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Assailants reportedly rob, shoot at NCSU student

■ An NCSU student got the scare of his life Sunday.

JOSH JUSTIN
Assistant News Editor

N.C. State may be slowly turning into a violent, crime-ridden environment.

On Sun., Jan. 4, a student was shot at, assaulted and robbed on Morrill Drive near Wood Residence Hall around 1 a.m. This incident is another in a series of brutal crimes occurring at NCSU in the past two months.

The student, who requested anonymity, said he was walking toward Western Boulevard early Sunday morning when a man jumped out of a parked car and chased him up the street.

As the student ran up Morrill Drive, the suspect fired a shot from a handgun, forcing him to run towards the woods between Wood Hall and Morrill Drive.

When the student fled into the woods, another man was waiting, apparently part of a trap for the victim.

"The guy who fired the shot caught up with me, and the man waiting in the

woods came down on me," the student said. "They took my wallet, got my I.D. and my ATM card."

The suspect who fired the gunshot, according to a report filed by Public Safety officer D. Perry, is a black male, 5 feet 10 inches in height, with short black hair.

The student could not get a positive description of the other suspect waiting in the woods, but said "he wasn't black or white, probably Hispanic."

The second suspect was wearing a tan ski mask, according to the victim.

The car that one of the suspects used for arrival and departure from the crime scene was a gray, four-door Honda Accord.

James Curle, a resident at Wood Hall, was able to hear the entire ordeal through his window after he had gone to bed.

"I was lying in bed around 1:10 a.m., and I heard some people talking outside, then I heard a gunshot," Curle said in an interview conducted Monday night.

"Because I didn't have my lights on, they couldn't see me looking out at the street."

Curle's room is on the third story of Wood Hall, so he was unable to get a clear view of any movement close to the

building, but he could get a decent perspective farther away from the residence hall.

"I heard the victim yell a few times, and after a few minutes, an Accord drove up and one of the suspects got in," Curle said.

The report indicated that one of the suspects informed the victim that "if he moved, he would be shot." Then one of the assailants got back into the vehicle and drove off as the other left on foot. The victim said he could not be sure which one got into the car and which one left on foot, the report stated.

The victim used wise strategic moves when the suspects began asking questions about his personal finances.

When the suspects began interrogating the victim about his bank account, he gave them a false PIN, according to the report filed by Perry.

Wake County EMS and Raleigh Fire Department checked out the victim, and he declined any treatment. The victim could not give any further information at the time, the report said.

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Fee increase inflames faculty

■ A potential increase in parking fees has angered many faculty members.

DANIELLE STANFIELD
Senior Staff Writer

Sparks flared over a discussion about a 10 percent increase in the cost of parking permits for next year at yesterday's Faculty Senate meeting.

According to Jeff Mann, associate vice chancellor for business, there has not been a price increase in three years. Comparably, N.C. State's faculty and staff will be paying less than UNC-Chapel Hill's staff because they pay a transit fee, Mann said.

However, many NCSU senators expressed concern with the increased costs and other parking issues.

When asked why a rise in the cost of permits is necessary, Mann said the transportation department's reserve funds

have gone dry. By calculating what types of permits the department projects to sell, the 10 percent increased expense was derived.

Mann also made clear that parking deck space is much more expensive than flat space, therefore campus parking is more costly than other Raleigh area parking.

In regards to the Wolfline transportation service, student fees will increase to \$27, Mann said.

"We carry over 10,000 passengers a day on Wolfline," Mann said. "That is more than any major city in North Carolina."

One senator explained a problem with Public Safety vehicles taking up available faculty parking, particularly in front of the 1911 building. The faculty and staff at NCSU are allotted 6,000 of the 15,000 parking permits sold.

"Police cars on this campus buy a parking permit," Mann said.

He also said police cars are parked at

different places for a number of reasons. Specifically, Mann said the patrol cars parked in front of the 1911 building had surveillance cameras in them. "It is in best security interest," Mann said.

However, he said that illegally parked patrol cars could receive tickets just like anyone else.

Another concern was expressed about the width of parking spaces on campus, and whether they have recently become smaller.

According to Cathy Reeve, director of transportation, parallel spaces are currently about eight feet wide. The department is pushing to increase the space size of the 14,000 spaces on campus by a quarter to a half of an inch. As a result, the campus will lose spaces, Reeve said.

The parking price increase has been approved by NCSU's Physical Environment Committee.

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Professor creates artificial nose

■ New man-made nose will make farmers' lives easier.

APRIL HARRISON
Senior Staff Writer

There's no business like nose business.

Troy Nagel, a professor of electrical and computer engineering at N.C. State, working with Ricardo Gutierrez, a graduate student from Spain, has developed an artificial nose.

Nagel's electronic nose sensory test bed is currently being refined for use to detect the pungent odors lingering around hog farms which, in a confined area, can be lethal to hogs and humans.

"When hog farmers put a lot of animals into a small space, this creates a lot of waste," Nagel said.

With so much waste, it is little wonder that hog farms have gotten an enormous amount of negative publicity in recent times. However, Nagel said hog farmers are very interested in becoming better neighbors by improving their image and reducing odor.

So, how does the artificial nose help? "If you want to control an odor problem, you must first be able to measure the odor," Nagel said.

The electronic nose is modeled after that of a human. Included in the model is a pump that acts as human lungs, electronic sensors that act as the receptors in the

nose, and a small computer that acts as the brain. When odors pass through the pump and over the sensors, the computer generated results will list the components of the smell.

Prolonged exposure to a smell as strong as that of pigs often causes a desensitizing of the human nose — something that cannot happen to an electronic substitute.

The human nose is up to 1,000 times more sensitive than current artificial noses.

"A farmer and his workers doing their jobs get accustomed to the odor, and it doesn't smell anymore to them," Nagel said.

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Mirror image



Rob Hunter, a junior in mechanical engineering, looks for his MAE 310 textbook at Packbacker Bookstores on Hillsborough Street.

Survey: most students work

■ Many students find jobs during the semester.

DEREK MATTHEWS
Special to Technician

Going to college to decide what you want to do with your life? Many students start their working careers while they are still students — just to make ends meet.

Working students, who comprise an increasing portion of the student body, find that it takes work to balance work with school — to say nothing of play.

"Since I work during the week, it's hard for me to find time to go to ball games and other stuff," said Jason Briggs, a senior in parks and recreation.

Because of the time crunch, students are increasingly finding it difficult to fit in those extracurricular activities. And sometimes, it's simply not convenient to come back to campus.

"I hang out with the people at the restaurant that I work at. It's easier because they get off work when I do so we usually go out from there," said Shea Ward, a senior in textile management.

A recent survey at N.C. State shows that over 75 percent of respondents held at least a part-time job during their college careers. An informal survey of 100 NCSU students indicated that students work to pay for tuition, room and board, automobiles and spending money. Without working, they say their quality of life would suffer.

"I had to work when I was in school. There wasn't any other way for me to pay for stuff," said Derek Slavin, a recent graduate in animal science. "My parents paid for tuition, and I needed to pay for housing and all my other expenses. It was tough."

Working is not always negative, however. Some surveys suggest that the cultural life on campus can be affected in both good and bad ways. While a working student may have less time for social interaction with classmates, a job can allow him or her to gain the maturity that can be put to good use in the work world that lies before them.

"I've learned to schedule my day so I've got time to get my school work done and also work," said one female, majoring in sociology.

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Wednesday IN BRIEF



Hazard communication training

Anyone who receives a paycheck from N.C. State is required to attend a Hazard Communication seminar regarding chemical product safety. Hazard communication training is a way for employees to receive information about chemicals in their workplace.

The annual seminars typically include about 1000 students; the seminars are offered free of charge on a weekly basis and last only 30 minutes.

The classes are held in the Environmental Health and Safety Center, which is located off Sullivan Drive behind the Administrative Services Building. Space is limited to 20 employees per session so it is essential to reserve a space by calling 515-6870.

The four next available courses will be held Wed. Jan. 14 at 1:30 p.m., Thurs. Jan. 22 3 p.m., Mon. Jan. 26 at 10:30 a.m. and Fri. Jan. 30 at 2 p.m.

The direct address for the Hazard Communication schedule is <http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/ehs/training/haz.com.html>.

Public Safety issues crime alert

On Jan. 4, 1998, at approximately 1:20 a.m., an armed robbery was committed on Morrill Drive, across from upper Miller Field.

The assailant used a handgun while committing the crime. Following the robbery the suspects ran back to a waiting vehicle parked on Morrill Drive and were last seen heading toward Western Boulevard.

There are currently two described suspects. The victim and witnesses described one as a black male, wearing a tan ski mask, another as a darker skinned white or a lighter skinned black male. The escape vehicle appeared to be a Honda, dark green or gray in color.

If anyone observed person(s) or a vehicle matching this description during this time frame, they are asked to notify the Investigative Division of the Department of Public Safety at: 515-3000 or 515-2498.

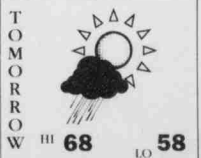
Scholarships, internships for postgrads

The National Collegiate Athletic Association Postgraduate Scholarship and Internship programs were established to increase opportunities for ethnic minorities and women in intercollegiate athletics.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens at or near the beginning of their postgraduate studies, and who are planning to pursue a career in athletics administration or related field of intercollegiate athletics. Internships are available in many areas of athletics, and several scholarships are awarded to qualified applicants.

Studies of employers reveal that work experience can greatly increase starting salaries, and that they often prefer to hire a person with genuine work experience through an internship or co-op program. For more information about the program, contact David Shafer, director of graduate programs, at 515-4462 or david_shafer@ncsu.edu. Deadline for application is Feb. 16.

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Nose

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Nagel said the artificial nose could be used by anyone who needs a system of odor detection, or anywhere there is a case of "odor nuisance." Practical uses include paper mills, oil refineries and many other industries. He said that the artificial nose could also be used as a warning system to detect dangerous gas leaks, for example.

While the nose is not yet for sale, Nagel expects to have a hand-held version of his nose available for farm use by the end of next year.

The idea of an artificial nose was first proposed during the 1980s in England. However, it was never fully developed into a working model.

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Gunshot Survey

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This is the latest in a series of violent crimes on campus. The streak began on Nov. 12, when two NCSU students and another individual were reportedly assaulted at the corner of Hillsborough Street. One of the students was attacked viciously with a tire iron.

Then on Nov. 16, a man allegedly attempted to run over a Public Safety officer with a Chevy truck. The officer was on bike patrol, and had to scramble out of the way of the on-coming vehicle to avoid being hit.

On Nov. 17, a man was assaulted while giving the assailant directions from a popular nightclub on Hillsborough Street. The victim suffered facial injuries.

Public Safety had no suspects concerning the assault and robbery at Wood Hall at press time. If anyone has information concerning the assault and robbery at Wood Hall, please call Public Safety at 515-3333.

Most students said finding time becomes their largest burden — time to study as well as time to socialize.

With the N.C. General Assembly worried about the "time to graduation," faculty advisors throughout the UNC system were instructed to encourage students to take full-time loads.

That may become increasingly difficult for working students.

"I took a few semesters off to save some money and get experience, but when I got back to school, I didn't work because I couldn't have handled the work plus workload," said 23-year-old Steve Larson.

School has increasingly become a balancing act for those students who must work, and many end up taking early morning or evening classes.

"I've had more younger students in my evening class the past few semesters. I know that many of them are working part time during the day, if not more," said Communications Professor Michael Herman.

Class projects as well as study groups can suffer if students are

unable to meet outside class when their job schedules get in the way.

"We just had a major project due for class and nobody was ever showing up because they had to work and stuff. It's a pain... to have to meet a few times a week so that everybody can get involved," said student Jane Stewart.


It may be difficult for students to tell employers that they've got to have a flexible schedule to accommodate school-related projects, or finals week. Some employers feel that it is something they shouldn't have to deal with.

"I understand that I've got students working for me, but I'm counting on them to work and if they're not here, it becomes my problem," said employer Tim Lindsay.

Working can have its advantages down the line. Some prospective employers look for resumes that have work experience alongside college as a good indication of that person's ability to balance the load. Mike Hensley, a Raleigh businessman who considers NCSU a "good university with hard workers," is one of those employers.

"I'd rather hire a kid that's done a little work while they're in class because I think it changes their perspective about what it is that they're learning," said Hensley.

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Wildcats go wild on Pack

■ Pack downed by Wildcats

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

Back from over a month of intense training, both of N.C. State swimming and diving teams fell to Kentucky: the women by a score of 123-71, and the men falling 121-84.

"Nobody swam particularly slow," said State swimmer Phil Hardin. "These guys were just really fast."

Kentucky swept the relay events. The Wildcats led off the meet with back to back wins in the women's and men's 200 meter medley relays.

The State women took second, while the men earned both second and third place points.

"Kentucky is a good team; this is the kind of team that we need to race against to know what we need to improve on," State head coach Scott Hammond said after the meet. "I was very, very pleased. We swam as well known as we did before when we were rested a bit."

The Wildcat women took first in 10 of 11 events as the Pack battled back to sweep the last individual event of the meet.

Jenny Short took first for the Pack in the 200m breaststroke, followed by teammates Erin Floyd, Carmen Baker and Emily Fess, respectively.

Mary Mittendorf finished second in the 200m freestyle and the 500m freestyle for the Pack, while Susan Voet, Brandi Stergion, Cindy Schuster, Carmen Baker, Emily Fess and Heather Maynard each finished third in events.

The State men were led by senior all-American Hardin, who took first in the 50 meter freestyle and the 100 meter freestyle events, and freshman breast-stroker Austin Oldham.

Hardin beat out Wildcat freshman Shaun



Zitani in the 50m, with a time of 21.19. Zitani touched out teammate Jarrod Rush, who finished third in the race.

Hardin won the 100 meter at the wall, posting a time of 46.93, just 0.02 seconds ahead of Kentucky's Aaron Workman.

Oldham grabbed a win the last individual event of the afternoon, winning the 200 meter breaststroke with a time of 2:08.89. Oldham's time was his fastest of the season, more than half a second better than his previous season best, which was set in early November.

State's distance swimmers had the tough task of taking on North Carolina native Nat Lewis. Originally from Cullowhee, N.C., the Wildcat sophomore finished 3rd in the 1,650 meter freestyle at last year's NCAA meet.

Lewis won the 1,650m and the 500m, followed by State freshman Mark Eberlie in both events. Eberlie finished five seconds off of Lewis' pace in both races. State freshman Richard Culberson took third in the 500m with a time of 4:40.00, as well as taking third in the 1,650m.

The State men were without top sprinter Carlos Santander, who missed his first meet of the season after being declared academically ineligible by the N.C. State Athletic Department.

Santander has posted the Wolfpack's top times in the 100 meter and 200 meter freestyle events, as well as holding a spot on the Pack's top 400 free relay, 800 free relay, and 200 medley relay.

"(Not having Santander eligible) certainly hurts us," senior co-captain Phil Hardin said. "But this is a chance for some of the younger guys to step up. We just need them to fill his shoes the best that we can."

State's men's team has 12 freshman and six sophomores, eight of which swim the freestyle.

The Pack has the next 10 days off before traveling to Virginia for meets with JMU and ACC rival the University of Virginia. The Pack's trip north will be an important one — both the men's and women's team will return to Charlottesville for the ACC Tournaments in February.

Sooners slam Pack

■ No. 8 Oklahoma wins convincingly against the Wolfpack wrestlers Monday night.

Sports Staff Report

A stronger and faster Oklahoma wrestling squad simply overpowered the Pack Monday night in Norman, Okla. State was outscored by the Sooners 27-9.

The Pack could manage only one win against the nation's eighth-ranked team, dropping nine matches altogether.

In the opening matchup State's Lee Carroll took on Shane Valdez in the 118-pound class. Valdez, currently ranked sixth in the country in his class, easily defeated Carroll in three periods by a final score 10-3.

That would be the story for the rest of the meet for the Pack, as the Sooners dominated in nearly every weight class. Some notable

exceptions were two hard-fought matches in the 150- and 177-pound classes.

In the 150-pound bracket, sophomore John Grochowski lost a close one to Bo Eubanks 8-6. Grochowski built an early advantage over Eubanks, but a stalling penalty in the third period cost the State grappler the match.

State's lone win came in the 177-pound class, as Jeff Green edged Rowdy Lundegreen by one point, winning the match 4-3. After a scoreless first period, Lundegreen started the scoring with a reversal just over a minute into the second period. But Green fought back with two straight escapes to tie it up, then recorded a decisive takedown to claim the win.

The Sooners improved their record to 6-1 overall, while the Pack dropped to 0-2 heading into last night's match against top-ranked Oklahoma State.

Wolfpack Notes

Swimming and Diving announces signees.

Head Coach Scott Hammond has announced the signing of two swimmers for the 1998-99 season.

Cody Gelvin, of Matthews, N.C. and Valter Magnusson of Kristianstad, Sweden, have signed letters of intent to become part of the Wolfpack swimming and diving program.

Gelvin is a Senior National qualifier in breaststroke events, with career best of 1:10.4 in the 100 meters and 2:18.5 in the 200m. Magnusson swims as part of the Swedish Senior National Team and was a finalist in 1997 at the European Junior National Championships.

Baseball signs 12.

Second-year head coach Elliot Avent and the Wolfpack Baseball team have announced the signing of 12 players for the 1999 season.

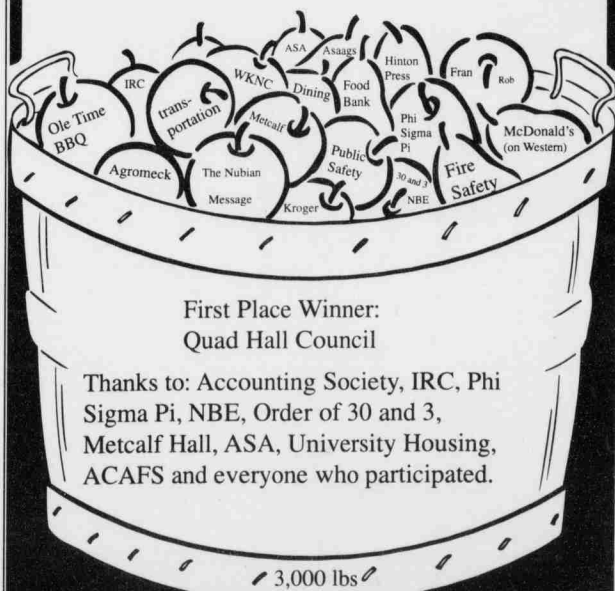
The 12, which includes four in-state players who were first-team all-state players as juniors, signed with the Wolfpack during the Nov. signing period. According to a report released by the N.C. State sports information office.

Eight of the 12 players are from North Carolina, with three from the Raleigh area. The other four players come from Florida, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Josh Schmidt, Josh Gunter, Trent Horton and Aaron Hall all come to State after playing at junior colleges.

Bark Intharaphichai (above) finished second in the 200m butterfly for the Pack yesterday.

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Editorials

Searching for the answers

■ NCSU is mourning the death of two students, and praying for the return of another.

Anytime a life is lost, it is a tragedy. But this tragedy is never sadder than when it is a young person who has just started learning and exploring where life can go.

Just as break started this past semester and everyone was looking forward to going home and enjoying sleeping in and eating home-cooked food, a student here at N.C. State, Johnathan Wesley Flowers, fell from Lee Residence Hall and then died hours later.

Shortly after Flowers' death, the university listed his death as a suicide. But there is no proof that this is what happened. It is unfair to write Flowers off as another troubled teen until it is known for sure what happened, and anyone who was around when it happened can come forward.

Apparently, no one was around as a witness when his fall occurred, and Flowers was not found until hours later. While it is true that the residence halls were virtually deserted at this late an hour during exams, it seems possible that someone knows more to this story, especially since Flowers was such a popular guy — friends with the suitemates and a member of a fraternity. So, although Flowers' fall is listed as a suicide, there is a possibility that something else was going on up there on that balcony.

But, we'll never know unless someone comes forward with any information he or she may have.

His parents were not called until 11:30 a.m., hours after their son had

been found, and hours after their son died. Someone, anyone, should have called his parents as soon as his identity was known, so they would have had a chance to say goodbye to their son. Technician does have reports that the first people on the scene did not know who Flowers was. This seems ridiculous. Isn't there something they could have done? He had no wallet, no All-Campus card, nothing?

Thinking of this death and the one that occurred earlier this year, one cannot help but feel many different emotions: anger, sadness, resentment. That this thing happened is a terrible, shocking blow. It is even worse when one considers that this campus was already reeling from the suicide of Jody William Clark, a former NCSU student who jumped from Sullivan Residence Hall earlier this year.

But there is still hope for one NCSU student who disappeared this summer from the San Francisco Bay area. Kristen Modafier, last seen June 23, 1997, has a full scholarship, great grades, a wonderful family and many friends. Foul play is definitely suspected in her disappearance. In order to keep her name in the news, her friends and family will be distributing yellow ribbons to the student body on Fri., Jan. 9 in the Brickyard and on Jan. 10 to the 12,000 spectators that will be at the Maryland vs. NCSU game. This game will be covered on ESPN, providing national coverage of her disappearance.

Do your part in helping Kristen come home, and wear a ribbon to show support and get her place on the air. The public can only help if they are informed.

place to live on campus. I received a letter saying that my housing form was late, and that housing had no more room. In some cases, students lived in the study lounges of residence halls, some lived in the Brownstone Hotel until vacancies opened. Solutions to this growing problem are very feasible. The construction of a new health facility is currently underway. The space the new Health Services building is being built on could have been used for a new residence hall. Sure, it's nice to have a Health Center, but do the benefits of it outweigh those of building new residence halls?

Also, in a few years Reynolds Coliseum will be vacant due to the building of a new basketball arena. Why not convert it into a residence hall? Yes, it will cost money, but it will increase revenue obtained from room and board. These are just two of the many solutions to this growing problem. Something needs to be done if this institution is going to continue to grow.

Chad Kauffman
Freshman, Chemical Engineering

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Should murderers be put to death?

RYAN KELLOGG
Staff Columnist

"Punishment is the way in which society expresses denunciation of wrongdoing; and in order to maintain respect for law, it is essential that the punishment for grave crimes shall adequately reflect the revulsion felt by a great majority of citizens for them." — Lord Alfred Denning, British Jurist.

Death comes to us all. There is no denying it and there is no way of getting around it. But, for tens of thousands of Americans, death comes far too soon at the end of a gun or on the blade of a knife. Often their murderers are people they know who have become caught up in a fit of uncontrollable rage. But other times their assassinations are well planned in advance and committed with inhuman cruelty. Hollywood makes slasher movies like "Scream" or chilling horror flicks like "Silence of the Lambs" to feed on our fear. Our uneasiness is well founded since sick minds like Hannibal Lecter are hardly confined to the screen.

The question society must ask itself then is: What should we do with those who commit these egregious crimes? Since 1976 and the Supreme Court's ruling in Gregg v. Georgia the answer is simple: kill them. And the public agrees by a whopping 79 percent, yet capital punishment still remains a hot topic for debate. Despite being constitutionally sound, there exists a vocal minority that would abolish it and thus deny justice to those who murder their

fellow human beings.

The abolitionist movement relies on three basic arguments: 1) The death penalty is a barbaric practice. 2) The death penalty is ineffectual and costly. 3) The death penalty is irreversible. Each of these points offers compelling reasoning but each falls apart under stricter scrutiny.

First off, the idea that capital punishment is barbaric is absolutely true. What else would you call it when a man is shot, or poisoned or electrocuted by society? But what about when a woman in Texas gleefully uses a pickaxe to butcher two sleeping victims and then brags about it as a "sexual pleasure"? What would that be called? Or how about when a man loads a fertilizer bomb in a truck and watches as his creation blows the hopes and dreams of 168 people away in a federal office building in Oklahoma? What word could be used to describe that? In both the cases against Karla Faye Tucker and Timothy McVeigh juries found execution the only choice possible, the only way to ensure they never kill again. And who can question that logic when the average life sentence is a paltry eight years before parole? Yes, any time humans kill each other it is barbaric, but those who commit premeditated murder are different.

The minute they chose to rip apart another person is the minute they cease to be human. For this, they deserve no better than death.

The second point draws on the economic reality that capital punishment is costly and thus ineffectual. To prove that point abolitionists have produced figures showing that it costs around \$3.5 million to execute a man while it costs around \$1 million to imprison him for 40 years. Taking these numbers for the truth there is no denying the outrageous expense of capital punishment. But what makes it so expensive? The only ones who can answer that are the abolitionists themselves.

After the reinstatement of the death penalty in 1976 abolitionists shifted their goal from ending capital punishment through the courts to ending it through congestion. The new death penalty laws allowed for more cautious convictions through an appeal system. Some states took this advice to the extreme, setting up a network of federal and state appeals for convicted murderers. Thanks to an endless stream of lawyers and activists willing to defend killers, the average time from sentencing to execution is 10-12 years; a case of "cruel and unusual" punishment if ever there was one. It seems abolitionists are often more

concerned with the rights of a proven killer than that of victims. Finally comes the argument that death penalty is irreversible, and, because of that, the innocent may suffer. This point is mute in itself. As the system exists with endless venues for retrial, the chance an innocent person may be convicted is virtually nil.

It is the irreversibility of the death penalty that instead protects the innocent. No other punishment guarantees 100 percent that a murderer will never kill again.

Behind the basic support of capital punishment is the idea of retribution. Retribution is not revenge because revenge has no basis in law and order. Retribution is instead the penalty a society exacts for wrongful behavior. In other words, it's the belief that persons should pay for their crimes. In the case of first degree murder the majority of people believe death is the only justice fitting the crime.

Perhaps the best reason for capital punishment comes from the victims' families. Many of us have lost loved ones to old age or disease, but few of us have lost them to violence. Just sit there for a moment and imagine that someone close to you was taken away forever, not by God or accident, but by the cruel hand of another person.

People (if they can be called that) who choose to murder deserve no mercy from society. They have forsaken their rights and once convicted through a "speedy and public trial" should be put out of their misery and out of ours.

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rights they had no authority to take away.

What really irritates me is when the opposition says that it's not about revenge, but it's done for the benefit of the living relatives of the victim. Saying that this type of "legal" revenge will put a family at peace is just about as absurd as saying a good drink will wash away the pain. You don't heal from a killing with more killing. The only way to truly heal from something of this sort is to get to the point where you could forgive the criminal for taking your loved one's life.

Justice isn't revenge. By taking a criminal out of society, the criminal can have a chance to pay restitution to society, but the criminal's life is a price society cannot demand in payment, as it is not society's to ask for. The criminal had no right to deprive someone of their right to life, but we can't get even with them by taking away their same right to life.

If an individual kills, we call it murder, but if society kills, it's justice. That's a hypocrisy that I find not only disgusting but dangerous.

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Campus Forum

Build more residence halls

As a student here at N.C. State, there are many problems associated with the first year of college. One of the major problems is the scarcity of on-campus housing. There are many solutions to this growing problem, one that desperately needs to be minimized. Two solutions to this problem include building more residence halls instead of building other structures, and using existing structures as residence halls.

A conflict arises when an institution has roughly 27,000 students enrolled and only about 7,000 of these are able to live on campus due to the scarcity of housing.

As a freshman deciding to attend NCSU, I had a problem getting a

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The death penalty serves no purpose in society, aside from giving sick and twisted individuals an excuse to take revenge on criminals. It doesn't deter crime, teach the criminal any lesson, help the victim or help the victim's family. It simply gives twelve people on a jury the permission to do that which an individual cannot.

Let's start with this foolish idea that a death penalty will frighten prospective criminals enough to make them think twice about their crime. I won't parrot statistics to you, but I will appeal to your common sense. I imagine that criminals are a lot like hopeless gamblers.

They take risks because they don't think they'll lose. If a criminal knew he'd be caught, do you really think he'd commit the crime? Of course not. But, like the gambler, he's going to take the risk. Make the punishment whatever you want — lethal injection, hanging, electrocution — or put him in the Jerry Springer audience. Criminals won't care until it's too late.

The only time life can be taken is in self-defense. Once a criminal is



caught, no one's life is any longer in danger, so we can't kill him. Other than self-defense, there are no exceptions. We get into muddy water as soon as we let one exception slip through. Let's say you're a parent and your little son, Timmy, comes to you in tears and says that evil Jimmy from across the street stole his action figures. Well, parent, you've been appointed judge. What do you say? Do you tell Timmy to go and steal some of Jimmy's toys for payback? I hope not. It's never right to steal. There are no exceptions — even if someone hurt you very much by stealing your toys. So if we won't let children make exceptions about what's right and wrong, why can adults?

If we kill someone just because they killed someone else, we don't have justice — we have revenge. Once we start to confuse revenge with justice, we have compromised our entire society's concept of

human rights! It's very dangerous for society to believe it has the right to decide which rights men can or cannot have because rights don't come from men — they come from God. If our rights came from men, then they could be taken away by men. Just because a guy in a robe and twelve members of a jury say it's OK will not justify it. We're not supposed to notice that, I guess. The mahogany benches, black robes, fancy titles, and elaborate procedure make it look deceptively pure. But if you take away all of the artificial props we use to justify "society's revenge," what you have is one group of people making the decision to kill someone else. Normally we'd call that a conspiracy, but as long as it's a jury that makes the decision, we're taught to call it justice. Abortion, the Holocaust, euthanasia and the death penalty were all instances when society decided that they could somehow give or take away

This time 'Titanic' stays afloat

■ Titanic's characters bring the boat alive.

MONIQUE THOMAS
Staff Writer

Simply stated, "Titanic" is the best movie I've seen in the past couple of years. The combination of stellar performances, a solid story and an outstanding recreation of the actual ship, makes "Titanic" one of the most poignant, beautiful movies I've yet to see. I promise you will laugh, pray and cry. When others ask what you thought of the movie your response will be nothing more than "I loved it!"

However, I wasn't sure how good a movie the "Titanic" would be when I first heard it was coming out. What could it be about other than a big boat that hits an iceberg and then sinks? Thankfully, I was pleasantly surprised.

The movie focuses on a love story between a young couple played by Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet. The chemistry between the two actors is amazing. I cried numerous times throughout the movie just because their scenes were so beautiful.

I remember sitting in the theatre before the movie began, chanting to myself, "I will not become a Leonardo DiCaprio fan," over and over again in my head. Not that I don't like DiCaprio. I think he has certainly proved his talent in past movies like "What's Eating Gilbert Grape?" and William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." But I refuse to become one of those love-sick teenagers who have posters of him plastered to their wall and practice writing their names "Mrs. (fill in your name) DiCaprio." No, I thought I was way too mature and savvy for that. But for maybe the third time in my life, I was wrong. By the second scene DiCaprio's character, Jack Dawson, was written to be enchanting and charismatic regardless of who portrayed him in the movie, but DiCaprio brings such life to his character the audience truly feels like they know him.

Kate Winslet's performance is also excellent in the film. I have previously seen her in "Sense

and Sensibility," but I think she will be remembered by most for her performance in "Titanic." Much like DiCaprio her acting is so natural. The audience doesn't feel alienated from her character because she let's them know her. The audience feels what she feels.

In addition to DiCaprio and Winslet's excellent performances, the supporting actors bring life to the movie as well. Billy Zane delivers a wonderful performance as Rose's possessive fiancé, Cal Hockley. And Kathy Bates' character, Molly Brown, is nothing short of lovable. James Cameron was very successful in writing this film because he creates characters that are realistic and believable but not too complex. The audience can easily identify with the characters and categorize them as "good" or "bad." This helps them build strong ties with the film's characters because they are emotionally linked to all of them.

"Titanic" has a striking effect on its audience because after the first couple of minutes it's as if they are pulled on board. They are no longer a third party detached from the goings-on of the film, they feel as if they themselves are on the ship. "Titanic" it ceases to be a movie and becomes experience.

The movie is quite successful in achieving this realistic element because of the ship itself. The filmmakers actually recreated a 90 percent scale model of the Titanic. The richness and accuracy of detail was amazing. The ship was laced with crystal chandeliers, plush carpeting and even an actual bronze fireplace. For all practical purposes the ship was rebuilt for the movie. Using a real ship only heightened the audience experience and the tragedy of the events that surround the Titanic.

The main plot focuses on the forbidden love between upper class Rose DeWitt and Jack Dawson, a steerage passenger. While the primary story is simplistic and entrancing, it's the secondary messages that add texture to the film. "Titanic" reveals man not only at the height of his glory, but at the depth of his demise. The film's writer, director and editor James Cameron was sure to display the events on the "Titanic" just as they happened



Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet play the star-crossed lovers in 'Titanic.'

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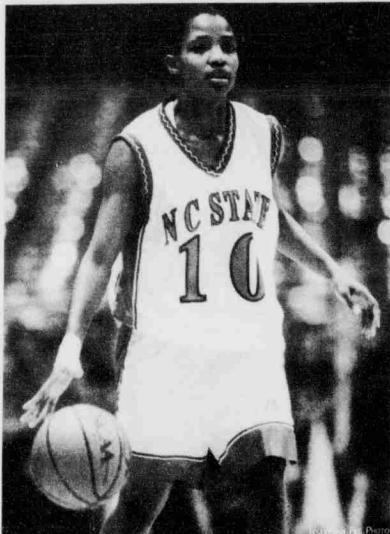
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N.C. STATE v. DUKE

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Duke at a glance:

Coach: Mike Krzyzewski (Army '69)
Career Record: 473-208 (22 years)
Record at Duke: 400-149 (17 years)
1996-97 Record: 24-9 overall, 12-4 ACC
Conference Regular Season Finish: First
Starters Lost: Jeff Capel
Starters Returning: Traijan Langdon, Steve Wojciechowski, Roshown McCleod, Chris Carrawell, Ricky Price.

Series Record: 93-111 advantage Duke
Last Meeting: ACC Tournament Quarterfinals. What true Pack fan can forget State's comeback from being down 21-5 in the first half to pick up the 66-60 win and advance to the tournament semifinals. Jeremy Hyatt sank a three to put the Pack up 48-46 with seven minutes left. The Pack never looked back. C.C. Harrison poured in 28 points, and State, who had been outscored by the Devils by 15 and 29 points in the regular season, allowed just three Duke players double digits in the scoring column.

What to watch: The Devils looked to be the team to beat this season in its early goings. A loss to Michigan, however, dropped Krzyzewski's team from the top spot in the national rankings. Against the Wolverines, the Blue Devils watched a 17-point second half lead dwindle into an eight-point loss. Duke has lost two key players for the year, Nate James, a sophomore from Washington, D.C., and freshman phenom Elton Brand. James has decided to sit out the remainder of the season due to a high-ankle sprain that has bothered him since November. Brand was the ACC's ninth leading scorer when he left the line-up with a foot injury. But the Devils have reinstated Ricky Price back into the line-up, and the Pack spent its winter break facing off against weak competition, with Saturday's game against FSU being the only match-up with a nationally recognized team.

N.C. STATE v. CLEMSON

Game time: Thur. at 7 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum.



Clemson at a glance:

Coach: Jim Davis (Tennessee Wesleyan '70)
Career Record: 227-110 (11 years)
Record at Clemson: 208-102 (10 years)
1996-97 Record: 19-11 overall, 8-8 ACC
Conference Regular Season Finish: 6th
Starters Lost: Laura Cotrell, Jaci Stimson, Calesha Corder.
Starters Returning: Jeanette Davis, Itoro Umoh.

Series Record: 33-16 advantage Wolfpack.
Last Meeting: ACC Semifinals. The Tigers defeated the Pack, 87-75 en route to their second ACC title game in two years, where they fell to regular season champion North Carolina. Second team All-ACC Honoree Itoro Umoh scored 27 points against the Wolfpack, hitting nine shots from the floor, while hitting nine-of-nine from the free throw line. Current graduate student assistant Umeki Webb, now playing with the Phoenix Mercury in the WNBA, led the Pack with 22 points, eight rebounds and seven assists.

What to watch: Clemson is already knocking off top ranked ACC teams, picking up a win over Duke (picked to finish second in the ACC) in its first conference outing. The Pack is without the do-it-all Webb, as well as sharp shooters Jen Howard and Katie Smrcka-Duffy. Nevertheless, the Pack performed well over the break. A member of the All-ACC first team a year ago, Chasity Melvin is making a case for conference Player of the Year honors already, picking up three Player of the Week awards to start the season. Pack center Summer Erb scored 20+ in three consecutive games over break. Sophomore Nailah Wallace and Tynesha Lewis have also come on strong for Kay Yow's Wolfpack team. Clemson will once again be led by junior Itoro Umoh. The Tigers' junior guard Amy Geren was honored as the ACC's Player of the Week on December 15th after leading Clemson to a win over then No. 11 Duke, scoring 26 points. Tynesha Lewis was the conference's Rookie of the Week for the same week. Lewis scored a career high 17 points against UNC-Greensboro in the Pack's 85-61 win.

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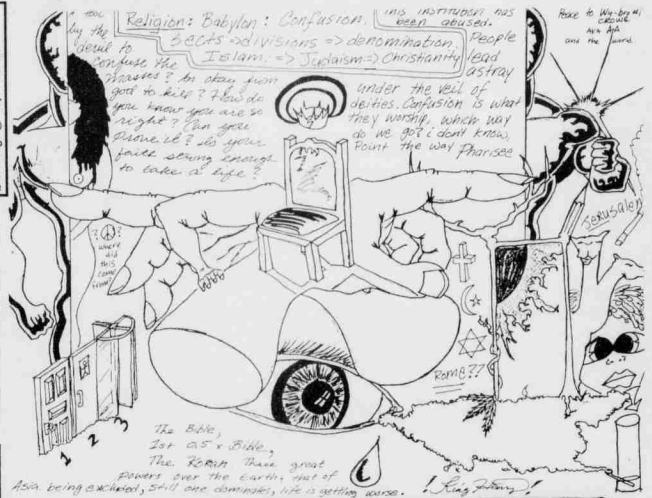


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