make sure. Bill Moore, a freshman in FYC who saw the concert advertised in University Towers, said that the free part seemed a little hard to believe, but the rest of the flyer was credible.

Seven Mary Three drummer Giti Khalsa said that the band is definitely not playing NCSU anytime soon and apologized for the confusion.

Walker

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international understanding can be achieved.

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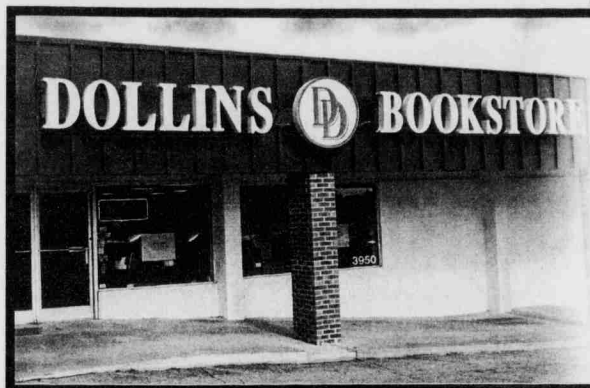
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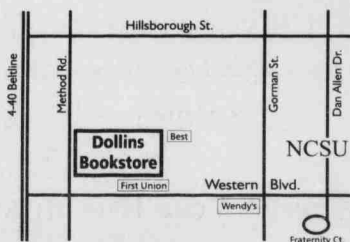
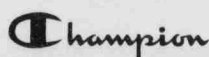
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•The 23 points scored by Ark-Pine Bluff was the lowest ever scored vs. the State men in Reynolds Coliseum.

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Smothering State defense stifles Broncs

Once again it was the Wolfpack defense coming up big, holding the Texas Pan-American Broncs to a mere 25 points. This marks the third time this season that Herb Sendek's defense has held an opponent to under 30 points. The Pack looks to carry that defense over into Saturday's ACC match against Maryland.



HOPE TERADA/STAFF

■ Olympic Soccer star Alexi Lalas was on hand to see the Wolfpack kick around the Broncs of Texas Pan-American.

By JAMES CURLE
 SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Ishua Benjamin was perfect from behind the three-point line and freshman Tim Wells added 12 points as the Wolfpack put a 75-25 spanking on Texas Pan-American.

Benjamin came out of the gates strong, nailing a 15-footer to start the scoring for the Pack. He kept the hot hand for State as the night progressed, hitting a perfect 5-5 from the floor to finish the game with 13 points.

This was the first time since Nov. 27 that Benjamin had scored in double figures.

"He hasn't been shooting a great deal," head coach Herb Sendek said. "In fairness to Osh, we're asking him to do a great deal. We're asking him to run the team. "It was great to see Osh step up and hit some big shots for us."

Also playing strong for the Pack were freshmen Tim Wells and Justin Gainey.

Wells came off the bench late in the first half in place of starter Damon Thornton. His tip in at the buzzer put the Pack on top 32-8 to

"We're asking him to run the team. It was great to see Osh step up and hit some big shots."

- Herb Sendek, State head coach

end the first period. But it was his play during the second half that brought the crowd at Reynolds to its feet.

With 10:06 left in the second period, Wells took a fast-break feed from Benjamin to unload a monster tomahawk-jam on Texas Pan-Am's Ivan Ostercevic. The slam brought an otherwise sedate Reynolds crowd to life.

At point guard, Gainey looked impressive, pushing the ball upcourt with authority against the lackluster Pan-Am defense. He posted six rebounds on defense, along with two steals.

Notably missing from the Pack lineup tonight was senior forward Al Pinkins.

Pinkins was ruled ineligible by the NCAA earlier this month for his spring semester of basketball. Pinkins had hoped to be granted a

medical hardship, thus allowing him to play another semester, but the NCAA denied his request and shut the books on his career.

Wolfpack Athletics plans to appeal, but an overturning of the decision is not likely.

This was the third non-conference game in a row in which the opponent was held under 30 points. Last week's 83-23 trouncing of Arkansas-Pine Bluff added more credence to the strength of the Pack's smothering defense.

But Arkansas-Pine Bluff and Texas Pan-Am aren't exactly ACC caliber teams. Playing tough D against the Broncs of Pan-Am and the Terrapins of Maryland are two entirely different matters.

But Sendek is well aware of the discrepancies.

"We've been exposed to the best teams in the country," Sendek said. "We've already played Kansas, Wake Forest, Florida State, Memphis and Penn State."

"Our guys have played in hostile environments against the very best teams in the country."

The Pack's next game is Sunday at home against the 17th-ranked Maryland Terrapins. The Terps won both contests last season, winning in College Park, 77-74 in OT. The Terps won in Raleigh 86-84.

Tickets go on sale today at the Reynolds box office. Students need only to present their All-Campus Cards at the ticket office to get their tickets.

Inside State Sports

Men's Basketball

■ Here's a quick rundown of how the State men did over the break.

By K. GAFFNEY
 STAFF WRITER

N.C. State 70, Central Florida 52

The N.C. State men's basketball team started its winter break by smothering Central Florida with Coach Herb Sendek's trademark defense.

Central Florida's offensive production was limited, with just two players scoring in double digits.

State also dominated on the offensive boards, pulling down only eight.

The Wolfpack forced 25 turnovers and collected 17 steals while holding Central Florida to just 38 percent shooting from the floor.

Danny Strong led the State offense with 16 points and seven rebounds.

C.C. Harrison, in 39 minutes of play, scored 17 for the Pack, and senior Jeremy Hyatt added 14 points and six rebounds.

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Jayhawks too tough in Allen Field House

■ The trip to the midwest was not kind for State.

By BILL HUNT
 SPECIAL TO TECHNICIAN

"Rock Chalk, Jayhawk, KU!"

In historic Allen Field House this cheer descends upon the court before the start of each Kansas basketball game. For out-of-staters, this cheer translates into "destroy the opposition."

Kansas players took heed and did just that to the N.C. State, winning 84-56 on Dec. 21. The loss marked the first time all year State had given up more than 53 points in a game. Kansas reached 54 with 15 minutes left to play. The Jayhawks (10-0) also became the first team to make more field goals (32) than turnovers (19) against the Pack (6-2).

Things did not start bleakly for

State, who opened the game playing the top-ranked Jayhawks toe to toe, thanks in part to its patient offense and stingy defense. With 9:07 left in the first half, State trailed 20-19 after a Justin Gainey steal and layup.

Then the bottom fell out on the Pack. With Kansas clutching to a three-point lead Jeremy Hyatt picked up his third foul on a charge. One minute later Ishua Benjamin followed his teammate to the bench after being tagged with his third personal.

With State's two best defenders on the sidelines, Kansas began a 40-8 run spanning both halves to put the Pack away for good. Paul Pierce led the Jayhawks on the run with 11 points. He was also the game's top scorer, netting 21 points on 9-of-13 shooting.

"Kansas' overall size, talent and skill just wore us down," assistant coach Sean Miller said. Miller also

said the Jayhawk's depth allowed Kansas to sustain more quickness than the Pack.

"They've got the whole package." Kansas used this package to amass 16 dunks and layups to help KU shoot a 60 percent from the field.

The Jayhawks' offensive and defensive performance led KU coach Roy Williams to label their showing "as good as we've played all year long."

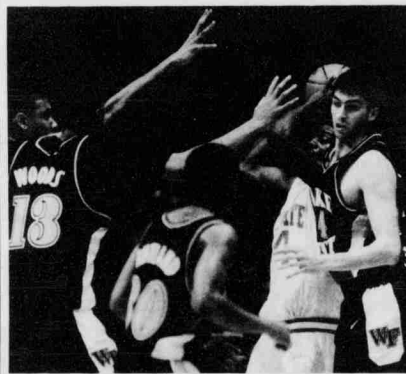
The lone bright spot for Pack fans was the play of Damon Thornton. The freshman center totaled team highs in points (12), rebounds (10), a dunk and he even blocked a dunk.

State head coach Herb Sendek praised Thornton's performance as his "most complete [and] aggressive game." Miller added that Thornton "caught the ball well, exploded to the basket and rebounded."

"He is a great player [who] has a great future."

Pinkins done, barring last-minute NCAA miracle

SPORTS STAFF REPORT



Senior Al Pinkins' playing days at N.C. State have come to an abrupt end, thanks to the NCAA.

The NCAA decided that Pinkins' four years of eligibility had expired.

Two seasons ago, Pinkins blew out his knee 90 seconds into the first game of the year against Prairie View A&M. The NCAA declared that game qualified as half of a season played.

To make up for the last half of the 1995 season, Pinkins was eligible for the first half of the 1996-97 season. However, the NCAA was debating whether or not to grant him an extra semester, which they didn't do.

Pinkins' career included being named to the Blue Chip Illustrated

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N.C. State center Chasity Melvin (44) had 15 points versus Georgia Tech, but the Yellow Jackets were just too much.

State women continue to be red hot, burning through winter break

■ The Pack had a successful break, with just one small blemish.

By K. GAFFNEY
 STAFF WRITER

While the rest of campus was on break, the N.C. State women's basketball team continued to prove themselves on the court.

Over the break the Wolfpack amassed a record of 4-1, and jumped to No. seven in the AP polls before falling back to their current position at No. 11.

The Wolfpack coasted through two holiday tournaments with four more than convincing victories before testing the waters of the ACC against unranked Georgia Tech.

In this weekend's trip to "Hotlanta" for their second conference game of the season, State's 23 turnovers and just 53 percent shooting from the floor led to a 73-72 defeat, the Pack's first since the Preseason NIT.

5'11" Guard Carla Munion lit up the State defense for 20 points, hitting four three-point shots.

Inside State Sports

Women's Basketball

Tech Sophomore Kenya Williams scored a game high 23 points, and senior guard Kisha Ford added 16 points, nine rebounds and three steals for the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

Katie Smrcka-Duffy poured in 21 points for the Pack. The freshman guard hit three shots from beyond the arc. Smrcka-Duffy also handed out four assists.

Junior center Chasity Melvin and sophomore guard LySchale Jones each scored 15 points for State.

In the Wolfpack Holiday Hoops Tournament, State opened up with a 95-33 win over South Carolina State.

Umeki Webb and Smrcka-Duffy scored 23 points apiece. Webb added 10 of State's 48 rebounds.

The Wolfpack finished up the Tournament with a 116-39 trouncing of Delaware State.

Eight players scored in double digits for the Pack. Kenyatta

Williams led the way with 21 points. State forced 44 turnovers and collected 29 steals, with Webb leading the way with ten take aways. The senior forward also scored 16 points.

State opened up the ACC-Big Four Tournament by defeating George Washington, 72-62.

Jennifer Howard led the way with 23 points, hitting five three point shots, playing all forty minutes for N.C. State.

Webb once again came through for the Pack offense, pouring in 16 points, and 10 rebounds.

On the defensive end, State allowed just two George Washington players double digit point totals, as Chasity Myers and Vensia Perak scored 17 and 16 points, respectively.

Howard and Melvin each scored 18 points as State defeated Rutgers, 77-54 in the second game of the ACC-Big Four Tournament.

The Scarlet Knights (3-7) were held to just 34 percent shooting from the floor, and the Pack took advantage of Rutgers' 27 turnovers.

Kristen Somogyi scored 14 for

Rutgers and Usha Gilmore added 12.

The Pack is back in action tonight as they travel to South Carolina to take on the Tigers of Clemson.

Clemson is the reigning ACC tournament champion, but finished fourth in the conference during the regular season behind the Wolfpack.

The Tigers carry no freshman on their 1996-97 squad. Returning from last year's championship team are 14 players, including four starters.

Laura Cottrell and Jaci Stimson are the Tigers top returners.

Cottrell averaged 10.9 points and 8.7 rebounds per game, while Stimson contributed 8.7 points and 4.9 rebounds per contest.

The Tigers were ranked as high as No. 18 in the AP polls earlier this season, but go into this week ranked No. 20.

The Tigers defeated N.C. State at Littlejohn Coliseum last year, 76-64, forcing the Pack to commit 28 turnovers.

The Pack's next home game will be on Saturday at 7pm, when State will take on Virginia.

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Student Santas live in Owens

■ N.C. State students bring Christmas cheer to needy family.

BY LISA IRBY
STAFF WRITER

The Christmas holiday has a certain magic about it. People all over the world put aside their own self-fulfilling actions to help those less fortunate enjoy the holidays. There are numerous children in the Raleigh area who wouldn't have gotten Christmas gifts if it were not for Holiday Cheer, a program sponsored by Raleigh's Department

of Social Services. This year one of the residence halls on campus participated in this special act of giving through Holiday Cheer.

Todd Harris, Owen Hall Residence Director, is a member of the Raleigh Jaycees and has participated in the Holiday Cheer Program for several years. This year he wanted to involve Owen residents, and thought it would be a good opportunity for the students to become involved with a worthwhile community outreach project. He brought the idea up at a Council Meeting, and then Mike Hawn, President of Hall Council, contacted

Holiday Cheer. The program's coordinator gave him a list of people to choose from.

He said, "We chose this certain family because they were not asking for watches, radios, and things like that, but clothes and shoes for the children. We thought they really needed our help."

The Owen Council bought two complete outfits, a couple of toys, and books for the two young brothers.

"The mother requested that we buy books for the children, and I think that was really great," said Harris. "We bought the gifts and



TODD HARRIS/SPECIAL TO TECHNICIAN
Zac Reilly, Owen Hall Residence Advisor, plays with Dontravius Cason, one of the children Owen Hall Council adopted.

even wrapped them ourselves." On Monday, Dec. 16, seven Owen residents delivered the gifts to the Cason family. The group visited

with the brothers for a while. "I don't think the boys were old

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■ A word from the editor.

BY TERRY H. BENNETT

EDITOR, TECH TOO

If you can't find the "extra" page, don't panic. This is it. We've re-adopted an old name and have a new mission this semester. From now on, "Tech Too" will be a broad-spectrum features section. We'll be including some old favorites and adding several new ideas. Our goal is to bring you as much information as possible about what is happening on and off campus in sufficient time for you to enjoy it as well as read about it. Here's hoping we both have a successful and enjoyable semester.

'Michael' doesn't quite fly

■ John Travolta isn't your typical angel in "Michael."

BY DAWN WOTAPKA
STAFF WRITER

"Michael" is a film about a guardian angel. But he is no ordinary angel. His halo is lacking, his wings are filthy, and his robe, well, it's nonexistent. Michael, played by John Travolta, loves to smoke and drink beer and he especially loves women. Yep, Michael is no harp-playing saint.

Or so you're supposed to think. Actually, he's on a mission. Past missions include inventing waiting in line, inventing pie, and inventing marriage. His last and final mission (the 26th to be exact) involves giving someone back their heart.

However, Sparky screws it up. Sparky is a homely, ragamuffin of a mutt. But America supposedly loves him. He's the mascot of the "National Mirror," a tabloid magazine who

sends three reporters, along with Sparky, to cover this celestial miracle.

Michael teaches these cutthroat reporters to appreciate the finer things in life, like the world's largest Teflon frying pan and the world's largest ball of twine. How could one get through life without seeing these national treasures? I called my travel agent and booked flights to see these sights as soon as possible.

Do-gooder Michael even helps demure Dorothy, played by Andie MacDowell, get the courage to sing country music. This annoying subplot involves her turning everything that happens into a cheesy lyric for her pipe dream, to become a Loretta Lynn clone. For example, eating pie at a diner turns into a ballad about pie.

Along the way back to the Mirror, Sparky gets bulldozed by a Mack Truck. I really almost considered shedding a tear for that scrawny dog. Michael's last miracle involved

reviving Sparky, not following the plan, which was to help Dorothy fall in love with a fellow reporter.

Not to worry, this is Hollywood, and they did anyway.

However, they fall in love way too quickly for me. One minute they meet and the next they're totally smitten. If people fell in love that quickly, Cupid would so be out of a job.

Even worse is the scene when Michael dies (if that is what angels do when they have fulfilled their miracle quota). He dies in the back seat of a 20-year-old blue tank-of-a-station wagon gasping for breath. That does not seem very fitting for an angel who battled Beelzebub in order to save heaven. But, as I said, Michael is no ordinary angel.

My personal advice is to do your wallet a miracle and wait until it comes out on video. When you rent it, count the plugs for Frosted Flakes. They couldn't be more obvious. Maybe our friends in Battle Creek could throw in a Tony the Tiger prize.



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Travolta stars in Turner Pictures' comedy, 'Michael.'

Your Horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

— Partnership interests and travel are highly favored in the weeks ahead.

Those in a committed relationship share a very special celebration. Later in the week, a trusted adviser has good news.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

— There's something that needs to be said to bigwigs, despite how difficult it is for you. However, wait until the holiday festivities die down. After this, you make major career progress. The weekend favors relaxation and quiet activities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

— This is the time when you can see a personal goal reach its fruition. On the social scene, you are at your popular best and positively shine in the spotlight. Later in the week, you impress others with your good ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

— Someone close to you is being overly sensitive. In the light of past run-ins with

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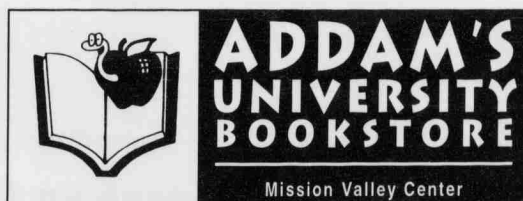
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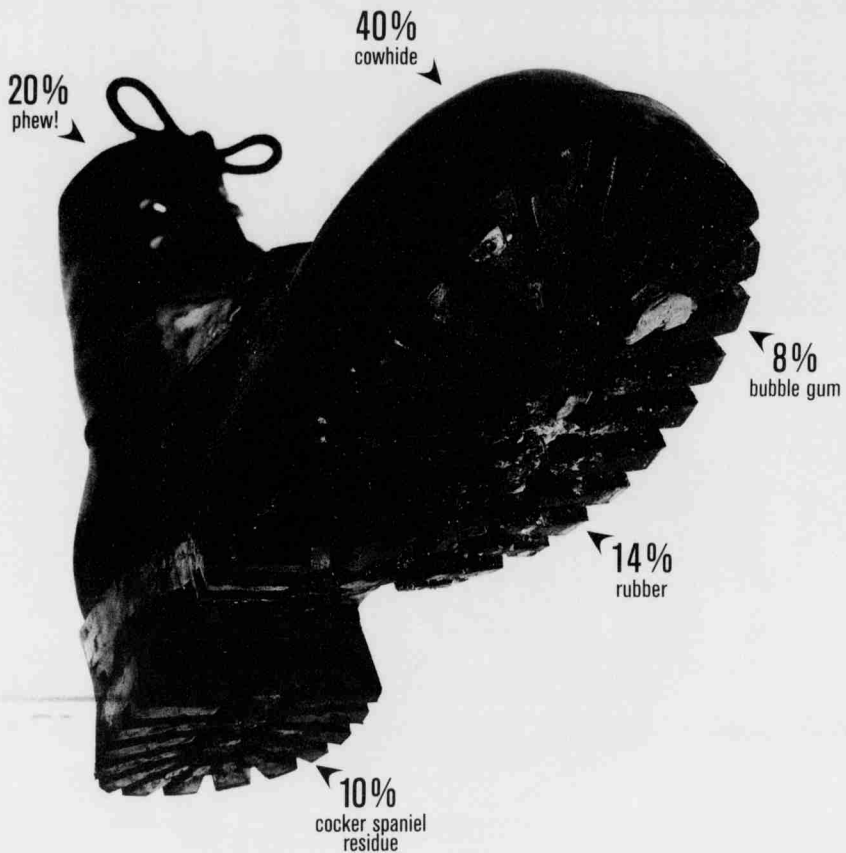
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Navy gets revenge on Wolfpack grapplers

■ The Pack couldn't pin down Navy in Annapolis.

SPORTS STAFF REPORT

The Navy wrestling team avenged a 31-12 loss to N.C. State a year ago by thumping the Wolfpack in Annapolis, Md. 31-6.

The Midshipmen jumped out early with a 6-4 victory by freshman Zane Stickel over Brad Bauer in the 118-pound match. Stickel topped Bauer with a takedown in the final seconds of the match.

The Middies then got wins from juniors Travis Campbell at 126 and Donny Williams at 134 before State could get on the board

with a win from Jelani Chase. Chase defeated Don Waters 3-2 at 142.

"Waters wrestled extremely well in that match," Navy coach Reg Wicks said. "He did not get a win, but he was as impressive as anyone out there tonight."

After Navy got wins from seniors Mike Stabile (150) and Chris Dollard (158), the Middies got a pin from sophomore Karl Haywood (167), a major decision from Greg Gingeleski (177) and a pin from Frank Workman (190) to the put the match out of reach.

Navy improved to 3-0 while the Pack fell to 1-4.

Break

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Florida State 71, North Carolina State 51

N.C. State jumped out to an early lead behind the offense of Jeremy Hyatt and Isha Benjamin, but the Seminoles took the lead with five minutes left in the first half and never looked back.

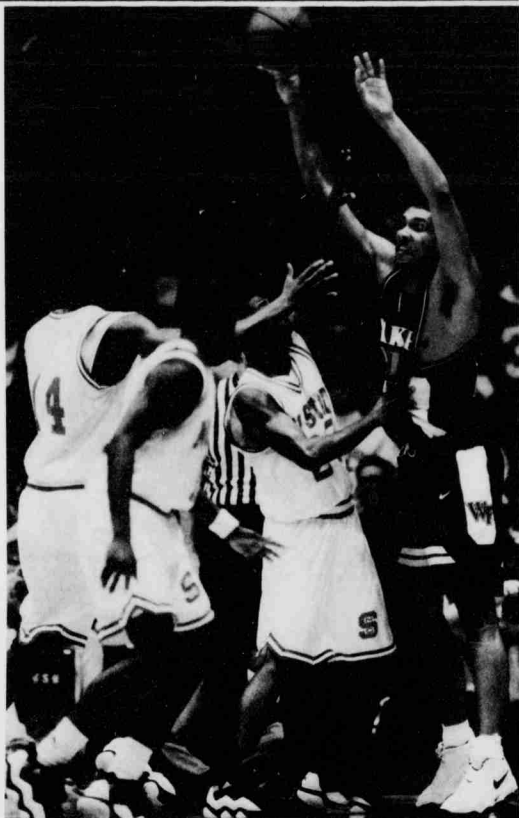
State was held to a dismal 32 percent from the floor for the game, despite committing only 17 turnovers.

James Collins led Florida State with a game high 16 points, while sophomore forward Randell Jackson added 12 points and seven rebounds.

Hyatt finished with a team high 12 points in 35 minutes of action. Danny Strong scored 10 for the Pack and Benjamin finished with eight points.

State's loss drops its record to 0-2 in the conference. The Pack lost to Wake Forest at home in December and lost at Florida State last Saturday.

The Pack faces Maryland Sunday. The Terps are ranked 17th in the country.



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Tim Duncan (21) scored 18 points versus State at Reynolds Coliseum on Dec. 7. The Demon Deacons defeated the Pack in a nationally-televised game, 53-45.

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Pinkins

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Juco Dream Team after his two years at Chipola (Fla.) Junior College.

He was a significant contributor last season off the bench, averaging 7.5 points and 4.5 boards a game.

Pinkins has played well despite the ever-present problems with his knees. He was still able to shoot 48 percent from the field throughout his career. That includes 40 percent shooting from three-point range.

His career high in points was 15 against North Carolina last season. He nailed four three pointers against the Tar Heels, also a career-best.

Battling on the boards, Pinkins snagged eleven rebounds twice.

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Linguists give approval for Ebonics

■ There is much controversy on how school systems will use black English to provide a better education for their students.

By Rick Weiss
The Washington Post

The heated debate over whether Ebonics should be used in the classroom comes as no surprise to sociolinguists, who study how people mold language to their needs and how language molds people's views of one another.

So crucial is a common language to people's sense of security, experts say, that the smallest difference — whether it's a foreign accent or a non-standard grammar, as occurs in Ebonics — can quickly bring to the surface deep-seated, ethnic fears.

"As soon as someone opens his mouth, we make judgments," said Stanford University linguist Merritt Ruhlen. "It's almost as visible as skin color."

Compared with skin color, language offers far more opportunities to discriminate. People speak approximately 5,000 different languages around the world, 1,000 of them in Africa alone. Countless dialects — or variants of mother tongues — enrich the linguistic spectrum further.

Yet from a linguistic point of view, linguists say, there is no such thing as a good language or a bad one. Nor are dialects subject to judgment, so long as they meet the basic requirement of having clearly defined rules. In that regard, Ebonics — which most linguists call black or African American English — passes the test.

That conclusion was formalized late last week by the executive committee of the Linguistic Society of America, which passed a resolution at the association's annual meeting in Chicago validating Ebonics as an acceptable derivation of English and supporting the Oakland school system's recently stated intention to use it to help students learn standard English.

"People used to believe that African American English was illogical, poorly constructed and

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NATIONAL



NEWS

Panel looks at Social Security

■ Social Security funds are currently invested in government securities, but they could be yielding more in the stock and bond markets.

By Susan Harrigan
Newsday

A presidential advisory panel Monday formally proposed that Congress revamp Social Security by investing Americans' retirement dollars in the stock and bond markets. But it remained split three ways on how to accomplish that goal.

That split caused even some of the commission's own members to predict that although Congress will hold hearings on how to shore up the safety net, it will avoid touching what has been called "the third rail" of American politics by recommending changes any time soon.

Sylvester Schieber, a panel member who supported a radically different proposal made in the report, said in an interview that Congress probably won't alter the way Social Security funds are invested this year, although it might do so in its two-year session.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said at a news briefing that although President Clinton believes some ideas in the panel's report "merit further discussion," he "is not wedded to any of the suggestions." And a number of political observers said other issues, including overhaul of the

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Santa

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"Helping others made me feel good, and if you are fortunate enough to have the resources then you need to do what you can to help the community," said Haw.

The family was very grateful for the help. The boys' grandfather, Ertha Kitt, said, "I was so excited for my grandsons, and touched to see such giving especially from young guys who could be doing other things during the holidays."

She explained that she and her daughter had bought some gifts for the boys, but very few. The family was facing such hard times that they weren't sure whether or not they would be able to provide those gifts. Holiday Cheer helped them have the Christmas they would not have had otherwise.

Horoscope

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this person, it's best to avoid a confrontation at this time. You make headway on a difficult work project.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — What you've been considering on the career front receives an endorsement from a surprising source. Others recognize your brilliant ideas and are willing to cooperate in your new venture. Finances improve.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You find that you've shelled out extra money because of certain social activities connected with the holidays. However, good times resulted and you find it's worth it. A phone call received this weekend is auspicious.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Seek out advice concerning business or finances. It's a good week to get going on a project you've been putting off, despite distractions. The weekend isn't favored for spending money for socializing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — A co-worker is going off on a tangent and needs to be given a wide berth. Your new ideas on the

creative front are good ones, but you have to wait to implement them. That special someone returns your romantic feelings this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You are surprised at how easily others agree with you this week. Some find themselves signing an important contract which bodes well for the future. Friendships bring you pleasure this weekend as you bask in your social circle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You start the week in a somewhat soiled mood and you're overly sensitive. Perhaps you've had too much holiday merriment. However, talks conducted privately favor financial interests and family members cheer you up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — This is the week to sign on the dotted line concerning financial or real estate deals. In fact, any sort of buying and selling is favored. An intriguing job opportunity is about to arrive, but you must be open to it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — In your efforts to spirit things up at home for the holidays, you spent too much money. This results in your budget being blown to bliss. This weekend, spend time reorganizing your finances.

What's happening

Health

Fitness Workshops are available for Spring 1997. Registration begins Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 8 a.m. in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office, Room 1000, Carmichael Gymnasium.

Cultural

The Twelfth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Festival "Igniting the Spirit of a New Generation" will be held Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Jane S. McKimmon Center. The event is sponsored by The African-American Cultural Center, in cooperation with Saint Augustine's College and Shaw University. All activities are open to the public. Seminars and workshops are free. Pre-registration is required. The registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 10. Contact the AACC for more information and registration forms.

Theater

Tickets for the final three plays of PlayMakers Repertory Company at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are on sale to the general public. These include the world premiere of Horton Foote's "The Death of Papa"; "Molly Sweeney" by Irish playwright Brian Friel; and the beloved musical "A Little Night Music," music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by Hugh Wheeler. Tickets are available at the PlayMakers Repertory Company box office in the Paul Green Theatre, located on the UNC-CH campus.

The Arts Center is presenting William Inge's "PICNIC" on Jan. 9-12 and 16-19. For tickets call 929-2787. The Arts Center, 300-G.E. Main Street, Carrboro, NC.

"Riders in the Sky" will be presented by PineCone on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 8 p.m. Stewart Theatre. Tickets are available at NCSU Ticket Center, Hoffman Stringed Instruments (571-9001) in Raleigh, Burt Music (469-2922) in Cary, Bob's Music (365-5189) in Wendell and The Regulator Bookshop (286-2700) in Durham.

Symphony

The North Carolina Symphony will perform with cellist Lynn Harrell and guest conductor JoAnn Falletta in Durham's Carolina Theatre Jan. 11. Tickets are available from the Carolina Theatre box office at 560-3040 ext. 236, or at the door. Student Rush tickets \$5 at 7:55 p.m. with I.D., subject to availability.

The North Carolina Symphony welcomes Paris conductor Laurent Pétigarrat to the podium in Raleigh on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17 and 18, at 8 p.m. for two classical concerts highlighting the music of French composers. A free pre-concert conversation is offered both evenings at 7 p.m. in the Carolina Room, lower level of Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Tickets are available through the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium box office at 831-6060 and Ticketmaster at 834-4000. Student Rush tickets \$5 at 7:55 p.m. with I.D., subject to availability.

The North Carolina Symphony and Dancers of The North Carolina Dance Theatre will perform "Coppelia" on Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. This will be a fully-staged ballet performance. Tickets are available through the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium box office at 831-6060 and Ticketmaster at 834-4000.

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Genes reveal cancer

Highly experimental testing may detect cancer in its early stages.

By ROBERT COOKE
NEWSCY

By looking carefully at how a man's genes interact with infrared light, scientists said Monday they can tell with high reliability if his prostate cells are turning cancerous.

The new test, which is still highly experimental, could lead to far better diagnosis of prostate cancer, perhaps catching many more tumors early for successful treatment, they said.

The cells are extracted from the prostate gland via needle biopsy.

"We were able to distinguish the DNA from healthy men from the DNA of men with prostate cancer," said biochemist Donald Malins. The difference, he said, appears to be linked to how much chemical damage has been done to the patient's genes.

"If we can find out when the DNA is being transformed" from the normal state into the cancerous state, Malins added, then treatments could begin in time to save lives.

Malins, director of molecular epidemiology at the Northwest Research Foundation in Seattle, said his team's recent tests on human cells were almost 100 percent reliable. The test could spot the difference between DNA from normal cells, DNA from cells in benign prostate tumors, and the DNA from fully cancerous cells.

A prostate cancer specialist in Boston noted, however, that more information and more research are needed before the results can be accepted.

Malins explained that the difference between normal cells and cancer cells is detectable because, as chemical damage accumulates, the structural shape of the DNA molecule changes.

Ebonics

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inadequate for any cognitive or linguistic growth," said John R. Rickford, a Stanford University professor who serves on the society's governing board. "This is the same view we're hearing now from some white people who are upset that this should get any quarter in the schools. But while it is certainly different from standard English, it is not inferior."

"The important question is, 'Is it systematic, regular and complex insofar as it involves a vocabulary or lexicon, a phonology or sound system, and a grammar—a set of rules?'" Rickford said. Black English meets those requirements, he said, and as such it deserves respect even as students are encouraged to learn the standard English they will need to advance in American society.

The public controversy over how schools ought to deal with black English has been exacerbated, some linguists said, because some people believed that the Oakland school system was endorsing black English as a separate language. The linguistic society resolution sidestepped this question, noting the distinction between a language and a dialect is often more political than linguistic. But experts tend to agree that black English is not a

language. Language is a spoken form of communication with rules of pronunciation and grammar that make it unintelligible to people who speak only other languages. That is not the case with Ebonics. Although standard English speakers unfamiliar with Ebonics may have trouble understanding some black English words or phrases, the similarities far outweigh the differences. Speakers of standard English generally are able to understand 80 percent or more of black English, the level of intelligibility that many linguists say indicates a shared language.

Many linguists call black English an English dialect that is as unique and well-defined as any English dialect spoken around the world.

There are four types of dialects, said Harold C. Fleming, a retired Boston University linguist and founder of the Association for the Study of Language In Prehistory.

Regional dialects, such as American Southern English, are geographically based. Occupational dialects are pegged to jobs.

Ideolects are personal dialects. William Buckley's hallmark English is an excellent example, Fleming said, consisting of a unique blend of mostly New England and Long Island English. Social dialects, of which black English is representative, are specific to a cultural or social group and often a target of discrimination.

Investment

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Medicare system and balancing the budget, will take priority for the 105th Congress, which convenes Tuesday.

Social Security, which was created in 1935 and pays benefits to more than 43 million Americans, will begin paying out more than it takes in, in about 15 years, according to actuaries. The advisory panel, composed of benefits experts, labor representatives and academics, was charged with finding a way to close that gap. Currently, the program's surplus is invested in government securities, which have traditionally yielded less than stocks, especially in the bull market of the 1990s.

The report proposes that Congress choose among three options:

Allowing the Treasury Department to invest as much as 37.5 percent of the fund in equity markets, with the government absorbing any loss so that the philosophy of a "guaranteed monthly benefit" is basically unchanged. This is the proposal championed by Robert Ball, a former head of the Social Security Administration, and five other panel members.

Investing half of Social Security retirement taxes in "personal security accounts" in stocks and bonds directed by the workers themselves. Under this plan supported by Schirber and four other panel members, retirement benefits would vary depending on the investments' success, although there would be a guaranteed monthly minimum benefit.

Keeping the Social Security program as it is, but investing extra money, obtained by raising payroll taxes by 1.6 percent, in stock or bond index funds.

WORLD NEWS

Negotiations being made in Peru

Two mediators participate in the negotiations for seemingly different reasons, but strive for common goal.

By SEBASTIAN ROTELLA
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LIMA, Peru — In an almost-daily ritual, the two intermediaries trudge through the no-man's-land of Thomas Alva Edison Street here, past a phalanx of police commandos and television cameras into the mansion where terrorists are holding 74 hostages.

Later, the two men emerge from the Japanese diplomatic compound, sometimes empty-handed, sometimes carrying a list of hostages to be released. Their pace is heavy, as if weighed down by the attention and suspense that follows their every step.

These intermediaries in the three-week-old Lima hostage standoff are an intriguing duo of peacemakers: Michel Minnig, chief of the Red Cross in Peru, is a globe-trotting Swiss political scientist and writer, a steadfastly neutral humanitarian. Bishop Juan Luis Cipriani is a

provincial cleric known for his steely conservatism, a former basketball star, one of the few Peruvians whose counsel is sought by Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori.

Together, Minnig and Cipriani carry the hopes for a peaceful resolution of the hostage crisis here. Cipriani's role, in keeping with the secretive approach of the Peruvian government, remains vaguely defined.

As Minnig pointed out in a recent interview, the middle is an "awfully difficult" place. "Everybody has his own interpretation of what the middle is."

Minnig has spent 12 years as a Red Cross representative in places that are shorthand for savagery: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Lebanon, Rwanda, Burundi. He is 44, an academic and literary critic who took a year off to write a novel, as yet unpublished, about a Swiss who leaves his alpine village to explore the tragedies of the Third World.

Tupac accepted Minnig's offer because the Red Cross does humanitarian work with Peruvian terrorists imprisoned in dungeons like

conditions that have been condemned by human-rights advocates. Minnig set up the rules and mechanics of the siege, ensuring the flow of food, medicine, clothes and letters from relatives, brokering the periodic hostage releases.

Minnig dedicates himself to making the impromptu jail as civilized as possible. When rumors spread among terrorists and hostages that police were preparing a raid, he spent a night in the residence. He offered himself as a human shield "just to make sure there would be no misunderstanding on one part or the other."

Minnig insists his role is limited. He said the government and terrorists must intensify their talks; the dialogue "is the responsibility of the Peruvian government. We are not negotiators. ... We are messengers."

He politely declines to define the role of fellow messenger, Bishop Cipriani of Ayacucho, who first appeared on scene Christmas Day. Cipriani, 55, who has avoided talking the media, said in brief public comments that he was doing only "pastoral work."

U.S. pilot killed in Columbia drug war

Although guerrillas are being used to protect coca plantations in Colombia, they are not thought to be responsible for the crash.

The WASHINGTON POST

An American pilot under contract to the State Department was killed in Colombia on Tuesday when his light plane crashed on a coca-plant eradication flight, U.S. officials said.

A search team found the body and the wreckage of the T65 aircraft in a remote, forested area Tuesday afternoon, officials in Washington said. They declined to identify the pilot because his family has not yet

been notified, the State Department said. He was an employee of DynCorp, a technical services contractor based in Reston, Va.

Colombia's notorious cocaine traffickers and farmers who grow coca as a cash crop have joined forces in some parts of the country with well-armed leftist guerrillas to resist government efforts to reduce cocaine production. In Tuesday's incident there was no indication that the plane had been attacked or shot down, officials said.

"It was just a tragic accident," a U.S. official said. The plane was "not over a guerrilla area," he said. The United States cut off most aid and security cooperation with Colombia last year after President Clinton reported to Congress that

the country was not fully cooperating with U.S. anti-narcotic efforts. However, the United States has continued to participate in Colombian police efforts to combat cocaine production through aerial spraying of the crop, officials said.

According to the Colombian government, "more than 56 percent of the total coca crop was wiped out" through eradication in 1995. However, the eradication program slowed dramatically last year "due to the loss of aircraft and increased guerrilla activity," a government position paper said.

Clinton has until March 1 to decide whether Colombia will remain "decertified" for another year or restored to the list of cooperating nations.

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Small victory for protesters

■ Opponents of the Duraaleigh Connector may have won the battle, but they haven't won the war.

While students were taking last semester's exams, Governor Jim Hunt recommended the termination of the Duraaleigh Connector. Many people from N.C. State cried out in victory over the road that would have harmed Schenck Forest. But their cries have quieted, because they now wait for official movements towards deleting construction from the Department of Transportation's plans.

Governor Hunt said that he recommended termination of the connector to preserve North Carolina's natural areas. Now the state Board of Transportation must make and pass a motion to delete the connector from the Transportation Improvement Program to make the decision definite.

Until the motion is passed, the battle to preserve Schenck Forest and Umstead Park is far from over. There is always

the chance that the board could go against the governor's recommendation and build the road anyway. That is why the fight against it should continue.

And like all fights for what you believe is right and just, it must be seen through to the end. Without people to promote the movement and remind others of it, the cause can be forgotten. Why give up on something you worked so hard to protect without seeing the fruits of your labor?

To help the DOT turn away from the connector and onto other projects to improve traffic, people must be willing to support the alternatives. Thoughts of a rail system and widening other roads have been suggested. But without support and commitment to use alternative methods of transportation, the DOT will look elsewhere. Schenck Forest may be clear from danger now, but without the people's constant opposition to the connector, it may not be for long.

Remember forgotten people

■ Faculty is a valuable human resource.

As another semester starts, we need to be reminded of a few things. Some things are hard to forget, like the over-pricing of books. But on the other hand, some things are easily forgotten. So it is with the faculty members at N.C. State.

Whether they are graduate teaching assistants or tenured professors, faculty members often walk among the campus bricks either unnoticed or barely noticed. The professors at NCSU come in two varieties — those you remember but forget their names and those whose names you'll never forget. These faculty members are a strange breed.

They spend their time in offices, classrooms and laboratories. Instructors spend their time disseminating information to anyone in their class, with the hope that someone will learn something that semester. They have office hours and set up appointments for those who are willing to ask questions. And sometimes, they spend

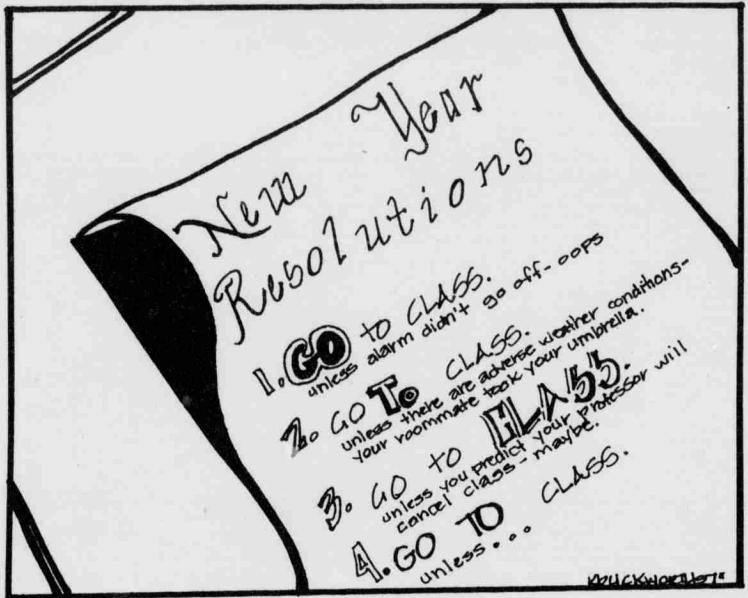
that time alone.

As an NCSU student, you must remember that you are here to get an education and to earn a degree in your chosen field. With some majors you have freedom to explore other interests, and if you have that chance, you should take it.

With the invention of college instruction through the Internet, you can learn about almost any subject. But without the instructors in the classrooms and research facilities, the information wouldn't be there.

And you seem to miss something without seeing who's on the other end of the information. When you just look on a computer screen, you never fully comprehend the element of surprise that accompanies every new find.

That's what makes faculty members so invaluable. Some NCSU professors are top experts in their field and can provide you with information a standard textbook never could. They give the words and figures on the page meaning and application. To forget that would be to lose the most important part of your education at NCSU — human experience.



Solution for the Wolfdome's finance problems

Like many of you, I had an extremely productive Christmas break. For the most part, this included sleeping until at least noon, chugging down several pounds of fatty food a day and overdoing on football games. It was time well-spent.

While immersed in all the bowl pageantry, an idea began to formulate in my otherwise unoccupied brain cells. It could have just been some bad cream cheese in one of the desserts I was wolfing down, but while watching Florida State get shellacked by Florida I hit upon an idea which would solve all of N.C. State's athletic problems.

One of the biggest hang-ups we've had lately is with the Entertainment and Sports Complex, or Centennial Center or the Dean Dome East or whatever they're calling that thing this week. Every time you turn around, the darn price just keeps going up. A few ideas on how to deal with the ever-escalating fiscal situation have been tossed around, including bringing in a professional hockey franchise to offset the cost in the long run. This is a good start, but the problem is, people still aren't thinking big



Chris Baysden

enough. Please, allow me to do the honors.

Here's my plan: Forget all this rinky-dink basketball arena stuff. If we're going to throw away countless millions of somebody's hard-earned money, let's do it right. What we really need to do is build a domed stadium. Move over Superdome, GeorgiaDome and AstroDome, here comes the WolfDome! You can immediately see how this would be advantageous to N.C. State. First, the reason we're even building the Centennial Center is because some alumni have a terminal case of penis envy over the similar facility at Chapel Hill. Sure Reynolds is the best coliseum in college

basketball. Even the sub-par teams we've had in recent years have remained competitive in that building because of its tremendous impact. The fans are right there yelling in the opposition's faces. The noise meter can go red even without a full house.

And the tradition! The Little Red Barn has seen more than its fair share of great college basketball players, from those who wore the red and white to those who chose another school at which to shine. But despite this, Reynolds just doesn't have as many seats as the Dean Dome. So some of our alumni have gotten into a "my arena is bigger than your arena" contest with our friends from Orange County Community College. We can't fix a price on this thing because we have to keep adding half a seat here and half a seat there just so we can have three quarters of a seat more than the Dean Dome. The Dean Dome would look like a shack (or even worse, Duke's Cameron Indoor Outhouse) next to a 60,000 seat indoor stadium. There would be no question which university had the bigger, ur, building.

Now, on to phase two of my plan. Once the Wolfdome is built,

we make it cost-effective by not only playing ice hockey, roller derby and what not, we also sponsor a bowl game each year. Usually bowls go out and get a corporate sponsor for their game. You know, somebody like the Poulan Weedeater company pays millions of dollars to be associated with the grandeur of say, the Independence Bowl.

But once again, this is thinking too small. We're going to go for the mother of all sponsors: the federal government. The point of a government, of course, is to collect as many taxes as possible. But in a democracy like ours, it has to go through the painful and unnecessary task of actually justifying the amount of money it collects. Since folks have gotten tired of \$2000 hammers and perennial welfare families, the government has had to make cutbacks in areas like defense and entitlements. If Congress can't find some place to spend all the money it saved from the cuts, it might have to (gasp!) not collect as many taxes. Spending \$100 million to sponsor a bowl game should go a long way into easing

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Vision of N.C. State in the 21st century

Larry K. Monteith
COMMENTARY

which will influence NCSU's future.

When asked to describe my vision of N.C. State in the next century, I immediately thought about 1960, the year I graduated with a B.S. in electrical engineering from State College. Nearly four decades ago there were 6,100 students — less than 200 of them were women and our graduate and professional degree candidates numbered about 750. At that time, State College boasted seven schools and one nondegreating school and offered bachelor's degrees in 42 fields of study, master's in about 36 fields and doctoral degrees in 19. The D.H. Hill Library contained 212,000 volumes, there were less than half the buildings on campus, and football games were played at Riddick Stadium.

If Chancellor John Caldwell had been asked then to describe his vision of today's NCSU, he would have predicted the very changes we are experiencing. His forecast would have been accurate, first because he was an optimist, always seeing opportunity; and second, because events of that period were changing our state in ways that were bound to influence NCSU's future.

To envision the university in the year 2020 with any degree of certainty, I too need to consider current events and circumstances

There are many parallels between then and now: Caldwell was involved with the early development of Research Triangle Park, while Centennial Campus is now on our horizon of opportunity. Caldwell inaugurated new programs, especially in the humanities, to broaden educational opportunities. In response to today's changing educational needs, we are beginning a doctoral program in public administration, serving a growing adult population, and are providing distance education in undergraduate and graduate education across the state. Caldwell was chancellor when Riddick Stadium was built, and we will see the completion of a sports and entertainment arena.

Today, we are experiencing unprecedented growth, with our region ranked among the top places in the country to live and work. My optimism tells me that NCSU is helping to stimulate economic development with our outreach to industry, our technology transfer initiatives and, of course, by preparing a highly

skilled and educated work-force.

In the next quarter-century, the population of North Carolina will burgeon, with the Triangle reaching 1.5 million residents. We also anticipate a growing NCSU alumni population, with 250,000 in a prospective support base for scholarship endowments that easily could reach \$1 billion. By 2020, the demand to attend NCSU will have doubled, but we may actually admit fewer first-year students because of the expanding number of two-year transfers from community colleges. Transfer programs will grow as a result of pressures to reduce the cost of undergraduate education, while increasing access to high quality, high-cost upper level programs. Consequently, the mix of our resident campus population will shift along with the demand for graduate and professional degrees.

It's likely that future students will arrive on campus with their own computers, ready to be immersed in a learning network that will facilitate individual intellectual development. NCSU will continue to use technology to improve teaching and learning, to disseminate knowledge, and to improve access to library resources. It is not difficult to imagine NCSU Libraries

becoming the leading research science and technology research library in the Southeast, where graduate and undergraduate involvement will be increased through CD-ROM and digital access, and where volumes of books and research resources will be unlimited. This electronic culture will challenge us, to provide avenues for personal development of students through interaction with faculty in and out of the classroom.

We can be certain that our Centennial Campus will play a greater role in providing innovative educational experiences. It provides the backdrop for teaching, research and outreach programs that will cross traditional discipline boundaries. We will strengthen the competitive advantage of our unique scientific, technical and professional programs with the infusion of humanistic, social science disciplines.

While technological advances will improve the way we work and live, they also will create unprecedented moral and ethical challenges for society. We will see a time when great public universities such as NCSU will be

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First time resolutions

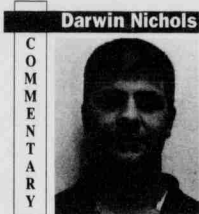
As with most other "do-gooders," as I like to call them, I have come up with a list of New Year's resolutions. Now keep in mind that I usually don't make resolutions of any type, let alone the so-called New Year's resolutions that seem to be all the rage these days. But nonetheless, I've decided to give it the ol' college try.

My first resolution is really two-fold. The first part entails fighting to clear Newt Gingrich's name. The second phase entails continuing to fight the evil, bed-wetting, leftist spirit that wants to turn this country into a socialist Animal Farm Part Deux. Really folks, look at the facts. Gingrich is a very busy and important man. If he forgot to include a little speaking revenue on his tax returns, or accidentally forgot about the whole affair, hey, who are we to judge? The last time I checked, nobody was perfect.

What we really ought to be concerned about is that Arkansas egg roll chef turned major political fund-raiser. Sounds a little sussy to me, don't you think?

My second resolution is a very dangerous one. I am going to hunt down and kill the chupacabra. For those uninformed souls, the chupacabra, or goat sucker, is a fiendish half monkey, half alligator, dog-faced monster that kills goats and sheep and then sucks their entrails out through two tiny fang marks in the victims neck. People, I'm not making this stuff up — I just report the news. This monster is single-handedly responsible for hundreds of dollars worth of damage to the Latino goat and sheep industry. Its progress must be stopped before it decimates many of the locals' only way of life.

I will only have a few sketchy eyewitness reports to go on in my hunt for the horrible monkey-dog. Unfortunately, it seems that the



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only eyewitness accounts to date are usually from bums who were tanked up on cheap rum at the time and reek of ganja. I will keep the public informed of my quest.

My third resolution is to start believing in Santa Claus once again. I know that it seems childish and silly, but hey, aren't we all? In all seriousness though, wasn't Christmas more fun when you were little and still believed in Santa? Of course it was. Now it has become so commercialized that it depresses everybody to even think about it.

We need more Kris Kringle and less "buy this now, buy, buy, buy, you need this, buy!" Wasn't your life simpler and more pleasant in life when you still believed in the Jolly Old Fat Man? Peace, hunger, and nuclear winter could be avoided if we would all believe in Santa and the good deeds that he represents.

My mother is a school teacher and she enlightened me to the fact that there are kindergartners in this world that do not believe in Santa. I was outraged. Why would a parent not want their kids to believe in Santa? If there is a problem with the political correctness of the whole thing, take notice. I have taken the liberty of outlining a quick story line for the politically ignorant Santa, or Kristopher Kringle, is a

Cuban political scapegoat under the Castro regime that was exiled to the North Pole. While in exile, he enlisted the help of a few altitudinally challenged people to help in the capitalist manufacturing of small toys to send back to his loving family in Cuba during the holiday season that consists of Christmas, Chankukah and Kwanzaa. Before long, Kringle's generosity grew and he started delivering toys to all boys and girls around the world regardless of age, race, gender, religion or political party affiliation. The "elves," as they are called, tried to unionize but all attempts were crushed.

They then sued for discrimination and lost. To prevent a full scale uprising Kringle and his loving life partner, Mrs. Kringle, gave the "elves" two weeks paid vacation a year and full dental coverage. This seemed to soothe the workers for the time being. However, with inflation starting to rear its ugly head and upward pressure on wages, who knows about next year.

What I'm trying to show here is that the belief in the Jolly Fat Man is genuinely good for kids. What is good for kids is good for society as a whole. We could learn a lot from children if we just took the time to listen.

My fourth and final undertaking is to compile a complete unabridged Standard English to Ebonics dictionary. Since the kooky state of California has taken the lead and set the standards for English education for the rest of the country, the inevitable is bound to happen. I think my children need to be prepared.

Keeping my resolutions may be as hard as the effort I put into making them. I plan to keep them like the rest of the resolution makers ... for at least a month or two.

Baysden

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the minds of IRS agents. And of course, we'll have to give it an appropriate name ... I've got it: The Money Pit Bowl.

Now for the best part. If we have our own bowl game, we can invite any teams we please, right? That means every year, despite its record, the NCSU football team can go to a bowl! (That giant sucking sound you just heard was a sigh of relief from Mike O' Cain.) Of course, you normally have to have seven wins over Division I-A teams to go to a bowl, so we would probably be rejected by the bowl alliance.

But that's okay. There's plenty of quality opponents out there. ECU would always be willing to play us, since that's the only way they can get into the post-season (not even bribing legislators can help them with this one). But we want to play a team with little bit more class. Besides, there's a perfect fit right in our backyard: the Smooth Criminals of Central Raleigh State Penitentiary. A side benefit is that it would always be like a Homecoming game, since we'd see so many of our former football "stars" on the other team.

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increasingly called upon to be beacons of enlightenment in the face of these difficult societal dilemmas. The creation of a center for public policy in science and technology at NCSU would draw from all disciplines to support studies of the impact of science and technology on culture, society and the economy.

I also envision that in the fertile environment of the Centennial Campus, students and faculty will cultivate seeds of new businesses to further expand job opportunities for the region. It is likely that we will establish an institute for economic development to facilitate entrepreneurial technology transfer, outreach and partnership activities to support a vibrant economy. We will become more entrepreneurial and more collaborative with business so that North Carolina can compete successfully in the national and global marketplace.

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