

Medical school Expo to be held

The Deans of Admission from every North Carolina medical school will be speaking on Saturday, Feb. 22nd from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Poe Hall.

Topics of discussion will include scholarship information and information regarding how to choose a MCAT program that is right for each individual.

Free refreshments will be provided.

The expo is being presented by the N.C. State PreMed/PreDent club.

N.C. State grad student receives Fellowship

Karen E. Harwell of Raleigh, a doctoral candidate in NCSU's Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, has received a \$6,000 Zonta International Foundation Amelia Earhart Fellowship for 1996-97.

The graduate fellowships are awarded annually through the Zonta International Foundation to women graduate students in aerospace-related sciences and engineering on the basis of academic excellence, scholarly achievement and faculty recommendations.

Symposium to focus on crime.

New York Times journalist Tom Wicker and former U.S. Senator Terry Sanford will be featured guests at N.C. State's Erika S. Fairchild Research Symposium, Feb. 27 and 28.

The program, "Crime and Community: Balancing Prevention and Punishment," is presented by NCSU's College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Wicker will deliver the keynote address at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27; Sanford will moderate a panel of distinguished national experts from 3 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28.

Both programs, free and open to the public, will take place in Stewart Theatre in the University Student Center on Cates Avenue.

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Heavy computer usage spurs memory upgrade

■ An increase in NCSU student computer usage has motivated a system upgrade.

By KRISTEN SPRULL
STAFF WRITER

Student computer memory quotas will increase significantly after Spring Break.

N.C. State's computer system allows a certain amount of default memory per student, and this quota will more than double from eight to 20 megabytes this semester.

The change reflects an increase in student usage of NCSU's computer system. Design and engineering students routinely run out of memory for the programs they run for their

classes, and many students use the majority of their quota to run web pages.

"The RAID technology allows more redundancy and makes file systems more reliable," Willis said. "The system being implemented uses seven hard disks, with five in constant use. Should one hard drive fail, the sixth is activated to restore the information, and the seventh acts as a hot swap drive to transfer the information to the failed sector."

With this system, "we should have no downtime if a single drive fails," Director of Computing and Informations Systems Charles Kneifel said.

Kneifel also said the entire system will be backed up nightly on magnetic tape, so that nothing will be lost in the event of a hard drive failure.

Another benefit of the new system is that students who inadvertently delete a file will be able to restore it more easily than before.

"This file space," said Willis, "is backed up and reliable, and you can get to it and put things on it and expect things to stay there."

The money to pay for the \$300,000 upgrade will be taken from student fees over the next four years.

"The money comes from the educational technological fee," explained Willis. "All students pay it."

The first phase of the change will take place over spring break, when the system will be moved to the high-availability redundant memory with faster servers. The second

phase will take place before summer sessions begin, when quotas will increase.

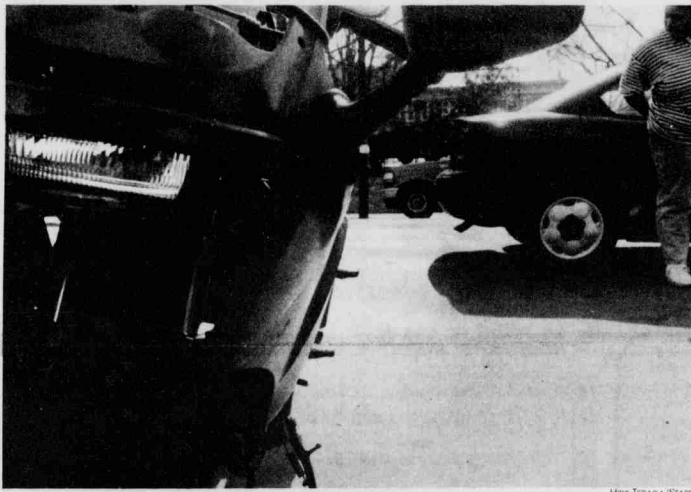
Although there were a few initial glitches in the new RAID system, operators have ironed them out and expect the implementation to go through with no problems.

"For almost two weeks now we have had a system up and running with a full load," said Kneifel. "We are quite confident with the new system."

Many students returning from spring break will not notice any difference in their on-campus computer service, Kneifel said.

"It may feel a little bit faster," Kneifel said. "But my goal would be that they didn't really notice the change."

Car, motorcycle collide



HIDE TERADA/STAFF



A motorcycle struck an automobile on Hillsborough Street in front of Starbuck's Coffee Thursday at 1:30 p.m. The motorcycle was traveling from downtown toward campus when it hit the parked car. No one was injured, but the Raleigh Police Department was called to the scene. The car suffered minimal damage. Damages to the motorcycle were more severe. Above, the owner of the car checks out a few scratches. Left, the motorcycle's owner stares disdainfully at his mangled bike while a Raleigh Police officer looks on from his patrol car.

CHASS sponsors Ebionics forum

■ Wednesday's forum outlined misconceptions about Ebionics.

By JENNIFER THOMPSON
STAFF WRITER

Every seat was filled in room G-111 Caldwell Hall Wednesday afternoon as people gathered to hear linguistic experts Walt Wolfram and Tracey Weldon hold a forum on the controversy surrounding Ebionics.

The "Hot Topics Forum," sponsored by the CHASS Office of Minority Affairs, was organized to explore the educational, political and social ramifications of the recent Oakland School Board decision to incorporate Ebionics into the classroom.

One issue raised by the controversy over Ebionics is the state of information in American society about dialect diversity, Wolfram said.

"Everyone has an opinion about Ebionics, because everyone has very strong beliefs about language, and these beliefs are as strong as beliefs about religion and morality," said Wolfram.

Another issue that is raised by the Ebionics controversy is the "fact that we have a severe educational lag," Wolfram said.

"Ebionics telescopes American education, what it's doing and what it's not doing," he said.

Wolfram said Ebionics also targets issues of language and race. The last issue raised by Ebionics is that of language and identity.

"Learning a language is not like learning other educational facts," Wolfram said. "When we learn a language, we learn an identity."

"To learn Standard English is to take on an identity," Wolfram said. Often this identity comes across as someone trying to "talk white," he said.

Wolfram recalled that during a recent interview, a radio announcer had referred to Ebionics as "corrupt English."

"No linguist would ever endorse the myth that Ebionics is corrupt English," Wolfram said.

Wolfram said the question now is what to do to replace the myths.

"We don't educate about the nature of dialect diversity," he said.

Weldon addressed the issues that generated the media controversy over Ebionics. One of these was the issue of Ebionics as a separate language.

Weldon said that the linguistic understanding was that "language and dialect exist on a continuum."

Other misconceptions that Weldon addressed were the myths about the African origin of Ebionics and the theory of a genetic base of Ebionics.

"Actually, there is a great disagreement between linguists about the origins of Ebionics," Weldon said.

Weldon denounced any genetic base. "What you speak is based completely on what you're exposed to," she said.

Weldon said the biggest misconception produced by the Ebionics controversy is the assumption that the Oakland School Board is now trying to teach Ebionics to teachers, who will in turn teach it to students.

"The goal is to teach students Standard English," Weldon said. "We can use Ebionics as a tool, as a guide to teaching Standard English."

The goal now is to "educate students in elementary schools about how language works, and how dialect diversity works," Wolfram said.

Traditional ways of teaching Standard English to students aren't working, he said.

Robbery motivates security upgrade

■ A student was robbed in front of Bragaw Hall Monday night.

By LEA DELICIO
STAFF WRITER

An armed robbery has caused an increase in security in the area around Dan Allen Drive.

According to Public Safety Sergeant Larry Ellis, the robbery occurred outside Bragaw's northwest corner on Feb. 17 at 1:05 am. A man approached a male student as the student was returning to his

dorm room. The man displayed a gun and demanded the student's wallet and jacket. By the time Public Safety arrived, the man had fled the area.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 26 years old. He is of medium build, about 5'11 and 160 pounds. He has short, dark hair cut above the ears. At the time of the robbery, he was wearing a black ski hat, a dark green t-shirt, and dark pants.

According to Ellis, Public Safety has no suspects at this time. They have checked the area where the incident occurred for

any evidence that might have been left behind.

Public Safety is also checking with other agencies to see if any similar events have occurred at other locations, Ellis said.

There have been no similar incidents around Bragaw lately, Ellis said. He also said the suspect is not believed to have struck anywhere else on campus.

Public Safety has been doing extra patrols around the Dan Allen area since the incident, Ellis said.

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Graduate school settles on expansive student benefit plan

■ NCSU's graduate school will offer benefits to many of its students next year.

By PHILLIP REESE
NEWS EDITOR

N.C. State's graduate school is trying to woo premier students by offering valuable enticements.

After months of deliberation, a new benefits package for graduate student Research and Teaching Assistants has been settled upon.

The package will waive tuition and provide free health insurance for many RAs and TAs.

The free health insurance plan many RAs and TAs will receive is a modified version of the plan all students can purchase from NCSU's Health Services. The plan will cover such things as emergency care, home health care and will feature \$1 million in catastrophic occurrence coverage. Graduate School Assistant Dean Robert Sowell said,

"The health insurance is doing what is right for the graduate students," Sowell said. "It is also attractive to graduate students, which

makes us more competitive."

RAs and TAs who receive the free health insurance might have to pay a maximum of \$2,000 for health situations that are not specifically covered by the health insurance, Sowell said. Last year, students who purchased the plan that RAs and TAs will receive for free might have paid up to \$8,000 for services that were not covered by the plan.

In order to be eligible for the free insurance, RAs and TAs must earn \$3,000 per semester. They must also take at least five credit hours per semester.

Incoming RAs and TAs will have to take at least nine credit hours per semester before they are eligible to receive the free insurance.

Many RAs and TAs will not have to pay tuition after the benefits package is in place.

Any incoming RA or TA who earns over \$3,000 per semester and registers for at least nine credit hours will not have to pay tuition next year, Sowell said.

RAs and TAs working on their master's degrees will not have to pay tuition for four

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New law worries many international students

■ A new immigration law implements stricter student visa requirements.

By AESHA RASHEED
THE OKLAHOMA DAILY (U. OF OKLAHOMA)

(U-WIRE) NORMAN, Okla. — A new harsher law aimed at curbing immigration violations has international students worried.

The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, signed into federal law in September, changed the penalties for students' visa requirements.

It states that immigrants can be barred from the United States for up to 10 years if they do not adhere to guidelines, said Oklahoma City immigration attorney Vance Winningham.

The legislation doesn't change the rules, but it makes the penalties for breaking them harsher.

"It's some of the meanest, nastiest legislation that has come down in years," he said.

An international student must remain in good standing with the university to keep a visa. To remain in good standing, international students must be enrolled as a full-time student, cannot work more than 20 hours per week and cannot hold an off-campus job unless approved by immigration, said Lee Savage, coordinator of International Student Services.

International students and immigration lawyers said the new penalties are too harsh and shouldn't be imposed on people who may not know the laws have changed.

Industrial engineering senior Somu Lakshmanan said the law should be made changed gradually. He said students who are breaking the rules out of ignorance should be given a second chance before they are forced to give up their education.

"Eventually, they have to tighten the rules but not all of a sudden without educating people first," he said. "As a foreign student, I urge them to reconsider this law."

The OU International Office is attempting to educate the OU campus before the law goes into effect April 1. Winningham will give impact sessions on Thursday and Feb. 25 for international students, faculty and staff to better inform them of the effects of the new law.

Lakshmanan said some of the penalty placed on students who work without permission should be placed on the employers who hire them illegally.

"In Singapore, if you employ me illegally, you will be punished — not just me," he said. "The American is hiring the international student because he will work cheap."

Sreedharan Muthusamy, manage-

ment information systems senior, who is an international student from Malaysia, said the rules are not too strict, but the new penalties are. "Ten years is way too much," he said. "Some student could be just a month or something from graduating, and he's told he cannot come back. If you cannot come back, it's all a total waste."

Oklahoma immigration lawyer Larry Davis said the new law is part of movement across the country to stop illegal immigrants from abusing the system.

Although Oklahoma has not historically had a problem with illegal immigration, it is caught up in the wave too, he said.

Lakshmanan said the law may harm America by curbing the number of immigrants who are willing to pay for an American education.

"People from my country will go to the U.K. instead," he said.

Ebonics

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"Kids who understand how dialects work will be better equipped to learn Standard English," Wolfram said.

Wolfram believes the Ebonics issue was addressed because of the need for teachers to recognize that their students spoke a different dialect.

Iyailu Moses, director of the African-American Cultural Center, attended the forum and said the real problem is that education has not valued what students bring to the classroom.

Wolfram agrees: Ebonics can be used to help promote proficiency in Standard English, he said.

"We can take what a person knows and use that as a resource to get them where [we] want them to be," Wolfram said. "We can use Ebonics as a bridge."

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semesters if they meet the above requirements. Doctoral students will not have to pay tuition for six semesters if they hold a master's degree.

The RA and TA benefit package is funded by an academic enhancement fund allocated to NCSU by the N.C. General Assembly and a tuition remission fund that already exists.

The number of RAs and TAs who

can be supported by the benefit plan is based on the number of RAs and TAs who earned over \$3,000 in the Fall of 1996. If more RAs and TAs earn over \$3,000 this fall, there will not be enough revenue to provide all of them with benefits.

Sowell said more revenue will probably be set aside for the benefits package in the future.

"This is to put the system into place," Sowell said. "We would expect to bring additional resources into this pool in the future so we could increase the head count of students."

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James Curle

CURLY FRIS



To hell with Dean

■ Have you ever noticed that Satan and Dean Smith are never seen at the same time? Coincidence? I think not.

I have a severe hatred for Carolina Basketball. Why, do you ask? Pull up a chair (if you're reading this while standing in line at the restaurant of your choice), and I'll tell you. The most obvious reason to hate Carolina is Dean Smith. Plainly put, Smith, to me, is the figurehead of all that is evil. Ok, so maybe that's a little strong, but you get my drift.

While growing up in the wilds around Fayetteville, I had to endure the endless rants and raves of UNC: how they had just won the ACC tournament, how they won the national championship and worst of all, how Les had dropped yet another game to the Tar Heels. Nothing ruined my day worse than to show up at South View High School (where the school motto is "Go to hell Terry Sanford that is, if you want to") the day after Dean laid a 20-point shacking on us. Invariably I—and the other six State fans at school—would have to endure the taunts from the UNC fans.

I'm sure you ran into quite a few growing up. How many times have you heard, "I liked the way you spotted us those 10 points right from the get go." Or how about, "Les really knows his stuff, don't he?"

Well, the man behind the madness, Dean Smith, has made himself an even graver enemy of mine in the past year.

While covering "Operation Basketball," a yearly press conference with the coaches of the ACC, I had the rare opportunity to meet Dean. Despite my hatred of the man, I was still taken by the myth. The man who had coached some of the NBA's most successful players was going to be sitting at the same table as myself.

But upon meeting him, I couldn't help but wonder one thing—what was the big deal?

The lone impression I got from the brief conference with Deano was that this guy doesn't give a damn. We tried to ask the man intelligent questions concerning the outlook of the coming basketball season, yet all he gave us was this vacant, lost-in-his-own-world, where-the-hell-are-my-Depends look, coupled with his one or two word answers. The last place on earth he wanted to be was there in Greensboro talking to us "lowly reporter types."

Well, Dean, maybe there is such a thing as karma. You know, the philosophy that says good deeds yield good fortunes, and vice-versa? I think years of aloofness towards the press has started to unravel the establishment of Carolina basketball. Granted the Tar Heels are on a roll, but the 0-3 ACC start is an encouraging sign for Wolfpack fans.

Who knows, maybe in a couple of years the McDonald's All-Americans will start looking over towards Raleigh and turn their attention away from Dean Smith's "cric-de-soleil" of wasted talent.

Know what, James Curle really digs ER, though. Any comments can be directed to his e-mail at james@sma.sca.ncsu.edu or call 515-2411. Go Eria La Salle!

Virginia is for basketball

■ Curtis Staples torches State for 26 points to lead Virginia to a 55-46 victory.

By J.P. Giglio
STAFF WRITER

If Wednesday night's game proved anything, it's that one of N.C. State's best halves of basketball was not good enough to overcome its worst.

Or it could simply be that if Curtis Staples gets hot enough, it doesn't matter what team he's playing, the Cavaliers are going to win.

Bolstered by Staples' 7-of-10 three-point shooting, the 6-foot-3 guard outscored the Wolfpack (10-13, 2-12 ACC) by himself in the first half, 21-17, to give the Cavaliers (15-11, 6-8) enough breathing room to barely withstand State's furious second-half charge and beat the Pack for the sixth straight time, 55-46.

Virginia managed only three field goals on 18 percent shooting in the second half. But Virginia's 19-point half, proved to be enough to pick up their sixth ACC win.

"We didn't always play well," Virginia coach Jeff Jones said. "Regardless, winning on the road makes us feel pretty good."

State felt better than good coming out for the second half. The Pack, made a 11-3 run to open up the second half, highlighted by Danny Strong's three-pointer that cut the once 19-point deficit to 10.

Five minutes later, another Strong three cut the margin to four at 40-36.

But less-than-stellar foul shooting plagued the Wolfpack time and time again down the stretch run. State managed only 6-of-13 free throws in the second half.

"We don't have the luxury to be successful with that kind of free throw shooting," State coach Herb Sendek said.

With State trailing by five, Jeremy Hyatt's three-pointer bounced off the back of the iron with 52 seconds left and the comeback officially ended.

C.C. Harrison, hero of Sunday's 60-59 win over Wake Forest, had other ideas about the loss.

"We're not a team that can get down by 19 points and try to make a big run," Harrison, who finished with 14 points, said.

Staples silenced a sold-out Reynolds Coliseum from the get-go with a troika of three-pointers in the first 2:38 of the game. Like the rest of his team, he was silenced in the second half, held without a three-pointer.



See Cavs, Page 7 > Jeremy Hyatt goes up for the shot, unfortunately the ball had a different idea.

State post-season hopes getting dim

■ Wednesday's loss deals a blow to N.C. State post-season chances.

By J.P. Giglio
STAFF WRITER

After beating then-ranked No. 2 Wake Forest on its home court, visions of post-season plums began dancing in the heads of N.C. State fans everywhere.

With three consecutive conference home games left on the schedule, a sweep into the ACC Tournament wasn't out of the question. Avoiding the play-in game for the first time in five years seemed to be a reality based on remaining games for Georgia Tech, Florida State and the Wolfpack.

Seven Curtis Staples' three-pointers and seven missed free throws later, N.C. State finds itself in an all too familiar position as the season winds down—last place.

"In the end, the final result may be pleasing to some, it may not be as pleasing to others," first-year coach Herb Sendek said. "As long as we can look in the mirror and say we've got nothing in reserve, we'll

"When the dust settles, I don't know what it's going to equate to, but people are going to know they were in a battle."

—Herb Sendek, N.C. State coach

at least be able to live with ourselves."

The loss is especially troubling to the seniors on the team. Even more so for Jeremy Hyatt and Jason Sutton, both of whom have been here for the last four seasons. In that time, State has not put together back-to-back wins in the ACC.

There is something to be said for Sendek's "day-night compartment"

motivation, that's evident in the way the team rebounded after the North Carolina loss to upset Wake. However, the lack of emotion at the beginning of Wednesday night's loss may have had something to do with taking one game at a time.

"No matter what you say, you're going to map out the games ahead of you," Hyatt said. "Hopefully we can string a couple of wins together and keep the season going."

In order to qualify for the National Invitational Tournament, State must be at least .500. With a 10-13 record, the Pack will need to win its next three games, all at home, in addition to at least its first game in the ACC Tournament, in order to qualify.

State has not been to the post-season since former coach Les Robinson's first season, 1990-91. That team, featuring Chris Corchiani, Rodney Monroe and Tom Gugliotta, made it to the second round of the NCAA Tournament before losing to Oklahoma State, 73-64.

True to form, Sendek isn't

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When Curtis Staples (right) wasn't lighting it up from beyond the arc, he was finding it just as easy to drive the lane in the first half.

UNC-Gee wiz, the Pack wins

■ In its first home game of the season, the State baseball team defeated UNC-G.

By A.S. Martin
STAFF WRITER

Spring-like weather and the ping of the aluminum bats were in the air on Wednesday for N.C. State baseball's home opener. The Wolfpack (3-3) was in top form as they handed UNC-Greensboro (5-1) their first loss of the season, in a 9-2 decision.

Starting Pack pitcher Kurt Blackmon (0-0) got off to a shaky start, giving the Spartans their only two runs of the game in the first third of the first inning. He was replaced by senior Clay Eason (1-0), who proceeded to strike out seven Spartans in his 5 2/3 innings on the mound.

Although he allowed only one hit this outing, Eason feels Wolfpack fans haven't yet seen his best stuff. "I didn't feel like I pitched my best," Eason said. "I didn't have my speed." The Pack batted around the lineup in the second, scoring seven runs and allowing left-fielder Brad

Piercy to hit for extra bases twice in the inning.

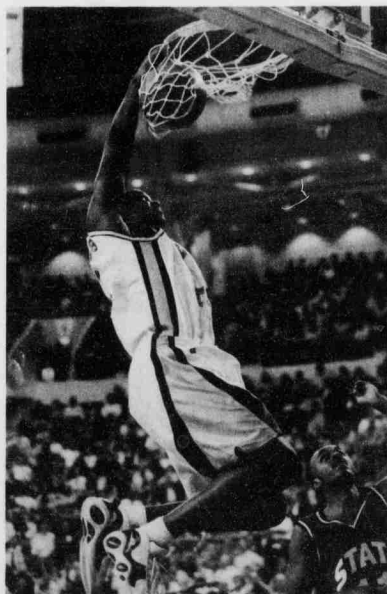
"We have a good hitting team, and I was fortunate to get two at-bats in one inning," Piercy said.

The marathon inning started with a double from Piercy, and designated hitter Craig Lee followed with a single. Matt Postell's sacrifice fly batted in Piercy, then third-baseman David Trexler singled. Senior Tom Sergio's first home run of the season knocked in Postell and Trexler.

Sergio, who hit .391 his sophomore year, had something of a slump during part of last season and let his average slip—all the way down to .317. He was moved from second base to centerfield to help him improve his concentration, but is now back at second, which is where he feels at home.

"I feel back on track," Sergio said. "I'm back in the flow at second base, and hits are falling where they should."

First baseman Luis Figueroa followed Sergio's homer with his own jack for the Pack.



See Baseball, Page 4 > One chore for the Pack men will be stopping Gary Saunders.

It's time for Tech

■ State's hoops teams try to get some revenge on those old friends from Atlanta.

By K. Gaffney
STAFF WRITER

Two points.

That was what it took for Georgia Tech to defeat N.C. State earlier this season. That's all the Yellow Jackets needed to beat the men's and women's basketball teams.

When the Wolfpack Women took on the Yellow Jackets early in January, State walked away from Atlanta with its first loss in over nine games, 73-72.

The men's southern excursion ended in a 54-53 loss, as a last second three point shot from Danny Strong missed the mark.

This weekend, both State teams get a chance to return the favor in the friendly confines of Reynolds Coliseum.

The weekend kicks off Saturday at noon with the Wolfpack men taking on Tech. State looks to bounce back from a 55-46 loss to Virginia in its last home game.

Seniors Danny Strong and Jeremy

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Anti-abortionists keep right to confront patients

■ The Supreme Court reversed an earlier decision which restricted the minimum distance a protester had to keep from the abortion patient.

By WILLIAM DOUGLAS
Newsday

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Wednesday said abortion opponents have the free-speech right to confront clinic patients and workers up close on most public byways.

In a fractured decision, the justices voted 8-1 to strike down a federal judge's order that restricted anti-abortion demonstrators at clinics in Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y., from getting within 15 feet of patients and clinic workers on public streets and walkways. The Supreme Court said the "floating buffer zones" violated the protesters' rights guaranteed by the Constitution's First Amendment.

The Supreme Court, however, voted 6-3 to uphold a fixed buffer zone that kept demonstrators at least 15 feet from clinic entrances, saying those restrictions were necessary to ensure access to the clinic for abortion-seeking women.

In the ruling, Chief Justice William Rehnquist wrote that the floating zones on public byways prevented the anti-abortion

demonstrators from "communicating a message from a normal conversational distance."

Rehnquist added that "leafletting and commenting on matters of public concern are classic forms of speech that lie at the heart of the First Amendment." Justice Stephen Breyer cast the lone dissenting vote. In the separate vote that

but the entire appeals court voted 13-2 last year to reimpose them.

The Supreme Court case was initiated by an appeal filed by two men — Dwight Saunders and the Rev. Paul Schenck.

Schenck, a Reform Episcopal minister in Virginia Beach, Va., and an employee of the American Center for Law and Justice, founded by conservative evangelist Pat Robertson, said Wednesday's decision was a major victory for abortion opponents.

"This allows conscientious people to return to the street ... and tell the truth about abortion without going to jail and facing bankruptcy," Schenck said.

Abortion-rights supporters also said the Supreme Court's decision affirmed their cause. Marilyn Buckham, executive director of GYN Womenservices of Buffalo, one of the clinics where abortion opponents held protests in 1992, said the Supreme Court "upheld the buffer zone, which is the heart of this case."

Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, called the Supreme Court's decision a "mixed message."

"On the heels of recent clinic violence and bombings in Atlanta, Oklahoma and, last night, at a Virginia clinic, women exercising their right to choose clearly need protection from those who oppose abortion."

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reaffirmed fixed zones around clinic entrances and parking lots, Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Anthony Kennedy cast dissenting votes.

The Supreme Court's ruling stems from a 1990 decision by the U.S. District Court in western New York to put an end to years of confrontational protests outside clinics there. The lower federal court created both the 15-foot zone around the clinic entrances and the floating zone.

A three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the floating buffer zone and a restriction on "sidewalk counselors" who tried to dissuade patients from having an abortion.

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Hyatt led the Pack, who struggled from the floor, shooting under 40 percent for the game and 50 percent from the foul line.

State freshman Damon Thornton led the Pack with 19 points and 12 rebounds in the last outing against the Yellow Jackets.

The Pack will have to stop 1995-96 All-ACC player Matt Harpring. The junior forward has taken over the leadership role on the Jackets' squad since the departure of Stephen Marbury and Drew Barry after last season.

State was able to hold Harpring to just four first-half points in Atlanta, but the 6-foot-7 forward came back to score 12 points, including two

three-pointers.

On Sunday, Kay Yow's team looks to continue its run through the end of the conference schedule.

State has picked up impressive wins in its last two games in Reynolds Coliseum, downing Maryland and North Carolina, previously undefeated in the ACC and ranked No. 4 in the nation at the time.

Against the Tar Heels, five of State's players posted double digits in the scoring column, including senior Umeki Webb, who has served as the catalyst for the Pack's recent tear through the conference. Webb has been close to a triple-double in the past three games for State. Webb has also had the added pressure of controlling the Pack's halfcourt offense.

At the center of the Pack's attack is first-team All-ACC candidate

Chasity Melvin, who has been demolishing the interior defenses around the league since the middle of January.

Kisha Ford and Danielle Donehew look to lead Tech past the Pack. Ford earned ACC Player of the Week honors, helping Tech down three conference opponents.

Against Wake Forest, the 5-foot-11 senior guard scored 31 points and pulled down six rebounds.

Donehew shared the conference's Rookie of the Week honors with Duke's Peppi Brumme, averaging 8.3 points per game in the Jackets' three victories.

The women's game kicks off at noon in Reynolds on Sunday. Tickets will be available at the Coliseum ticket office with a valid All-Campus ID card. The men will tipoff at 12:30 Saturday.

Baseball

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"Everyone is hitting good," Figueroa said. "The team chemistry is very good this year."

Jake Weber was up next in the inning and got on base through the Spartan second baseman's error. After stealing a base, Weber was batted in by Chris Combs' single. Piercy drove in Combs with a triple.

Greensboro's starting pitcher Jonathan Jackson (L, 0-1) was replaced after facing Piercy for the second time in the seven-run

inning.

The Pack scored again in the sixth off Chris Combs' two run homer.

Six of the Wolfpack's nine starters stole a base during the game, with none caught. Sergio stole his 58th career base Wednesday, his third for the season, and is the current school record holder.

"They're doing a really good job of running the bases," State coach Elliott Avent said. "It's amazing. It's a real tribute to the hard work they and Coach [Billy] Best have put in."

Pack pitchers Rodney Ormond, Grant Dorn and Scott Dobson also saw time on the mound during the last three innings, pitching an

inning each.

Dorn, also a State quarterback, allowed one hit and struck out two. He is expected to back up Jamie Barnette at quarterback next fall.

"It's great to know my teammates are behind me," Dorn said. "[Pitching at Duke] felt real good."

This weekend the Pack will take on 1996 College World Series champs Louisiana State, followed by Tulane. Then State will face the Spartans at Greensboro on the 26th. The Pack will be back home the 28th for a three-game series against George Washington University. Games times are 3 p.m. Friday and 1:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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worried about any post-season scenarios.

"We started to battle the first day," Sendeck said. "We're going to battle to the last day."

"When the dust settles, I don't know what it's going to equate to, but people are going to know they were in a battle."

With the signing of five promising freshmen, two of whom are rated in the top 10 in the country at their position (Arch Miller, PG; Ron Kelly, C), Wolfpack fans have reason to believe the return to the post-season is not too far away.

But that's little solace to Hyatt and Sutton.

Wolfpack Notes

■ The Wolfpack rugby team rolls on.

SPORTS STAFF REPORT

The N.C. State men's club rugby team destroyed UNC-Wilmington Saturday to move to 2-0 overall.

The Wolfpack defeated UNCWC, 32-10, under several inches of rain at Method Road Soccer Stadium. The game was moved from the lower intramural fields at State to Method Road due to adverse weather.

The Wolfpack A-side team was ahead of the Seahawks, 12-10, at halftime, and never looked back.

State exploded through the second half with powerful surges from the forwards and by some fancy and quick ball movement.

Desmond Cutler led the way for the Pack by scoring 10 points during the game. Also contributing heavily to the effort was Phillip Moss, who added seven points, and Mark Lowe, Chris Knopp and Clay Goin, who each scored five points a piece.

The B-side Wolfpack team also defeated UNCWC, 12-10.

Next up for the Pack is rival East Carolina — State's biggest game of the year. The game will begin Saturday at 1 p.m. at the lower intramural fields. If weather is bad, the game will again be moved to Method Road.

Sunday, the Pack will have a make-up game with Wake Forest. The first game was postponed due to adverse weather.

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The sisters of Sigma Kappa sorority would like to thank the brothers of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity for their sincere kindness and generous contribution toward the memorial scholarship fund in memory of Tacy Anna Smith.

Anna graduated from NC State in May of 1995. Anna's deep love and spirit for her school was exemplified in everything she did. She dedicated her time as a Stately Lady, a Sigma Kappa and Wolfpack Athletic's number one fan. It was not what Anna did, but who she was that left the greatest impact on everyone she knew. Anna's warm smile and kind heart lit up every room she entered.

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Vertical Horizon at the Brewery

■ A great live show is looming on the horizon.

BY KELLY MARKS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The Triad's favorite acoustic quartet, Vertical Horizon, will bring their special blend of soulful strumming and rootsy rock to the Brewery this Tuesday, Feb. 25.

The group is headed by Matt Scannell and Keith Kane who, together have often been touted as a male version of the Indigo Girls. Although they prefer to be thought of as acoustic rockers, the comparison is not unfounded. Their influences are apparent, with their music echoing the sounds of James Taylor, the Dave Matthews Band, Jackpierce and Simon and Garfunkel.

Perhaps this has to do with the many bands that Vertical Horizon has come into contact with. They have opened in the past for Edward McCain, Better Than Ezra, the Allman Brothers and Widespread Panic, Carter Beauford, drummer for the Dave Matthews Band, provided the percussion for their last record while Jackpierce served as another guest performer.

But the success of the band is entirely their own. Scannell and Kane first set out as a duo with their debut album "There & Back Again" in 1992. A true do-it-yourself project, the album had impressive sales. Extensive touring led the two guitarists to produce their follow-up album, "Running on Ice," in 1993. Since then they have been joined by bassist Ryan Fisher and drummer Ed Toth, and have continued to tour endlessly. It is their live performances that have earned them their Carolina following.

In fact, the band's live performances are so incredible that Rhythmic Records has recently released the group's third compact disc, "Live Stages," a composite of two nights of live performances.

The twelve tracks were recorded Sept. 5 and 6, 1996, at Ziggy's in Winston-Salem, while a weakening



Matt Scannell, Keith Kane, Ed Toth and Ryan Fisher of Vertical Horizon.

Hurricane Fran passed overhead. However, the storm didn't put a damper on anyone's spirits. The recordings are phenomenal with smoking guitars and terrific crowd response. Over 1500 fans can be heard singing along to the opening track, "The Man Who Would Be Santa."

"This Tuesday's show promises to be a good one if the compact disc is any indication. Songs like "On the Sea"

are powerful pieces encompassing the whole ensemble, while "The Ride" is a rolling, crowd-swaying rhythm fest. Be sure to listen for "Wash Away," which, when played live, transforms into a rollicking, guitar-strumming, explosion of energy.

Tickets for the show are \$6. The opening act will be The Gathering Field. For more information, call 834-7018.

Cravin' Melon rolls on the Hill

■ This Melon's ripe and ready to go.

BY KELLY MARKS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

With the recent release of their major label debut, "Red Clay Harvest," and their single "Come Undone" enjoying heavy air play, Cravin' Melon is starting success straight in the eye. But with over 200 live shows under their belt and a self-released album that sold more than 20,000 copies, it is hardly a surprise.

The S.C. quartet has been developing a loyal fan base throughout Georgia and the Carolinas since their formation in 1993. When drummer Rick Reames and guitarist Jimbo Chapman realized that their band "Next Move" was moving nowhere, they teamed up with Doug Jones and J.J. Bowers, an acoustic duo who called themselves "Doghouse." The four Clemson University graduates felt that there was something electric when they performed together and thus the seeds of what would blossom into Cravin' Melon were sown.

"This doesn't mean that there haven't been a few weeks in the patch, though. As a suddenly successful pop group from

South Carolina, it is hard to avoid comparisons to another Southern sensation, Hootie and the Blowfish. It's easy to see similarities between the two groups: they come from the same area, grew up listening to the same local bands, and are friends.

However, although flattered by the comparison, Cravin' Melon members insist that there is something about their music that sets them apart from the typical Southern sound.

Their fans tend to agree. The proof is in the music — their down-to-earth pop goes beyond the stereotypes that plague "Southern Rock." The songs are different than those of traditional rock groups from the South, such as the Allman Brothers and Lynard Skynard. Instead, Cravin' Melon has a wide range that appeals to a variety of audiences.

"Red Clay Harvest" is a testament to



Jones, Reames, Chapman and Bowers may be from the South, but they're no typical Southern band.

that. The culmination of three years of touring and perfecting their sound, the compact disc is a little different from the band's live shows. Many familiar songs are presented with new instrumentation and all of them have been broken down into acoustic format. The band insists that although some songs were changed for enhancement, in many instances the songs

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Senior party planned

■ The Senior Class Council urges students to travel in "Packs" to the men's last ACC basketball game.

BY LISA IRBY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Life can be pretty stressful sometimes, and there are occasions when we all feel like we are stuck in a rut. However, most of the time we come out of them when we realize that we have friends and supporters that back us up all of the way. That is just one of the many reasons why we should all attend the Wolfpack's last ACC game of the season.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, in Reynolds Coliseum at 7:30 p.m., N.C. State men's basketball team will face Florida State Seminoles.

The Senior Class Council is sponsoring the Senior Night event, and it is funded by the NCSU Alumni Association.

"We wanted to support a Senior opportunity to see their last home ACC basketball game, promote class unity, and have a party with all of the students to celebrate the spirit of the university," said Jennifer Hanes, senior class president.

Seniors can receive their tickets for the NCSU versus Florida State game at the ticket window for seniors (Window #3) next Monday, Feb. 24 at 7 a.m.

Following the game, there will be a party at the Big Bad Wolf (2526 Hillsborough St.) until 2 a.m., and all students are welcomed to attend.

"They will be checking everyone's ID. There will be a DJ and drink specials; if you're 21, of course," Hanes said.

If you have any questions concerning this event, please call 515-3375 and talk with Jennifer Hanes or Matt Smith.

The Wolfpack needs student support — let's remind them that they'll never be stuck in a rut with great fans like the students here at NCSU.

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WEEKEND STRESS RELIEVERS

Music

Steven Curtis Chapman
Steven Curtis Chapman brings the Signs of Life tour to Chapel Hill on April 25 at 7:30 p.m. Also scheduled to appear are Audio Adrenaline and Carolyn Arends. Tickets are available at the Smith Center Box Office and all ticketmaster locations or by calling (919) 834-4000.

Raleigh Symphony Orchestra
Sunday, Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. at Stewart Theatre. Beethoven's Ninth with the Raleigh Oratorio Society Symphonic Choir.

The Button South
Sunday, Feb. 23, One Point Five. Jumpstarts, Electric Mistress and Automatic Slim.

The Arts Center
Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21 and 22. The Red Clay Ramblers at 8 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 23. Jazz Concert: Lois Dawson and Tapestry at 4 p.m.

N. C. Museum of Art
Sunday, Feb. 23. Classical guitar by students from the N. C. School of the Arts at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

WCPE 89.7 FM
Saturday, Feb. 22. The Metropolitan Opera. "Wozzeck."

Cinema

Campus Cinema
Shows are \$1.50 for students and \$2.00 for guests.
Friday, Feb. 21 "Sleepers" at 7 and 9 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 22 "Romeo and Juliet" at 7 and 9 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 23 "West Side Story" at 7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 24 "Where the River Flows North" at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 25 "Stonewall" at 6 and 8 p.m. Gay Awareness Week presentation. Admission is \$2.

North Carolina Museum of Art
Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21 and 22 at 7 and 9 p.m. Winter Foreign Film Series. Louis Malle Retrospective. "Atlantic City."

Theater

Thompson Theatre
"Holy Ghosts." Feb. 12-15, 19-22 and 26-March 1 at 8 p.m. February 16 and 23 at 3 p.m. Presented in the Studio Theatre.

Raleigh Little Theatre
"archy & mehtabel." Feb. 21 through 28. For ticket information call (919) 821-3111.

Carolina Union
"Give 'em Hell Harry." Starring Kevin McCarthy. To be presented at 8 p.m. March 21, in Memorial Hall on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. To purchase tickets call the Carolina Union Ticket Office at (919) 962-1449 weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets issued for the Holbrook performance will be honored for this performance.

Meredith Performs
"Cast No Shadow." Feb. 18-22 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. Performed in the Studio Theatre. For tickets call the box office at (919) 829-2840.

Opportunities

Auditions
Thirteen outdoor historical dramas from across the country will hold auditions for summer jobs for actors, singers, dancers, and technicians at the Institute of Outdoor Drama, UNC-Chapel Hill on March 22, 1997. To request an application, send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to: Auditions Coordinator, Institute of Outdoor Drama, CB# 3240, Nations-Bank Plaza, UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3240. Completed Applications must be received no later than March 17, 1997.

Thompson Theatre
Auditions will be held for "Theatrefest '97" on March 2-3 (Sunday-Monday) at 6 p.m. Be prepared with a 1-2 minute monologue. Scripts available for perusal in theater office. For more information call (919) 515-2405.

Volunteers
UNC-TV seeks volunteers to answer phone calls, sign up new donors, and help send out promotional materials during the "Festival '97" telephone. For more information call Debra Beller at (919) 549-7173.

Art

Exhibition: My Art is a Meditation: Works by Dennis Paul Williams
Dennis Paul Williams shares some of his visual arts with The Craft Center Gallery through March 6. There is no admission and the pieces are for sale. For more information call (919) 515-2457

Workshops

Global Leadership Conference
The fourth annual Global Leadership Conference will take place Saturday, February 22 in the University Student Center. Conference runs from 9 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and are available through Ticket Central, 515-1100. The conference is open to the public.

Native American Literary Conference
A 3-day Native American Literary Heritage Conference will be held at Guilford College April 4-6. There will be workshops, speakers, panel discussions and an evening with the Southern Sun Singers. The conference is open to the public. For information, contact the N.C. Writers' Network at (919) 967-9540.

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
N.C. State will hold information sessions Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the McKimmon Center. For information call (919) 515-2470. NCSU Department of Psychology

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'Stonewall' plays at Campus Cinema

■ The film commemorates events leading up to the New York riots that marked the beginning of the Gay Rights Movement.

TECHNICIAN STAFF REPORT

"Stonewall" is a semi-fictional account of a pivotal moment in the history of the modern day Gay Rights Movement: The drag queen-led riots outside the Stonewall Inn in New York's Greenwich Village in 1969. It was these riots that gave birth to gay rights today, and this moment in history is still commemorated around the world every June as Lesbian and Gay Pride Day.

"Stonewall" follows the lives of a half-dozen gay New Yorkers in the weeks leading up to the riots. It examines the police harassment, the Mafia control of

gay bars, and the general oppression faced by gay men and women before the Gay Rights Movement began in earnest.

Near the beginning of the film, young Matty Dean arrives at the Port Authority, ready to begin an incredible adventure in the big city that not even he can anticipate. He soon finds his way to the Stonewall Inn — not exactly a "gay" bar, but a bar where drag queens and other homosexuals can gather without excessive fear of the police. Still, that night the police stage a raid on the bar, and Matty soon learns his first lesson in tyranny, as the cops shake down the clientele, arresting some (including Matty, who stuck up for the queens) and sending others to the washroom to clean the make-up off their faces.

While in jail, Matty befriends the young Puerto Rican drag queen LaMiranda. The two are bailed out by the Grande Dame of them all, Bostonia, who is secretly

involved with the bar's Mafia manager, Skinny Vinnie.

Matty Dean and LaMiranda hit it off and become lovers of sorts. Later, Matty attends a meeting of the Mattachine Society, a group of older, slightly more conservative homosexuals who want to change society in a gradual, non-threatening way. It is here that Matty meets Ethan, a slightly confused activist who is not nearly as radical as the younger, angrier Matty.

LaMiranda has been called up for service in Vietnam, and Matty accompanies her to a military induction center, where, needless to say, she is rejected when her papers are stamped "Sexual Deviant."

Matty becomes more and more politically involved. He visits a half-dozen bars one night with his new friends and a

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Opinion

A paper that is entirely the product of the student body becomes at once the official organ through which the thoughts, the activity and in fact the very life of the campus are registered... College life without its journal is a blank.

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Recruiting via packaging

■ **Benefits package for graduate students is a just reward for hard work.**

Graduate students are often an unappreciated bunch here at N.C. State. They fall between the cracks of higher education. Theoretically, their knowledge base is stronger than an undergraduate's, but they don't know as much as a full professor. It's also harder to spot graduate students around campus since they spend much of their time immersed in research in the library or in labs.

Sometimes it's easy to forget the important contributions they make to our community. Graduate students bring in new ideas and research that can better mankind. They offer new blood for the current faculty. In short, they help enhance the status of the university. That's why it's crucial for the university to successfully recruit the best and brightest students in the world.

To that end, NCSU's graduate school is creating a new benefit package for

Research and Teaching Assistants. It will waive tuition and provide free health insurance for many RAs and TAs.

Coming up with extra money to pay for things like health insurance is close to impossible for many students. Graduate students typically live on shoestring budgets. Sometimes it's hard to cover the rent, nevermind any illnesses.

Some restrictions to these packages will apply — meaning not every RA and TA will be eligible to receive the insurance.

Incoming graduate students who receive the new benefits package have to have nine credit hours of course work. RAs and TAs will have to earn \$3,000 a semester. Current students are required to have five credit hours.

Even though it's a shame all graduate students aren't eligible for the insurance, the package is still an outstanding idea. It will provide NCSU with a powerful weapon in its recruitment arsenal, ensuring that the university continues to enroll the best graduate students.

Money for memory

■ **Changes over Spring Break will give Unity users more memory and faster programs.**

This semester, N.C. State students working with their Unity account can expect to get to files and programs faster with the help of new servers in the NCSU computer system. And in the future, students will also get 12 more megabytes to store all their files. And to think, it's all available because of student fees.

The changes in the system reflect an increase in student usage of NCSU's computer system. Design and engineering students use a lot of memory for the programs they for classes, and many students use most of their quota for World-Wide Web pages.

In the past, students had to pay for a higher quota. In some cases, extra memory was provided from a

"locker," used primarily for class.

One goal of the new memory system is to eliminate single-disk memory failures. Another benefit of the new system is that students who inadvertently delete a file will be able to restore it more easily.

The money to pay for the \$300,000 upgrade will be taken from student fees over the next four years. The first phase of the change will take place over spring break, when the system will be moved to the high-availability redundant memory with faster servers. The second phase will take place before the summer sessions begin. After that change quotas will increase.

Finally, we have a situation where student fees are being used in manner which will benefit students. It's good to see our money actually being used to help the people who contribute it.

Living life to its fullest includes smoking cigars

Everyone remembers George Burns. More specifically, George Burns and his ever present, ever smoldering cigar. Well, he lived to be... pretty old. That kind of says something about smoking a cigar, doesn't it?

You shouldn't immediately equate it with dying a slow death, but rather with living life to its fullest. Before writing this, I had to test smoking a cigar, which I had never done before. So, I decided to make this a leisurely research experience to share with others out there who are as of yet uninitiated.

First, smoking a cigar is nothing like smoking a cigarette. You don't inhale unless there is a filter. (See? Not much lung-clinging there!) But I'm getting ahead of myself. Second, when you take out your cigar, give it an appreciative sniff. Hmm-mmm! Next, lick it all over.

That doesn't sound too pleasant, and was definitely not something I related to cigar smoking, but it is necessary if you want to keep it from unraveling. An unlicked cigar will eventually just mean tobacco everywhere. Then, chop off the tip and light up. Watch out for loose tobacco. Puff the smoke in your mouth and roll it around on your tongue.

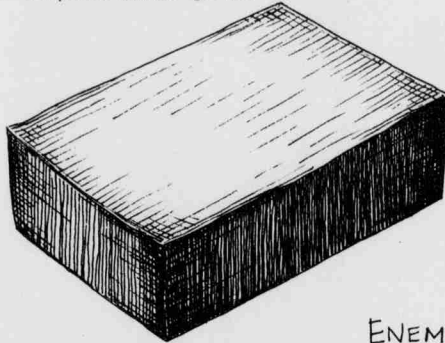
It's pure pleasure, as the saying goes. Of course, if you think smoking is a nasty, dirty habit, nothing I say will change your mind. But for those of you who appreciate the refined subtlety of cigar smoking, well, enough said. I found the experience to be very interesting, as I'm sure most of you will if you follow my directions and give it a try. Just remember to exhale.

Anyway, now that we've all got the basics down, let's talk about just what all the uproar is about. Movie stars such as Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sharon Stone, Jim Carey, and many others have apparently brought about a resurgence in the popularity of the cigar. (Most of you, though, I'm sure, were aficionados way before they were.) I'm not saying it's cool to smoke because some movie star does, but this certainly has re-opened America's eyes to an old tradition.

Many people are concerned about movies representing characters who smoke cigars, or who demonstrate cigar smoking as "cool." Just be glad that Hollywood has actually portrayed something correctly. One movie that has especially drawn attention is last summer's "Independence Day," a major blockbuster that everyone and their mother saw. It shows Will Smith's

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character superstitiously worrying about having a cigar on his mission for luck. In the beginning of the film, it also shows Jeff Goldblum's character railing at his father for smoking. Then, at the end of the film, with their mission completed, both Jeff and Will light up. And why? To celebrate! They see cigar smoking for what it is — a way to relax and celebrate the moment. Can they and many others help being seduced by one of the finer pleasures in life?

Speaking of which — cigar smoking can actually be a legitimate hobby. There are cigar cases that save partly smoked cigars, snuff it out, reform the tip, and keep it humid for fresh. There are special cigar snips, special cigar lighters, and even a special ashtray. And, if you are really interested and have lots of money, you can get a cigar dossier to keep a record of those babies. Can't you just hear yourself now?

"Oh, Friday night. The movies? Can't — I've got a SCS (Society of Cigar Smokers) meeting. We're discussing domestic versus imported."

Then, you can set aside time to enjoy your cigar with a glass of brandy (only if you're 21 or older) and experience the sensation. It's like a baked and steamed potato meal without the steak and baked potato.

If you're wondering about a few good brands, I went to the Tindexbox and had a look around. They keep all the cigars in this room with a giant humidifier. Just remember, expensive does not necessarily mean better, and prices can range from 40 cents to hundreds of dollars. Most at the Tindexbox, though, were pretty reasonable: about \$8 tops. Some brands included: OpusX, Macanudo, Centennial, Griffins and Davidoffs. They even had "It's a boy!" and "It's a girl!" cigars.

To some, cigars are a great pleasure. But honestly, no matter what I say, you either like the idea or you don't. Just remember folks, we're all going to die anyway. So you might as well have your fun

Cigars... Why? Another bad trend with little more validity than pet rocks. Wait, at least pet rocks didn't smell bad. I am not going to blow smoke about the health hazard. We all have vices and I'm not some pretentious anti-smoker who gets a thrill from reading a surgeon general's warning to someone hacking up a lung. Cigars have become the latest rage among trend setters who dictate taste, colors and sounds for the sheep that memorize the pages of Vogue, Cosmopolitan and GQ.

While waiting in a horrific line where those behind me were visibly aging, I saw an interesting ad in one of those glossy, thought-provoking magazines. Elegantly dressed with a tie and well-cut suit, a woman was leaning seductively on the corner of a desk, smoking a cigar. She was the very epitome of glamour — except for the cigar.

The subliminal message said it was glamorous and liberating to smoke cigars. Tobacco companies are targeting women with these ads. Women think if they smoke those hideous things, that it will somehow emancipate them. They

figure they can be one of the boys by sharing this act. This must be a part of that same feminist movement which brought suits, ties, shoulder pads, Range Rovers which stand eight feet off the ground and boxing into the world of the woman.

Cigar smoking is stupid, especially if you're a woman. The hour spent applying over-priced perfumes and bathing in whatever you bathe in is for nothing in this smoke storm. Cigar smoke soaks into clothing and skin and also smells worse than a gas station bathroom in Eastern North Carolina during the summer. There is nothing more sexy than a woman who acts like a man and smells like a cheap shag cigar. Why even shave that mustache hair? Go for the full effect.

From the nicotine standpoint, the buzz is minimal. Why would any one (except those paid to in ads) smoke something that is not a habit and does not deliver the kind of nicotine fix Marlboro Lights offer

after a good meal or sex? It's not appropriate to smoke more than one at a time for buzz maintenance nor to smoke out of habit. This is why cigar smokers are slightly less at risk for cancer. One doesn't stash a box of cigars in a handbag or shirt pocket.

On a less than serious note, it stunts your growth. Think I'm kidding? What about the guy on the Monopoly box who smokes cigars? It's not some tall, healthy-looking Marlboro man, but a short, middle-aged, white guy with no hair looking much like George Burns... a good role model.

This latest push toward cigars is a last minute ploy by tobacco companies to gain some ground. They recognize cigarette smoking is losing ground and to make up for lost sales, they push cigars in a savvy way. They make it look elegant and sexy — the thing to do. In reality, it is a smelly habit that doesn't deliver an addiction worth black lung.

Perhaps tobacco companies are seeing increased sales of cigars and thinking it is the future. Possibly, the numbers are coming from another sector of the economy who are taking advantage of cigars in a less than legal way. These shady people buy cigars, take out the tobacco and place something with a pleasant taste, smell and effect inside. Needless to say, this is not the kind of tobacco bought legally in stores but from some guy with dread locks and a tie-dyed shirt named "Dude" or "Bongmaster B."

There is a time and a place for everything. Cigars should be confined to small curious children intent on smoking for the first time. They should be given as many cigars as it takes to create a life long memory about the joys of smoking.

Cigars should be smoked by women in bars who want to be left alone. They should be smoked by those with flatulence problems. Cigars should be smoked by fraternity pledges wearing red dresses, walking down Hillsborough Street in the rain on Valentine's Day after they are done with this character-building duty.

Cigars should be smoked on the "morning after" by those who would rather eat their own arm off than stay. They should be smoked by the intellectually challenged while fueling their four-by-fours with the gun-racks and rebel flags painted on the doors.

In short, these are the people the tobacco companies should be targeting instead of women with brains or people who can read.

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Stonewall

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Village Voice reporter, trying NOT to get served alcohol (serving gays at the time was against the law), and he attends a gay rights demonstration at Philadelphia's Independence Hall.

Finally, all of this leads up to that fateful June night in 1969 — the night they buried Judy Garland — when the police carried out just one too many raids on the Stonewall Inn. After seeing the repression and violence that surrounded gay life in the '60s, we can feel rage in these young men's blood as they move to resist the cops. As Bostonia says to one of the arresting officers: "Don't push me, Mary. I'm not in the mood." And the rest — the fighting, screaming, bottle throwing, smashed windows, fires and arrests — is (gay) history.

Melon

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were changed simply to make them better songs. Whatever they did worked. With catchy tunes like "Sweet Tea" and "Nobody's Fool," the album is great to sing along to. Other numbers such as "Can't Find My Way" and the dark and somber "Post Office" give the compact disc

a sense of depth that is absent in most pop albums.

Even with the success of their first studio release, Cravin' Melon insists that they have been and always will be a live band. This weekend they'll offer the Triangle a chance to find out. Cravin' Melon will be at the Cat's Cradle this Saturday night. Tickets are on sale now for \$6. Call 967-9053 for more information. Also be sure to check out the band's renowned web site at <http://www.melonpatch.com>.

Weekend

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State Women win Cavs

SPORTS STAFF REPORT

With a 79-61 win over Wake Forest last night, State solidified its chances to gain an NCAA post season berth.

A 21-7 run over and eight minute period in the first half pushed the Wolfpack out in front.

State got the job done from the foul line and on the boards. State hit 17 of 21 free throws, and out rebounded Wake, 47-25.

State finished with a 11-4 run to ensure the win, which pushes the Pack back above .500 in the conference.

Tracy Connor led the Demon Deacons with 16 points, while freshman guard Alisha Mosley

scored 12. Freshman forward Nailah Wallace led the Pack, scoring a career high 17 points. Wallace also pulled down five rebounds and dished out three assists in just 20 minutes of play.

Chasty Melvin recorded her 11th double-double of the season, posting 19 points and 12 rebounds.

Jennifer Howard hit four three pointers for the Pack, finishing with 12 points, while backcourt-mate LySchale Jones added 10 points, three assists and three steals.

Umeki Webb grabbed 11 rebounds added six assists and three steals.

The Pack's record improves to 18-10 overall, and 8-7 in the conference.

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but finished with a game-high 26 points. In two games against State this season, Staples has hit 14 threes.

"For some reason, I seem to play good against N.C. State," Staples said. "I wish we could play them every game."

Oldham

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and enjoy what pleases you can while you still can. Gather ye rosebuds while ye may, and all that. (Besides, it's better than chewing tobacco any day.)

Being an enlightened homophobe

Andrew S. Damick COMMENTARY

There are few issues which have brought more fervor, passion, and hatred on all sides to today's arena of ideas than that of homosexuality. Why is this? The question stems partly from the general heterophobic tendency most people have, that is, the tendency to be fearful of that which is not like themselves. This is the portion of the cause which most gay rights activists like to stress. Most of the time, the refrain goes something like "You fear and hate that which you do not understand." This is partially true. Indeed, there are people who disagree with homosexuality for this reason.

The side of the discussion which usually gets dismissed by such activists, though, is that being maintained by the people who disagree with homosexuality not out of some irrational fear or hatred, but because they believe that homosexual acts are immoral. (In the old days, we used the word "evil.") I'm one of those people.

I base my beliefs concerning homosexuality on my spiritual beliefs. I'm an Evangelical Protestant, and the Bible which I read tells me quite plainly that homosexual acts are wrong. (I've had a few people tell me that they can justify homosexuality by the Bible, but, honestly, their arguments are mostly based on fuzzy interpretations of the quirks of one particular translation or some pretty odd misreadings of the text.) I'm not saying that you have to

believe in the Bible. I do, though, and it logically and rationally follows that I believe homosexuality is immoral.

Some would say that this is little different from the people who hate and fear that which they do not understand. I would disagree rather profoundly. The difference between my position and theirs is that there is a gut reaction, an instinctual fear unmitigated by rational control. These are the types of people who take part in "gay-bashing." My position, however, is based on reasoned conclusions derived from my deeply held moral and spiritual beliefs.

There are many who would say that this is a narrow-minded viewpoint. This is true. I'm a moral absolutist, which means that I believe that there are certain things which are always right or wrong, no matter anyone's opinion of them. An example would be the raping of small children. Most of us can agree that such an act would always be wrong, no matter what society or anyone else says about it. Yes, it is narrow-minded to believe that homosexual acts are absolutely wrong, but no more narrow-minded than telling me that I ought to support and accept an idea which I know with deep conviction to be wrong.

Let's be honest. Both sides are

being narrow-minded on this issue. I don't have a problem with that, though, because being narrow-minded is nowhere near as difficult a position to defend as being incorrect. It just means that you have strength in your convictions.

What are the results of being a so-called "enlightened homophobe?" Before I tackle that, let me first state my problems with the term "homophobe." Literally, it seems to mean "a fear of that which is like oneself." That, of course, is not how it's being used today. Even if we took a looser interpretation, "fear of homosexuals," the term doesn't apply to me. I don't fear homosexuals. Few people who truly reason out their belief fear the people who hold the opposing belief.

So, what does "homophobe" actually mean? I've heard it used to mean anything as extreme as "one who is not a homosexual" to "one who hates and/or fears homosexuals" or even "one who disagrees with homosexuality." The meaning is hard to pin down, so that's why I always ask when someone insists on using this nebulous term.

Anyhow, let's go back to being an "enlightened homophobe." I don't hate homosexuals. Several of my friends are homosexuals. I don't fear them. After all, I'm a big boy and I've only been threatened by someone claiming to be a gay rights activist once — and I don't think he was seriously planning to do what

he claimed. I have no reason to fear. I also don't think homosexual acts should be outlawed. That may surprise you, but I don't necessarily think that all my moral values should be translated into law. I don't think that tax money or student fee money should go to the promotion of their ideology, especially not without asking the constituents or students what they think first.

I don't condemn homosexuals to Hell, either. I've done stuff which I consider much worse (although the Bible doesn't make a distinction between big sins and small ones). I also don't condescend to homosexuals. I disagree with their position and believe that it is immoral, but many of them have thought out their ideas carefully (there are a great many who have not, on all sides) and I can respect that, even if I disagree with them.

I'm in a university environment, which means that (at least ostensibly) the people here tend to think more than people elsewhere. This is why I think that enlightened homophobes are actually quite common, perhaps even the majority. These are people who have thought seriously about their views on this matter and have come to conclusions that disagree with the gay rights activists. What I'd like to know is when the aforementioned activists are going to show a little of the tolerance they preach for the ideas of the people who disagree with them.

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