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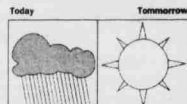
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## City council rejects large arena

**Centennial Authority members got an icy reception from the Raleigh City Council.**

By Julie P. Murphy  
Assistant News Editor

Bigger isn't always better. That's the message the Raleigh City Council sent when it told the Centennial Authority to go back to the drawing board on Tuesday. Council members deemed the authority's proposal for a 21,000 seat arena, to be built on the land adjacent to Carter-Finley Stadium, too large and too expensive.

"The last time we met, you [the authority] agreed to carefully consider plans for a smaller, less expensive arena," said Mayor Tom Fetzner. "What we have in your proposal is an arena that is still

larger and more costly than the majority of the sports arenas in the nation."

Several council members agreed with Fetzner and brought up further concerns regarding arena construction.

Councilman John H. Odom said he feels the arena would generate more revenue for the city if it was located in a downtown area rather than on the outskirts of the city.

He pointed out that, although the land at Carter-Finley could be annexed into the Raleigh City Limits, currently that land is not in a place where the city could even legitimately benefit from the revenue.

The Centennial Authority pushed its opinion, with some backing from N.C. State Chancellor Larry Monteith, that the Carter-Finley land is the best place for the

construction of the arena.

NCSU Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance, George Worsley, attended the council meeting and presented a letter on behalf of the chancellor. The letter stated the view of the chancellor on the location of the arena.

"N.C. State University's Trustees, as a result of a professional review of possible arena sites, concluded on Nov. 12, 1988 that the most appropriate location was adjacent to Carter-Finley Football Stadium," the letter states. "N.C. State is committed to the site and has no interest in relocating to an alternative site."

Clyde Holt, general counsel for the authority, backed Worsley and said that the authority and the City Council should respect the wishes of NCSU, since it would be the primary tenant of the arena.

"The primary user is N.C. State; they are a very important institutional partner. They are the number one tenant," said Holt. "We should consider their position carefully."

Hines backed Worsley and Holt. He said the Carter-Finley land is the ideal location for the arena.

"Other cities remain available for this facility, but changing the plans now would cause tens of millions of dollars to go to waste," said Hines.

The wasted money Hines referred to is that which has already been spent on site preparation, such as clearing the land and paving a parking lot surrounding the arena's proposed site. Hines also cited the revenue the state spent on preparing Wade Avenue and Edwards Mill Road in expectation of the new arena.

Hines said preparing an alternate

site would also take much more time, which would push the cost of the arena even higher.

Holt also tried to dispel fears that the enlarged plans for the arena are due to the authority's desire to house a National Hockey League expansion team.

"The NHL is not our priority," said Holt. "That is not why we are here, that is not why we are building this building."

Even with encouragement from Holt and Hines, many members of the city council simply could not get past the idea of \$48 million being put into an entertainment and sports arena — which they still see as a risky endeavor.

Councilman Kieran J. Shanahan said the money the authority is asking for could be put to better use.

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## Music Makers



Brian Dickerson, Jason Marlin and John Sandor jam next to the Tri-Towers Tuesday.

JAKE OBI/STAFF

## Residence halls to be air conditioned

**Air conditioning will soon be available to all on-campus residents.**

By Mark McCraw  
Staff Writer

N.C. State students should be getting much cooler in the coming years.

Within three years, students who want air conditioning for their on-campus housing should be able to have it.

Over the course of the 1997-98 academic year and the summers surrounding it, Lee, Sullivan, Bowen, Carroll and Metcalf residence halls will have both air conditioning and sprinklers installed.

The installation of air conditioning is partially a result of NCSU's bid to co-host the 1999 Special Olympics.

But Tim Luckadoo, director of University Housing, said the main

reason for installing air conditioning is to meet the demands of NCSU students. According to Luckadoo, 70 percent of students say that they want air conditioning badly enough to pay an additional fee for it.

"To add air conditioning to the halls is really not based on the Special Olympics," said Luckadoo. "Air conditioning is a preferable, but not absolute, mandate of the games."

Luckadoo said that if approximately 2,600 additional spaces were air conditioned, there not only would be enough spaces to accommodate visitors from the Special Olympics, but the percentage of rooms on campus with air conditioning would coincide exactly with the demand of students who were willing to pay for it.

According to Luckadoo, teams have been designing the system since the summer of 1996. The cost

of the design is estimated at \$1 million, and will be reflected in student housing increases in the fall.

Luckadoo said that plans to air condition the residence halls would be in effect even without the Special Olympics.

"The Special Olympics simply forces us into an earlier time frame," Luckadoo said. "If we put this project off until the 2000-2001 academic year, not only will it miss the Special Olympics, but lots of students will have graduated that won't get the benefit of it."

According to Luckadoo, "The financing will be borne by the residents who will be benefiting from it."

This means that students in resident halls being renovated will be charged an additional \$300 per semester. This amount corresponds to the current \$300 difference in

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## PE requirements still in limbo

**The Council on Undergraduate Studies discussed two proposals that would restructure NCSU's physical education graduation requirements.**

By Phillip Reese  
News Editor

Students wondering how many times they will be required to don the red and gray uniforms of the PE department will have to wait a little longer for an answer.

The Council on Undergraduate Studies rejected a proposal Friday that would have allowed students to fulfill N.C. State's PE graduation requirements by passing a number of physical fitness tests and a basic health information test. However, the council discussed a proposal that would reduce the number of PE credit hours students are required to take.

Under the new proposal, students would only be required to take two PE credit hours before they graduate.

Students are currently required to take four credits of PE. Most students, however, receive only two hours of credit for these courses.

Student Body President Robert Zimmer told the council that the new proposal would ensure that students receive the credit they deserve.

"If you are going to make us take four hours credit, give us four hours credit," Zimmer said. "If we only need to take two hours of physical education, then only make us take two."

The proposal gained the reluctant support of NCSU's PE department.

"We encourage and strongly believe that students should have to take four hours of PE. But we understand the problem of only giving two credits for four hours," said Jack Shannon, the associate head of the PE department.

"We will go with the recommendations the students made for a two-hour requirement."

The proposal also states that all veterans should be exempt from any PE graduation requirements.

A special committee was set up by the council to review the proposal. The committee will reword the proposal to make its language conform to the writing style of the rest of NCSU's graduation requirements.

Student Senator Amy Cummins said she feels the proposal will eventually be endorsed by the council.

"The council said they liked the idea. It's just going to be worded better," Cummins said. "We are going to get the substance of what we wanted."

Council chair David Greene, however, said the fate of the proposal is still in question.

"The council hasn't yet decided whether it will accept what comes back from the committee," Greene said. "It's still up in the air — the vote hasn't been taken."

The committee was instructed to bring the reworded version of the proposal back to the council within three weeks.

A separate proposal, introduced by council member E.L. Peterson, was rejected by the council. Peterson's proposal would have allowed students to fulfill NCSU's physical education requirements by passing four fitness tests and a basic health information test.

PE department head Lynn Berle said Peterson's proposal was defective.

"Our department is the department of physical education — not the department of fitness testing," Berle said. Peterson's proposal did not make any provisions for physical fitness and wellness training. She also said the tests that would be given under the proposal could not be based on national standards defining what "physically fit" is, because no such standards exist.

Peterson maintained that standards for physical fitness upon which tests can be based exist. He said PE graduation requirements should be based upon a simple dictum: "You are either physically fit or you are not."

Only two council members voted for Peterson's proposal.

## Financial aid experts reveal tricks of the trade

**Handy advice about financial aid was doled out by experts at the Watherspoon Student Center Saturday.**

By Preston Moon  
Staff Writer

The burden of paying for college is a heavy one for many students at N.C. State. But according to two guest speakers at NCSU's Watherspoon Student Center last Saturday morning, finding free money for college is easy.

William and Doris Young told students and parents about tips they have discovered over the years for

financing all of the expenses associated with college. Together, they have had seven degrees, both graduate and undergraduate, paid for entirely with financial aid.

"We want to encourage you, each and every one, to take advantage of these opportunities," Doris Young said.

There are a plethora of opportunities available according to the Youngs. William Young said there is over \$50.5 billion available in scholarships and loans each year throughout the country.

These scholarships and loans are offered by four main groups: the federal government, the state governments, educational institutions and the private sector. There are

different ways to go about getting money from each of these groups.

The U.S. government offers financial aid through Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, Perkins Loans and the Federal Work Study program, William Young said. All these opportunities require students to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

William Young said a common mistake many students make is not remembering that they need to fill out the FAFSA at the beginning of each year — instead of just once when they enter school for the first semester.

Individual states also offer financial assistance for college.

"Almost every state has some kind

of program," William Young said. "Contact your state education department for more specific information."

The Youngs urged students to look for money in the private sector, such as from churches, businesses, fraternities and sororities and civic groups. This money, they said, does not have to be paid back like federal and state loans.

"Don't overlook the small scholarships around your hometown," Doris Young said. "The more grants and scholarships you get, the less you have in loans to repay."

William Young said many people have expressed concern to him about the federal government cutting back the number of loans

given out to students.

However, William Young said no such cutback is occurring. He cited the fact that Pell Grants have increased in number and the Federal Work Study program has grown by over 30 percent in recent years. Even if the government did cut back, there would be other options.

"If the federal government were to cut back," William Young said, "the private sector won't."

"There's almost no excuse anymore for a student who wants to go to college not to go," he said.

The Youngs have prepared two reference guides to be used by parents and students looking for

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"[The arena] wouldn't be our first, second or third choice for how to spend that tax money," said Shanahan. "That money should go toward doubling the police force, improving our roads and the quality of our education."

In the end, the city council denied the authority's request for funding for the currently proposed arena. Fetzer asked that the authority return with serious plans for a considerably smaller and less expensive arena. He told the authority that he was disappointed with their weak attempt to propose, as promised, plans for a down-scaled arena at Tuesday's meeting.

"We won't get the real numbers until the authority demonstrates a real commitment to trying to propose a smaller arena," Fetzer concluded.

In response to the outcome of the meeting, Hines said that the decision of the city council was not a surprise.

"That's what we thought was going to happen," Hines said. "We will come back on the fourth with more details for a smaller arena."

The smaller, less-expensive proposal is expected to be presented for scrutiny at the next city council meeting on Feb. 4.

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housing costs between air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned residence halls.

Luckadoo said that if students do not wish to pay the additional fee, they can always opt for the residence halls that are still without air conditioning.

"Since 70 percent of students are willing to pay for it, it pays for itself over a period of about ten years," Luckadoo said.

According to Luckadoo, there were practical and economic reasons for picking the high rises to be air conditioned.

"Since all of the buildings are high rises, they generally are a bit hotter, and ventilation isn't too good in them," Luckadoo said.

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more information on the various kinds of free money available and help for high school students selling themselves to college admission departments. The books are geared toward women and minorities because the Youngs see a need to bring more opportunities to those groups due to their inherent social position.

"Traditionally, women and minorities have been excluded and discriminated against and we still have some problems today," Doris Young said.

William Young told students to try for every scholarship they think they might qualify for — even if they are not sure they will get it.

"You must be diligent and persistent. If you are, then things will pay off for you," he said.

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LySchale Jones (00) grabs a rebound in Saturday's 54-51 loss. ALBERT WHANGRO/STAFF

## Women drop another at Maryland

**The Wolfpack Women's slide continued against Maryland.**

By K. GAFFNEY  
STAFF WRITER

Time just ran out for the N.C. State women's basketball team.

The Wolfpack Women had brought a 12-point deficit back to within one shot, but couldn't close the gap in the final minutes of last Saturday's game against Maryland, dropping their fourth ACC contest, 54-51.

The Pack had two chances to tie the game late in the game. At the two-minute mark, Chasity Melvin fouled the Terrapin lead to just two points with a turnaround jumper. In the last minute, Katie Smrcka-Duffy had a jumpshot tipped, and the Terps came down with the rebound.

Umeki Webb fouled Maryland's Stephanie Cross, who hit just the front end of a one and one free throw situation, giving the Wolfpack one more shot to tie the

"I think it really hurt us in the first half when we missed about a dozen shots underneath."

- Kay Yow, Wolfpack coach

game. With just two seconds left, Webb's inbound pass intended for Smrcka-Duffy was intercepted by the Maryland defense, ending the game.

Not only was the loss State's fifth in the ACC, but it marked the second weekend in a row that the Pack had been defeated by a conference opponent in a down-to-the-wire game.

It wasn't one of the better conference matchups the Pack has played in this season - neither team shot better than 40 percent from the

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## Grapplers sweep duals

**State and Maryland swept the competition at the N.C. State Duals.**

By JENNIFER TAYLOR  
STAFF WRITER

The N.C. State grapplers lost a grueling match on Friday night at Reynolds Coliseum against the Tennessee-Chattanooga Moes. However, this loss did not affect on their strategy as the Wolfpack went undefeated on Saturday in the 1997 N.C. State Wrestling Duals, held at

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Sat 22	at UNC	7:30
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## State not Capel-ble

**Damon Thornton rocked Reynolds, but Jeff Capel rolled over the Pack.**

By JAMES M. LAHL  
SPORTS WRITER

N.C. State shot 45 percent from the field against Duke last night. But it

**Duke 70** was n't enough to stop Duke and Jeff Capel from escaping Reynolds Coliseum with a 70-55 win.

"I've never walked into this place in 17 years, and it's not been a hell of a game," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "We feel great about the win. State played their hearts out."

But it wasn't enough to stop Capel and the Devils from the 15-point win.

"[Capel] just gave us a magnificent game," Krzyzewski said. "He was just incredible tonight. That was a big time performance."

Capel had a career night against the Wolfpack. The senior poured in 25 points on 8-of-13 shooting from the field to go along with three-of-five from three point range.

"Capel was spectacular tonight," State coach Herb Sendek said. "He made shots from all angles. He made shots with people hanging all over him."

Capel recreated the performance he had last season at Reynolds. With defenders in his face, Capel shattered the shell he's been in lately. Coming into Tuesday night's game, Capel was only averaging 9.6 points per game.

The Pack couldn't seem to find a way to contain any of the Blue

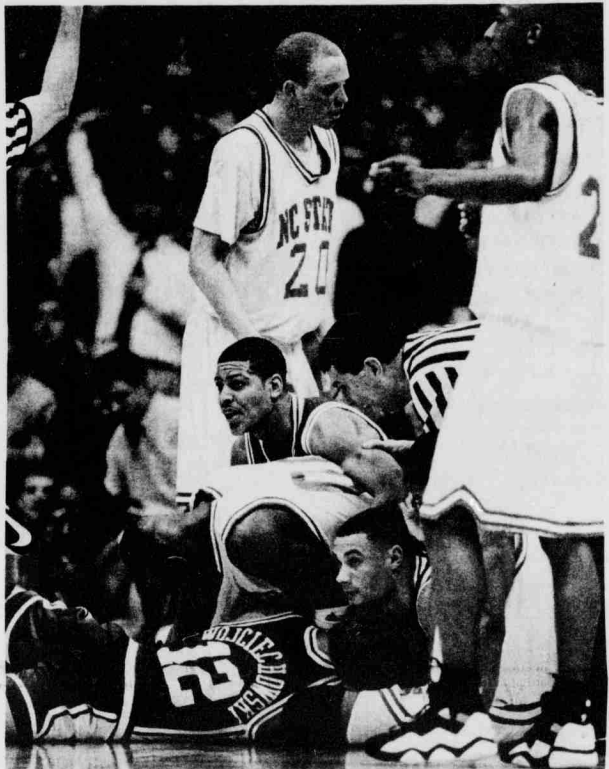
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**Jeff Capel led the Duke to an ACC win in Reynolds Coliseum.**

By K. GAFFNEY  
STAFF WRITER

Can't stop Jeff Capel, can't stop Duke.

The Blue Devil senior guard scored 16 points in the second half en route to a 70-55 victory over the N.C. State Wolfpack at



A mad scramble for the ball leaves everyone involved anxious to see the possession arrow. HOE TERADA/STAFF

Reynolds Coliseum Tuesday night.

The Pack, who fell to 0-6 in the ACC, held Duke to just a five point lead at the half, after battling back from an eight point lead early in the game.

Damon Thornton opened the game's scoring with a layup, and then continued to excite the Reynolds crowd.

Fellow freshman Justin Gainey fed Thornton for a dunk which brought the crowd to its feet in

the last two minutes of the half, and then rejected Duke freshman Nate James's layup attempt.

The Blue Devils took a 33-28 lead into the lockerroom behind 60 percent shooting from beyond the three-point arc.

Capel hit two treys, and sophomore Trajan Langdon hit three, as both guard finished the half with nine points a piece.

Ishua Benjamin picked up three fouls in the first six minutes of the half, and State faced Duke's

outside shooting without its best perimeter defender.

"It's hard when your floor leader leaves early," junior guard C.C. Harrison said of Benjamin's early trip to the bench. "We need Ishua out there on the floor to direct traffic."

Duke started off the second half with seven points from Langdon, and extended the lead to ten behind another three pointer from

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## Tigers take Wolfpack by the tail

"They hit big shots right when we were getting close."

- Jeremy Hyatt, N.C. State guard

By MICHAEL PRESTON  
STAFF WRITER

With N.C. State down four and just under three and a half minutes left, Terrell McIntyre set up in the corner, just in front of press row, and calmly

**N.C. State 48** nailed a three-point. **Clemson 51** Game. Set.

Match. Again.

This time, McIntyre and the No. 3 Clemson Tigers ended the Pack's chance to win its first ACC game by posting a 51-42 win at Littlejohn Coliseum.

"They hit some big shots right when we were getting close, and that's what good teams do, so you have to take your hat off to them," Jeremy Hyatt said.

What makes winning, on the road, against a top five team, difficult is when your starters are forced to play practically the entire game, as C.C. Harrison did. Despite playing the entire 40 minutes, he still managed to pump in 14 points and pull down nine rebounds.

However, he doesn't think that made much of a difference against Clemson.

"We had hard every day in practice and had a good pre-season conditioning program, so I can't say that was part of what happened to us," Harrison said. "But guys have to be mentally prepared, as well as physically, to go 40 minutes because any guy on our team could be called upon to do that."

But they probably won't be. For one thing, Clemson's Tony Christie played nine minutes, scored three points and pulled down one rebound - all more than the combined totals of State's reserves.

Sendek utilized his bench to the tune of eight and a half total minutes (Tim Wells played five, Steve Norton had three, and Justin Gainey had 30 seconds at the end of the game), which resulted in one blocked shot, two fouls and two missed free throws.

And while State was at the free throw line, shooting a somewhat respectable four of eight, Clemson was there setting up camp.

The Tigers finished the afternoon shooting 16 of 21, and won the game despite hitting fewer field goals (18 to 15, State) and shooting worse from the floor (39.1 to 30.6, State).

"It seems like we get a little better in a different category each game out," Hyatt said. "It's frustrating. Hopefully, before too long, we'll put everything together and put a string of wins together."



Danny Strong (00) fights for a rebound in Saturday's 51-42 loss. JAKE OWEN/STAFF

# Wrestle

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the Weisiger-Brown Building.

Tennessee-Chattanooga won four out of five matches in one stretch and had a pair of pins Friday night to down State, 21-18 in a college wrestling match, dropping the Wolfpack to 2-7 overall.

Freshman Mike Waldron got the match off to a quick start for Chattanooga with a pin on State's Lee Carroll in the 118-pound division. Waldron got the pin in just 2:28 to give UTC a 6-0 lead. Sophomores Greg Bauer and Jelani Chase tied the score for the Pack with victories at 126 and 134, respectively. Bauer beat contender Andy Cook by a 5-4 score, and Chase downed Adrian Botchelt 7-5. Chase is now 14-4 overall.

Sophomore James Koehler gave the Wolfpack a 12-6 lead by pinning Daniel Otero in just 93 seconds, but UTC hastily took control of the match beginning with the 150-pound bout. The Mocs' freshman Heath Eslinger improved his personal record to 12-4 with an 8-2 win over State's Joel Dramis at 150. Another UTC freshman gave the Mocs a 15-12 lead by pinning John Grochowski in 2:08 at 158.

Dante Berlinger made it three wins in a row for UTC with a 3-1 win over Dan Campanella at 167.

State freshman Jeff Green stopped the skid with a 10-3 win over Nathan Funk at 177, narrowing UTC's lead in the match to 18-15. However, Pete Herold defeated Jon Fowler 4-0 at 190 to give the Mocs a 21-15 lead in the team scoring.

Wolfpack heavyweight Billy Blunt, needing a pin to tie the match, managed to defeat Michael Knaby 12-7, but was unable to win by fall.

ACC powers State and Maryland went undefeated Saturday in the 1997 N.C. State Wrestling Duals.

The Pack, which improved to 6-7 in dual matches, defeated UNC-Pembroke, 23-12, Delaware State, 43-6, American University, 19-16, and Appalachian State, 21-18. The Terrapins won their three matches by routs, bombing Delaware State 39-6, Appalachian State 37-6, and UT-Chattanooga 27-9. The dual matches were the first for Maryland, which had previously only wrestled in tournaments.

Maryland and State both featured two of the match's top wrestlers, both at 134 pounds. Maryland's Jim Guzzio won all four of his matches including one by fall, one by technical fall, and one by major decision-and is a perfect 22-0.

The Pack's Jelani Chase won all three of his matches including one pin and two decisions-at 134 as well, improving to 16-4 on the season at 134 pounds and 17-4 overall.

# Women

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floor.

"I think it really hurt us in the first half when we missed about a dozen shots underneath," said Wolfpack coach Kay Yow.

Maryland's key to victory was spreading out its offense. Sonia Chase was one of three Terrapins to notch double figures in the points column, leading the way with 14 points. In 40 minutes of play, the junior forward also collected seven rebounds and three assists.

"I thought Maryland played well on both ends of the court," Yow said. "Offensively, I just didn't feel that our execution was good at all."

Cross finished with 11 points and nine rebounds, while sophomore guard Kim Bretz scored 12.

The one point which gave the

Terrapins trouble was the post play of State center Melvin. The 6'3" junior finished with her fifth double-double of the season, posting game-high numbers in the scoring and rebounding categories, finishing with 24 points and 14 boards. In 38 minutes, Melvin also blocked two shots, while committing just three turnovers.

"Chasity played really well tonight," senior co-captain Jennifer Howard said. "The difference is that we just weren't all there."

Melvin was the only Wolfpack player to post a double-digit point total.

Webb pulled down 13 rebounds and scored eight points, while LySchale Jones and Smrcka-Duffy each scored six.

The Wolfpack, which fell to No. 17 in the national rankings this week, travels to Chapel Hill tomorrow to take on the No. 9 Tarheels. The game will tip off at 7 p.m. at Carmichael Gymnasium.

# Duke

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Deviis. As a team, Duke shot 22-of-49 from the field and 9-of-20 from behind the arc.

Comparitively, State shot almost as well, with one exception.

The Blue Devils went to the free throw line 23 times, making 17. State made it to the charity stripe only nine times, making five.

Continuing to be a bright spot for the Pack is C.C. Harrison. The junior scored just thirteen points, but his steal and consequent dunk with 3:26 to play cut the Duke lead to 59-51 and gave the Reynolds faithful a brief moment of hope, but after a timeout it was Capel again driving to the bucket and drawing the foul.

Just as important, Harrison played 40 minutes and had only one turnover and had three rebounds.

"He's such an improved player," Krzyzewski said.

"His fortitude and his play was outstanding," Sendek said.

State once again was delighted by the play of freshman center Damon Thornton. Thornton managed to stay out of foul trouble and poured in a team-high 15 points, had seven rebounds with only two fouls. Greg Newton, holding him to just 10 points and seven rebounds.

"Damon played an excellent game," Sendek said. "When you stop and think that he's only been playing basketball for three years, that's magnificent."

Despite the 0-6 ACC start, Sendek continues to keep his head high. "Nobody in the solar system wants to score more points than their opponents then we do," Sendek said. "But nobody how much we want to win, nobody out there on that court can give more than they have."

"Nobody should infer from this that we don't want to win. It pains like a million arrows through our hearts [when we lose]."

# Deviis

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Capel. State used three-point plays from Benjamin and Thornton, as well as shot off of the glass from Jeremy Hyatt to pull the score to within two.

Capel scored eleven down the stretch for the Devils, as No. 10 Duke improves to 15-4 overall, and 4-2 in the ACC.

Duke finished the night with nine threes, but shot just 45 percent from the floor for the game.

Capel finished with a game high 25 points, and Langdon added 16. "He gave us a magnificent performance tonight," Duke head

coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "That was a big time performance."

Deviis Roshawn McLeod and Greg Newton each pulled down seven rebounds.

Thornton led the Pack with 15 points, seven rebounds, and three blocks.

"He's stepped his play up lately," State senior Hyatt said of Thornton. "He is playing very aggressive, and playing with alot more confidence. It is going to continue to show in the future."

Hyatt scored 14 points, hitting 100 percent from the free throw line. CC Harrison added 13 points, and two assists, playing all forty minutes for the Wolfpack.

Senior Danny Strong scored six points and collected six rebounds, while dishing out three assists.

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## First strike hits the mark

■ "Jackie Chan's First Strike" offers action and plot.

By NICOLE BOWMAN  
ASSISTANT TECH TOO EDITOR

For those of you who still think that martial arts movies involve just a bunch of people fighting and little plot, you must not watch Jackie Chan much.

In his latest movie, "Jackie Chan's First Strike," Chan plays "Jackie," a Hong Kong police officer contacted to track a spy's girlfriend into the Ukraine.

After his charge gets kidnapped, Chan is hired by a Russian intelligence organization to retrieve a stolen Ukrainian nuclear warhead. Unfortunately, the so-called

Russian organization is the Russian Mafia, which frames Chan for the murder of the patriarch of a prominent Chinese family in Australia.

So, the Chinese family wants him dead, the Australian police want to throw him in jail, and the Russian Mafia wants to put him in cement shoes. But of course, Chan can handle it.

If you've seen any of Chan's previous movies, "First Strike" will not disappoint you. The first five to 10 minutes are spent developing the plot line, but everything after that is what Chan does best — action. His first action scene involves some incredible stunt work with snowmobiles, snowboards and the occasional helicopter with rocket launchers.

One part of that particular action sequence just shows how good Chan is at his work. It

involves an almost-frozen lake and two helicopters (one with the rocket launcher). Jackie is braced on a helicopter skid when the Russian Mafia's helicopter with rocket launcher raises and aims at the one Jackie's on. Jackie jumps from about 30 feet into the water just as the missile launches. Of course the helicopter was completely destroyed, but Jackie was fine.

The Mafia sprayed the lake with bullets just to make sure that Jackie was dead. He found a way to hide himself under someone else's body for a good minute or so.

I haven't given much credit to Chan's acting ability in the past, but when he climbed out of the water and onto the ice, he looked cold, really cold. It wasn't a "let me just shoot this and I'll get my parka" look, it



Jackie Chan stars in New Line Cinema's action-comedy 'Jackie Chan's First Strike.'

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was a "I'm going to freeze to death" look.

Overall, this movie isn't as impressive as "Rumble in the Bronx" as far as the action goes, but it is impressive. Of course, the outtakes at the end are sometimes painful to look at, but they're hilarious. For those who just want to watch

bad voiceovers of people talking in Chinese, you get some of that in the beginning, but it isn't really that noticeable.

Martial arts films have dramatically improved over the past several years and "Jackie Chan's First Strike" proves that.

## Friends and colleagues honor J.C. Raulston

■ Memorial celebrates the life of J.C. Raulston.

By R. STEVENS  
STAFF WRITER

Soft, flowing harp music greeted the hundreds who attended Sunday's memorial service for J.C. Raulston. Students, colleagues and friends traveled from places such as New York and Washington to remember one of N.C. State's finest professors.

Killed in a tragic car accident this past December, J.C. Raulston, director of the NCSU Arboretum, was a "horticulture evangelist" who gave generously of himself by sharing his time and plants. Many people have been impacted by his life, which was fast-paced but filled with lingering memories. "We've all been cheated and have reason to feel anger, but we've been blessed to have known him," spoke Marco Polo Stefano, director of Horticulture at Wave Hill in New York.

"Renew the passions he has sown in us...there is not a garden path that does not lead to J.C.," challenged Dan Hinkley of Heronswood Nursery in Kingston, W.A.

Words cannot confine the memory of J.C. Raulston. Down Hillsborough Street, within walking distance for the exercise enthusiasts, lie eight acres that speak loudly of his work. The NCSU Arboretum, which has been estimated to be a \$5 million asset to the university and many hope will be renamed in his memory, contains the nation's largest collection of redbuds, junipers and nandinas.

"The arboretum is a great example of a land-grant university. Raulston represented the essence of entrepreneurial spirit as a practitioner and missionary," said Chancellor Larry Monteith Sunday. "He helped the general public fall in love with gardening. We are committed to carry out his mission."

Raulston loved people and books. In his newsletter, "The Chronicles of The NCSU Arboretum," he would write: "The most meaningful book to me that I discovered in many years was a special treat of the fall. When I was a child back in rural Oklahoma, our small one-room country schoolhouse had a book very important to me that I read many times... 'The Secret Garden'... I've discovered most of our horticulture

## Your Horoscope

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Social activities include friends and co-workers. Later in the week, turn your attention toward romance. Singles, especially, find their love lives heating up over the weekend.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — You're at odds with a friend early in the week. However, this is resolved as the week wanes. You find, though, that you have to do a bit of compromising. The weekend is favored for great social times.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Couples set aside special time to be with each other, even a time to go about from chore to chore. This isn't the time to be overly concerned about a career matter. Feel free, instead, to get together

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with friends, especially over the weekend.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Stick with the tried and true when it comes to dealing with difficult family members this week. The accent later in the week is on romantic pursuits. Plan a special outing for just the two of you this weekend.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Although you have a minor tiff with your significant other early in the week, a new closeness is the likely result from this. Travel is favored this week. Be it for business or pleasure. This weekend, tend to finances.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — You want to get out and about early in the week, but some routine chores beckon. Once

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## There's history in your backyard

■ The Visual Arts Center offers a taste of the arts in our own backyard.

By KELLY MARKS  
STAFF WRITER

It might seem funny to say so, but a person's yard can say a lot about who they are. Are you wondering what psychological insights those shrubberies offer about your next door neighbor? This month, the Visual Arts Center and Preservation North Carolina present an exhibit which endeavors to unmask the mysteries of the modern lawn.

"Yard of the Month," curated

by Susan Goodman, opens this Thursday at the Visual Arts Center and will run through March 9. The festivities start at 6 p.m. with a picnic reception.

The exhibition uses photography, drawings, cultural artifacts and the work of such contemporary North Carolina artists as John Biggers, Maud Gatewood, George Bireline and Francis Speight to explore our changing perception of personal landscapes.

Focusing on the design and evolution of the domestic yard in North Carolina, the event will include several demonstrations that will be held through the month of February to discuss related

topics.

"Gardens of the Past," which deals with how gardens reflect the time period in which they are planted, will be held on Feb. 2. Historian Daisty Thorpe will present slides and Carlton Wood, Chief Horticulturist at Tryon Palace, will discuss the development of the garden through the years.

The following Sunday, "Gardens of the Present" will feature demonstrations from Pearl Fryar, a topiary artist out of Bishopville, S.C.

The concept of the American "yard" has changed vastly through the years. In studying

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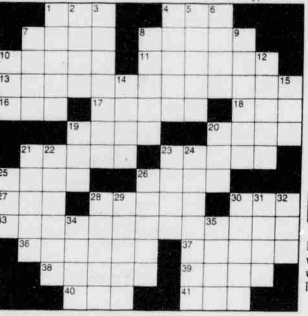
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Horoscope

Continued from Page 5 these are out of the way, feel free to enjoy yourself. Couples share quality time together this weekend. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Those on the road could face some unexpected expenditures. However, that won't stand in the way of good times you'd planned to have with friends. A romantic interest becomes more important over the weekend. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Something you thought was so easy

to do turns out to pose quite a problem this week. Swallow your pride and ask for help from that certain co-worker who has the expertise in this field. The weekend is favored for entertaining. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You're not thrilled with the stubbornness of a friend who is not about to relent anytime soon. Past run-ins should give you a clue. It's best to try to go your own way. A social contact becomes a help to you in business. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — As the week begins, you can't understand why those around you are sniping at each other so much.

Don't let these people get you down. You have too much to do to get involved with this. As the week goes on, all is resolved. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You won't find the solution to that problem on the job easily. Put it aside for now and come back to it later. Happiness in romance makes a wonderful weekend for you. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Interest this week center around the family and a special dinner party. Since you know well how to graciously entertain, the party turns out to be a smashing success.

STRESS RELIEVERS

Stewart Theatre The Might Clouds of Joy are performing Friday, Jan. 24 at 8 p.m. For tickets call 515-1100. Campus Cinema "Microcosms" Shows are at 7 and 9 p.m. Tickets are \$1.50 and \$2. The Brewery Wednesday, Jan. 22 — Hobex, Dayroom. Thursday, Jan. 23 — Jump Little Children, emmit swimming. Carolina Union For ticket information contact the Carolina Union Ticket Office at (919) 962-1449. Sweet Honey in the Rock will perform at UNC's Memorial Hall Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. Pianist George Winston will perform Sunday, Feb. 2 in Memorial Hall. "Having Our Say" The play will be presented on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 3 and 8 p.m. Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet will perform on Friday, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. "Given 'em Hell Harry" A one-man show starring Kevin McCarthy will replace Hal Holbrook's "Mark Twain Tonight" and will be presented Friday, March 21 at 8 p.m. Refunds are available for the Holbrook show. Opportunities "The Lost Colony" outdoor drama has set its audition schedule for the 1997 production season. The drama employs approximately 125 actors, singers, dancers and technicians during the production season, which runs June 6 through Aug. 29. Auditions will be held at the Institute of Outdoor Drama in Chapel Hill on March 22. For further information on the audition process, call "The Lost Colony" at (919) 473-2127. "The Verve Pipe Write Yourself A Free Concert Contest" Sponsored by "U.Magazine." Entries will be available in the January/February and March issues. Students will have the opportunity to tell the band about a memorable freshman experience. The band will then hand pick the entry that they like best, and the winning entrant's school will get the band for a free concert on campus.

Raulston

Continued from Page 5 majors read it as a child, and I've decided that exposure to this book in childhood "hooks" children on horticulture, and that we should ensure that the book is everywhere for all kids as a propaganda, brainwashing device to warp their lives to horticulture!" At Sunday's memorial service, Roy C. Dicks continued Raulston's tradition of literature when he read a passage from Beverly Nichols' "All I Could Never Be." The

passage accurately describes the life of a great horticulturist to reveal the passion of J.C. Raulston: "Late at night in the lamplight I would hold a magnifying glass over a single narcissus, and note with rapture how the petals were transformed into snowing plains where, in a Lilliputian sense, one could wander at will. I bent low over the daisy, with its thousands of close packed stars, each crowned by a master-craftsman with a tip of gold. I reveled in the rich fabrics of the iris, every petal a tapestry in miniature, painted with a delicacy which filled the soul with awe. The

exquisite disposition of the seed-pods on the underside of a fern; the bold sweep of a blade of grass, cut more surely than any man-made sword. Life, as I made these discoveries, was one long catching of the breath. I have said before and I shall probably say again that I do not know how a man can be at once a good gardener and a good atheist." Visit the arboretum. For those of us that enjoy walks in the Rose Garden and Pullen Park you will find a kindred spirit in the arboretum. Take time and volunteer to help keep Raulston's and our arboretum glowing.

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Backyard

Continued from Page 5 it, one can trace the roots of European, African, and Native American influences. Other factors, such as the creation of suburbia and technological developments like the power lawn mower and various fertilizers, show how our laws echo our evolving society. "Yard of the Month" is not only a documentation of changing landscapes in North Carolina, but a reflection on our changing attitudes and lifestyles as well. Perfect for the garden enthusiast and the art lover alike, the exhibit is free to the public. The gallery is open Wednesday through Friday from noon until 8 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. "Yard of the Month" is part of the N.C. Architectural Heritage Exhibition series, a traveling exhibition that showcases the state's historical and architectural heritage. For further information, call 515-3503.

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By WILLIAM BOOTH  
THE WASHINGTON POST

SAN FRANCISCO — With baggies filled with the sticky buds of premium "California Green," the oldest, largest and most controversial Cannabis Cultivators Cooperative in the nation reopened its doors here last week, overseen by its red-eyed but giddy organizers describe as the first legal sales of marijuana in 60 years.

The club was shut down in August by state drug agents, who also busted its founder, the dealer-turned-activist-turned-"pot celebrity" Dennis Peron. But it reopened after a state judge ruled this month that the cooperative could do business under the tenets of Proposition 215. That

initiative, approved in November, allows "caregivers" to provide medicinal marijuana to those seriously sick and those suffering "any other illness for which marijuana provides relief."

The club operates with the acceptance, and even support, of the local politicians. A former state senator cut the ribbon to reopen the place. The city's district attorney actively supported Proposition 215, and one of his deputies, suffering from AIDS, has joined a group of doctors and patients in a lawsuit filed last week against the Clinton administration. The suit seeks to block the federal government from punishing physicians who recommend marijuana to patients, arguing that it is a free-speech issue.

## Scientists find genetic link to schizophrenia

By THOMAS H. MAUGH II  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Researchers have identified a genetic defect that they say predisposes some people to schizophrenia, the most common severe mental disorder, and explains why most schizophrenics are heavy smokers.

The scientists reported that the schizophrenics have a defect in the gene for a key receptor in the brain. The scientists studied nine families with multiple cases of the disease.

The receptor, normally activated by a neurotransmitter called acetylcholine, doesn't function well in schizophrenics. The receptor is also activated by nicotine, which can thereby temporarily alleviate some symptoms of schizophrenia.

"We previously viewed (heavy smoking among schizophrenics) as just a bad habit or a means of dealing with boredom," said Dr. Robert Freedman of the University of Colorado School of Medicine, the lead author of the study. "But in fact, it was an attempt to specifically target what is going wrong" in their brains.

## Rescue too late for baby whale

By TONY PERRY  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SAN DIEGO — For the second time in 10 days, a baby California gray whale was spotted in peril off the Southern California coast, but this time a rescue effort apparently came too late to save the struggling animal, officials said Monday.

"We had all the intentions to render aid," said Jim Antrim, general curator at Sea World, which sent a boat and divers out to rescue the whale Monday night. "Not finding it (alive) was a letdown, but we know from dealing with these

issues that Mother Nature is a tough task mistress."

Experts say up to one-third of calves born annually die within a few months.

Also on Monday, Sea World officials reported that J.J., who had beached herself at Venice Beach in Southern California, gained 70 pounds over the weekend and is now able to suckle an artificial nipple rather than be fed through a tube in its throat. Now weighing 1,840 pounds, J.J. gets two gallons of food every four hours.

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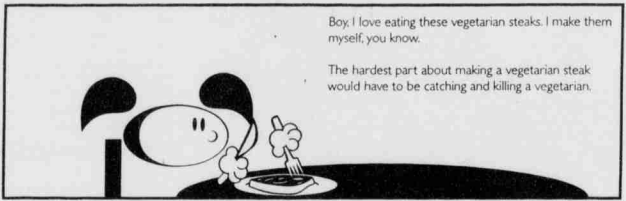
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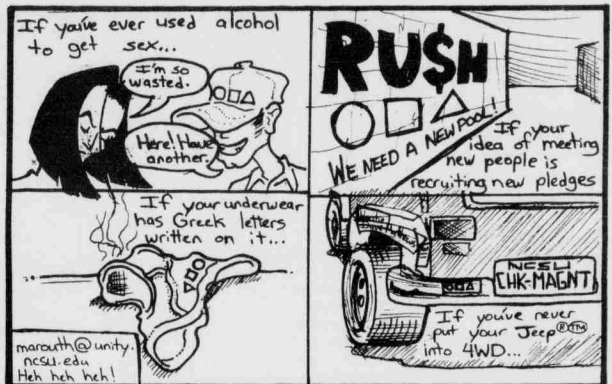


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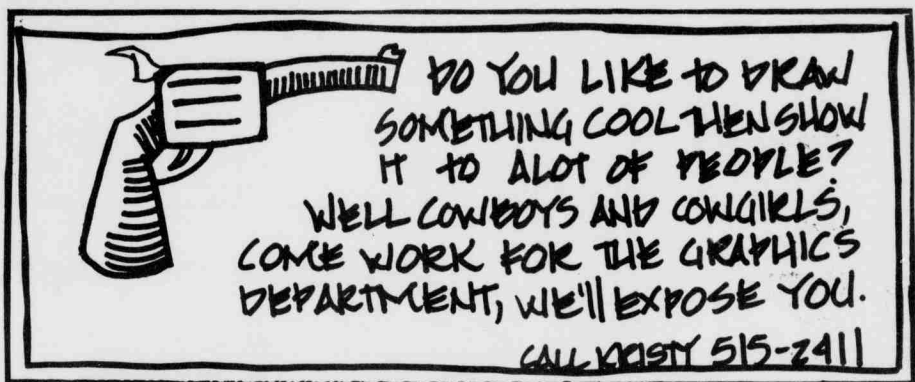
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What motivated him were these words from Jesus: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? But love your enemies, and do good and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and selfish."

With a commitment to love even his enemies, Dr. King led an historic civil rights movement without any violence or vengeance.

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## Getting what you ask for

■ The price of meeting student's requests just rose a little higher.

Over the course of the 1997-1998 academic year, Lee, Sullivan, Bowen, Carroll and Metcalf residence halls will have both air conditioning and sprinklers installed. This comes as a result of N.C. State's bid to co-host the 1999 Special Olympics and to meet students' demands for air conditioning. So, within three years, air conditioning will be available for most students.

This addition to the rooms will allow students to adjust the temperature with a turn of a knob — and will require a rent increase of \$300.

The addition of air conditioning costs money. University Housing will pass the cost to the students in the form of a 7.12 percent rent increase starting next fall. Student Government passed a resolution Jan. 8 recommending that the N.C. General Assembly allocate funds to Housing, rather than have the cost shifted to the students.

But according to Tim Luckadoo, Director of University Housing, 70

percent of students say that they want air conditioning badly enough to pay an additional fee for it. Now that students are getting what they wished for, are they willing to pay the price?

Student Government and many students say no. The rent increase comes in the wake of tuition increases, fee increases, etc. It doesn't seem right. But we asked Housing for air-conditioning. If this is the only way they can pay for it, then we have to accept that. And you can't blame the rent increase solely on the Special Olympics, according to Luckadoo, it is a "preferable, but not absolute, mandate of the games."

You know you've hated spending the summer and beginning and end of the school year in hot, cramped residence halls. If 70 percent of students want air conditioning, they should have it. Although it's unfair to charge everyone an extra 7.12 percent in rent to pay for the project, think of the long-term benefits.

Students who asked for air conditioning should not groan about the cost. To the credit of University Housing, they're giving us just what we asked for.

## Reaching out to those in need

■ Students work to help others on campus.

While many of us will spend our summer relaxing, taking summer school classes or working, Andy Lorance will be bicycling cross-country to benefit disabled people. He is only one of the many people at N.C. State who volunteers for such causes. And they haven't gone unnoticed by the community.

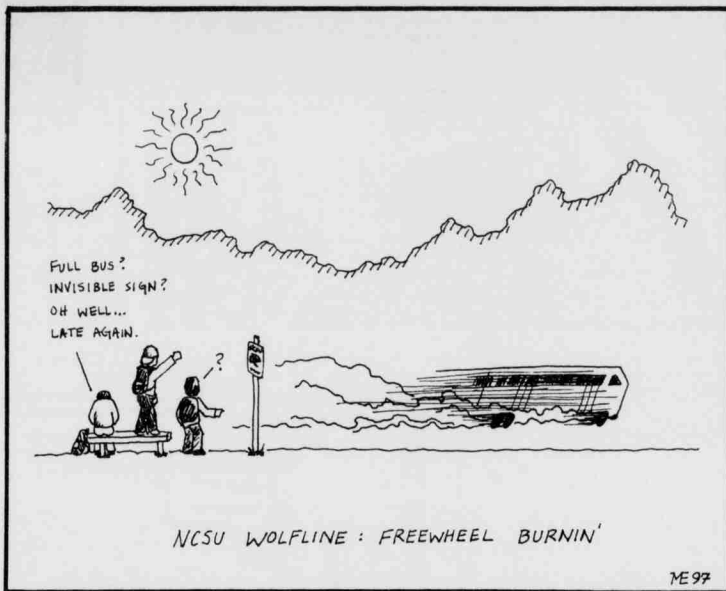
While not all student volunteers go to such lengths to aid people, they do go the distance. Some travel to local shelters serving dinners to the homeless. Others donate supplies, time and money to people in need. NCSU has a slew of people who do this on a regular basis. Fraternity and sorority members participate in rock-a-thons, throw lawn parties and ride bicycles to raise money for worthy causes. Clubs build shacks and donate clothes and canned foods to help their causes. Residence halls adopt families and also donate food

and clothing to those in need. We are an unselfish group at times — it comes with years of outreach and receiving little credit for all we do. It's time we recognized all NCSU does to help those less fortunate.

Generation X is seen as the epitome of apathy, never caring about anything but ourselves. NCSU students are the antithesis of that. We open our hearts and arms to those in need on a regular basis, and we must continue to do so.

We have much to offer the community — our time, talent and energy. Students must not forget that. By helping Raleigh grow and prosper we are also helping ourselves. We share this community, and improving part of it makes life better for us all.

Students who volunteer their time to help others deserve a pat on the back. They work long and hard to help those in need. This sets NCSU apart from the crowd in ways of the heart, not just the brain.



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## Superstition and prophecy can blind you

Are you a born-again pagan? If you stop to think about it we never completely left the religion.

Candles have never gone out of style and gargoyles are the latest id.

Do you ever knock on wood? Do you ever think twice after spilling some salt? What do you do when you come across a ladder in your path? I'm sure all of us have some sort of superstitious beliefs or good luck charms of some kind.

There are things that are part of our reality simply because we make them so in our minds. I spent the holidays at home with my family. While spending time with them, I got a closer look at my mother's reality. A woman in her 60s, she still keeps alive some superstitious beliefs instilled in her mind when she was a child. Maybe you have heard of some.

On Jan. 1, you should eat black-eyed peas and hog jaws in order to have good luck for the coming year. Hog jaws are like bacon, but have a much tougher texture. To ensure you will have plenty of money, you must eat some turnip greens. I think collard greens could be substituted, or just have both for double

Nancy Hight



insurance. You must not wash any clothes on New Year's day. This will bring bad luck. Don't wash any clothing either by hand or in the machine.

My mom goes around the house on New Year's Eve reminding each person not to wash any clothes after midnight. She is very adamant about this. If she could, I believe she would padlock the lid on the washing machine. She also believes it is bad luck to wash clothes on a Sunday, but often majority rules the rest of the year on this account.

Now for the most complicated superstition. On New Year's day

the first person to enter the house through the back door must be a man, and the man cannot be a member of the family. My mom does not have much control over this. She hopes everyone will stay in the house as long as possible in case someone comes over who can fulfill the ritual. I would not put it past her to call over a neighbor, but I don't think she wants anyone to think that she is crazy. If someone must come and go, she makes sure it is my dad or one of my brothers.

So what magical forces do washing machines have? What good or evil forces are manifested on a particular day by digesting certain foods or passing through doorways? I couldn't tell you, and neither could she. "It just does."

These things may seem comical to most people but in her mind and others they hold just as much truth as tarot cards or tea leaves to those who practice "the craft." I have always thought that if I could have four guests for dinner it would be my mom, a scientist, a priest and an atheist. The conversation, or rather the debate, would last all night, but that is a whole other can of worms.

My mom has never used charms or followed astrology, these are just some old-wives tales passed down by her elders long ago during much simpler times. I believe it is for the most part her way of showing respect to her mother who told them and whom she lost at the young age of 17. They are also for the most part harmless and innocent ideas derived from the imaginations of much more innocent times and used to entertain and excite the imaginations of young children. A time before video, computer games and technological toys dominated our imaginations.

Superstitious behavior among people can be very interesting to observe. I know there is nothing to a mood ring, but I do get curious when I put one on and it changes to a color that is not listed on the ring's instruction card. A cricket in your house is a sign of good luck. I once had a black house cat who pounced a cricket and ate it. I must admit, the symbolism alone made me nervous.

Then there is the other extreme.

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## NCAA rules bind athletics and academics

I first fell in love with the game of basketball at the young age of seven. I spent every Saturday afternoon in my dad's shop, until I was 14. Towards the back of this gigantic, dusty warehouse was the sum total of everything that was important to me at that time, my basketball goal. This is where I played in front of an audience that consisted of hydraulic jacks, oil stains and wrenches. Huge coils of wire that littered the outer limits of my venue proved to be excellent

defenders when my imaginary clock dwindled down to just a few ticks. Despite their cunning attempts to stop me, the "Whitaker kid" always managed to score, lifting his team to victory at the buzzer.

Although shooting around was something I looked forward to during the entire week, it became even more important when a good ACC match-up was being broadcast. An old rustic radio hidden behind a car engine long since retired allowed personalities such as Woody Durham to keep me informed on NCAA action. I imagined myself playing for UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. State, Duke or any other collegiate team that happened to be playing on a station I could pick up with a broken antenna. When Rodney Monroe nailed a three-pointer, I nailed a three-pointer. When Kevin Madden ripped down on an offensive rebound, I countered with one of

Joshua Whitaker



my own. If Christian Laettner hit a fade-away jumper, I felt compelled to attempt the same. These sessions of intense practice affirmed that my greatest desire was simply to play my favorite sport on a collegiate level.

However, anyone who has ever seen "Rudy" knows that contrary to what Parks and Recreation coaches tell you, determination and an uncontested love for the game can only get you so far. Reality first spoiled my dreams when I discovered that my high school team had no use for a 6'1" power forward who couldn't really jump and didn't like to dribble in the open court. After my failure to land a spot on my high school's roster, I gave brief consideration to a plan in which I would transfer to a small private school in Warren County and become their star player. This captured my attention for only a little while before I allowed my one

true goal to be demoted to an unattainable dream.

Before this initial dose of reality, I knew how important grades were in the admissions process. Although my ambitions of being an NCAA basketball player were at most a longshot, I opted to fiercely pursue academic goals so that if the opportunity ever presented itself, I would be prepared to accept it. Even in middle school I understood one simple concept, one that many misguided athletes seem to frequently forget — students attend college to better educate themselves. From this important fact rises another logical statement, colleges, in order to preserve their respectability, must hold student athletes to certain academic standards. College athletic programs do not exist to serve as minor league systems for the NBA and NFL, although it often seems that way. The NCAA has sought to implement rules that bind collegiate programs to academic requirements, rules that have recently been under fire.

The most shocking argument against these NCAA rules came early last week when a lawsuit was filed in Philadelphia on behalf of two track athletes who were denied admission to Division I schools due to poor SAT scores. The NCAA requires a minimum score of 820 (basically half of the available score), which can vary depending on the individual athletes' grade

point averages. The two plaintiffs were in the top 10 percent of their class and participated in various after-school activities, thus, they believe themselves deprived of college admission due only to the SATs.

First of all, everyone may take the SAT, or a test with a very similar format, to apply to a university. This test has proven to be an accurate gauge for predicting the success of prospective students. Any non-athlete hoping to attend NCSU would not even fill out an application if their score dipped below the 1000 mark. Even an above average score of 1000 would not guarantee acceptance by any means. Admission is a complex combination of SAT score, GPA, employment and activities, none of which can stand alone.

These two Philadelphia track stars may not be aware of this desired balance. The SAT test can easily detect high school seniors who cruised through classes like remedial biology, English (as a second language) and study hall with bloated GPA's as sub-par students.

When one keeps in mind that colleges seek to further educate serious students, this lawsuit against the NCAA doesn't seem as understandable as some would lead you to believe. In fact, it seems rather uncanny that any lawyer

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# Hight

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The so-called prophets, people who believe they have psychic powers and can see into the future. They always predict the cataclysmic end of the world, or at least the Earth's population of living things, by earthquakes, floods or fire. A common date for these events is the turn of the millennium.

Now that it is 1997, that is just three years away. Should we be getting ready for something to happen? Of course we should. Earthquakes, storms and floods are natural disasters that have always happened and always will. But just as it has taken millions of years for the Earth to become as it is, it will take millions more for it to make any drastic changes. I don't think we need to worry.

In a psychic state, the modern day prophets see such visions we have seen countless times in the news, and because the visions come into their minds all at once simultaneously, they believe that is the way it will happen in real time. We must keep in mind that calendars are the conceptions of man, a man-made thing.

Superstitions grew from man's need to explain what he could not understand. As college students we must not forget that the primary goal of education is to open our minds and to allow us to think for ourselves. As the Shaolin priest told young Caine, "Superstitions only pull us in the direction of our fears."

# Whitaker

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would undertake these Philadelphia athletes' case and expect to win.

Hopefully, the judicial system will back the NCAA in its attempts to maintain the sanctity of Division I colleges. It would then prove quite fair if the plaintiffs would be unable to pursue a college education due to academic shortcomings as I was unable to participate in collegiate basketball due to athletic delinquency.

I can still dream though. Every now and then, when I manage to sink an off-balance shot, I hope someone like Herb Sendek or Dean Smith happens to walk by and catch a glimpse. Maybe they would say something like, "That's the best 6'1" power forward I think I've ever seen, wish I'd recruited him." It could happen.

### The Campus

## FORUM

### Students should support team

I would like to encourage, beg and cajole all State students to attend the men's home basketball games. I have been attending State home games since I was a student there in the 1970s. To me, this team cries out for your support. They need you. There is no coliseum that rocks like Reynolds does with a full house of students. We the fans can make a difference but we cannot do it without the students.

The team is greatly improved from last year and Herb Sendek is doing a great job. However, they need that magic feather to get them over the hump to win some ACC games. I think a great student crowd could be just that extra that they need.

I know your seats are not the greatest. I have sat in them. I know you could probably see the game better on television, but they need you, we need you.

So please start by coming to the Duke game Tuesday and get Reynolds rocking.

Suzanne Gordon  
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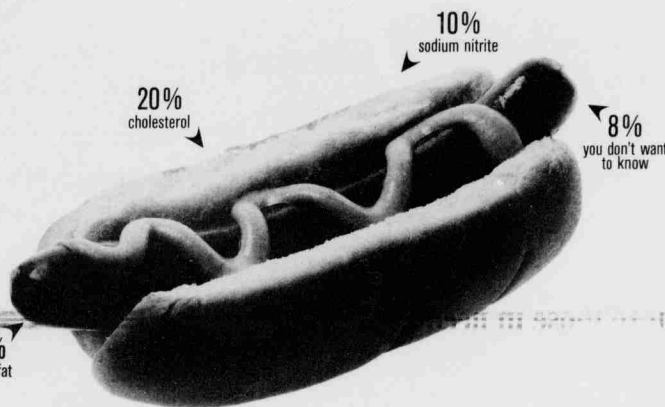
- a) Depression is a bunch of symptoms exhibited by weak people.
- b) Depression is an unbearable suppression of brain activity that can strike anyone.

Straightening out all the misperceptions, the correct answer is... It's a concept we should all understand and remember, and here's why. Depression strikes millions of young adults, but only 1 out of 5 ever seeks treatment for it. Too many just drag themselves along or eventually seek relief through suicide. Why not treatment? Partly lack of awareness. Partly the uncharacteristic negative stigma. This is what needs fixing. This is where we need you to change your attitudes. It's an illness, not a weakness. And it's readily treatable. Spreading this word and making this common knowledge is everybody's assignment.

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