



Another student falls victim to armed robbery

At 3 a.m. Friday, an armed robbery was committed on a male student north of Western Boulevard on Morrill Drive. The suspect used a handgun to threaten his victim during the crime.

The suspect was arrested Saturday night. Crime Prevention Officer Larry Ellis said.

Outstanding Women Awards to be presented

The Panhellenic Association and Women's Center have decided to kick off "Women's History Month" by recognizing the "Outstanding Women" of N.C. State.

This is the tenth annual "Outstanding Women's Awards" at NCSU sponsored by the Panhellenic Association. The evening's itinerary includes "The History of Women of N.C. State," a guest speaker, the "Outstanding Women's Awards" presentation and closing remarks. This year's guest speaker is North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine Marshall.

The award recipients were nominated by a faculty member and/or student organization. This year there were 30 women nominated and 13 recipients will be honored.

The awards presentation will be held on March 4, 1997, in 240 Nelson Hall, at 7:30 p.m. The general public is invited to attend the event free of charge.

Forum to address women's concerns

N.C. State students and employees are invited to attend and participate in the "Speakout on Women's Concerns" forum from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on March 5 in the Multipurpose Room of the African American Cultural Center in Witherspoon Student Center.

Participants will have an opportunity to express ideas on safety, sexual harassment, women's studies or any constructive ideas for change. Chancellor Larry Monteith and Provost Phillip Stiles will be present.

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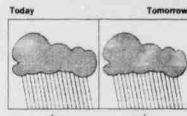
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## Outside



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## Authority lobbies bankers for arena funding

■ The Centennial Authority is asking local bankers to help fund the proposed arena.

By PRESTON MOON  
STAFF WRITER

N.C. State's proposed sports complex was pushed one step closer to reality Thursday.

Members of the Centennial Authority's finance commission met with representatives of many local and state banks at NCSU's Faculty Club to try and drum up the last piece of financial support necessary before arena construction can begin.

The banks were asked by the commission to commit 60 million dollars for the arena and put five percent of their pledge down by March 4, with a full commitment by early April. The net construction costs still needed by the Authority equal 48 million dollars, but the finance commission is requesting an additional \$12 million in case there are budget oversights or unforeseen costs.

According to the commission, the Centennial Authority is "on a fairly fast track" toward getting the project into motion. They told the bankers that a commitment to help fund the arena will be needed by late this week, since there are two main deadlines that the Authority is

trying to beat in order for the arena's construction to run smoothly.

The first deadline, set at March 15th, was established by the Local Government Commission of Raleigh.

The Authority is aiming to have the banks' money pledged this week so they can be ready to hand the necessary paperwork over to the Local Government Commission by its deadline.

Also, if the Authority does not receive extra bank funding soon, they may lose their tax-exempt status because of a bill currently working its way through Congress.

The Moynahan Bill, expected to pass through Congress in mid April, will put a limit on large arenas ex-

isting in the shelter of a tax exemption if they play host to a professional sports team. Although Raleigh's immediate chances of landing a National Hockey League team in the new complex are weak, the Authority sees a distinct possibility that some professional team, even of a minor league stature, may call NCSU's arena home before the year 2019, when the arena would have to pay taxes.

NCSU has already pledged 22 million dollars to be transferred to the Authority after construction of the facility begins. Raleigh/Wake County authorities appropriated another \$22 million and the state matched the figure with a one time payment. The Authority expects to

realize around 6 million dollars in interest off that money by the time construction starts, putting them 48 million dollars shy of the 120 million dollar cost estimate.

Centennial Authority Chairman Steve Stroud was present at the meeting to assure the bankers that the project is going ahead at full speed and that the timeline for the facility is running smoothly.

"A lot of the potential problems are already behind us," Stroud said. "We think we know where we're at...we're not starting from ground zero."

Stroud pointed out the need for the

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## Crime symposium held

### Famed columnist blasts justice system

By DAWN WOTAPKA  
AND JULIA RAYNE  
STAFF WRITERS

The main point of New York Times columnist Thomas Wicker's speech titled "Fear and Futility" involved putting people in jail. Only he wasn't for it, he was against it.

He expressed his ideas about imprisonment at the Erika Fairchild Crime Symposium, held at the University Student Center on Thursday.

Wicker dislikes the new "get tough on crime" policies that many legislators are now supporting.

"The land of the free and the home of the brave puts more citizens in jail than any other country," he said. "And the cost is too much for what it accomplishes."

It is not fair to Americans, he said, to have more potholes or decreased hours at museums in order to spend more money on

jails.

Wicker harshly criticized the removal of prisoners' access to college courses.

"They need that degree far more than the students at N.C. State University," he said. Without one, they return embittered to the same hopeless conditions that sent them to prison.

Wicker also chastised the removal of welfare, prisoner's rights to sue, the idea of caging, charging prisoners for medical care and making it harder for prisoners to sue.

"Our prisons are the most barbarous among western nations," Wicker said.

Wicker commented that white people most often fear black crime and violence. He said their fear breeds animosity towards blacks.

"The white fear of crime is too near panic to be defended," he said.

Wicker supports the idea that criminal

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ALBERT WHANGRO/STAFF  
N.Y. Times Writer Tom Wicker talks about crime.

## Public Safety catches alleged robbers

■ The recent wave of armed robberies at NCSU may be over.

By PHILLIP REESE  
NEWS EDITOR

Public Safety nabbed four individuals Saturday thought to be responsible for a series of recent robberies at N.C. State.

Public Safety charged three students from St. Augustine's College — Albert Bradley, Maurice McGee and Rodney Robinson — and David Woodfork, a 19-year-old male from Weldon, N.C., with armed robbery Saturday night. A fifth individual charged with armed robbery, Keith Bennett, is still at large.

The arrests account for every armed robbery committed at NCSU since February, Public Safety Crime Prevention Officer Larry Ellis said.

As a result of the arrests, various stolen items were recovered, including a stolen handgun used in the robberies.

The investigation of the suspects' roles in the recent wave of robberies is still continuing and additional charges against the alleged robbers are pending.

The suspects are already charged with a collective total of 16 felony charges.

The suspects are thought to be responsible for a recent robbery north of Western Boulevard on Morrill Drive and a robbery that took place outside of Bragg Hall two weeks ago, as well as a number of other

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ADAM CURRY/STAFF  
Former U.S. Senator Terry Sanford chats with Stuart Scheingold, a professor at the University of Washington-Bowling, during Friday's portion of the symposium. The panel debated about the roots of crime in the U.S.

## Panel led by Sanford discusses crime surge

By TRISHA ROSS  
STAFF WRITER

Age old issues of crime continue to be explored today; maybe closer than one would think.

The second portion of the 1997 Erika Fairchild Symposium was held at Stewart Theater Friday night. The bulk of the program consisted of a panel discussion led by former Senator Terry Sanford. The subject was, "Crime and Community: Balancing Prevention and Punishment."

Members of the panel were: Alfred Blumstein of Carnegie Mellon University, Peggy Giordano of Bowling Green State University, Michael Theran of the University of California-San Diego, and Stuart Scheingold of the University of Washington-Bowling.

The panel's first area of discussion centered around the sudden increase in the U.S.'s prison population be-

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## Governor's plan aims to help colleges

■ Governor Hunt's new education plan could benefit NCSU students.

By JOSH JUSTIN  
STAFF WRITER

Education is the biggest chunk in Governor Jim Hunt's pie, and that chunk received a handsome recommendation with a nice price tag last week.

In his proposed budget for the 1997-99 biennium, Hunt has set aside \$79 million to pay for faculty raises, more resources for libraries and academic programs.

According to the Governor, this money will be channeled to the desired targets in the educational web — without tuition or tax increases.

"This budget reflects our top priorities by making state government more effective and efficient and doing more for education and children — without raising taxes," Hunt said.

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors

will receive its fair share of the loot. \$20 million has been proposed to allow the board to focus on capital improvement projects and land acquisition.

Also included in the \$20 million allotted to the UNC Board of Governors is a proposed increase in the hourly wages of those who work in the State Government Internship Program: from \$5.00/hour to \$6.75/hour.

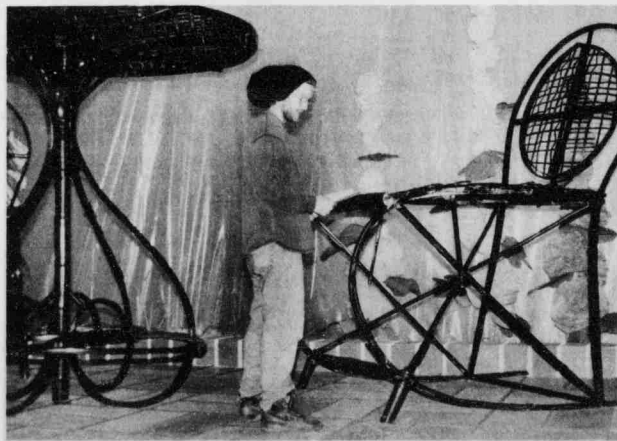
One other recommendation for the state's universities includes \$7.8 million in aid to private colleges and universities.

Along with better financial support for education, Governor Hunt also wants to see increases in standards for prospective teachers seeking to earn master's degrees. Better training, more time spent in the classroom, and tougher standards to get into the classroom compose the core of Hunt's desired improvements.

Voter skepticism is common when a proposed increase is

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## Big World



JENNY SWARTZ/STAFF  
Seth Guilbert, a UNC-Greensboro student, checks out the "Yard of the Month" exhibit at the Visual Arts Center. The exhibit lets visitors look at common objects through the eyes of a child.

# Sanford

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gining in the 1970's. From the 1920's to the 70's, there was a stable incarceration rate, Sanford said. Blumstein attributed a small percentage of this increase to crimes previously ignored, such as inner-family abuse. She attributed the bulk of the increase to drug use.

Sanford said the increase of prison population had, "at its roots, the increase in drug traffic." Blumstein then called for an alternative punishment for these offenders.

Discussion then approached the incarceration of youths.

Giordano, the juvenile delinquency expert on the panel, spoke about her survey of youths after their incarceration time. A small percentage claimed they were rehabilitated by prison, but a much larger number said they became worse offenders.

This led Sanford to introduce the second topic of the night — alternative ways of dealing with people convicted of crimes.

As far as preventive measures, Giordano said any treatment must be multi-dimensional. No individual treatment, including visits to prisons and counseling, could stand alone, she said.

Scheingold directed attention to the institution of punishment.

"When punishment gets out of hand, and I think it has, one finds there is a powerful, counter-productive impact on society," said Scheingold.

As an example, Scheingold cited an incident in which police officers in a black area of Washington stopped a vehicle. The officers, who had little reason to stop the vehicle, threatened the driver when he initially refused to let them search the car, and left him with a warning when a thorough search found nothing.

The effect of guns on violence was then raised. Blumstein cited America's high murder rate, and pointed out that the rise in gun ownership corresponds with the introduction of crack to the streets in the mid-1980's.

"The actual potential for lethal violence escalates when guns are introduced," Blumstein said. Giordano said antisocial patterns begin early in children and abused children often turn out to be the worst offenders. She then commended the Smart Start program, which teaches children how to interact properly in society.

The Smart Start program, and others like it, was also praised by Sanford. Sanford then raised the difficult question of the amount of funding such programs deserve compared to the amount they receive.

Scheingold took up the topic, rationalizing that funding is finite. He said the modern notion of crime prevention is to focus on individuals and families. According to Scheingold, a broader issue should be addressed, meaning jobs that are not supporting people who are driven to crime by poverty.

The forum was then opened to audience participation. Chancellor Larry Monteith queried the board on the differences in crime rates between men and women. Blumstein said that although the rate of crimes against women is on the rise, serious crime is a predominately male area. In a popular comment, Sanford said that he believes "we need the influence of women."

The panel was then questioned on the previously unmentioned institution of gangs. Blumstein labeled them a vehicle for the distribution of guns and said that it was beneficial to a drug dealer to be a member of such an organization, which could protect him.

The next question dealt with the nature of internal wars that are not always won, such as the war on crime. Scheingold said the United States wages war unconditionally, which is unfortunate since, in this case, the enemy is a substantial number of its own people.

The next audience member said that to stop crime drugs and weapons must be eliminated and that until then, "you can keep writing your books." Scheingold disagreed, saying he does want to get rid of guns. When the questioner asked how crime could be eliminated without getting rid of guns, Sanford responded, "Get rid of the NRA."

# Wicker

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justice is biased against African-Americans. "There are seven times more blacks than whites in jail at any given time," he said.

This, according to Wicker, is merely an example of the pattern of history continuing.

Wicker believes that fear is the main reason so many people are in prison. He said fear unites people across deep divides. However, they are not always uniting for the right reasons.

"People are so frightened of crime they are not rational about what is to be done," he said.

He criticized the new "get tough

imprisonment" laws that have become increasingly popular with voters.

He said no one questions the results; they are just pleased to put someone in jail and throw away the key. It seems like a quick fix, he said, but it is only a band-aid solution to the problem.

Wicker grew up in Hamlet, N.C. and attended UNC-CH. He even lived in Cameron Village "many years ago," he said.

Wicker became interested in prison reform when he was asked to help settle prison riots in Attica, N.Y. in 1971. When they did not end peacefully, he took it as a challenge to bring about reform.

Wicker's speech was attended by NCSU students and faculty,

legislators, and several state senators.

Provost Phillip Stiles said the issue of crime was a thorny question and queried why there is more money spent on prisons than education.

"An NCSU graduate can earn a degree for the cost of keeping a criminal in prison," he said.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean Margaret Zelin said there are around one million citizens in prison, which requires \$25 billion annually.

She said there are a series of decisions to make concerning crime, none of which have easy solutions.

"There's something wrong when a child can't play outside without worrying about getting shot," she said.

# Arrests

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robberies.

No other information concerning the arrests was available at press time. Technician will relay any additional information regarding the arrests when it becomes available.

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# Plan

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brought into the spotlight, especially in education, but Governor Hunt's proposed budget seems to lack tax increases.

"There are no tax increases in the governor's budget," said Kim Brooks, who is employed by Governor Hunt's press office. "It will save taxpayers money."

Teachers will be glad to see that they are getting something out of the deal, although it is not a huge

gift. Hunt has recommended a three percent salary increase for teachers. North Carolina lags far behind the national average in teacher salaries.

In the National Education Association's Ranking of the States, a listing of average state teacher salaries, the national average was \$37,794 for 1995-96. North Carolina was well below that, with an average of \$30,564.

These increases would not only include teachers, but also certified instructional support professionals, psychologists, social workers, counselors, librarians, media coordinators, and school nurses.

# Authority

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complex two years from now when the arena will host the Special Olympics World Games.

"We've got 14 to 15 thousand athletes and coaches expecting to use this facility — it is an integral part of that [event]."

To answer recent claims that the Authority's members are working on the project for personal gain, Stroud said, "I don't think any of us will get rich off this; our reward will be to look back and see that we did something right for the growth of the community."

Stroud said that the arena will be an important part of the growth of the region and will benefit all who live in the area.

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# Sports

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## Losing a good friend

**The Les Robinson Invitational finally meets its maker, after six seasons.**

On Thursday evening, we lose a very dear friend of ours. The ACC Tournament's play-in game, known to its friends simply as the "Les Robinson Invite," will meet its untimely demise because of the jealous foe in the head offices at Greensboro.

Instead of mourning the loss, we should be admiring it for hanging on as long as it has, six years to be exact. And fortunately, for everyone involved, that was more than enough time for the fans of N.C. State basketball to form the bond it had with the Les Robinson Invite.

The play-in game was created in humble beginnings. The addition of Florida State to the conference meant nine teams, forcing an additional game. That first season, Clemson and Maryland were introduced to the format. It's no secret that neither approved.

N.C. State first met the Les Robinson Invite in the spring of 1993, and have stayed in touch ever since.

This meant not many universities in the ACC have had the chance to get to know the Les Robinson Invitational the way we here in Wolfpack country have, nor did they by. Clemson, Maryland, Duke, Florida State and Georgia Tech all met the play-in game, but first impressions are so difficult. Never did they return with the consistency we in Raleigh did.

Every March, whether it be Charlotte or Greensboro, we were there. Like a good friend, so was it. Was it perfect? No, but who out there among us is? Often times it was chastised for its eagerness to strip away the ego of those who crossed its path. And never would it allow a team into the good part of the ACC Tournament.

Or so the shallow-minded and evil-hearted would want you to believe. There are people out there who certainly won't be mourning its passing. Dean Smith, Mike Krzyzewski, Gary Williams, and Les Robinson never once had a kind word for our friend. And it finally took its toll.

Why did it have to die so young? Why was it taken from us? These, my friends, are questions that have no answers.

What we are sure of is that our time with the Les Robinson Invite was not spent in vain, regardless of what the most recent issue of the ACC Sports Journal may say. What we can take with us are fond memories of both the good times and the bad. But we can be secure in the fact that every relationship hits some rough spots, and it only makes them stronger. Were there times when I never wanted to see it again?

Yes, but I knew that regardless of how hard we tried, when we needed it most, the Les Robinson Invite would be there for us. Thank you, play-in game.

The Les Robinson Invite is survived by two new Thursday night games for 1998, and services will be held in the press conference room after the game.

**The Les Robinson Invitational:**  
March 12, 1992 - March 6, 1997.

In lieu of flowers, the Les Robinson Invite asks that you please make a donation to the American East play-in game. Thank you.

## State offs Wofford; finishes at .500

**The four State seniors went out in style Saturday with a win over Wofford.**

By James M. Lail  
Sports Editor

With just under nine minutes left to go in N.C. State's, 68-39 victory over Wofford Saturday night, State coach Herb Sendek tapped Jason Sutton on the shoulder.

Amid chants of "Ja-son, Sutton," the senior pulled off his warmups and made his way to center-court—something he'd only done seven times the entire season. Five minutes later, after three attempts, the guard nailed a three-pointer from the corner of the court, sending the Reynolds Coliseum crowd into a frenzy.

"It was great, all those guys yelling for me," Sutton said. "It was great for [Sendek] to do that. I think he knows how much it meant for me to get in there when they were shouting my name."

So it goes on Senior Night in Raleigh.

On a night in which Sutton and fellow seniors Jeremy Hyatt, Danny Strong and Al Pinkins were honored before tipoff, it was the seniors, namely Hyatt and Strong, who led the Pack to the 29-point victory over the Terriers. The win

marked the first time since the 1990-91 season that State (13-13) posted a .500 or better record for the regular season.

Hyatt and Strong were the catalysts. The two players combined for 26 points, while both posted career highs.

Strong tied junior C.C. Harrison with a game-high 17 points, but it was his job on the boards, namely a career-high 11 rebounds, that helped propel the Pack to victory.

"It was a really emotional moment, knowing it may be our last game in Reynolds," Strong said.

Hyatt posted a career high in assists with seven. Barring a bid to the postseason, Hyatt will finish his career tenth in the State record books for assists with 278.

Hyatt also finished the game with five rebounds in what could be his last performance in Reynolds.

"We got another win," Hyatt said. "We need as many as we can get. The level of competition was not strong, but our focus was strong."

Strong was on fire early in the game, leading all scorers at the break with 12 points, all on three-pointers.

Although he failed to hit a field goal in the second half, Strong went five-for-six from the free-throw line, while improving his work on the boards.

Harrison continued his strong play, despite earning three fouls going into the locker room. He

finished the game shooting six-for-11 from the field en route to his game-high 17.

Harrison wasn't the only junior who helped to send the seniors out on a winning note. Isha Benjamin poured-in 12 points to go along with six rebounds (four offensive) and three assists.

The Pack held the Terriers scoreless through the first four minutes of the game, breaking out to a 7-2 lead after a couple of Harrison buckets and a Benjamin jumper. After the Terriers got on the board, Strong hit his first three of the game.

State ended an out-of-sync first half leading just 26-15. But the second half was all Wolfpack, who almost doubled the Terriers' second-half scoring total, 42-24.

"I knew this was a dangerous game," Sendek said. "We were very respectful in our preparation for this team."

The win keeps alive the Pack's chance at the postseason. With a win in the ACC Tournament's play-in game, State could be invited to the NIT. But first things first.

"We're gonna have to play another great basketball game against a talented Georgia Tech team," Sendek said. "A lot of people are talking NIT," Sutton said. "But we're not—we're thinking NCAA."

To accomplish that feat, State will have to win the ACC Tourney. But



With help from the consistent play of freshman Justin Gainey, State finished off Wofford and finished the year at 13-13.

the Yellow Jackets will be facing a hot Pack team. State's won five out its last nine games, and has gained some confidence heading to Greensboro.

"I think all the players are starting to step up," Strong said. "I don't think last year we had the

confidence that we have this year. "We're ready."

The ACC play-in game will be televised on ESPN Thursday evening, with tip-off at 7:32 in Greensboro Coliseum, located in the Triad. Tickets for the tournament are sold out.

## Wolfpack women fall

**The Wolfpack Women couldn't keep its hot-streak up, falling to Clemson at the ACC Tourney.**

By K. Gaffney  
Staff Writer

Who would have thought it? Clemson coach Jim Davis himself used the sentiment to describe his team's run to the finals of the ACC Tournament in

Charlotte this weekend, a run which started with a 87-75 win in the quarterfinals over N.C. State.

Powered by sophomore Itoro Umoh, Clemson found their way past State, drowning the Pack's chances at another ACC ring.

The Pack came into the game with the No. 3 seed, after finishing the ACC season with four wins, including a home court victory over ACC leader and national No. 5 North Carolina.

State and Clemson battled back and forth throughout the first half, which featured seven ties and nine lead changes.

State was led by junior Chasity

"I think that all the credit should go to Clemson."

— Kay Yow,  
N.C. State women's coach

Melvin, who scored 10 points in half.

With just under three minutes left in the half, State catalyst Umeki Webb picked up her third foul on the offensive end.

Webb left the game, leaving Clemson a shot to open up the game. With Webb out of the game, Clemson went on a tear, outscoring the Pack, 9-0.

Umoh scored six of the nine for Clemson, finishing the half with 14 points and two steals in 18 minutes of play.

Coming back from the recess down 37-29, the Pack tried to battle back, but Clemson came out firing. The Tigers pushed the lead to 12 before the Pack scored.

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## O.K., concentrate

## State gymnasts set best

**Stephanie Wall and the Wolfpack burst George Washington's bubble at the "Bubble Invitational" on Sunday.**

By James Curle  
Staff Writer

The Wolfpack gymnasts hit on uneven bars.

Finally, the Wolfpack posted a school-record team score of 195.475 yesterday at the Bubble Invitational at Reynolds Coliseum in one of the strongest meets of the season.

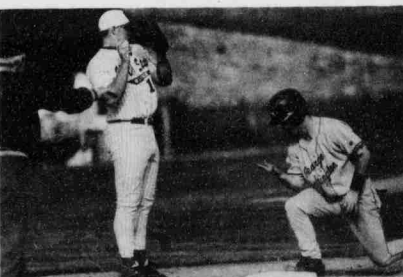
Four other teams competed against the Pack Sunday, including George Washington, Maryland, William and Mary, and Radford. George Washington posted second behind the Pack with a score of 192.575, followed by Maryland's score of 190.350.



Lauren Mazzurco concentrates on the uneven bars for State.

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## Pack chops GW's cherry tree



Stephen Wolff looks a GW player back to first during State's win.

**Strong bats and strong arms lead the Wolfpack to a baseball sweep of George Washington.**

By A. S. Martin  
Staff Writer

Second baseman Tom Sergio didn't play much this weekend in Wolfpack baseball's three-game series against Washington University.

His teammates hardly missed him. The weekend series gave the Wolfpack a chance to improve averages and sharpen defensive skills as they swept the Colonials,

12-2, 11-4 and 14-8. "There were no surprises here," State coach Elliott Avent said.

The rain on Friday dampened the series opener and the wet field prevented Sergio, who is recovering from a strained hamstring, from playing that night. But after a five-hour delay, Pack pitcher Brett Black (2-2) took the mound against Colonials.

In seven innings, Black, who was recently named national player of the week by Collegiate Baseball magazine, struck out nine and allowed only one run on six hits. So far this season, Black has faced 90 consecutive batters without a walk.

The Pack scored in the first inning when cleanup batter Chris Combs hit a two-RBI homer, his first of

two in the game. Combs went on to touch home plate four more times Friday for a team record of five runs scored in a single game.

"I'd been working on my game, trying something new," Combs said on hitting adjustments he's recently made. "I've got my confidence back after struggling at the plate in New Orleans."

Centerfielder Jake Weber also hit a two-run blast and went three-for-four with four runs scored. Matt Postell, who filled in for Sergio at second, went two-for-three with a sacrifice and five RBIs. Postell seemed as comfortable at second as he is at third. He turned

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# Bubble

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The Pack gymnasts finally conquered their nemesis of the year—uneven bars—with a season-high score of 49.125. Two State gymnasts were a part of a three-way tie for first place honors on the event. Sophomore Stephanie Flanagan and freshman Lauren Mazzurco posted new personal bests with their scores of 9.850, along with three other Pack gymnasts recording personal bests on the event.

"We worked our butts off in practice this week," Flanagan said. "Everybody fought hard and we went up there with confidence."

"We hit it."  
The floor exercise was another big event for the Pack on Sunday. State placed the top-two finishers on the event for the evening, tri-captains Stephanie Wall and Liz Bernstein, both recording personal bests. All five of the Pack gymnasts finished no lower than 12th.

Wall had the meet of her career at the Bubble Invite, taking home three first place finishes including the All-around title.

Out of the five events she competed in, she recorded personal bests in four, including a new high score for the balance beam of 9.875. It was the sixth time out of seven meets this year that Wall placed or tied for first on the event.

Wall also took the floor exercise crown for the first time this year. The junior looked the picture of composure throughout the entire routine.

"That was the best I've ever done on floor before," Wall said. "I had a good meet going into floor and I just did what I've been practicing and it just so happened it was pretty O.K."

The Pack gymnasts will try to keep the momentum going during the rough weekend ahead.

On Friday, the Pack hosts No. 29 Auburn in Reynolds. Like most of the teams from the SEC, the Tigers are a consistently strong team.

"All of the SEC schools are strong," coach Mark Stevenson said. "They fund their programs at 100 percent, on 12 full rides, and they're going to walk in here as a very, very strong program."

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# Baseball

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his first double play of the season Friday.

"The guys are doing a great job at filling spots," Sergio said of Postell. "You never know who's going to get hurt, and it's comforting to know you have people to fill any position."

On Saturday the Colonials took more punishment, this time from starting pitcher Bubba Scarce (2-0), who pitched five scoreless innings.

Wolfpack relievers faltered in the sixth, allowing GW to score their only four runs of the game, but Clay Eason took over to pitch the remainder without a hit.

Outfielder Combs pitched the ninth inning.

The Pack didn't need many power hits to score big Saturday. Colonials starter David Kloes gave up five walks, five hits and five runs in the first five innings.

Lead-off hitter Craig Lee and catcher Brad Piercy both stole bases their first two times out, but aggressive base-running wasn't needed in this series.

Two batters were walked and shortstop Dustin Baker was hit by a pitch. Baker, who was the only man in the lineup not to reach base Friday, went one-for-three and scored two runs Saturday.

On Sunday Sergio was back in the lineup as designated hitter in the

lead-off spot. His average is up to .422 in 45 at-bats.

Combs went three-for-four Sunday and seven-for-eleven in the series, scoring a three-game total of eight runs, seven RBI and 14 bases, and bringing his average up to .396. Piercy, whose .474 average tops the team, was a home run shy of hitting for the cycle Sunday.

Weber, batting .391, hit a solo homer in the sixth, and with two men on base Craig Lee cranked his own long ball well over the 400-foot mark on the center field wall.

"I just saw the ball real well," Lee said. "It came pretty much down the middle, and I stayed calm and relaxed."

Kurt Blackmon (1-0) gave a solid performance for the Pack, pitching six innings and earning his first win of the season. Pack relievers had trouble finding the plate, but

Eason came on to strike out the first three men he faced. Avent is excited about having Eason in the bull pen.

"I'd say he's exceptional," Avent said. "He stays ahead in the count, and he's done well in some crucial situations."

The Pack gets set for some more non-conference games before taking on Duke, March 14-16. Combs is confident about winning against ACC opposition.

"If this team does everything it's capable of, we can win against Duke," he said.

# Clemson

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Clemson had nine players who played more than 15 minutes, as they never let the Pack closer than five points.

Despite being down, State kept the game within reach, and tried to pull closer in the final minutes by fouling. Davis' Tigers came through on the line, hitting 13 free throws in the final minute and a half of play.

"I think that all of the credit goes to Clemson," State coach Kay Yow said. "They were ready from the opening tip."

Umoh finished with a game high 27 points, five rebounds, four steals and three assists.

"I just went out and played like I knew that I could play," Umoh said. "We needed to keep pressure on the ball, and get the little things done."

Senior center Jaci Stimson, whose play in last year's tournament landed her a spot on the All-Tournament second team, scored 13 points for the Tigers and pulled down six rebounds.

Laura Cottrell, the 1996 Player of the Tournament, was relatively ineffective for the Tigers, scoring seven points and pulling down four rebounds.

The difference for State was Melvin, State's only first team All-ACC player this season collected just two rebounds, and two blocks in the second half, as Clemson's collapsing defense neutralized State's inside game.

"We tried to shut down Chasity Melvin," Davis said. "She has been playing so well here over the past few years. She has been really



State center Chasity Melvin (44) struggled with a tough Clemson defense in the Tournament's first round game.

dominating the boards, and I think that Clemson did a really good job in that area."

Umeki Webb led the Pack for the fifth game in a row, scoring 22 points and pulling down a game high eight rebounds, while adding

seven assists in 36 minutes for the Pack.

"Webb is a great player," Davis said. "She and Kisha Ford are the two best all-around players in the conference."

**"I'd say he's exceptional... and he's done well in some crucial situations."**

—Elliott Avent, Describing Clay Eason

# Men's tennis team swashbuckles ECU

■ The men's tennis team won a huge match over rival East Carolina.

BY SCOTT SNYDER  
STAFF WRITER

The Men's tennis team put three wins on the board, as the Wolfpack defeated Appalachian State, 6-0, UNC-Charlotte, 5-2, and East Carolina, 5-2 this weekend in Raleigh. State coach Eric Hayes

wanted to test the fitness levels of his club by scheduling a match on Saturday, and a double-header on Sunday. The team responded well, and averaged last year's loss to the Pirates.

"To beat ECU after the win this morning is great," Hayes said. Sunday against the Pirates, State looked strong, by taking two out of three doubles matches. Roberto

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Desai followed his gutsy doubles performance by dominating ECU's Kintner. He showed no signs of fatigue in his decisive 6-2, 6-2 victory. Both Braconer and Calvert won despite controversial officiating by ECU players, as well

as the match officials. Braconer's opponent Kalajo conceded a point in the first set because of a conduct violation issued by an official. After Braconer jumped out to a 6-0 first set lead, his opponent fought back to four all in the second, but it was not enough. Braconer countered Kalajo's deep approach shots with blistering passing shots, while he

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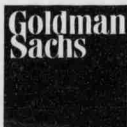
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## O.J. witness explains misconceptions

■ N.C. State professor is famous for taking genetics into the courtroom.

By MARCELA MCGROVE  
STAFF WRITER

The O.J. Simpson trials were perhaps the lengthiest and most detailed trials to ever hit the American judicial system. This was partly due to the multitude of expert witnesses, one of whom was a professor here at N.C. State. Bruce Weir, a professor of Statistical Genetics, is one of the foremost authorities in the country on interpreting DNA evidence in the courtroom. The purpose of his testimony was to provide numerical weight to the evidence of matching DNA profiles.

DNA is the genetic material contained in every human cell. In the past decade, extracting DNA from blood stains, hair, bones or semen has become an increasingly common way of identifying suspects in a crime. However, DNA identification can not yet be presented in courts as either a unique positive or negative match. Like fingerprinting in its first 30 years, DNA data must come with statistics that give the chances of finding a random person with a DNA profile matching the one at the crime scene. In other words, if you find a blood stain and extract a

DNA sample, what are the odds of finding an identical DNA sample from a completely different person?

Weir's courtroom work involves calculating these probabilities, which are often extremely large numbers. In the Simpson trial, the DNA profile from a blood stain on the rear gate was expected to occur only once in 57 billion people. Since the world population is only 5.7 billion, it is basically impossible that someone else could turn up matching this profile given the fact that someone (O.J.) already matches it.

The Simpson case was groundbreaking in the fact that it involved interpreting multiple DNA profiles since some of the blood stains on the evidence apparently came from several different people mixed together. The technique for calculating statistics for mixed stains is distinct from that of calculating stains from only one source. Weir remains one of the few statisticians able to do this calculation. This method of calculation is so novel that it was not yet endorsed by the National Research Council (NRC) at the time of the original Simpson trial, a fact which the defense team used to question Weir's credibility. The method was accepted in the updated 1996 report of the NRC, where Weir was cited more often than any other scientist.



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Weir is quick to point out that his numbers are not the probabilities of guilt or innocence as is sometimes misconstrued. His numbers tell nothing about the possibilities of errors in collection or handling of the samples, something he says is impossible to give. The Simpson defense team took advantage of this to cast doubt on his calculations because of allegations of police misconduct in handling the evidence.

Another misunderstanding that

**"I look forward to a time when DNA profiles are of such extent and integrity that they are recognized as being as probative as fingerprints."**

Bruce Weir,  
Prof. of Statistical Genetics

often arises both in the courtroom and in the media is what Weir calls "transposing the conditional" or the "prosecutor's fallacy." This subtle flip in logic greatly changes the meaning of the data.

For instance, in a blood stain found inside the Bronco, the DNA profile showed that there was a one in 1400 chance that the profile could have had the type seen if it came from two people other than O.J. Simpson or Ron Goldman.

But an Associated Press report

misinterpreted this statement to say that there was a one in 1400 chance that any two people in the population could be responsible for such a profile.

Weir compares this error to saying "The probability of this animal being a dog if it has four legs is high" instead of "The probability of this animal having four legs if it is a dog is high." Coincidentally, William Thompson, one of the defense attorneys, coined the phrase "prosecutor's fallacy" and tried to use it to confuse Weir on the stand, although normally Thompson strongly cautions against misinterpreting the data in this fashion.

Another item that the defense team used was a mistake Weir used in his calculations, which he quickly corrected. Weir claims that the mistake was relatively minor and attributable to the fact that the court demanded him to do additional calculations, which he did in his Los Angeles hotel room without enough time to check over the results. On the stand during cross-examination, he briefly showed regret, saying "I'm going to have to live with that mistake for a long time."

This mistake apparently hasn't hurt Weir's career or reputation very much. He was invited to speak on a panel this month at the American Association for the

Advancement of Science in Seattle on his research on the use of DNA in the courtroom. His expertise continues to be in demand for trials all over the country. A US Air ticket sits on his desk in silent testimony to a trip to Philadelphia last week where his results helped get an accused rapist convicted.

Weir refuses to accept payment for his court testimonies except for travel expenses. When asked why he testified, he answered "I'm very concerned that the statistical interpretation of DNA evidence is done correctly. I've been very angry over the past four years at some of the statements made in courts about the statistics attached to DNA profiles. I am very anxious that they be done correctly and I am therefore willing to testify when possible."

Eventually, Weir hopes his job in testifying will become obsolete. He points out that the numbers he comes up with are often in the millions or billions which are hard to understand. In a recent commentary published in "Nature Genetics," he concluded "I look forward to a time when DNA profiles are of such extent and integrity that they are recognized as being as probative as fingerprints." The 1996 NRC report backs him up on this saying "We foresee a time when each person (except for identical twins) can be identified uniquely."

### To find out more about these topics:

Excellent introductions to statistics and genetics can be found in "The Cartoon Guide to Statistics" and "The Cartoon Guide to Genetics," both by Larry Gosnick.

A more advanced and thorough overview of DNA in the courtroom is "The Evaluation of Forensic DNA Evidence," a 1996 report put out by the National Research Council.

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# Women's tourney successful

■ Here's a rundown of the Women's ACC Tourney.

BY K. GAFFNEY  
STAFF WRITER

In two seasons, Marion Jones had never lost an ACC Tournament game.

This weekend in Charlotte, the All-American two sport athlete from the North Carolina Tar Heels led her teammates to three more victories en route to the Tar Heels' third ACC championship in three years, taking the championship from defending champs Clemson, 62-58.

In the tournament play-in game, Wake Forest downed Florida State, which has dropped it's last 18 games, 70-59.

Against Wake, Carolina came out shooting, as four three-point shots from the Heels found the bottom of the net in the first three minutes. Wake answered early, but couldn't hold on, as Carolina jumped to a 20-point lead with just eight minutes gone in the half.

In the second, the Heels' lead jumped to 35 before settling back for a 86-60 victory. ACC Player of the Year Tracy Reid led the Heels with 23 points and eight rebounds.

In Friday's first quarterfinal game, Duke's Kira Orr picked up where she left off last season with her ACC tournament heroics, hitting a three, with just nine seconds left on the clock in regulation, to send the game against Maryland into overtime. In OT, the Devils outscored the Terps, 12-4 grabbing a 60-52 win.

Virginia opened it's first round game much like Carolina did, but Georgia Tech pulled back, chopping a 14-point lead down to just one before the half. With just three seconds left on the first half clock, UVa senior Tora Suber pushed the lead back to four with a three from the top of the arc.

The Cavaliers never relinquished the lead, defeating the Yellow Jackets, 77-63.

Friday night closed with Clemson defeating N.C. State, 87-75. The Tigers were able to out-rebound the Pack, an unusual occurrence in the 1996-97 season. The Tigers downed the Pack for the second time this season, shooting over 50 percent from the field.

In the first semifinal on Saturday, Duke took a shot at the No. 1 Heels, battling back from five down to grab a 14-7 lead with seven minutes gone in the first. Duke maintained a slight advantage for the remainder of the half, but a free throw with no time left on the clock put Carolina up by one at the break.

In the second half, Duke hung tough, but the fast-breaking Heels were too much for the Devils down the stretch, as Duke coach Gail Goetsenkos saw a close game turn into a 66-55 UNC-CH win.

"I'm sad that it was an 11-point loss," Goetsenkos said. "It really wasn't an 11-point game."

As if there hadn't been enough suspense in the first game, the night's second semi-final provided even more excitement.

Underdog Clemson took on the rough-and-tough style of Virginia. Clemson took a lead halfway through the first, and held it through



The ACC Women's Tournament set attendance records during the weekend's semi-finals and finals.

halftime, at one point pushing the margin to 11 points.

Virginia, behind Mimi McKinney, fought back into the game. McKinney poured in 13 points in the second half, powering the Cavaliers back even with the Tigers.

A three from Tora Suber with 13 seconds left on the clock answered a similar shot from Clemson's Amy Geren and sent the game into overtime.

In OT, Clemson jumped out to a six-point lead, but the Cavs battled back once again, this time behind free throws from Tiffany Bower.

Natasha Anderson closed the

games' scoring with a layup with 16 seconds left, putting the Tigers up by what would prove to be the final score of 77-75.

On Sunday, Carolina looked poised to walk away with the championship, opening up the weekend's final game on the run once again.

The Heels jumped out, behind the offense of Marion Jones. The redshirt junior scored 15 points in the first half, including nine from the outside.

Clemson refused to let the chance to repeat as conference champions slip away.

Both teams scored again, and a

three from Jones with 16 seconds left ended the first half scoring, sending the Heel's to the locker room, up 25-33.

The Heels came out of the locker room on fire, jumping out to a six-point lead.

A jumper from Jeanette Davis put Clemson up 54-53 with seven minutes left, but the lead was short lived, as the Heels finished with a nine to four run to finish the game.

Jones led the way for both teams, scoring 23 points. All-ACC player Tracy Reid struggled once again, scoring just eight points and committing five turnovers.

## WOLFPACK NOTES

■ State's women's tennis team struggled against Charleston, but whipped Old Dominion.

SPORTS STAFF REPORT

The Wolfpack women's tennis team split its two matches yesterday at the Wolfpack Tennis Complex. The College of Charleston defeated State (2-5, 0-2 ACC), 7-2, but the Pack bounced back to whip Old Dominion, 8-1.

State's Marissa Gildemeister and Laura Cowman both won their singles matches.

Gildemeister, the third seed, defeated Charleston's Carrie Minton in three sets, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0. Gildemeister later beat ODU's Raquel Araujo in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

Cowman, State's No. 5 seed against Charleston, beat Erin Callahan, 6-2, 6-4, before beating Angie White of ODU, 6-2, 6-0. Cowman was the No. 4 seed against Old Dominion.

No. 1 seed Blair Sutton defeated ODU's Luciana Araujo in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1.

Nena Bonacic, at the No. 2 seed, defeated Michelle Tyson, 6-2, 6-3, while Brie Glover blanked ODU's Holly Rivers, 6-0, 6-0.

In State's only singles loss to ODU, freshman Elizabeth Perry fell to Stephanie Smith, 6-2, 6-3.

The Wolfpack swept the doubles action versus ODU. The team of Sutton-Glover went to the wire against Luciano Araujo-Tyson before pulling out the 9-7 victory.

Gildemeister-Cowman had little trouble against White-Rivers, winning, 8-2.

In the No. 3 doubles, Bonacic-Perry defeated Raquel Araujo-Smith, 8-5.

State will travel across the Triangle to take on Duke Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

## Tennis

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avoiding the Kalajo forehead. Hayes Calvert and his opponent, Siebenbrunner actually ceased playing for several minutes due to a disagreement in the score of the match. After the smoke cleared, Calvert lost the argument, but gained the upper hand.

"After the call was made, he (Siebenbrunner) lost his focus," Hayes said.

Hayes was pleased with the way that his players handled the officiating.

"I want these guys to deal with adversity like men," Hayes said.

Calvert recovered well, and finished the grueling match with a 6-2, 7-5 win. Freshman Keith Salmon prevailed in a three set 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 win. Baseline rallies in this match seemed endless. Salmon showed great poise as a rookie, by hanging on in the third set.

Salmon is just one of ten under classmen on the State squad. A squad that not only has young talent, but uses it. Two out of the top four seeds are freshman.

"We are going to turn this program around. The win against ECU is big, but it is just one step," Hayes said.

State had a bit of difficulty with the 49ers in doubles, but they made up for it in singles by losing only one match. Number one seed Bracone defeated easily in straight sets 6-2, 6-3.

The second seed Devang Desai started slow but prevailed, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

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# More students smoking

Wake Forest University is reconsidering its smoking policy, and may restrict smoking in many on-campus locations.

By MARK RABUANO  
Old Gold and Black (Wake Forest U.)

(U-WIRE) WINSTON SALEM, N.C. — If you've noticed more cigarette smoke in the air lately, you are not alone. Both on campus and nationwide, more college students are lighting up. Health Educator Natascha Romeo said, "I hear it all the time that smoking rates are increasing. More teenagers than ever before are smoking too."

The Core Alcohol and Drug Survey, which polled upperclassmen at the university last spring, showed that 46 percent of those surveyed had used tobacco in the previous year, six percent of these using tobacco products daily, and 15.4 percent use tobacco weekly. The survey performed on this year's incoming freshmen showed that 43 percent have used tobacco in the past year, with four percent daily and 19 percent weekly. "That means that the students are coming here already smoking," Romeo said.

The rate of smoking on campus is substantiated by national statistics. The New York State Office of Substance Abuse said that 3,000 students start smoking each day, and that 88 percent of people have

smoked before turning 18, with 71 percent of these now smoking daily.

A University of Arizona study done on that university's freshman class showed that 51 percent had tried smoking, with 15 percent of these currently smokers on a daily basis.

Nationally, the rise of smoking among young adults is also an issue of great concern. Business Week magazine published in February 1996 that 34 percent of high school seniors reported they had smoked cigarettes in the past month. This is an increase from 28 percent in 1992, and 29 percent over the prior decade.

Although the rate of smoking has remained fairly constant, interest in regulating tobacco smoke has fallen recently. In 1994, the issue of smoking on campus was a large one, as evidenced by the talk of a non-smoking policy at various Student Government meetings.

Several administrators said then that the absence of a comprehensive smoking policy is due to a lack of conflict between the smoking and non-smoking population at the university.

Designated areas exist now for smoking that are determined by practice and policy.

The Z. Smith Reynolds Library, for example, permits smoking in the non-tiled corridors in the Reynolds wing, concentrated in the west stairwell.

Smoking in the restrooms and Wilson Wing is prohibited.

Smoking is also not allowed in Shorpy's and the Food Court in the Benson University Center.

In 1994, the issue of a smoking policy arose in terms of the university's close ties with R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. Brian Eckert, the former director of media relations, said at the time that despite RJR's genuine philanthropy, it has never pressured the university to prevent a smoking policy.

There was an amendment to the smoking policy recommendation in 1994 that would make the Pit non-smoking and the auxiliary room a smoking section.

SG ran a survey that year finding that 88 percent of the students who replied supported a smoking policy of some kind.

Student reaction to the various levels of smoking concern on campus varied. "I don't think that there is a problem here. If you walk across the campus at Northeastern University, where I spent a year, everyone has a lit cigarette in their hand. You don't see that here," said sophomore Allison Eizenberg.

But sophomore Jonathan Derby thought smoking was more of a problem. "One would think that at a school like Wake Forest, where everyone is supposed to be intelligent, students would realize the detriments of smoking," he said. "I think that making Shorpy's smoke-free is a positive step towards saving the non-smoking majority from the evils of second-hand smoke."

# Students are easy prey for credit card companies

Many students own several credit cards, which makes it easier to accumulate enormous debt and create many problems after graduation.

By NEOMI VANHORN  
The KAMIN (U. of Montana)

MISSOULA, Mont. — The average American consumer is \$6,000 to \$7,000 in credit card debt, a consumer protection agency announced Tuesday.

Students are especially vulnerable to excessive credit card spending, said Carol Dorsey, the branch director of Consumer Credit Counseling Services on Russell.

"It's like being loose in a candy store for some students," she said.

But the solution to your credit woes is a scissors' snip away.

"Cut 'em up. You only need one," she said.

Dorsey said students often are enticed to own more than one card because once they get approved for one, pre-approved cards start coming in the mail.

"They're a bankruptcy waiting to happen."

People often come to CCCS with thousands of dollars in debt to as many as nine credit card companies.

"They live better as 'starving students' than when they get out in the world and have to support themselves and that's not right at all," she said.

And students are easy prey for credit card companies because they love to live the good life and are often unaware of the repercussions

of plastic spending. "Credit card companies are trading on the fact that if these kids get into trouble their parents will bail them out."

But Dorsey warns students that ignoring the importance of a good credit rating can mess up their plans after graduation. "Bankruptcy and a new job are not compatible."

A credit card screw up mars your credit history for seven years, Dorsey said.

For students, that can mean more than just problems buying your next car. It can threaten graduates' chances for getting a job, because employers are now doing credit checks more frequently as part of job interviews.

Anyone who's going to expect an employee to use a cash register will want to make sure they're trustworthy, Dorsey said.

"Carpe diem may be fun in the movies," she said. "But you're supposed to be working towards your future, not living it now."

Credit card tips: Students can avoid credit card woes by following several steps, says Carol Dorsey, branch director of Consumer Credit Counseling Services.

Consolidate. Putting all debts on one credit card makes payments easier and might mean lower interest.

Go local. Making a "financial friend" out of a local institution can be handy when it comes to pleading for lenience when you can't make a payment. "You're a person, not just an account number."

Set up a budget. "Cinch in your belt and get it paid," she says. The sooner the debt is paid, the less extra money you'll shell out for interest.

Try to bargain. Your credit card company might agree to lower the interest rate on your current card if you threaten to take your business to a card with a lower rate. It can never hurt to try, she says. "They would like to keep you as a customer."

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## Add security everywhere

■ Security has been upgraded at Winston, Caldwell and Tompkins Halls. But overall is it doing any good?

In response to recent attacks in Winston Hall, security has been upgraded, especially on weekends. There are always guards present now and weekends have brought even stricter security measures.

Students wishing to use the computer labs on the weekend have to present some sort of photo identification and will have to enter and exit through the two main doors off Hillsborough Street.

Many feel these additions are necessary to prevent future attacks. But are they really going to do any good? Perhaps they will for that one building, where several attacks have occurred over the past two weeks.

But what about the rest of the campus? If you're a student, faculty or staff member at N.C. State planning on an attack, you know where the guards are and where they aren't. It is doubtful that any more attacks will occur in Winston, Caldwell or Tompkins unless the assailant is a complete idiot. Guards are supposedly watching everyone who enters.

More security efforts are supposed to be implemented.

according to Robert Entman, a professor in Communications. But what kind of efforts, and where? More at Caldwell? Is that really a good idea, considering the rest of the campus is being ignored — except by muggers who know all the guards are on East Campus?

Of course, students should be extra careful whenever there is even the slightest chance of an attack — which is pretty much the case all the time, unless you're in Caldwell.

In this time of danger, the whole campus needs stepped up security measures — not just in three buildings. It's the university's job to provide us with a safe environment. Obviously administrators take this seriously, but they need to think about the big picture instead of just a band-aid solution in one small section of the campus.

While the school is responsible for our personal safety to some extent, we must watch out for ourselves no matter how many guards are walking around. Students need to know the campus emergency number, 515-3333, by heart, and not be afraid to use it if they see something suspicious. But above all, students just need to use their heads. Taking basic safety precautions can keep you safe, no matter how many guards may or may not be around.

## Leaving pet causes trouble

■ Keeping your dog chained to N.C. State's bricks is not a good idea.

On Wednesday, outside of Caldwell Hall, the current hub of campus turmoil continued when a student left his dog chained up outside while attending classes. N.C. State Public Safety officers called a Raleigh City Animal Control Officer, who kept an eye on the dog until the next change of classes, when the owner was given a chance to remove the dog.

So, while this story ended happily, think about how you would feel chained up outside waiting for your owner to get done with his class. Give your dog a little respect.

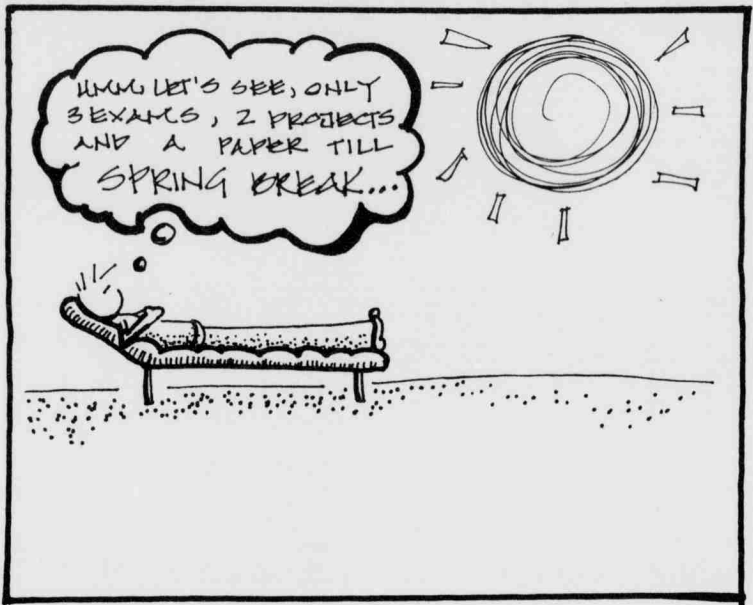
What would have happened if the officers hadn't been patient and the dog had been cared off? If this had happened, the owner would have had to claim the dog

within five days or it would have been given up for adoption.

Students who take on the responsibility of owning a pet need to be aware of campus rules concerning animals. They are not to be on campus at all unless you are present with them at all times. And if your dog is from somewhere other than North Carolina, you have 30 days to get your dog registered with the proper tags and paperwork.

If you're ready for this kind of a hassle, leave your dog at home. If you decide that it is worth it, (perhaps a guy who realizes the girl-meeting potential a dog has) then at least make sure your dog has a tag with your name on it. Then, if dog and owner are unexpectedly separated, the owner can be contacted.

Just don't try bringing your dog to class. No professor is going to believe that old "my dog ate my homework" routine, even if the dog is present.



## All life is unique and shouldn't be cloned

Say, how would you like to have two of yourself running around? I can just see myself now:

"Christine, you're looking lovely today!" "As are you, Christine." Of course, my other self would be considerably younger than me, but hey, I could just live vicariously through her. Also, she could take over all the boring parts of my life and become my personal slave. After all, I don't mind. Why should she?

Of course, everyone says this is an impossible scenario, and that the cloning of humans won't happen. Get real! Who actually believes that?

There is some scientist out there rubbing his hands together and chucking out loud about his little experiment to come. Think about it — not once has new technology, however questionable, been turned away. In case you're confused, does nuclear warfare ring a bell? It can kill and has killed millions. But no one is running around denouncing it — it has become accepted by the general populace. So, will cloning eventually become accepted?

The thought of something so innately narcissistic and ethically impoverished becoming acceptable is sickening. And I'm

Christine Oldham



not just talking about cloning humans — sheep, dogs, cats, whatever — it's just not right! I don't look forward to living in some sort of sci-fi world where everyone has an extra of himself in cold storage.

Of course, this would be an extreme situation. We'll probably all be gone and society will look something like a "Brave New World" before this actually happens.

But what about until then? The experiments to make these clones are morally repugnant. The attempts and attempts to get things right could result in malformed babies. So why even try? Because a greedy man just has

to know, "What if ..."

Yes, this could mean fantastic things happening in the way of food supply — although I wonder where the hell they are going to put all these animals. We're overcrowded already! (Which is just another reason why human cloning would be bad.)

There is no law against this experimentation with human embryos. And, what woman is going to want to carry this child? Or are they going to use a test tube?

I'm not trying to be totally anti-cloning — it has a few advantages, such as producing valuable human medications in animal's milk, and "super-producing" cattle that make upwards of 10,000 more gallons of milk a year. Also, scientists could easily develop animals with human diseases to help them pick apart disease mechanisms in humans and provide for the rapid screening of new treatment.

But it's still wrong. We're doing okay on our own anyway. Humans are constantly advancing forward, by the merits of our intellect.

Sometimes, though, are emotions should be called into play to stop things from developing. We aren't gods and shouldn't try to play God

by making little humans. And, think about what people really want in the deep, dark recesses of their minds. Maybe a couple of house servants? Or a Cindy Crawford look-a-like with the brain of a genius to help improve the human race? Or maybe they just want another of themselves around because they think they're so great.

C'mon. Don't you know someone who would actually do this because they think they're the super shit? And wouldn't you be scared to have another of that ilk running around?

Also, (and this is truly sickening) some people just want a couple of spare parts around or some extra bone marrow, so they just grow a clone baby, get what they need ... and then what?

Cloning is an expensive process that is difficult to do, which could hold things off for a while. And, scientists might want to experiment with the technology. "Hey, let's make an apeman!" Oh, boy! It'll be a hot time in the old lab tonight!

Cloning does have its good implications — but these few hardy make-up for the terrible things associated with it. Human life is unique — it shouldn't be

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## Student Government should be defunded

The Board of Trustees have approved \$3 more to go to Student Government next semester. Our Student Government will now get \$7 per student. This means they will have control of almost \$200,000. This \$3 per student is supposed to go to pay two secretaries. However, I do not believe that each secretary will receive almost \$42,000 in compensation. This means that Student Government will have even more money to waste on extravagant living.

For example, our Student Government spent nearly \$4000 on its end of the year celebration last year. Guess who paid for it? Students. This extravagant banquet was held at the Velvet Cloak Inn. There were 50 plaques given out that night which cost \$20 each. A live band was rented for \$500. If you believe this is an isolated incident, think again.

This year alone our Student Senate has given a total of \$1200 to the Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies (BGLA). The allocation was given out over two semesters, \$700 last semester and \$500 this semester. Last semester, \$700 was

Matthew P. Hamby  
 COMMENTARY

given in start-up funds because they were a "new" club. This is a dubious assumption. The BGLA was strikingly similar to the old Lesbian and Gay Student Union (LGSU) that came before. The BGLA has many of the same members of the "old" LGSU. Now the senate has set a precedent where all that is required to receive funds is a name change. The Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week we had to endure was financed by your student fees.

In contrast, it has been extremely difficult for conservative groups to receive funding. The NCSU College Republicans had to threaten the Senate with a lawsuit before they received start-up funds. To the credit of the senate, the College Democrats never received funds, but the senate funded several liberal organizations who shared members with the College Democrats. Excessive spending isn't limited to our own student government.

For example, at the University of Central Florida, student government leaders went on a spending spree that cost the university \$105,500. Among the things purchased with that money were catering of meals, 12 laptop computers, 2500 plastic cups featuring the names of student leaders, and \$27,000 worth of self-promoting advertisements. These clowns even had the nerve to request the purchase of a Lincoln Towncar.

This next story is from the fall of 1991. The senate president of University of New York City, Jean LaMarre, approved the spending of more than \$400,000 in student funds for limousine rides, hotel stays and a trip to Africa. The Student Senate president also had approved a \$24,000 annual salary for his twin sister. It sounds like these folks picked up on the patronage system practiced only by the most corrupt politicians.

In the fall of 1992, the University of New York City suspended the student activity fee and suspended stipends to student-government officers who received strong criticism for spending thousands

of dollars for the misuse of student fees mentioned above. Student Senate President Jean LaMarre had been criticized for lavish spending after it was found he wasted \$85,000 in 1991.

More recently, the student government of UNC-Wilmington had a dinner that cost \$667.17 and left a tip of \$392.83, or 59 percent. Student government members claimed it was a mistake but the restaurant staff reports that they were told to keep the surplus in the purchase order. Incidentally, one of the waitresses who received the tip was Kim Stephenson, President of UNCW's sophomore class. It looks like another example of corruption to me.

Even amongst the charges of liberal bias, the solution to this problem is not to throw a bone to conservative organizations to pacify them. The control of money one didn't earn is a corrupting influence. The only solution to this problem of runaway student government is to defund it. The Board of Trustees should eliminate the portion of student fees which goes to student government immediately.



# The Campus FORUM

## Letter wrongly blames bomber project

Chris Meekins criticizes Matt Hamby's rose-colored view of the '80s, and it's republican influences from on high. Though I agree with much of what Meekins recalls about the '80s, I am disturbed by one error, which reminds me of the true nature of power in the United States. The B-1 Bomber project was started by Jimmy Carter's administration. Certainly, it was continued and expanded in the Reagan administration, but the plans of Carter were also clear: expand the military. (Read the transcripts from the campaign.)

Remember, though Reagan and Bush had the presidency for 12 years, it was a Democratic congress that allowed them to get away with their draconian policies. In essence, they were also Democratic draconian policies. For the curious, there is a difference between the Republican party and the Democratic party, and it's not conservative versus liberal as they'd like you to believe. Republicans know which side of their bread is buttered, and Democrats pretend that they don't know which side of their bread is buttered.

**Sean Korb**  
System Programmer, Information Technology and Engineering Computer Services

## Group's stand on sexual relations

A number of issues have been raised within the N.C. State campus community concerning sexual relations. As members of this community, the Latter-day Saint Student Association submits a position of a proclamation. Its full text was read by Gordon B. Hinckley, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Sept. 23, 1995. Within it's words are the standards to which we subscribe.

A proclamation 'to the Church and to the world.' A declaration and reaffirmation of standards, doctrines and practices relative to the family.

"We solemnly proclaim that marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God and that the family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children.

"All human beings — male and female — are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and each has a divine nature and destiny. Gender is an essential characteristic of individual premortal, mortal, and eternal identity and purpose.

"The first commandment that God gave to Adam and Eve pertained to their potential for parenthood as husband and wife. We declare that God's commandment for His children to multiply and replenish the earth remains in force. We further declare that God has commanded that the sacred powers of procreation are to be employed only between man and woman, lawfully wedded as husband and wife.

"We declare the means by which mortal life is created to be divinely appointed. We affirm the sanctity of life and of its importance in God's eternal plan ...

"The family is ordained of God. Marriage between man and woman is essential to His eternal plan. Children are entitled to birth within the bonds of matrimony, and to be reared by a father and a mother who honor marital vows with complete fidelity. Happiness in family life is most likely to be achieved when founded upon the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ ...

While we may be perceived as being closed-minded by subscribing to this position, it is a position consistent with the scriptures which we defend and the God we worship.

**Allyn Lee**  
Sophomore, History  
Latter-day Saint Student Association, President

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Senior, Business Management  
Sigma Gamma Chi, President

**Daniel Johnson**  
Sophomore, Textile Engineering  
Sigma Gamma Chi, Pledge Chairman

## Open letter to Madeline Albright

I am writing in connection with the plight of those Palestinian students from the Gaza Strip who have been denied entry to their West Bank universities by the Government of Israel. As a fellow student, I believe that Israel's action is unjustified and wrong, and will do nothing to advance the cause of peace in the region. This is a position held by many international human rights groups and by many people within Israel.

The complete closure of Gaza for students represents nothing more than a collective punishment of a sector of the population which should be included in, rather than excluded from, the peace process. In addition, the closure violates the letter and the spirit of the Oslo accords, which guarantee safe passage for Palestinians between the West Bank and Gaza and which recognize the right of every Israeli and Palestinian to education. The closure has been in place since Feb. 1996. These travel restrictions violate the provisions of the Israel-PLO Interim Agreement guaranteeing safe passage between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

An international petition has been organized demanding that the Israeli government reverse its policy of collective restrictions upon Palestinian education. The petition organizers have collected signatures on 40 college campuses from more than 7,000 students around the world, including N.C. State, as well as on the Internet. On their behalf, I urge you to take up this matter with the Israeli government at the earliest opportunity and to do everything in your power to restore the fundamental right of education to the Gaza students.

**Rania Masri**  
NCSU petition coordinator,  
Ph.D. student, Forestry

## Pro/Con neglected major facts

I am writing this letter concerning the pro/con columns written on Feb. 28 about the Hillsborough homeless. I hope I can offer a viable alternative to what they have suggested. Some of the information in the columns is true. However, I feel that both of the columns have neglected to account for one very important fact —

although a large majority of the beggars are alcohol and/or drug addicts, some of them are legitimately down on their luck and are just trying to get food and shelter to survive. These people should not be denied the help they deserve simply because they are only looking for another bottle of wine.

J. Miles Layton says that most of the homeless people will spend the money given to them on alcohol and drugs, but that it doesn't matter because at least they'll be happy. He continues to say that the ones who really want food can go to a shelter. This is not entirely true. The shelters in Raleigh are spread out over a vast area. Now, considering that most of these homeless people are also lacking transportation, they may be unwilling or unable to walk several miles to get a meal. Many homeless people are mentally ill and may not be aware of the shelters or how to get to them. Many shelters have waiting lists for people who want to get help. The shelters also lock their doors after a certain hour and will not let anyone in under any circumstance after that time. So even if these people could get help eventually from the shelters, they may be cold and hungry now.

Kristen Spruill says that giving to the homeless will simply encourage more beggars to come out asking for money. However, doing nothing at all certainly can't help the situation either. My personal experience with panhandlers tells me that most of them say they want the money for food. In the past, if I have a little extra money and time, I have offered to take them somewhere and actually buy them a meal. If they refuse that, we can't help them. It is their decision and we can't do anything until they want to help themselves.

As for a long-term solution, people are trying to help. Anyone interested in actually being a part of the solution can find plenty of volunteer opportunities. One noteworthy effort I've come across is called HELP

(Homeless Emergency Love Project). This group collects clothes, food and blankets to pass out to homeless people just about every night. They never give out money. Anyone interested in helping with getting donations and distributing items, or if you have any questions, contact Jenny Lewis at 851-1784.

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## Column gave inaccurate definitions

I write to counter Andrew Damick's self-congratulatory prattle (Feb. 17) and to offer more accurate definitions of homophobia and narrow-mindedness.

Concerning homosexuality itself, an important assumption must be made before discussing the morality (in a biblical context) of living as a homosexual. Damick fails to mention this assumption but simply labels homosexuality as immoral (or even evil). The answer to the question "Is homosexuality innate?" in this assumption. I would take issue with Damick's position, if he chose to answer in the affirmative or in the negative.

First, if he answers in the affirmative: The Bible (in which Damick claims to rely for his judgments of morality) indicates repeatedly the infallibility and omnipotence of God. Therefore, God cannot create that which is automatically immoral (or evil). If homosexuality is inherent, then it is a creation of God's design and therefore cannot be immoral (or evil) in itself.

Second, if he answers in the negative: if homosexuality is not innate, then it must be a lifestyle choice. Moreover, according to Damick's line of thinking, it must be a deliberate choice to live one's life in an immoral fashion, as distinguished from the more acceptable acts of occasionally succumbing to temptation and then seeking forgiveness and repenting. It would then, be impossible for a homosexual to be a believer as Damick claims to be.

But Damick, in a statement of self-congratulation, says, "Several of my

friends are homosexuals." I would remind him of St. Paul's command, "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers ... for what fellowship can light have with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6:14). How can Damick claim that his judgments "logically and rationally follow [from his belief in the Bible]" and be satisfied with such obvious contradictions?

I would wager that Damick could not so heartily pat himself on the back, if he had to admit that he rejects the company of others based on which gender they find attractive. Furthermore, as an "Evangelical Protestant," Damick is obliged to improve his homosexual friends to turn from their evil ways. He would not have those friends long, and he would soon discover how difficult it is to maintain both self-righteousness and popularity in a diverse population.

In contrast to the inaccurate definitions Damick offers for homophobia, I suggest it is the following: The condition wherein one experiences such anxiety over the subject of homosexuality that one is unable to consider it reasonably.

Examples of homophobes who satisfy this definition are those who, at the mention of homosexuality, shut down their minds and begin reciting Bible verses until the bad people go away, or, in the case of those less studious, say, "The bible sez it's wrong and that's final!"

Another example is the repressed homosexual who lives in mortal fear that he/she might be so oriented, and therefore refuses to approach the subject.

A third example is the person who so fears non-conformity that he/she refuses to consider, much less discuss, the subject.

On being narrow-minded, Damick seems to think that anyone with strong opinions could be described as such. Not so. When someone is narrow-minded on a subject, one's position is set and unalterable. To be open-minded is to have a position that is never final, but that is always subject to the influence of new information or new perspectives. To allow a very limited (and some would say carefully chosen) number of Bible verses to set one's opinion on homosexuality is to be narrow-minded.

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