



Public Safety hunts for suspect in assault

At approximately 5:45 p.m. Friday, a female was assaulted by a man who threw a denim jacket over her head and grabbed her, when she was leaving a bathroom in Winston Hall. The suspect immediately fled through the south stairwell adjacent to the bathroom.

The suspect is described as a black male with a medium complexion in his mid to late 20s. He is between 5'8" and 5'10", weighing about 190-200 lbs, with a stocky build and short hair.

The suspect was wearing a blue denim jacket, white t-shirt and dark blue or black pants.

If anyone observed a person matching this description during this time, they are asked to notify the Investigative Division of Public Safety at 515-2498.

New computer lab opens

A new computer lab has opened at North Hall.

The computer lab is accessible on a limited basis to all N.C. State students.

Poetry contest sponsored by English department at N.C. State

The English Department at N.C. State is sponsoring the seventh annual Guy Owen/Tom Walters Poetry Festival, which offers a \$100 prize presented for best poem.

Any North Carolina resident who has not published a full-length volume of poems, including limited editions, is eligible. Members of NCSU's Department of English faculty are not eligible.

Interested poets should submit no more than three unpublished poems, the total not to exceed 10 double-spaced, typed pages, by Friday, Feb. 28. Entries postmarked after this date will not be considered. Authors' names must not be included anywhere on the manuscript.

The winner must be available to read his or her poem at the festival on Tuesday, March 25, in Room 29, Winston Hall.

For information call (919) 515-4109.

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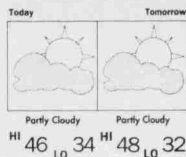
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Outside



Council approves plan to trim PE requirements

The battle to get PE requirements reduced has resulted in a victory for students.

By Phillip Reese
 News Editor

N.C. State's PE graduation requirement will probably be cut in half next year.

The Council on Undergraduate Education (CUE) voted unanimously Friday to reduce NCSU's physical education graduation requirement to one fitness and wellness course and one standard PE course.

The Council's recommendation will be reviewed by the Faculty Senate and the Courses and Curriculum Committee before it is sent to the Provost's office for final approval.

Associate Provost Frank Abrams

said the Faculty Senate and the Courses and Curriculum Committee usually accept the CUE's recommendations.

Abrams said the Provost's office will approve the reduced PE requirement.

"I can't imagine why we wouldn't," he said.

The reduced PE requirement will probably be in place by the next academic year, Abrams said.

It is not certain whether current NCSU students will be able to take advantage of the reduced PE graduation requirement.

"I think there is a possibility," Abrams said. "We have to talk about that with the associate deans and decide what is fair."

Abrams said curriculum changes usually do not apply to current students. However, he said an exception might be made in this case be-

cause the CUE's recommendation calls for a reduction in graduation requirements, rather than an increase.

Student Senate President Mark Nippert urged the Provost's office to apply the reduced requirements to current NCSU students.

"If the CUE has decided this is a principle they want to endorse, it should apply to all students," Nippert said.

Jeremy Jones, a freshman in computer science, said denying current students the opportunity to take fewer PE classes is unfair.

"If they are going to change the policy, they are going to have to change it across the board," Jones said. "The current students should have the same advantages as the incoming students."

Currently, most NCSU students only receive two credit hours to-

ward graduation after completing four credit hours of PE. The CUE voted to reduce the PE graduation requirement because they felt students were not receiving the credit they deserved, Council Chair David Greene said.

"The Council agrees with the students — requiring four courses and giving two credits is an inequity," Greene said. "If we require it, we ought to give credit for it."

Dawn Phillips, a freshman in textile engineering, said she felt slighted by the old PE requirements.

"We had to take four, but only two counted," Phillips said. "That seems kind of pointless, so why not go ahead and change it?"

Angela Stevenson, a sophomore in biology, said NCSU's PE requirements are still too high.

"I think the two-year requirement is really cool, but it might be a little

excessive," Stevenson said. "I'm an exchange student from Montana State and we don't even have PE requirements."

Many students will be unaffected by the change, Juan Bustanante, a senior in chemical engineering, has already taken four PE classes.

"I'm graduating in May," Bustanante said. "It doesn't matter to me."

The PE department reluctantly supported the CUE's recommendation.

"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," Jack Shannon, the associate head of the PE department, said.

Shannon said he hopes the recom-

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A group of students watch TV as they camp outside of Reynolds Coliseum Saturday. The TV is hooked up to a portable generator.

Ticket distribution policy to change

NCSU's Student Senate passed a bill Wednesday to streamline the ticket distribution policy.

By Kristen Sass
 Staff Writer

We all waited anxiously with our radios tuned to WKNC on the night of February 8th. And then it finally came. Camp-out had begun!

Students rushed to the north side of Dunn Avenue to claim their spot in the lottery for tickets to the Feb. 12th Carolina basketball game. Although many enjoy this timely quest for tickets, there

could be a better way. A recent bill passed in the Student Senate may become a catalyst for change in our current ticket policy.

On Wednesday, an amendment to the 1996-1997 Men's Basketball Ticket Policy was passed. Government Bill 27 is basically a revision to update and clarify the current ticket policy.

Many students are left in the dark when it comes to ticket distribution, especially for the big games like UNC-CH and Duke.

The significance of the bill is "to help students better understand the ticket procedure," said David Newsome, a Senator from CALS.

While the bill mostly defined the policy, there were some definite

changes made.

The current policy claims that camp-out can begin anytime between 60 and 74 hours prior to ticket distribution. The Senate bill changes that to 60 and 12 hours, which makes the option of a one night camp-out available.

Another change concerns the people conducting the camp-out. While the old policy relies on the Athletic Department to assign places and register groups, the new bill appoints members of the Student Senate Campus Life Committee to take on this responsibility.

The new policy goes into effect on Feb. 13th and will be used for the Virginia, Georgia Tech and

Florida State basketball games.

While this bill makes progress with our vague ticket policy, more changes are needed. Newsome said.

"We are currently looking into changing the system. We want to restructure it to where it benefits the whole student body," Newsome said.

Tickets to NCSU's home basketball games are distributed through a lottery system that assigns a random number to a line of students. This number reflects the position in line students will have when tickets are distributed.

Many student campers said the

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African American poet calls for racial unity

A noted black poet encouraged N.C. State students to strive for unity and a renewed sense of heritage.

By Jennifer Thompson
 Staff Writer

Every black person should be doing something to make their conditions better.

This was Margaret Burroughs' advice to the 60 African-American students and professors who gathered to listen to her deliver the Lawrence M. Clark Lecture Thursday.

Lawrence M. Clark is a professor of mathematics and science educa-

tion here at N.C. State. The lecture series named after him is a big event during Black History Month. The person chosen to speak at the event is someone recognized as an expert on African-American heritage.

Burroughs is such a person. She is seen as a pioneer of the black renaissance of the 1960s and 1970s. Burroughs is the founder and current executive director of the DuSable Museum of African American History in Chicago.

"She is an artist, writer, visionary and executive," Associate Provost William Grant said.

One of the first things Burroughs did after taking the floor was encourage black people to visit Africa

in order to find out who they are and where they come from. She said she would even encourage white people to visit Africa so they could see what it feels like to be a minority.

Burroughs then proceeded to read one of her poems, titled "Hey You." The poem was a call for racial unity.

"Let's work for peace and friendship among the peoples, this whole wide world around. That's how it should be," Burroughs read.

She then read her poem titled "It is a fact that a free black man is a dangerous weapon." Burroughs said she was thinking about the O.J. Simpson trial as she read, "the very fact that his face is black ordains his

verdict as guilty," but "free, he can become a force for good."

"A black man, like all men, is born to be free," she said.

Burroughs then read "I am a woman." This poem called for women of all races to make the world a better place for everyone. This can only come from a joint effort, she said.

The last poems that Burroughs read were written to memorialize two black women in history. One of these was Lucy Parsons, whose husband was one of three men hung when he spoke about the rights of labor during the Haymarket Riot.

The other poem was written about

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Party habits may change after student death

Alcohol may have indirectly caused a student death.

By BRIAN MCCLINTOCK
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN (PENNSYLVANIA STATE U.)

(U-WIRE) STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Police have not said alcohol was the cause. The district attorney has not said he is going to pursue charges against those who threw the party. But in the wake of a tragedy, many students have said they are going to change their partying practices this weekend.

Since 20-year-old University junior Leigh Preatte fell to her death from an open Alexander Court window last weekend, some students have rethought their weekend behavior.

"When something like that happens it sort of shakes everyone up," said Greg Litcofsky (junior-history). "It makes you remember that you need to be extra careful when you're drinking."

For many, the hardship of last weekend will serve as a reminder that they may not be that far removed from a potential accident.

"I'll be watching out for my friends to make sure they don't get out of control," said Sean Barnak, a

senior in mechanical engineering.

In the future, safety precautions will be a number-one priority when Scott Jaworski throws a party at his apartment. Jaworski, a junior in marketing, said he will take whatever measures are necessary to try to prevent accidents.

"I'll try to keep people off the balcony as much as possible," he said. "I think we can all take precautions."

Caution when providing alcohol to those under 21 is also on some students' minds.

Although toxicology reports are not yet completed, witnesses have told police Preatte had been drinking the night of the accident. Preatte was only six months shy of the legal drinking age when she died. Those six months have landed the people who allegedly provided alcohol during the party at the apartment from which she fell in potential legal trouble.

Centre County District Attorney Ray Gricar and the State College Police Department still have not decided whether to file charges against those who allegedly provided the alcohol, but many students realize they could be facing the same legal difficulties if an accident happened at one of their parties.

"It's hard to card everyone at the door," Litcofsky said, "but people should monitor the activity of those drinking, especially if they are underage."

Despite the fact that alcohol may have played a role in the incident — police said one witness described Preatte as "very intoxicated" before her fall — the State College police and some local real estate agents have said they are not going to step up security this weekend.

For State College police, it will be business as usual.

"I don't think we will be doing anything differently," said State College Police Lt. Diane Conrad. Residents of University Towers, 458 E. College Ave., and the Ambassador Building, 421 E. Beaver Ave., will not be facing an increase in security, said John Hanna, owner and property manager of Continental Real Estate Management Inc., 256 E. Beaver Ave.

"We cannot go into apartments to monitor people's drinking — inside the rooms it's the tenants responsibility to keep things under control," Hanna said.

Ticket

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lottery system is unfair. "It should be first come, first serve," sophomore Jesus Rodriguez said.

For students who live off campus, WKNC is their only link to N.C. State. Many students, especially freshmen, do not know when the ticket distribution is or when camp-out is called.

"The biggest problem we've run into is we have a lottery, but we're still doing camp-out," Andrew Mica, Promotions Director at WKNC said.

Solutions such as a call-in system, having general admission, and giving priority to upperclassmen have been suggested, although nothing has been finalized yet.

Other ACC schools, such as Duke and Maryland, have General Admission to their basketball games. Georgia Tech relies on a lottery system that prevents students from missing class.

"Compared to other schools, we are making some headway," Newsome said.

A new policy could be adopted sometime next year. For now, Government Bill 27 guides students in proper camp-out procedure and ticket distribution.

Poet

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Bessie Coleman. Burroughs asked how many audience members knew who Coleman was. Few audience members raised their hands.

"Please go to the library and find out something about Bessie Coleman," Burroughs implored. "Read about her."

At the end of her poetry reading, Burroughs presented the African-American Cultural Center with a collection of her artwork.

"I'd like to give to the cultural center so that I will always be

here," she said. After Burroughs spoke, Lawrence Clark closed the lecture. He told the audience that Burroughs had been consulted when the African-American Cultural Center was built.

"What do you put in the center?" She said. "Make sure you have a library filled with books and a gallery. The building is here for education," Clark recalled.

For her contribution to the center, Clark presented Burroughs with a portrait. The portrait is a wooden engraving of Burroughs, which was carved in West Africa.

The portrait is "in honor of our queen mother," Clark said.

PE

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mendation will not force the PE department to reduce the number of instructors or employes.

"Hopefully, this won't affect our faculty," Shannon said. "I think a lot of students, even though it's re-

duced to two, will still take PE classes."

The CUE's recommendation, if implemented, will dictate that students must take at least two hours of PE before graduation. Individual colleges would still be able to require their students to take more than two hours of PE, but the colleges would have to give students credit for extra PE classes.

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Women's Basketball:
The Pack has dropped fifteen straight games to the Cavaliers.

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Duke hammers Pack by 29

■ As hard as they tried, the Duke Blue Devils just couldn't miss from three.

BY JAMES M. LAIL
SPORTS EDITOR

DURHAM, N.C. — "Our guys came ready to play tonight."
That's how Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski understated his team's performance against N.C. State Saturday night. The Blue Devils, as a team, were in the proverbial zone, nailing a school-record 15 three-pointers to destroy the Wolfpack, 80-51 at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

The Devils collectively shot 15-of-23 from behind the arc. Comparatively, the Pack only hit a total of 19 field goals. Danny Strong and Isha Benjamin were the only State players to hit a trey, while seven different Devils connected from downtown.

"The three comes as a normal part of our offense," a surprised Krzyzewski said. "[But] that's pretty good."

State (9-11, 1-10 ACC) never could find an answer for Duke's three-point attack. No matter how many hands the Pack put in the Devils' faces, Duke could do no wrong.

"Their shots were falling," Benjamin said. "It just seemed that everything was going right for them."
Three Devils scored in double-digits, with Trajan Langdon leading the way with 18. Ricky Price poured in 15, and Chris Carrawell added 10. Langdon, Price and guard Steve Wojciechowski were all 3-for-5 from behind the arc, but that was not all. Roshawn McLeod was 2-for-2, Mike Chappell was 2-for-3,



The frustration shows on Herb Sendek's face as he watches Duke hit 15 three-pointers Saturday night.

and Jeff Capel — the usual three-point marksman for Duke — was 1-for-1.

"We obviously ran into a hot, outstanding basketball team tonight," State coach Herb Sendek said. "We've played all the really good teams in the country this season, and they're as good as anybody."

"They were phenomenal tonight." The game began as basically "the Chris Carrawell Show," with the

freshman Devil scoring Duke's first six points to break the Devils out to a 6-2 lead. Only Damon Thornton's alley-oop slam cut the lead to two at 6-4 and for the moment quieted the crowd.

But that would be the closest the Pack would get as Capel nailed the first of the Duke threes on the next possession.

The Devils (19-5, 8-3) went into the locker room with an 18-point lead after hitting on seven-of-12

three-pointers.
For the Pack, Thornton earned his fifth double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Benjamin's 16 points led the way for State. Danny Strong had eight points, after hitting on two-of-four from beyond the arc.

Now the Pack must regroup to face North Carolina at Reynolds Coliseum Wednesday night. Sendek

Year still not over for State

■ Throughout the downturn of threes, State's umbrella was its hustle.

BY MICHAEL PRESTON
STAFF WRITER

The otherwise mundane chants of Cameron Indoor Stadium can be recited over and over, whether or not you've heard them in person or on television.

However, with a little less than five minutes remaining in a game not fit for regional television, at least as far as N.C. State was concerned, the self-proclaimed Cameron Craziest went from blunt to downright ruthless.

With the blowing of "Show No Mercy" raining down from the rafters, the Duke Blue Devils responded in the only way it knew on Saturday night — by giving the fans what they wanted.

And State had no choice in the matter.

"You just gotta keep playing, because the alternative is to just leave or call the game early," State coach Herb Sendek said. "Like the '10-run' rule in softball, that's the only alternative."

After Duke's school-record 15-of-23 performance from behind the three-point line had finally come to

James M. Lail



Herb's best speech

■ When State needed it the most, the man we longed to hear, delivered.

And still they came. Even though hundreds of people freezing their behinds off had just witnessed their beloved Wolfpack get trounced at Duke by 29 points, they still came out to brave the chill and camp out for tickets for North Carolina on Wednesday night. Almost immediately after the buzzer sounded and ended the 80-51 debacle at Cameron Indoor Stadium, camp out was called, and the multitudes flocked to Reynolds Coliseum hopefully to get good seats for "the game." And just before the last of the groups had registered with the lottery, out from the shadows stepped the man of the hour — State coach Herb Sendek — to a roar of applause.

One can only imagine how Sendek had to have felt to pull up to the coliseum after seeing his team get shellacked by the Blue Devils only to see hundreds of jovial students ignoring the warmth of their dorm rooms and apartments to get a seat for the Carolina game.

But it was obvious from the smile on Sendek's face that he is thankful for the fans.

With TV lights shining and the students crammed up near the doors of Reynolds, Sendek spoke to the crowd, and thanked them.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart, the very bottom of my heart," Sendek said. "I know we're not where we ought to be, but I want to let you know that we are doing everything we can to get us back there."

The crowd obviously believed the first-year coach, answering with shouts of "We believe you, Herb!" and "Show us the way!"

"Like a well-trained politician, Sendek continued thanking the students.

"When they talk about the great student bodies in the nation," Sendek said. "I don't want there to be any question which one is the best."

"The louder you guys are in Reynolds Coliseum, the better our team plays."

"But we need you now more than ever. We need the left side to get coordinated with the right side. We need one side of the coliseum in sync with the other side, so that there's without a shadow of a doubt that we have the best fans in the nation."

Unless you are heartless, it's hard not to feel optimistic about Sendek and his program. He has a hell of a recruiting class coming in (basically, it's a whole new team), and he'll probably have the prospective ACC Rookie of the Year, Damon Thornton, for three more seasons. Even though the Pack is 1-10 in the ACC, there is still a fog of optimism hovering over West Raleigh. If anyone can sense it, it's Sendek.

As he left the throng of fans and walked around the side of the coliseum, one could hear the notice Sendek glance back a couple of times, as if in disbelief, as students continued singing the fight song on a cold February night, ready for Wednesday.

James Madison University Lail is a senior in Mathematics and currently wishes to circumnavigate the globe in some sort of kitchen appliance. Possibly a toaster oven. Any questions or comments can be sent to mail@sma.sma.ncsu.edu or call 515-2411.

Uneven bars cost State chance to win

■ The Wolfpack gymnasts led one go at the Governor's Cup in Chapel Hill.

BY JAMES CURLE
STAFF WRITER

How quickly things can change. The Wolfpack gymnasts were in second place behind Towson State going into the final rotation at the Governor's Cup on Sunday, looking to take possession of first. But the Pack had to finish strong in an event that has been their Achilles heel all year long, the uneven bars.

Once again the State gymnasts could not hit on the event.

Five out of the six Pack gymnasts fell during their bars routines, including tri-captains Liz Berenstein and Stephanie Wall. As a result only one gymnast scored higher than Wall's 9.1, with Lauren Massuro posting a 9.55.

The combined score of 45.475 was one of the Pack's worst

performances this season, knocking the Pack from second to last.

"We definitely struggled," tri-captain Heather Cicero said. "We had to count six falls, I think, which definitely hurt us."

"On bars we kind of self-destructed, I guess," Bernstein added. "I don't know why. It just happens sometimes."

The meet started well for the Pack. The Wolfpack began with what has traditionally been their strongest event, the balance beam.

"They started us on beam, which is supposed to be the hard event," coach Mark Stevenson said. "You're supposed to get in the flow, then go to beam and hit. We went up and hit on beam cold. We did a great job here."

Wall continued her success on beam with a score of 9.85, good enough for first place on the event. It was Wall's fourth consecutive first-place finish on beam this year. Sophomore Stephanie Flanagan also scored big for the Pack on

beam, finishing second on beam overall. Injuries took their toll once again on the depth of the Wolfpack gymnasts.

Missing from yesterday's lineup were all-arounders Ashley Hutsell and Jennifer Sommers. Their absence in the rotation noticeably hurt the overall score of the Pack.

"Ashley's a 9.9 on vaulting, a 9.75-9.8 on beam and we're just missing her," Stevenson said. "Her 9.9-9.85 on vaulting we're replacing with a 9.3 or 9.4. That's a half of a point we're missing in our team score alone."

For the second year in a row the State of Maryland edged out the State of North Carolina in the Governor's Cup, a competition between four gymnastic teams from the two states. The State of Maryland, comprised of the teams from Towson State and the University of Maryland, took the

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Men's swimmers and divers get win over UNC

■ It's an upset special for the men's team against UNC.

BY JENNIFER TAYLOR
STAFF WRITER

Facing the eyes of a challenging meet, the N.C. State Swimming and Diving team split Friday evening at Carmichael Gymnasium. The Carolina Tarheels, 79-164, the No. 23 Wolfpack men topped No. 12 Carolina 135-108.

"Our main focus tonight was to compete good and improve ourselves," head coach Scott Hammond said.

The N.C. State men's swimming and diving teams won nine out of 13 events on Friday night. Phil Hardin came in at 20.90 to win the 50 freestyle. Hardin (46.67) came in behind teammate J.J. Marus (45.45) for second place in the 100

freestyle. Carlos Santander captured first in the 200 freestyle coming in at 1:38.98. Magnus Ohlsson (1:53.06) and teammate Kevin Pehola (1:56.23) came in first and second respectively in the 1650 freestyle.

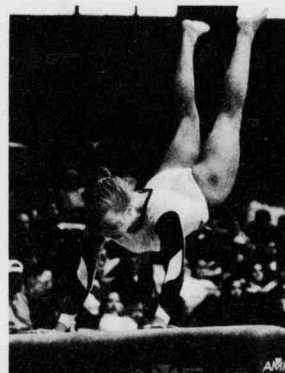
In the 200 individual medley, Will Coenen (1:53.00) came in first followed by Stephen Harrison (1:53.06). The 400 medley team; Aaron Swartzman, Harrison, Mark Wolfenden, and Greg Phillips; came in second behind the Carolina team at 3:26.87. The 400-freestyle relay team of Marus, Hardin, Brandon Walts, and Santander came in first in the 400 freestyle.

The Wolfpack's Todd Smith and Kevin Cutts took first and second respectively in both the one-meter and three-meter diving events. "The women are going to have a tough time today; they're competing against the 11th best team," Hammond said before hand.

Although the women had a hard time contending against Carolina, they won both diving events and came in second in three swimming events. Shelly Cavaliere and Korney Schell came in first and second, respectively, in the one-meter and three-meter diving events.

Jessica Kelly came in a close second in the 200 individual medley at 2:10.69. Gina Galligan (2:26.31) came in second in the 200 breast stroke. The 400 medley relay team of Lauren Copan, Gina Galligan, Elizabeth Maguire, and Betsy Baker came in second.

Having finished their season, the Wolfpack swimming and diving teams will be participating in several championships and invitational. The Women's ACC Championships will be held in Chapel Hill on February 20-22, followed by the Men's ACC Championships.



GLENN ARNEY/STAFF

You're looking at the definition of a first-place vault, courtesy of N.C. State junior Stephanie Wall. The win on the beam for Wall was her fourth in as many meets for the Pack gymnastics team.

Cavs continue dominance

■ The Wolfpack Women dropped their 15th straight to UVa.

BY K. GAFFNEY
STAFF WRITER

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Sometimes desire is outweighed by intense physical rage.

N.C. State's women's basketball team took the floor last night in Charlottesville looking to avenge a 64-62 home court loss to the University of Virginia earlier in the year, but the Cavaliers' rough and tough style of full court play smothered the State offense and baffled the Pack defense, allowing the Wahoons to run away with a 91-66 victory.

"We just met a red-hot team tonight," State coach Kay Yow said. UVa started early, as Monick Foote grabbed the opening tip, and dished to Rene Robinson for the opening basket.

The on-the-ball defensive pressure of the Cavaliers was too much, and turnovers plagued the Wolfpack. Toria Suber and her Virginia teammates wasted no opportunity to run up the score, racking up 24 points off of turnovers, 17 coming in the first half alone.

"We just didn't step up tonight," State center Chastity Melvin said. "We wanted this, we knew that we could do it, but no one stepped up tonight."

Mimi McKinney, who scored

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Drive

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a merciful end, there was a resounding theme echoing throughout the press conference.

And it sounded eerily familiar to the request made by a former Wolfpack coach to not only his players but to everyone. Don't give up.

"There's not a whole lot you can do. There's no magic, there's no stardust you can just sprinkle out there to make things better instantaneously," Sendek said. "You just gotta keep competing, keep playing hard, and doing the best you can."

And that State did, in a hostile environment. The Pack still played, despite a stretch of six times down the court where the Blue Devils buried six straight threes.

There was the play of Damon Thornton, ACC Rookie of the Year halfway through the season, who registered a double-double (ten points, ten rebounds), including two of the fiercest slam dunks you'll ever see.

Justin Gainey, who again turned in a solid performance, one where he turned the ball over to Duke

twice in 37 minutes of action.

And surprising Luke Buffum and freshman Andre McCullom, the two who came off the bench to contribute eight points and four rebounds.

"Both guys did some good things on some possessions, both guys were put in tough situations given there previous amount of playing time," Sendek said. "One of the few times the guys played this year, this wasn't exactly the venue you'd choose."

"I wouldn't say that we were feeling helpless," guard Ishua Benjamin said. "Their shots were falling and anything we tried to do, it seemed like everything just went right for them."

"We just have to keep playing hard."

No excuses. No finger-pointing. No blaming the outcome on the absence of C.C. Harrison. Just keep playing hard, period.

"I would hope that we don't have to rely on tough losses to motivate us," Sendek said. "We want to be self-motivated all the time."



ADAM CURRY/STAFF

Things are still looking up for the Wolfpack, despite the loss.

Cavs

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Virginia's final four points to down the Pack in the first meeting of the season, killed the Pack from the outside, drained three shots from the outside, and pulling down three rebounds in just eight minutes of play in the first half.

Lyschale Jones closed out the half driving the length of the court and laying a shot up to bring the score within 10 points.

Chasty Melvin scored 14 points in the first half, leading the Pack's inside attack. State got no offensive production for its backcourt, other than six points from Jones and a Jennifer Howard stop-and-pop trey.

State started strong in the second, taking advantage of two misguided Cavalier passes and scoring five points in the first minute.

But UVa knocked State off the comeback trail before the Wolfpack ever really got turned around.

Behind senior Tora Suber, Virginia outscored the Pack 27-4 in the next nine minutes, and pushed the lead to 28 at one point.

"I know that we played some of our best minutes in that half," Virginia coach Debbie Ryan said. Before the game, Ryan was honored for the 20 years she has spent as the Cavaliers head coach.

Suber was all over the court, picking up 23 points, five assists, three rebounds, and three steals in 35 minutes for Virginia.

Foote posted 22 points and 10 rebounds, and added three blocks, two steals and two assists.

"We just didn't begin to do what we needed to do," Yow said about State's defense on Suber and Foote.

Chasty Melvin gave a big time performance in the paint for State, matching Suber's 23 points, and pulling down nine boards. Melvin played 37 minutes for the Pack, despite collecting her fourth foul with 11:16 left in the first half.

"Chasty had a great game under the circumstances," Yow said. "I thought she posted hard all day, she hit the boards, and worked hard for position, but scoring wise, we didn't have the help."

Katie Smrcka-Duffy collected a game-high 12 rebounds, and added 12 points to the Pack's losing effort.

Duke

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hasn't decided to fold up the tents yet, especially with the Heels coming to town.

"You gotta keep playing," Sendek said. "I think Carolina is playing as well as anybody in the country. They've really come together."

Tip-off is at 9:00 and will be broadcast by Jefferson-Pilot sports on WRAL-TV, channel 5 and the game is sold-out.

Governor

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competition with a total score of 385.125. The State of North Carolina, made up of the Pack and

the Tar Heels from UNC-Chapel Hill, completed the meet with a score of 383.025.

Finishing positions for the individual teams were Towson State, first; UNC-CH, second; University of Maryland, third; N.C. State, fourth.

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Wolfpack Notes

■ Elliott Avent's stint as State baseball coach begins on a sour note.

SPORTS STAFF REPORTS

Pack swept in baseball action
Florida Atlantic University swept N.C. State's baseball team in a three-game series this weekend in Boca Raton, Fla. State (0-3) had received national ranking votes going into the series, the first series of the season for the Wolfpack.

FAU's Mick Celli belted three home runs on Friday night and netted five RBIs in the 10-7 victory. State's Brett Black took his first loss on the mound for the season.

The Wolfpack took a commanding 8-2 lead Saturday, but FAU scored eight runs in the seventh and eighth innings to take control of the game. State scored two in the ninth, but with one out and two on, Billy Brown hit a three-run homer to give FAU the 14-12 victory.

FAU opened the final game of the series with two runs in the first and added a run in the fifth and the seventh, and four in the eighth behind a three-run homer by freshman John Edward Raffo.

Brent Jones picked up his first loss of the season in the 8-2 FAU victory.

The Pack travels to Charleston, S.C., this weekend to play Charleston Southern on Saturday, and then UNC-Charlotte on Sunday.

Men's swim team continues to roll

The N.C. State men's swimming and diving team continued its hot streak Saturday, defeating in-state foe UNC-Wilmington, 155.5 to 87.5. The Wolfpack women's team wasn't as fortunate, just falling to the Seahawks, 124 to 119.

All in all, State's men won 10 of the 13 events.

State's Jon Wright won the 1000 meter freestyle with a time of 9:55.49. In the 200 freestyle, the Pack's Kevin Pehola won with a time of 1:45.26.

In the 50 freestyle, Phil Hardin won with a 21.21 time, while Carlos Santander won the 100 freestyle and Magnus Ohlsson won the 500 freestyle.

In other scores, Todd Smith won the three-meter diving competition, and Will Coenen won the 100 breaststroke.

In women's action, State was able to win seven of the events, with Leigh Ann Coldwell taking the 1000 freestyle with a time of 10:43.71.

Cindy Schuster took the 200 (1:56.56) and also the 100 butterfly (58.91). Schuster also won the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:11.39.

Volleyball signs two

State coach Kim Hall has signed two recruits for the Wolfpack volleyball team. Lisa Liberi and Meredith Price will join the Pack line-up in 1997.

"They both will fill some holes for the team and have a positive impact that is sure to make waves in the Atlantic Coast Conference," Hall said.

Liberi is a 6-foot-1 outside hitter from Mount Lebanon High School in Pittsburgh, Pa. She was a member of the AAA all-state team, and was named first team all-state her senior season.

"When Lisa came for her official visit," Hall said, "she fell in love with N.C. State and its campus. She has tremendous potential and we are very excited to see what she will bring to the team."

Price, a 5-foot-11 middle hitter from Ellicott City, Md., joins the Pack from Centennial High School where she was captain and most valuable player on a team that won state championships in 1993, 1994 and 1996.

She also won player of the year honors from the Baltimore Sun and the Howard County Times.

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Ice flows may mask moon's warmer interior

■ Photos reveal tectonic activity on Europa.

By ROBERT LEE HOTZ
LOS ANGELES TIMES

PASADENA, Calif. - New images of Jupiter's frozen moon, Europa, released Friday by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, reveal a barren, blasted landscape scarred by flows from ice volcanoes and torn by grinding tectonic plates.

The unusually detailed images of Jupiter's largest and closest moon were taken by the space probe Galileo when it flew within 430 miles of the moon's surface last month, more than 200 times closer than the Voyager 2 spacecraft did in 1979.

"This is the first time we have seen ice flows on the Jovian (bodies); in fact, perhaps on any planetary surface in the outer solar system," said Ronald Greeley, a member of the Galileo imaging team from Arizona State University.

Researchers said the images appear to bolster the possibility that Europa's icy

surface harbors a potential haven for the development of life, researchers said, because the ice flows are evidence that the moon's interior can generate enough heat to melt ice and release water.

Some scientists suspect Europa's forbidding surface may mask a large underground ocean heated by volcanic vents. If so, conditions around the vents might be favorable for the chemistry of life. On Earth, such deep-sea vents on the ocean floor are fertile spawning grounds for exotic forms of terrestrial life.

"These new images demonstrate that there was enough heat to drive the flows on the surface. Europa thus has a high potential to meet the criteria" for the development of life, Greeley said. "It is a far stretch from being definitive. We don't know the timing (of the ice flows) and we don't know how extensive this upwelling may be. This is a small sampling of the planet."

The images also show that the age of Europa's surface varies dramatically. Some areas appear to be relatively young, with few



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The ice-rich surface of Europa suggests that the flows might have erupted onto the surface as viscous, glacier-like masses.

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New technology may force upgrades

■ The new year brings new technology to the home.

By RON HUNTER
STAFF WRITER

Technology, like fashion, is constantly changing.

That is especially true in 1997, as the computer industry continues to develop applications that promise to make last year's technology look like child's play.

A lot of the new stuff revolves around the use of personal computing and communications, as

well as the Internet and the opportunities it offers. As every sophomore finds out in CSC 200, using the Internet is easy. Yet, surfing the net and having a homepage are only the tip of the iceberg.

Most of the cool technology deals with ergonomics and multimedia packages. Two examples of this are the Compaq Presario 3000 series and the IBM Aptiva. The Presario features a one piece monitor/console with built in speakers, while the Aptiva offers software options which can run

your household appliances and lighting automatically. Both units are loaded for multimedia since a CD-ROM and plenty of RAM comes standard.

The only down side to all this technology is the price tag. These systems start at about \$2000, with some prices reaching \$3500. However, there are other options. It is possible to purchase a new 586 mother board with the tower case that houses it for around \$200. This allows a reasonable upgrade of the existing system, at least for those who are not afraid of cracking the

seal on the hardware and performing the installation themselves.

One of the more radical evolutions of the computing industry is the promise of a combined television and computer which would access the Internet through existing cable connections. A demo of this system is already being used in some parts of Ohio. Along the same lines, Phillips Magnavox has introduced a system capable of Internet access and E-mail.

A lot of the market for new, high-RAM systems with the 150

megahertz-plus CPUs are driven by the new generation of 32 bit software. This has become the new standard, thanks to Microsoft Windows 95, which is pre-loaded onto most of these new systems.

The word in the industry is that a large percentage of the new systems are being purchased by businesses attempting to keep up with this new generation of software, which is an upgrade of the popular Windows 3.1 used by millions.

This could leave a glut of used systems available at reasonable cost for the general public. Most of the

gadgets emerging are simple hardware add-ons. Possible uses include using the computer for video editing, a voice mail system and allowing it to take a direct feed from any VHS video recorder. Most of these systems are in the one to two hundred dollar range.

Another turn that looks to be available for the personal computer user is video conferencing. Once only for the corporate board room, today's high speed modems and digital cameras allow the PC to be

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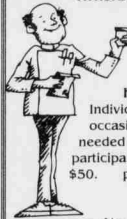
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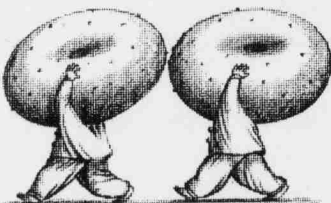
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Recent mistakes cause concern over aircraft

■ Two separate breakdowns in communications and procedures last week almost resulted in military-civilian aircraft collisions.

By DON PHILLIPS
THE WASHINGTON POST

Reported near collisions between civilian and military aircraft have decreased during the 1990's, and until last week only one report during the decade was considered serious enough to warrant an investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board.

But much attention has been paid to two reported encounters last week between F-16 fighters and commercial airliners, neither of which apparently involved a serious threat to life.

Nonetheless, at least one of those encounters — a Wednesday incident in which a military fighter eased up behind an airliner — raises serious issues such as how a breakdown in communications occurred among almost everyone involved, and why there was a failure to follow procedures.

The encounter adds credence to persistent civilian-pilot reports over the years that they are sometimes shadowed by military aircraft and even painted, or "thumped," by missile-targeting radar.

The Air Force has suspended flight operations in restricted zones — called coastal warning areas —

until all flying units have reviewed the applicable rules and regulations. The National Transportation Safety Board is attempting to determine which of those procedures were violated and by whom.

On Wednesday, a pilot-instructor eased his F-16 behind a Nations Air Boeing 727 as the jetliner descended toward a landing in New York, getting close enough to set off the airliner's electronic collision-avoidance system.

The 727 pilot then maneuvered sharply — at almost three times the recommended rate — and slightly injured two flight attendants and a passenger. It is unclear why the F-16 pilot approached the airliner, as well as why the 727 pilot took such abrupt evasive action.

On Friday, the pilot of an American Eagle SAAB 340 reported that four F-16s came too close while crossing his flight path, three above and one below. He said he would file a "near midair collision" report.

In neither the Wednesday nor the Friday incident did lives appear to be in danger. While no determination will be made until completion of the investigation, it is possible that the Wednesday incident did not fit the classic definition of a "near midair collision," and the Friday report may have been an overreaction by the civilian pilot.

The FAA's definition of a near midair collision cautions that pilot reports may be influenced by the

flight crews' "heightened alertness... because of publicity surrounding a near, or actual midair collision."

The agency also cautions that "a report does not necessarily involve the violation of regulations or an error by air-traffic controllers, nor does it necessarily represent an unsafe condition."

The term "near collision" conjures up visions of planes almost clipping wings, but most reports involve far less dangerous situations.

Reported near collisions involving military and civilian aircraft have dropped dramatically in the 1990s. Pilots reported 23 near collisions between military aircraft and civilian airliners in 1990, but 14 in 1995. Reports involving military aircraft and smaller, general-aviation aircraft dropped from 127 in 1990 to 24 in 1995.

Until last week's incidents, only one of the military-civilian reports during this decade had been deemed serious enough for an investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board. According to computerized records dating to 1983, the safety board has investigated 11 reported military-civilian near collisions. The last was in 1990. Nine of the 11 involved airliners; two concerned smaller planes.

Each of those 11 reports appears to be more serious than either of the incidents last week that led to the Air Force's suspension of operations in training areas off the East Coast.

NATIONAL



NEWS

Poll: Clinton rates high, Gingrich low

■ Recent inquiries into Gingrich's honesty have lowered his public image, while Clinton and Congress gain popularity.

By DAVID LAUTER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Bill Clinton's popularity has soared to the highest levels of his presidency as a combination of good feelings about the state of the nation and support for his programs appears to be outweighing public concerns about how he financed his re-election, according to a new nationwide Los Angeles Times poll.

The Republican-controlled Congress also scores relatively good marks in the poll. But the public's good mood stops abruptly short of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. Large majorities have an unfavorable view of him and believe he should resign as

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Immigrant population growing rapidly in U.S.

■ With more than 5 million illegal immigrants, the governments on national and state levels must find solutions to this expanding problem.

By PATRICK J. McDONNELL
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A steady influx of illegal immigrants has swollen the United States' undocumented population to more than 5 million, approaching peak levels reached a decade ago before a government amnesty program drove the numbers down, according to new Immigration and Naturalization Service estimates released Friday.

California is by far the most popular destination of illegal immigrants, the INS found, providing a home for more than 2 million — 40 percent of the overall national total. Most settle in Southern California, officials said, cementing Los Angeles County's position as the national hub for illegal immigration.

Fully 6.3 percent of the California population is now undocumented, the INS said, compared to 3.7 percent in Texas, the state with the next largest total. Nationally, illegal immigrants compose 1.9 percent of the total population.

California Gov. Pete Wilson immediately seized on the numbers as evidence that the Clinton administration has been underestimating the impact of illegal immigration in the state — an assertion denied by the White

House. Wilson renewed his call on Washington to reimburse California for money spent on prisons, health care, education and other "crushing costs associated with providing services to illegal aliens."

The new estimates highlight the crucial role in immigration policy played by neighboring Mexico, the birthplace of 54.1 percent of all illegal immigrants now residing in the United States. Next on the list, but far behind, is El Salvador, 6.7 percent, followed by Guatemala, 3.3 percent, and Canada, 2.1 percent.

The new figures, billed as the most systematic government effort ever to count the nation's undocumented population, will likely help shape the contentious national debate over immigration and provide a baseline for future strategies at a time when Congress is considering new control measures. Agency analysts used INS and census data in devising the estimates.

"It's important to have a kind of reality check to the rhetorical guesses that have long been presented about the size of this population," said Hans Johnson, a demographer who has studied the issue with the Public Policy Institute of California, an independent private research group.

Estimates of the illegal immigration population have in the past fluctuated widely — at times between 2 million and 12 million — in a vivid illustration of how difficult it is to count a group that by definition is highly mobile and avoids official contacts.

Europa

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craters, while other areas are pocked with large craters and pits. The moon also is crisscrossed by a complex network of ridges, which may have been caused by parts of the moon's icy crust pulling apart.

So far, the probe has transmitted only one-third of the images it took of Europa. It began transmitting the remaining ones on Jan. 27.

Tech

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your own portal to face to face communication. The digital cameras run around \$100 for black and white and about \$220 for color. The necessary software costs about \$100.

One of the most Orwellian twists to the story of computing personal is the development of personal Microsoft LAN (Large

Area Network) devices that actually transmit some of their data through your flesh when you touch someone. This probably came off the drawing board as the high tech alternative to exchanging business cards at meetings. The "electronic signature" of every one that you shake hands with would be stored in a belt unit for downloading at a later time. This technology also promises to monitor your location within the office, so calls or data can automatically be forwarded to the location nearest you.

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WORLD NEWS

Ecuador without clear leader

German capital relocating to Berlin

■ **Complications in the difficult task of moving an entire government have pushed the completion date to the year 2000.**

By **MARY WILLIAMS WALSH**
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BERLIN — If everything had gone according to plan, Chancellor Helmut Kohl already would be working out of a gleaming new federal chancellery building here in Germany's once and future capital.

But creating new seats of government can be a lengthy process, and as things have turned out, Kohl just turned the first shovel of earth for the new chancellery last week.

The \$240-million building, Germany's equivalent of the White House, will take the form of a long, narrow bar running east to west, a shape and orientation meant to

symbolize today's connection between the formerly divided German states.

The government is still moving — but not readily. Seven of the 16 federal ministries will remain in Bonn after the move. And although the Federal Assembly is supposed to start holding plenary sessions in Berlin in April 1999, legislative work at the committee level will continue in Bonn into 2000.

The price tag for the move to Berlin is expected to exceed \$13 billion — a staggering burden at a time when Germany is paying to modernize the former East Germany and coping with the needs of a record number of unemployed. Germany's top budget-review agency, charged that bureaucrats are inflating the cost by using the move to empire-build.

Kohl said, "Berlin will be at the center of the future Europe, not on its edge," he said.

■ **3 officials claim to lead the country, while citizens rally in the streets and the crisis grows with no solution in sight.**

By **JUANITA DARLING**
LOS ANGELES TIMES

QUITO, Ecuador — President Abdala Bucaram maintained a tenuous hold on power here Friday night, daring his opponents to challenge his authority after protests in the capital left one person dead. Although three people claimed to be president of this small country, no one is clearly in charge.

Police used tear gas to turn back demonstrators who marched from Congress toward the National Palace Friday afternoon to demand that Bucaram, the president Ecuadorians elected last year, step down. A tear gas canister fatally wounded one young demonstrator.

The marchers were attempting to enforce Thursday's congressional vote to remove Bucaram from office. Congressional leader Fabian Alarcon, elected interim president by Congress, led the march.

After the demonstrators were halted, Bucaram left the National Palace where he had barricaded

himself after Congress' vote and boarded an airplane, provoking rumors that he planned to resign. However, on arriving in the coastal city of Guayaquil, his home town, he blew a kiss at a reporter and said, "I am still president."

At an impromptu news conference, he challenged Alarcon to come after him in Guayaquil.

"It is a very confusing situation," said Benjamin Ortiz, editor at the opposition newspaper Hoy. "The only thing that is certain is uncertainty."

That describes much of the six months since Alarcon's inauguration.

The antics of the quirky populist candidate who delighted voters with his off-key rock songs quickly wore thin when he continued them in office, analysts said.

He lunched at the National Palace with Lorena Bobbitt, an Ecuadorian famous for cutting off her American husband's penis. He promoted his CD "A Crazy Man in Love" by dancing on stage with scantily clad showgirls.

He was proud of his nickname — "El Loco," the Crazy One — and tolerated a similarly flamboyant style among his Cabinet ministers, one of whom became known for pistol-whipping his critics.

But the craziness was soon overshadowed by charges of corruption at levels shocking by even Ecuadorian standards.

News media questioned how much of the money from a presidential telethon to buy toys for poor children was actually spent on toys. They began to investigate the financing of his giveaway programs — from milk to telephone lines to backpacks for schoolchildren.

Business people traded stories of demands that they contribute to the president's political party in order to do business with the government. Newspapers published front-page stories alleging that Bucaram's teenage son threw a party to celebrate making his first million dollars.

The president responded by bashing his rivals and the rich, a tactic that proved successful during his campaign.

Late last month, Bucaram was notified that a political rival was suing him for slander because the president had accused him of stealing \$5 million from a highway construction project.

Then, on top of the craziness and alleged corruption, populist Bucaram last month announced an economic austerity program.

Bucaram inherited an economy

still reeling from a 1995 recession and liquidity crisis. Inflation was more than 25 percent a year, and the currency, the sucre, lost nearly one-quarter of its value in 1995.

To halt that slide and control inflation, Bucaram announced a classic free-market reform: raising the prices of government services and keeping down wages. Students and unions threatened a strike.

Even before the current crisis, analysts feared a run on the sucre if Bucaram faltered in his attempt to implement the unpopular program. As the crisis continued, pressure increased on the armed forces to take a stance, especially as apparently false rumors spread that Peruvian troops were pressing on the border.

"The armed forces are going to have to act as arbiters," predicted Ortiz. However, the military has resisted — and earned the praise of U.S. officials — apparently out of concern about reviving Ecuador's old image of a country with a propensity for coups d'etat and military rule.

As of Friday, each of the three leaders claiming to be Ecuador's president had outlined plans for consolidating his — or her — position.

Poll

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speaker in the wake of his recent reprimand for misleading the House Ethics Committee about his use of tax-exempt funds for political purposes.

With Congress beginning debate over a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, the public remains divided on the issue. Opinions are also sharply split on the long-term issues of how best to handle the financial problems of the Medicare and Social Security systems.

But on at least one budgetary issue, public opinion appears strongly on Clinton's side. By 56 percent to 38 percent, those polled agree with Clinton that Congress

should restore food stamps and other benefits to legal immigrants who now face a cutoff under the terms of last year's welfare reform law.

By 61 percent to 34 percent, the public has a positive view of Clinton's job performance — his previous highest approval rating in a Times poll was 58 percent when he was first sworn into office. By 43 percent to 34 percent, the public believes Clinton has better ideas than congressional Republicans for handling the country's major problems — the first time that has been true since the GOP takeover of Capitol Hill.

Asked to evaluate how Congress is doing its job, the public divides evenly, 46 percent to 46 percent. Self-described conservatives narrowly approve of Congress, which is dominated by conservative

Republicans, while nonconservatives disapprove by a small margin. Those marks, while not as good as Clinton's, are a sharp turnaround from the overwhelming disdain the public has expressed for Congress in the past.

Gingrich, however, lags far behind his fellow legislators. By 58 percent to 22 percent, the public has an unfavorable impression of him, with even conservatives viewing him negatively — 49 percent to 33 percent. By 60 percent to 35 percent, those polled believe he should resign as speaker. By 61 percent to 31 percent, the public rejects Gingrich's claim he has been singled out for censure because he is a conservative Republican, with only 47 percent of fellow conservatives agreeing. And by a huge 83 percent to 9 percent margin, those polled say Gingrich

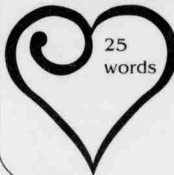
should use his own money, not campaign funds, to come up with the \$300,000 the House ordered him to pay as part of the punishment in his ethics case.

The Times Poll, supervised by acting poll director Susan Pinkus, interviewed 816 adults nationwide Feb. 5-6. The results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus three percentage points.

Those polled have few illusions about their elected officials: A 49 percent plurality does not believe either major party really wants to reform campaign finances, for example, and large majorities are skeptical about politicians' promises to work in a bipartisan manner, balance the federal budget or make great progress on major national problems.



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Clause will add equality

Student Senate resolution to protect gay rights should be approved.

A resolution was presented to the N.C. State Student Senate last Wednesday night which urges that a sexual-orientation clause might be added to NCSU's Non-Discrimination Policy. This resolution would allow a formal statement of sexual non-discrimination to be entered in the undergraduate catalog. The university's official position regarding the issue is similar to that expressed in the resolution. But it has yet to be printed in a medium which students and potential students have access to. This omission needs to be addressed. Homosexual students thinking of attending NCSU should know that they will not be turned away or harassed due to their sexual orientation, and others can be glad that they chose a school which proudly announces that it does not discriminate.

There will always be a few

students vehemently opposed to this clause, but it is in the university's best interest to adopt such a clause. It is already widely accepted that no one will be discriminated against due to their race, age, sex or national origin, so why not add sexual orientation to that list? Homosexuals are people too, and they have the right to attend a university without fear of harassment.

The senate resolution must be approved through all the proper channels as soon as possible. Steps to make it clear that everyone at NCSU shall be treated equally are steps in the right direction. For this university to move forward, resolutions like this must be passed to send a clear statement to the surrounding community. Pioneering students who are supporting gay rights by proposing this amendment should be applauded for their on-going struggle to help eliminate discrimination at NCSU. Their efforts must be continued through the approval of the resolution.

Bike safety important

Students should remember the importance of obeying bicycle rules.

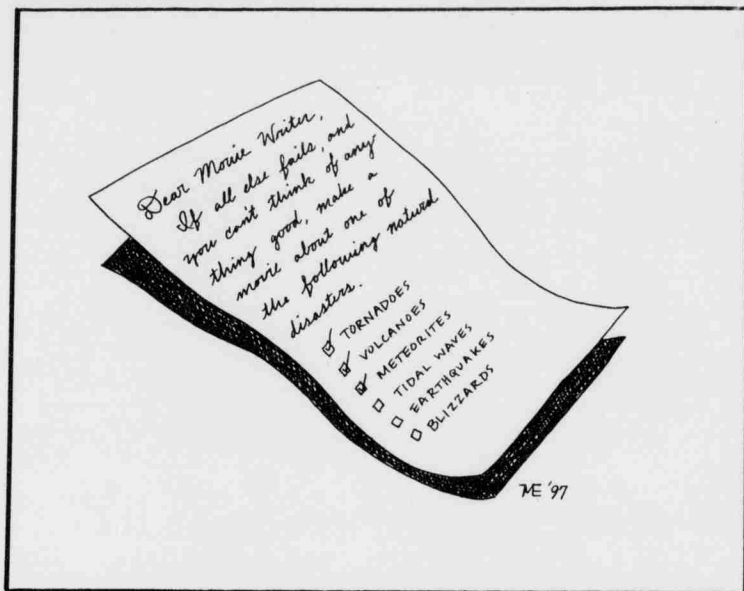
From the day we first sat on a tricycle, parents and guardians started to drill us about safety rules. Once we graduated to training wheels and then to a regular bike, we continued to hear the same old warnings about safety.

However, even after demonstrating their intelligence by completing years of school, many students still have not learned anything about the importance of bicycle safety. As a recent accident proved, many students don't wear helmets, nor do they obey simple traffic laws. Students feel like they have some sort of special "bicycle rights" when riding around

campus — which is definitely not the case. In fact, they should be even more careful due to the congested traffic conditions on and around campus.

Students should remember the rules that they obey while driving a car. They should also remember what it feels like to be the driver when a relatively slow object like a bicycle shoots out in front of them. It is difficult for a driver to stop for the bike, even if it does have the right of way.

It all boils down to common sense: bikers need to be extremely careful. Ignoring bike safety and recklessly crossing streets can get you killed. Ask yourself if you are really in that much of a hurry the next time you are riding around campus and are cutting past cars. No tardy policy or meeting is important enough to get killed for.



Ebonics in the classroom helps expediate learning

Most N.C. State students have taken a foreign language class. A teacher fluent in both languages can teach while translating that language into the English equivalent.

Some people have deemed Ebonics, "[t]he voice of Black America," as a language that needs to be treated as described above. The Oakland, Calif. Unified School Board wants to help African-American students who speak Ebonics learn standard English by instructing teachers on how to speak Ebonics. The hope is that by knowing Ebonics the teachers will be better able to instruct their students and help them succeed.

The main question of the Ebonics debate is: should it be considered a separate language? Linguists define Ebonics as a hybrid of standard English and West African languages. There are criteria that define the differences between a dialect and a language. According to John Harris, three conditions are needed for a pidgin language, which is an attempt to fit the words and sounds of the new language into the basic mold and structure of a native language thus creating a new language. ("Northern Territory pidgins and the origin of Kriol," 1986). These are:

- restricted access to the target language (in this case standard English).
 - lack of effective bilingualism.
 - need to communicate.
- Once these conditions are met, a pidgin develops into a Creole language, one with expanded grammar, vocabulary and that functions as a native language when it's widely used and is the first and only language of a speech community. An example is Gullah, a Creole language with West African and English features. It has been identified as a legitimate language, but many consider Ebonics a dialect even though it fits these criteria.

Ebonics has a structure, grammar and vocabulary all its own, which is why many people consider it a language. Comparing it to a Southern dialect would be like comparing apples to trucks. The Southern dialect uses the same structure as, say, a Northern dialect. The main difference between the two is that they pronounce words differently.

Ebonics has a unique grammatical structure, such as the indication of habitual action through using the form "be" as a verb (He be hollering at us) and turning a word into its opposite (goodbadly). With the different grammar, vocabulary, and structure, Ebonics can be considered a language. (All these facts are courtesy of Joycelyn

Should Ebonics be taught in schools?

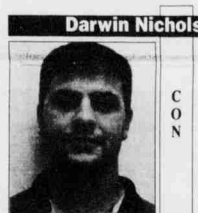


Nicole Bowman
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If Ebonics is a language unto itself, should it be taught in schools as a foreign language? Creating an English as a second language (ESL) program for African-American students would be justified if Ebonics was globally recognized as a language, instead of a dialect. Some children in ESL programs may have lived in the United States all their lives, but grew up in homes where English wasn't spoken. They also may be immigrants.

ESL programs for students who speak Ebonics would work the same way as those for any other foreign language. Teachers would understand Ebonics and help students understand the difference between their language and standard English. Once this is done, students should have learned in which situations the use of Ebonics is appropriate and which is not. As for all ESL classes, standard English will not be a substitute for Ebonics, rather another language which must be understood in order to communicate with those who do not speak it.

It is recognized that standard English must be learned by people to advance in the competitive job market. Also, if you can speak more than one language you have a considerable advantage over competitors who don't. People who speak Ebonics can have an advantage over those who don't. However, if they don't speak standard English, they are at a considerable disadvantage. These are reasons why Ebonics



Darwin Nichols

In today's job market competition is fierce. The job market of tomorrow will be even fiercer. In order to succeed in this country's service oriented economy, a person must possess exceptional communication skills. The person who wants to succeed must be able to communicate effectively both verbally and non-verbally.

They must also be able to present ideas and topics for discussion in a clear, concise and well-written form. If a job applicant cannot complete these simple tasks for a prospective employer, then he or she stands very little chance of obtaining a high paying and rewarding job. Effective communication skills are essential in today's world, because the

person who holds the key to life-long success. That is why I can't understand why a person or group of people would want to jeopardize the future of thousands of young, innocent lives. These lives have potential to become productive and successful. These are lives that have yet to get off the ground and learn to fly. To undermine the learning potential of hundreds of thousands of children and to deteriorate the quality of education that they receive is inexcusable. That is exactly what will happen if this Ebonics fad isn't nipped in the bud.

The proponents of this fad want the world to believe that black children in California cannot receive the same quality of education that their white counterparts can without recognizing black slang as a full-fledged language. Don't whites and blacks sit in the same classrooms and listen to the same teachers together? Don't whites and blacks

Teaching Ebonics is a way to get more federal money

sitting in class together get the same homework assignments and learn the same multiplication tables? Don't whites and blacks learn the same alphabet together? They do. When I was coming along through school, I was taught the same material that blacks were taught by the exact same teachers in the same class. We learned our multiplication tables together. We learned our ABC's together. We went to the library and listened to the same story books. We were treated as equals and we both had equal opportunities to learn as much as we could.

The so-called "white man's" English is not the root of the problem. Standard English is a mode of travel for ideas and concepts that has been around for centuries. In this country, standard English is the preferred and expected way to communicate and express one's self. The business world and educational system use this form of English. Politicians use it and so does our judicial system. It is crucial that everyone in this country be able to master standard English in order for us all to communicate our wants and needs to other people effectively.

If someone chooses not to master English, it results in the equivalent of social suicide. If an entire class of people choose not to master this form of language then it results in social genocide.

Every part of this vast country has its own dialect. Where I grew up, we all spoke a slow, methodical Southern drawl mixed with tinges of our Appalachian heritage. But it was English. In New York, some people speak rapidly with bits and pieces of heavy Italian or German accents thrown in for good measure. But, nonetheless, it's English. In Montana, where roofs are called "truffs" and creeks are called "cricks," it's still English.

A different dialect does not constitute a different language. If that were the case, then there would need to be tens of thousands of different languages taught in our schools so that everybody's education was custom tailored to their locality and socio-economic situation.

This whole Ebonics fad is simply an attempt to wring more money out of the federal government. The people that are responsible for this movement should be taken out behind the barn and hewn up. It appalls me to think that there are people in this country that will try to further their own feeble agendas while trampling on children's needs. All children need to be taught how to speak and write standard English in order to

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Proposal will make school affordable

The number of students who graduate from high school and go on to college is now at 60 percent — that's over half who need money. I'm sure many of you are familiar with the feeling of pressure when you think about tuition, room and board, books and just day-to-day living expenses. How can you possibly pay for it all?

The cost of college is also soaring — tuition rates double at twice the rate of inflation. N.C. State already experienced a \$400 dollar tuition hike last year. Many students just don't know who or where to turn to for the extra cash. As most have learned by the time they are old enough to attend college, money doesn't grow on trees. That's why the nation's college students are \$24 billion dollars in debt.

President Bill Clinton's new college aid plan could help all this. He wants to provide fantastic new availability to higher education in the United States. Every person genuinely needs a college education to succeed. Many companies move their operations overseas to lower wage workers, or U.S. workers lose their jobs to people who possess a college degree.

The center of Clinton's plan is a tax credit or "Hope Scholarship" which would refund up to \$1,500 dollars to families in each of the first two years their child attends



CHRISTINE OLDHAM

college and makes a grade of "B" or better. Alternatively, families could opt to deduct up to \$10,000 from their taxable income for each student in college. Also, Clinton wants to increase the size of the Pell Grant program, which pays the tuition costs of 3.6 million students. Soon, attending two years of college could be as normal as going to high school.

However, as with any plan, there are doubts. Some feel colleges would get greedy and raise prices even more, or pressure professors to raise grades so students could stay in school. And, the Internal Revenue Service would have to go to the trouble of collecting academic transcripts at tax time. Also, what is an "A" at one school could be a "C" at another, which

could prompt many students to attend schools where they were guaranteed an "A".

This plan also doesn't do much to benefit the very poor, who don't pay much in taxes anyway. Several billion dollars, however, have been shifted from Hope Scholarships to Pell Grants, raising the number of students eligible and raising the maximum grant.

On most campuses, loans have become the dominant form of aid. Some may have heard about the program for high school students planning to attend college in Georgia. Funded by a state lottery, it gives students who graduate with a "B" average or better free tuition and a book allowance at any public university in the state for four years. For a private school, students can receive a \$3,000 grant.

That would be a great incentive for attending college and playing the lottery — two great things in one. Even if you were in a five-year program, the four years would be more than long enough to save up the tuition for one more year.

So, what does this all mean to you? Well, I for one think every student on campus better be glad there is a Democrat in office. Besides the whole tobacco issue, Clinton is working with what most people our age are concerned with — and he's helping, not hurting, as

Reagan did in the 80's when he cut loans and forced many students to leave school.

Many of you are probably thinking, "No, I'm angry my taxes are going up for these freeloaders!" Maybe your parents are paying or you are on a scholarship. You, too, should be grateful for this new form of aid — without it, your roommate or your best new college buddy, boyfriend or girlfriend could be gone next semester.

Also, students who don't receive any form of aid except loans do pay it back, despite all these supposed credit defaulters out there. Not only do they pay it back, they do so with interest. In addition to that aspect, there's the fact that most jobs in the United States require some sort of a college degree in order to make a wage. The more people with a college degree now, the fewer people with low-paying wages who have to go on welfare later.

Clinton's new college aid plan, while it has many faults, is going to help many students get to school and stay in school. Some of these students attend NCSU. Be glad that the government is working on the students' behalf. Someday, you could be struggling to put your children through college and be glad for any financial help.

The Campus FORUM

Letter proves that education is needed

I must express my extreme disappointment in Matthew Hamby's Campus Forum letter on Friday, Feb. 7. In it, Hamby likened Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians, and Allies (BGLA) to the revolting idea of the imaginary organizations "N.C. State Serial Killers or the NCSU Federation of Rapists." For Hamby to equate a consensual-emotional bond between two adults with the non-consensual act of murder is absurd and extremely offensive to me. There is no comparison between social/sexual preference and imposing death or unwanted sexual pressure on someone. Where Hamby got the idea that these are equivalent, I have no idea.

After reading Hamby's misperceptions of BGLA, I realized that there is much work to be done in educating the public of the concerns of non-heterosexuals. I once saw one of my best friends, Kevin Neaves, viciously assaulted, orally and physically, in the Free Expression Tunnel simply because the assailant thought Kevin might be gay. I know the importance of funding BGLA, as a student organization, to help educate the public and break down such horrible misconceptions that Hamby and others may unfortunately harbor toward the gay community. I hope to see Hamby educating himself at the numerous activities that BGLA will be sponsoring during Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week in mid-February. Additionally, I invite Hamby and any others who have concerns to contact me and I will be more than happy to discuss equality issues with them.

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Group part of student community too

If Matthew Hamby thinks I misconstrued his letter, then he sure did a wild job on mine! When talking about the money Student Senate granted Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies (BGLA), he acts as if we've stolen it from the student community. Well, I must remind Hamby that we are part of the student community too — we pay just as much tuition and fees as everyone else. Yet, we don't complain when student groups we disagree with ask the senate for money, do we?

Which brings me to the second problem. I'm having with Hamby's letters. He still is determined that his view against homosexuality is the only view he (or God) has. Well, I'd like to give this fellow Christian a wake-up call. This view of his in which he takes the literal interpretation (the same kind that says shaving your sideburns is a sin while slavery is okay) is becoming less and less prevalent in modern Christian denominations. Many churches, including the United Church of Christ, the Episcopalian Church, the Anglican Church, the Moravian Church, and some Lutheran, Methodist, and Baptist churches are among a growing number that reject the notion that homosexuality must be a sin.

As far as the legal part is concerned, homosexuality is not illegal. Anal or oral sex, whether it be done by gays or straights, is illegal in half of the country. The other half of America, as well as much of Europe, has given up this out-dated, privacy-infringing law, that both gays and straights oppose. This just goes to show how educating yourself can shed a different light on the subject. Such awareness of issues is exactly what BGLA intends to do here at N.C. State. We want people to know the facts, plain and simple.

By the way, next time Hamby, spell my name correctly. Thanks!

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must be recognized in the classroom. If students can learn to speak standard English early, they have a better chance of retaining it and practicing it in the future. When this happens, the opportunities for a bright and better future multiply.

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succeeded in today's business world. Instead of pouring money into new language programs, the federal government ought to do something constructive like buy new textbooks or increase teacher salaries. The next time you are out looking for a job tell the recruiter, "I be needin' one of dem application things," and see how far you get.

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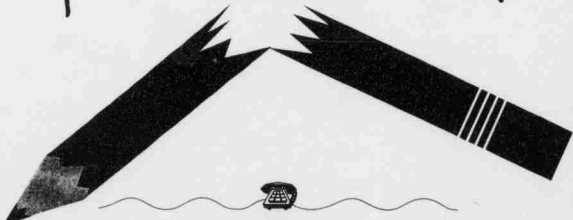
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