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## Quick surge



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A new Coca-Cola product arrived on NCSU's campus Brickyard Thursday morning. Kristi Ghiloni, a sophomore studying sports management, like many other students, were handed free trial-size cans of Surge.

## NCSU plans new junior high

NCSU's Centennial Campus hopes to draw hundreds of youngsters.

ERIKA SMART  
Staff Writer

Wake County Public schools and N.C. State have begun the joint venture of building a middle school on Centennial Campus.

Designs for the school have been completed, while bidding and construction are slated to begin by early summer. Wake County and NCSU will work cooperatively to manage the school.

The project is estimated to cost \$14 million and will be completed by the year 2000. The school will be located on the far corner of campus and will be accessed through Thistledown Trail.

Director of Centennial Campus Development Claude McKinney stated that, "We don't know of any other universities that have middle schools on campus. This is a new venture for the school."

The school will draw from the county's gifted and talented middle school population with a math and science oriented curriculum.

The county-authorized curriculum is unique to NCSU's program. Students

will have the opportunity to work closely with members of the education and psychology departments, NCSU faculty and student teachers. The university hopes to "reach students at an age where their attention concerning their capacity to deal with science and math is great, as well as being open. This age from 12 to 14 is a very important time frame," said McKinney.

The middle school will be 120,000 square feet, with a 650-student capacity. The classroom facilities will consist of modules. One of the modules will house the

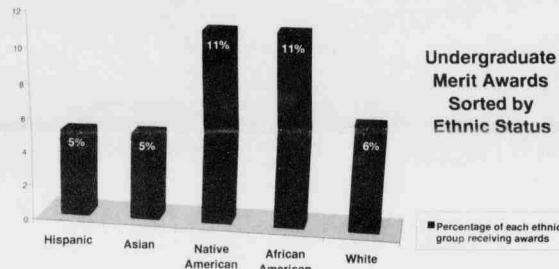
Education Research and Development Research Center.

The research center will open one year after the rest of the facility. The center will provide space for young teachers and faculty to coordinate and track student and curriculum development.



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The future Centennial Campus middle school.



Undergraduate Merit Awards Sorted by Ethnic Status

## Senate hosts open forum

NCSU officials continue to hear staff concerns about privatization.

JACK DALY  
Staff Writer

With the possibility of privatization looming and a recent transportation fee increase fresh on everyone's minds, the N.C. State Staff Senate held an open meeting Tuesday morning in Stewart Theatre.

The meeting was designed to hear concerns and questions from university staff members on these, and other pertinent issues.

As NCSU considers outsourcing housekeeping jobs to private companies, privatization was on the minds of staff members, many of whom are housekeepers.

"Privatization is not an absolutely

done deal," said Jeff Mann, associate vice-chancellor for business. "Studies are being conducted to see the potential benefits of privatization. If it doesn't make sense for us to privatize an area, I doubt very seriously we will. However, the savings need not all be in salaries and benefits. The savings can be in efficiencies. Privatization and outsourcing aren't new to NCSU. The studies are new."

Mann went on to say that even if NCSU decided to privatize the housekeeping staff, the current staff would not necessarily lose their jobs.

"If anyone is reduced in force due to privatization, we have other options for them," said Mann. "We can absorb them into the vacancies that naturally occur. They enjoy

priority, and there are almost as many options as there are employees."

Mann continued by adding that "no permanent employee has been displaced," and that employees who are released will receive a "human-considerate" severance pay package.

When asked whether employees of private companies, with high turnover rates, can provide the same "trustworthiness, loyalty and honesty" as the staff which has worked here for years, Mann conceded there could be potential downsides to privatization.

"There is something we lose when we privatize," Mann said.

Besides privatization, many of the questions posed by the staff dealt with the recent transportation fee

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## A question of merit

Administrators guess the fate of race-based scholarships

Editor's note: The following is the fifth in an eight-part series on diversity at NCSU.

DANIELLE STANFIELD  
Senior Staff Writer

Caucasians, Asians and Hispanics receive half the number of scholarships awarded to Native Americans and African Americans relative to their total enrollment, according to statistics generated by N.C. State's financial aid office.

In the last five years, two new programs were established to give legislative grants and incentives to African Americans and Native Americans, according to Julie Rice Mallette, director of financial aid.

Mallette said it is often up to the donor to decide whether a scholarship will target minorities.

"We do encourage donors to take any racial language out of it [award criteria]," she said. Racial language in scholarship and financial aid applications are currently under review. The University of North Carolina's President Molly Broad said the affirmative-action policies of all 16 UNC system universities must be examined.

Broad said she wants to prevent lawsuits against campuses, a News and Observer article said.

Despite judicial action taken against race-based preferences, UNC system officials said the core of their system's affirmative action efforts — race-based scholarships on all UNC campuses to increase minority representation — is secure because it is "part of a federal government decree over desegregation," the News and Observer said.

However, some universities have re-evaluated their minority initiatives. Appalachian State University turned its African American scholarship into a multicultural scholarship and East Carolina University Chancellor's Minority Student Leadership Program, which gives 15 African American freshmen a \$1,500 stipend and a year of leadership training, mentoring and workshops, was recently eradicated.

Even so, the UNC system has set up scholarships specifically for minorities. For example, the Minority Presence Grant Program is designed to bring minorities to NCSU and is appropriated through the state legislature. Mallette said that predominantly African American universities do the same for Caucasians.

"These are recruitment tools to increase minorities," she said.

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## Top official falls victim to crime

A high-ranking administrator suspects two acts of vandalism on his car are related.

PHILIP REISE  
News Editor

The supervisor of N.C. State's Public Safety was himself a victim of crime earlier this week.

Jeff Mann, associate vice chancellor for business, told a Public Safety officer Tuesday that a spare tire had been stolen from his car and, a month earlier, that his brake lines had been cut.

Mann, who oversees NCSU's Public Safety, suspects the robbery and brake slashing had something

to do with his role as coordinator of the university's privatization efforts, a crime report stated.

Mann's vehicle was parked in the Hillsborough Street parking lot near Holladay Hall when the incidents occurred.

The first incident, involving the slashing of his brake lines, occurred last year on Dec. 1.

"He discovered his brakes to have received a cut with unknown means," Public Safety officer F. Parmley said in an incident report.

Mann soon replaced the damaged brake line at a cost of about \$100, the report stated.

Then, a month later, Mann noticed that the spare tire had been stolen from his car. The stolen tire made

him suspect that the two incidents, which happened in the same location, were somehow related.

"The existence of circumstances common to both incidents coupled with his role in the NCSU privatization efforts, has led him to suspect that someone has a hidden agenda," Parmley said.

Public Safety estimated the cost of Mann's spare tire at \$250. There was no further damage to Mann's car.

After taking his account, Parmley told Mann that all Public Safety units scheduled to patrol the Hillsborough Street parking lot would be notified of the incidents.

Public Safety listed no suspects in the incident on its official crime report.

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### Friday IN BRIEF

#### Expansions program opens registration

Registration is open for educational travel and general interest courses offered through N.C. State University's Division of Continuing Studies. The Expansions program is a pilot program featuring noncredit general interest evening, weekend seminars and educational travel study courses. Courses this spring include: Romance by Design: A Study of the English Landscape and Victorian Gardens, Wed., Jan. 28; travel program to England, May 29 - June 8; Sacred Sites and Mysterious Places of Great Britain, Thurs., June 29; travel program to England, June 18 - 28. Complementary Medicines is six Tuesdays beginning Jan. 27. Culture, Society, Philosophy and Religion of India travel program to India is in July. The Career Chase is four Wednesdays beginning Feb. 4. Transitions—The Brides of a Lifetime is four Wednesdays beginning Mar. 4. For information, contact 513-1938, or e-mail at [http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/cont\\_ed/out\\_ext/etg/si/](http://www2.ncsu.edu/ncsu/cont_ed/out_ext/etg/si/).

#### Development classes run the gamut

Human Resources will sponsor more than 80 different professional and personal development courses for N.C. State employees during the first half of 1998. Course information is included in the Education and Wellness Guide. The computer training courses will be particularly important this year, as employees in many departments will be using the new Windows NT 4.0 workstations and Novell Netware 4 servers. As whole departments migrate to Windows NT, employees will receive pilot training sponsored by Network and Communication Services. The supervisory series now includes salary and leave administration, position management, recruitment and selection, while "Intermediate Coaching" is a new open enrollment offering. Call Dale Beyer at 515-4280 enrollment. Call Dick Joe at 515-4283 re-garding classes for entire departments. Call 515-6370 to request needs assessment or customized training.

#### Encore begins spring courses this month

Spring semester courses offered by North Carolina State University's Encore Center for Lifelong Enrichment are underway, and registration is still open. Held at McKimmon Center, the first term runs through Fri., Mar. 2. The second term runs from Mar. 16 to Apr. 24. Since 1991, Encore has offered a variety of noncredit daytime courses, colloquia and special events for people over the age of 50. First-term spring selections target a broad range of interests from exploring the Internet to exploring the Amazon. Dr. Robert Bruck, winner of the prestigious N.C. Medal and noted for his groundbreaking environmental research, will examine "Myths, Legends and Science of the Amazon" in a six-session study. Other six-session courses include "Antiques from Around the World," "In My Time: Writing Your Memoirs," "Stars Come to Encore: Your State on Parade," "More on Opera," and more.

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# How DVD squeezes so much onto discs

How DVD Squeezes So Much onto Discs

It's mind-boggling, agree experts.

The Baltimore Sun

Looking at a digital video disc, it's hard to believe it can hold so much information. After all, a CD can barely handle more than 74 minutes of music. But even though it's exactly the same size, a DVD can hold a full-length feature film and still have room for extras. How can that be?

The answer has to do with the way the information on the discs is stored and read. As with CDs, a laser is used to scan the surface of the DVD for microscopic pits. By reading the pits and smooth surfaces as ones and zeros, the laser generates a digital bitstream, which is then decoded into audio and video signals.

One way DVD squeezes more data onto the disc is by using smaller pits and placing them closer together. This is possible because DVD players use a different kind of laser - the shorter wave-length "red" laser - than CD players.

Another advantage DVD has is a video compression system called MPEG-2. Basically, what video

compression does is sift through the visual information in each frame and delete unnecessary information.

To understand how that works, imagine a movie that shows someone walking through a door into a room. The only parts of the image that actually "move" are the door and the person coming through it; everything else in the room - the walls, the furniture, the decorations - remain unchanged.

Now, a piece of film "redraws" the whole image - both moving and non-moving parts - 30 times per second. It makes for a vivid visual, but it contains a lot of repetition, something digital engineers consider "redundant data." So what MPEG-2 does is carry over the background information, so the player doesn't have to redraw the entire scene with each new frame. It just draws the changes, saving storage space. Meanwhile, the viewer gets virtually the same effect.

Another difference between DVD and CD is that CDs are one-sided, whereas DVDs can use two sides to store data. All told, DVDs can store up to 13 times the amount of information a CD holds. Whether a movie uses one or two sides of a DVD depends on the amount of features included in the package; most fit on a single side.

## Staffs

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increase. When asked why the department of transportation raised parking fees, Mann explained the wonders of increasing costs.

"Increasing costs are why permits have gone up," Mann said. "The primary ways of recovering costs is through parking stickers and fees."

When pressed further by the disgruntled staff, Mann explained that the need for more lights on parking lots around campus, cleaning and repairs had all contributed to increasing costs. Mann also reminded the staff that the department of transportation receives no appropriated money.

"Transportation is an auxiliary enterprise," Mann said. "At the moment, the department of transportation must liberally pay everything."

The staff seemed grateful at the opportunity to express its voice to its representing body, and this meeting was the first of its kind.

"I am very glad that there is a forum and that our voice is being heard," said a member of the staff, to open the proceedings.

## Awards

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Mallette also said these grants would continue to be awarded, despite the review.

On the other hand, the Dean's Merit Scholarships that target a certain ethnic population will no longer be awarded, she said.

Yvette Thompson, assistant director of undergraduate admissions, said her department is following the directive of Broad. At this time, she said nothing has been determined on how the review will effect the Dean's Merit Scholarships.

Thompson also said the Dean's Merit Scholarships are open to any student who is academically inclined, participates in extracurricular activities and has good recommendations.

Aggressively recruiting women and minorities in science and math is an example of the university's diversity efforts. However, Joanne Woodard, NCSU affirmative action coordinator, said the university places more emphasis on a diversity of ideologies rather than appearances.

Hank Fiumara, director of university improvement programs, said that within a legal context in equal opportunities, affirmative action is needed to keep broad representation of demographics and philosophies. However, he said affirmative action does not necessarily apply strictly to race or gender but rather socio-economics and population segmentations.

Mary Beth Kurz, university lawyer, could not comment on the impact the review has had on NCSU, but she said programs are

being reviewed to make sure they are in compliance with the law.

### What do students think about race-based scholarships?

A recent survey of about 100 NCSU students asked if affirmative action is the way for the university to have a competitive edge.

"Yes," one student said, "because it helps induce diversity." Another student disagreed. "No because that is reverse racism and college admissions should be based solely on criteria and characteristics of the person."

The survey also revealed that 57 percent of minorities and 88 percent of Caucasian students polled thought that race should not be a factor in admissions or scholarships.

One freshman in computer engineering also said she believes that the university facilitates one race when it comes to scholarship availability.

"I think that the scholarship programs do cater towards African Americans," she said. "There are a lot more scholarships for them. That might be because of affirmative action or something."

She said she has experienced firsthand the effects of biased scouting. "There was this one guy from my high school who got the Caldwell and he was African American, but less qualified. He also got a full scholarship to Carolina and some other scholarships," she said.

"He was able to bargain with the colleges and the place that gave him the most money is where he went and he came to N.C. State. And they say they don't do it, but he was telling everyone."

Fiumara admitted that there were built-in biases in NCSU's operation problems. "Affirmative action is

there to rectify some past process problems," he said.

According to Mallette, director of financial aid, race cannot be a predominate factor in need-based scholarships.

"The priority to award money is based on need regardless of race. Aid is targeted to need, not race."

Other issues of diversity are with curriculum and pedagogy.

"Too often, we focus on science and humanities, but can you appreciate the value the other discipline brings to the community," Fiumara said.

Woodard said the university has benefited from affirmative action as a whole and minorities are assets to the university and an integral part of NCSU's identity.

Currently, NCSU is in the early stages of generating interest in diversity concerns. According to Fiumara, those concerns are taking on two perspectives.

The first is a moral and ethical viewpoint where the concern is "what is the right thing to do regardless of labels?" The second is a practical understanding of how the students can get a full educational preparation for global awareness. "We can no longer confine ourselves to a smaller segment," he said. "Stereotypes are not appropriate for the real world."

Sheri Plener, coordinator of programs for the Office of Equal Opportunities, said NCSU is striving to be minority friendly. "NCSU is mindful to open their doors to all other races and genders and show that NCSU is a place for them."

In addition, Plener said that the diversity initiative is a good thing, but she does not want it to be all talk.

"I want to see concrete things come out of it."

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## State Stat:

The Wolfpack had four players score in double figures in Wednesday's game against Carolina.

# Sports

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## A glimmer of hope

K. Gaffney

COMMENTARY



Wednesday night's loss wasn't the complete and total disaster that some people apparently think it was.

Granted, we lost to Carolina. I know, I was there. But I refuse to succumb to the incessant pessimism of bias college sports writers who delve into a deep blue funk after their respective teams lose to their respective rivals.

What N.C. State did was walk out onto its home court, which just happens to be one of the best home courts in the nation, and hold their heads high against the No. 2 team in the nation.

Now, it was Carolina, and it is not like State has never been in that situation before, but Wednesday night the Pack did so with only eight heads to hold high. And they did a damn good job. Coach Sendek talked about taking chances in the interview room after the game. He said, "If you take the chance of going out there, you might not play well."

Well, here is to taking a chance. But let's just make sure that none of the healthy players, or the hurt ones for that matter, decides to take any chances like climbing Everest or anything, at least anytime soon.

Furthermore, I refuse to use the word "we", because "we" had nothing to do with it. Unless you suit up for the game, and listen to Coach Sendek in the locker room at halftime, don't ever, ever use the word "we" because you look like a fool.

And usually it turns into a situation that is just as bad as the people who left early.

But then again, even those are better than the hypocritical fans who boo at people leaving the Carolina game early but have no qualms about walking out early when State loses to Virginia (reference February 19th, 1997).

So back to my point: The game had a lot of positives.

For instance, Shammond Williams looking like a total fool—for those of you who missed it, the boy missed a dunk because it bounced off his big head.

And whoever the inventive lady or gentleman was with the sign that said "We just surpassed Jamison's SAT's," good job—very creative. And people say that engineers and farmers aren't creative.

Whoever you are, you should get in touch with the guy or girl who had the "I hate Makhtar" sign. While it was funny in the second

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Justin Gainy takes the ball to the hole against Makhtar Ndiaye.

## Jamison downs State

UNC's Antawn Jamison ties his career-high point total as the Tar Heels defeat the Pack Wednesday night.

JAMES CURLE  
Assistant Sports Editor

The blood spilled on the court from the nose of Makhtar Ndiaye told the story.

Reynolds Coliseum has literally become an injury factory this season, cranking out three broken feet, a sprained ankle, a torn Achilles tendon and a separated shoulder to claim four Wolfpack players and a coach over the course of the year.

Wednesday night was no different as three Carolina players were forced to take a seat over the course of the game due to injuries. Following Ndiaye's concussion and broken nose, junior Antawn Jamison went down hard on the floor and left momentarily with a hip pointer. Fellow junior Vince Carter was forced out of the game for good in the second half with a sprained ankle.

"I've decided maybe it's the floor over here and not the shoes," Carolina Head Coach Bill Guthridge said.

But despite the physical nature of the game, the Tar Heels were able to hang on for the 74-60 win. It was

Carolina's 10th win in the past 12 games against the Pack.

Jamison had the game of his career against his arc rivals, scoring 36 points while pulling down 14 rebounds. His 36 tied his personal best, matching his scoring total against Pittsburgh last season.

"He has a lot of quickness," said freshman Kenny Inge, who was stuck with the unenviable task of guarding Jamison. "He's a big guy, 6-foot-9, and can move fast. That makes him one of the best players in this league."

Jamison seemingly had his way underneath the basket with any nearby State player, getting easy looks from his teammates. Carter jokingly asked during the game if anybody was guarding him.

Feeding Jamison the ball most of the night was sophomore point guard Ed Cota. He finished the game with 13 assists, following up his 15-assist game against Appalachian State over the weekend. He was also the second highest scorer for the Tar Heels with 10 points, the only other Carolina player to reach double figures.

State was led in scoring by senior Ishua Benjamin, whose 18-point game was lost among all of the hoopla of Jamison's night. In addition to his offensive contributions, he shut down Carter, who finished the game with just nine points and one assist.

Also stepping up big for the Pack was freshman Arch Miller, who hit three big three-pointers en route to scoring 13 points. Miller also went toe-to-toe with Cota, "breaking him down" at the top of the key on his way to the basket on several occasions.

As usual, Reynolds Coliseum proved a tough place to play, and no doubt helped keep the game as close as it was until the final minute.

"They're tough to beat at home," Carter said. "They really step their game up another notch at home. Anybody does, really, but they just take it to another level."

"You know, you always hear about it," Inge added, who was indoctrinated to the intense rivalry for the first time this season. "Students on campus have always talked about it. They said it was going to be rocking, but I didn't think it was going to be like that."

"I've decided over here and not the shoes."

- Bill Guthridge,  
Carolina Head Coach

## Heels win in comeback

N.C. State watched a 10 point lead slip away in Chapel Hill.

K. GAFFNEY  
Sports Editor

Chapel Hill, N.C. — Jessica Gaspar did it again. The fiery point guard that poured in 26 to defeat the Wolfpack last year in Chapel Hill shot down the Pack last night, pushing the Tar Heels past State, 67-64.

Gaspar scored just eight points on the night, but all eight came in the final seven minutes, as the Heels went on a 13-5 run to close out the game, and hand the Pack its third loss of the season.

With just over seven minutes left to play, State had a 10-point lead, after freshman Tynessa Lewis scored inside off of an inbound pass from Kristen Gillespie.

Gaspar answered the State lead by draining a three from the top of the arc.

Tracy Reid and Chasty Melvin traded baskets before UNC-Chapel Hill scored six unanswered points.

Two missed three-point attempts in the final 20 seconds sealed the win for the Heels.

The win gave UNC coach Sylvia Hatchell 500 wins for her career, a feat that has alluded Hatchell for the past two outings.

Hatchell picked up win No. 499 against Duke on January 12th, but then dropped conference games to Maryland and Virginia.

For State, the loss was a matter of poor decision making and an inability not to hang on in the end.

"I told the team, I blame myself," Wolfpack Coach Kay Yow said after the game. "Down the stretch, I didn't think that I had the team as well prepared as I could have had them, or should have had them."

The Pack dominated the stat sheets, out rebounding the Heels, 41-30, and shooting over 49 percent from the field.

But the Pack committed more than twice the amount of turnovers than the Heels. UNC forced 10 on the Pack in the second half, while committing just three of their own.

LySchale Jones found her shot again for the Pack, after struggling against Duke and Maryland in the Pack's last two outings.

Jones led all scorers with 21 points, collecting 14 in



State freshman Tynessa Lewis scored 17 points despite fouling out on Thursday night.

the first half off of six for 11 shooting. ACC leading scorer Tracy Reid put in 18 for the Heels, but struggled from the free-throw line, hitting just two of nine from the stripe.

Chanel Wright scored 16, and Nikki Teasley added 11 points and eight assists.

Chasty Melvin picked up her 11th double-double of the season, scoring 12 points and adding 14 rebounds, while dishing out six assists. In 40 minutes, Melvin also committed six turnovers.

Freshman Lewis provided a spark for the Pack at the beginning of the first half, but saddled with foul trouble early, played only seven minutes in the half. Lewis fouled out with five and a half minutes left in the second half, but scored 17 points for the Wolfpack.

"Tynessa only playing 24 minutes for us really hurt us," said Yow. "She has become a starter for us, and she is a go to player."

The Pack falls to 6-2 in the conference and 15-3 overall, readying for Florida State this weekend.

## Pack takes on two

State readies for a two-match homestand against Maryland and JMU.

JONATHAN NOEL  
Staff Writer

Go ahead and ask. Which team will show up?

The N.C. State wrestling team that went to Chapel Hill and returned victors over the defending conference champion Tar Heels?

Or the injury-riddled wrestling team who showed up last week to host the N.C. State Duals and left with a loss and a win and a bad taste in his mouth?

With the wrestling team preparing for matches this weekend against good James Madison and Maryland teams, it will be very important that it be the former.

The good news for the Wolfpack is that senior starter Kevin Farham will be back in the lineup, wrestling in the 158-pound weight class, where the team has struggled in his absence, forcing John Grochowicz to move up from the 150-pound weight class.

With freshman starter Pierre Pryor (142 lb.) saddled for another week with a knee sprain, an extra week of practice will only help freshman Scott Mitchell, filling in for Pryor in his absence. Mitchell wasn't at State during the first semester and is just now getting into good wrestling shape.

"He's had a hard time with conditioning and, every week that goes by, he's getting better," Guzzo said.

Both James Madison and Maryland should offer competitive matches as State tries to put last week behind it.

JMU and Maryland are pretty much the same, although JMU beat Maryland," Guzzo said. "They're

going to be two very competitive matches."

But for a team that has beaten the ACC champion Tar Heels, the interview will be making sure it remains at that level.

"We're a type of team that's very young," Guzzo said. "If we have our full team in there, we're pretty tough, as evidenced by beating Carolina."

While State does rely on a very young squad it is also a very talented young group, which will be a factor for several years to come.

The Pack should be encouraged by the play of several key performers.

Freshman Tommy Davis (118 lbs.) will be attempting to win his seventh and eighth matches in a row and push his record to 15-3 for the season.

Another strong wrestler for State has been redshirt freshman Kevin Boross (167 lbs.), with an 8-6 record after being slowed early in the season by a hip injury.

Although back-to-back Friday-night and Saturday-afternoon matches will be potentially draining, Guzzo believes the team is able to continue to wrestle with an energy that will be essential during post-season tournaments which follow the same type of format.

"In some respects, it's tough," Guzzo said. "But it's a tough sport, and you've got to be ready to go. That's why we schedule these matches like we do."

With the bulk of State's season lying ahead, this weekend's matches will either right the boat or send them spinning perilously down.

"Hopefully we can get back on the winning track and make a run towards the end of the season," Guzzo said.

## Wolfpack NOTES



### Gymnastics team to travel to Penn State Saturday

The Wolfpack gymnastics team will hit the road this weekend as it travels to Penn State for its second meet of the season.

N.C. State is coming off one of its strongest opening meets of the year last Friday, when it played host to Radford. The Highlanders struggled for most of the meet, perhaps a bit intimidated due in part to the strength of the Pack performers. State hit on a great deal of its routines, contributing to an impressive 190.425 score.

Leading the charge against the Nitnany Lions will be seniors Stephanie Wall and Ashley Hutsell. Wall saw limited action Friday due to a sore back, but should be up to speed by Saturday. Hutsell had a strong performance on both vault and floor, where she performed a double layout for the first time in Wolfpack history.

The meet will be held at Rec Hall and is set to begin at 7 p.m.

### Swimming and Diving faces USC this weekend

The Pack men's swimming and diving team will take on the Gamecocks of the University of South Carolina tomorrow at 1 p.m. in Columbia.

This will be the first chance that the Pack men will get a look at some opposition without the women's team traveling with them. This will give the women a chance to train for their upcoming ACC meets and the ACC Championship, which will soon be on the women's squad, coming up in mid-February.

Leading the Pack men, who don't have the ACC meets to worry about until the end of next month, will be senior co-captain Phil Hardin.

Hardin swept the sprint events in both of the Pack's meets last weekend, as well as N.C. State's last home meet against Kentucky two weeks ago.

The Pack will be again without Carlos Santander, a former ACC champion, as he is still on academic probation.

### Pack's indoor track team to face Virginia Tech

The N.C. State men and women's indoor track teams head north again this weekend.

The Pack will travel to Virginia Tech for its second meet of the 1998 indoor season.

The State men picked up a win at the Delaware Invitational last weekend, defeating host Delaware, Rider University, LaSalle University and ACC foe Maryland.

The women finished third overall behind Maryland and meet champion, the University of Pennsylvania.

State will travel with a bit of a different crew this weekend, showing off a little depth early in the season.

Look for the Pack to dominate the distance events, powered by members of the 1997 men's and women's ACC Cross Country championship teams.

State is also strong in the jumping and sprint events, with All-ACC performers lining up in red and white in those events.

## ACC Men's

1. Duke 6-0
2. UNC 5-1
3. Maryland 4-3
4. Clemson 3-3
5. Florida State 3-4
6. Wake Forest 2-4
7. Georgia Tech 2-4
8. Virginia 2-4
9. N.C. State 1-5

N.C. STATE  
V.  
FLORIDA STATE

Game time: Sun. at 2 p.m. in Tallahassee, Fla.



**Florida State at a glance:**  
**Coach:** Sue Semrau (UC-San Diego '88)  
**Career Record:** 6-11  
**Record at Florida State:** 6-11  
**1996-97 record:** 5-22 overall  
**Conference regular season finish:** 9th (0-16)  
**Starters lost:** None  
**Starters returning:** Latrice McLin, Jen Robinson, Latavia Coleman, Lysa Moorefeild, Wendy Hampton.

**Last Meeting:** State had an easy time of the Seminoles at Reynolds in early December, picking up their first of six straight conference wins with the 72-60 victory. Nailah Wallace, Chasity Melyin and Tynsha Lewis each scored in double figures, and the Pack played 11 of 12 eligible players, with all but two scoring. Latavia Coleman scored 18 and Lysa Moorefeild added 15 for the Seminoles.

**What to watch:** The Seminoles have picked up conference wins over Wake Forest and Georgia Tech. FSU defeated the Yellow Jackets by 35 in its last ACC outing, on the road in Atlanta. FSU has given the rest of the ACC trouble on their homecourt, but not too much, the two conference wins that the Seminoles have so far are their first in over a year and a half. For the Pack, this is about as close to a must-win that Kay Yow's squad has been in a years outside of postseason play. The Pack is currently on a two game losing streak in the conference, after starting the season at 6-0. State fell to UNC-CH last night, falling to 15-3 overall, after starting the season with a 10-0 streak.

N.C. STATE  
V.  
GEORGIA TECH

Game time: 1:00 p.m. Sun.



**Georgia Tech at a glance:**  
**Coach:** Bobby Cremins  
**Career Record:** 407-260  
**Record at Georgia Tech:** 307-190  
**1996-97 record:** 9-18 overall  
**Conference regular season finish:** 9th (3-13)  
**Starters lost:** Eddie Elisma, Kevin Morris, Gary Saunders  
**Starters returning:** Matt Harpring, Michael Maddox

**Last Meeting:** The Pack picked up its first conference win of the season on Dec. 4 on the road in Atlanta. After forcing the then 22-ranked Yellow Jackets into overtime, the Pack's C.C. Harrison won the game 71-69 in dramatic fashion, on a driving lay-up with less than five seconds remaining to seal the victory.

**What to watch:** Georgia Tech has been the surprise of the ACC so far this season, with a record of 12-5 overall and 2-3 in the conference. The Jackets held their own despite a 70-67 loss against Maryland Wednesday night, a team that defeated No. 1 North Carolina just over a week ago. Tech has had to call on their outstanding corps of freshmen this season for production, namely Dion Glover. He has been named ACC Rookie of the Week four times so far this season. The Pack is still ailing, and the loss of Tim Wells to a separated shoulder last weekend hasn't helped matters. But State looked strong against UNC despite dressing only eight players, and the Pack has had good luck against the Jackets in recent meetings. State has beaten Georgia Tech in the last three meetings.

Gaffney

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grade way that it was (hopefully) meant, it was severely lacking; please remembers fans, this is Reynolds Coliseum.

And I noticed a lot of support for the team from fellow Wolfpack athletes.

Props to the men's tennis play in the first row of the south endzone. The volleyball players were there, and so were the track and field and cross country teams, and the swimmers.

I wonder if those athletes get that sort of support at their events?

And how about those Miller

Boys?

Not only did Archie "I'd rather shoot with a hand in my face than eat when I am hungry" Miller have a great game, picking up his first start of the season, but he proved to be just the kind of emotional leader that the Pack team—and the fans at Reynolds—will need and enjoy over the next three and a half seasons.

And Sean Miller, the most animated assistant coach in the league, is the personification of greatness surrounding itself with greatness. I know that I am sure glad that Coach Sendek brought him with him.

So not to worry Pack fans, even though my friend Paul made a good point that we are basically screwed by the transitive property of basketball (i.e., we lost to Virginia, and Virginia lost to Liberty—do

you see where I am going?), we have good things to come.

Critics and skeptics could ask when that last time was that a team who started the ACC season so poorly moved on to post-season play.

And "we" would answer that it was last year.

And "we" would also answer that it was the team that "we" cheer for.

Editors note: K. Gaffney is currently wondering about the wonders of the world: what is teh correct pronunciation of "Curry." If Virginia doesn't run an offense, why did State lose to them, and where is the yolk of The Egg in Albany? If you have any of these answers, you can call her at 515-2411, or e-mail her at kim@sma.sca.ncsu.edu.

Many Cubans agree with Pope's criticisms of education

■ The pontiff's visit to Cuba offers a chance for Papal rebukes.

MOLLY MOORE  
The Washington Post

HAVANA - For most Havana students, graduation to high school means weekly bus rides to a boarding school deep in the countryside. There, many miles from home, they spend their days working off their free schooling in the nearby farm fields, eating lousy food and being drilled in the ideals of socialist Cuba.

"In Cuba, they are destroying the family," said a 66-year-old retiree whose 15-year-old son attends a provincial boarding school an hour's bus ride south from the capital - and whose adult son works in a Las Vegas casino.

Hunched in a wicker rocking chair in front of his television in his apartment, the retiree, who asked that his name not be used for fear of government retaliation, nodded in agreement as he listened to the pope's stinging rebuke of Cuba's educational system.

During his first Mass on Cuban soil, the pontiff said, "It is true that in the area of education, public authority has certain rights and duties."

"Nonetheless, this does not give public authority the right to take the place of parents," he told a massive crowd in the town of Santa Clara. "Parents should be able to choose for their children the pedagogical method, the ethical and civic content and the religious inspiration which will enable them to receive an integral education."

The address was a sharp rebuke to Castro's welcoming remarks Wednesday during the pope's arrival, when Castro pointedly criticized his Catholic education as a youth. Castro cites the country's schools, which have virtually

eliminated illiteracy, as among his government's greatest achievements.

The education of Cuba's 2.3 million students is a hotly debated issue, especially among parents required to turn their offspring over to the care of government boarding schools when they reach high school.

No religious or private schools are allowed, a frequent source of friction between the Catholic Church and the government here.

In a direct appeal to allow religious schools in the country, the pope told Cubans and their leader, "Do not be afraid. Open your families and schools to the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which are never a threat to any social project." Parents are increasingly dissatisfied with the government education system, even though Cuba has Latin America's highest literacy rate - estimated at 98 percent of the youth and adult population - and one of the highest school attendance rates, with about 96 percent of all youngsters in school until at least the sixth grade. Education is free in Cuba from kindergarten through university and vocational school levels.

Critics, including students and parents, say the quality of the schools has deteriorated dramatically along with the economy since the collapse of the Soviet Union, which deprived the island nation of billions of dollars in subsidies and deepened its isolation.

Government statistics indicate Cuba has the highest ratio of teachers per inhabitant in the world, reportedly 1 teacher for every 41 citizens. But one 41-year-old mother of two said the school system, which pays teachers the equivalent of about \$20 per month, has suffered a precipitous "brain drain" as the best teachers have fled

the profession.

A generation ago, the country boarding schools - optional at the time - offered a healthy environment, plentiful food, the best teachers and the discipline of several hours of manual labor each week, according to several adults in their forties who attended the schools.

"Now it's terrible - the food is no good, the teachers are no good," said the retiree, whose son is one of 20,000 Havana students attending country boarding schools. "They say it's still optional, but in reality, if you don't send your children..." He made a slashing motion at his throat.

"They indoctrinate the students in the socialist system," said one 21-year-old university student. "They don't want you to think."

Yailin Pena Pena, 18, who recently graduated from four years at a provincial boarding school, is a college student studying to become an English teacher. "It's hard work and the food is not very good. It was hard being away from my family. But there was a good environment, good teachers and the schedule was very strict."

Many students and parents interviewed, however, said they agreed with the pope's characterization of the schools.

The pope said, "Too easily accepted and often traumatic is the separation of children and the substitution of the role of parents as a result of schooling away from home, even during adolescence."

"These experiences place young people in situations which sadly result in the spread of promiscuous behavior, loss of ethical values, coarseness, premarital sexual relations at an early age and easy recourse of abortion. All this has a profoundly negative impact on young people."



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## 'Little Black Dress' on display now

From dresses to dancing, a new exhibit examines the history of every girl's favorite fashion staple.

LINDSEY GREENE  
Staff Writer

The Gallery of Art and Design is now featuring "The Little Black Dress: From Sorrow to Seduction" until March 6. Depicting fashion statements from designers such as Dior, Chanel, and de la Renta, the exhibit does more than just encompass the history of the black dress from 1985-1995; it gives viewers an astounding look into our social culture.

While standing amongst the dresses in exhibits that take on a free standing history representative of each decade, one has a chance to study the broad spectrums of history, design, culture and fashion all at once.

The design of each dress, its fabric, length and size allow us to get behind the thoughts of women and to create a living story of fashion's evolution.

Curated by N.C. State's director of Thompson Theater, John McIlwee, the exhibit features some surprising dresses as well. The transformations of the black dress range from a maid's uniform and the classic cocktail dress to tuxedo dresses and even a maternity and mourning dress.

Transcending sorrow and seduction, drama and simplicity, the black dress remains a symbol of versatility. Admission to the exhibit is free.

Another opportunity to participate in the Gallery's exhibit will take place next month. Entitled "A Swell Weekend," the days of Feb. 6 through 8 will feature productions by NCSU Center Stage, Thompson Theater, The Crafts Center, the Music Department and the NCSU Dance Program which highlight "The Little Black Dress" exhibit.

Each evening the NCSU Dance Company will perform an excerpt from Robin Harris Taylor's "Documentaries," featuring "Blanche's Theme and Variations." The movement and text documentary was inspired by the notes, photographs and clippings of Blanche Cliff, the first woman reporter for the Chattanooga Times. Often humorous, always stunning, the performance centers around Blanche's obsessions and etiquette principles.

To see the full story about Blanche Cliff, attend "Robin Harris Taylor: Documentaries." Featuring three movement and text documentaries about women and families of the South, it shows on March 18 and 19 at 8 p.m.

Each evening ranges from \$30-\$50 per person. Call 515-1100 for tickets. Proceeds from all of the events will support their outreach programs.



Dancers Susie Schur, Mair Culbreth, Amy Miller, Brohwyn Ho, and Michelle Bellerjean get ready for a swim in 'Documentaries.' The dance is set to coincide with 'The Little Black Dress' exhibit at the Gallery of Art and Design.

## Exhibit features textiles

The Gallery of Art & Design shows off its threads.

LINDSEY GREENE  
Staff Writer

Ancient Coptic textiles dating back as early as A.D. 300 to 800 are now on display at the Gallery of Art & Design. The gallery is located on the 2nd floor of the University Student Center.

The collection of weavings and tapestry fragments presents a unique opportunity to observe a part of history that connects artistic talents and technical brilliance.

Robert A. Bryan, a Textile Technology and Art & Design major, has designed and organized the exhibit. A senior, Bryan has been interning at the Gallery of Art & Design since 1996. Until March 6, you have the

opportunity to see a part of each of our cultural pasts at this exhibit.

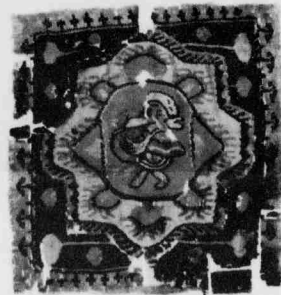
The textile fragments describe a lifestyle common to the Eastern Mediterranean, where pagan symbols existed right outside Egypt.

The works are described as Coptic, a term derived from the Greek name Aigyptios, which was used to describe the inhabitants of the land of Pharaohs.

In addition to pagan motifs, geometric details tell stories from mythology.

Free and open to the public, these tapestries woven by our ancestors show fragments of our history.

**Gallery Hours:**  
Monday & Tuesday Closed  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
Noon - 8 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday 2 - 8 p.m.



This is one of many tapestries in the Gallery of Art and Design's collection. This ancient design and others like it will be on display through March 6.

## Cultural festival scheduled to honor King

This weekend's Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Festival provides events for the entire family.

MEGAN RILEY  
Assistant Features Editor

"Living the Dream: Investing in Our Communities" is the motto of the 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Festival. The event, to be held at the Jane S. McKimmon Center on Saturday, Jan. 24th, will include cultural and educational activities for the entire family. Illustrating King's ideal of justice, freedom and equality.

The day will begin at noon with a required registration and an opening session. From there, adults and teens will go to two different sessions for an hour and 20 minutes each, while children will attend several workshops. Meanwhile a continuous slide production entitled "Movement of Nonviolence" will be shown. A Cultural Hour featuring

several guest performances will follow at 4 p.m. All of these activities are free and open to the public.

An optional dinner with popular Southern dishes will be served at 5:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be John Raye, CEO of Dudley Products Inc. In addition to the night's festivities, Stewart Theatre will host at 7:30 p.m. "I Have a Dream" at 7:30 p.m.

The day's activities emphasize building and strengthening the community. African-American leaders from N.C. State and the surrounding area will present adult seminars on money management, cultural awareness, children's education, parenting advice and affirmative action. Participants ages 14 to 17 can attend the "Teens and Parents" session with the adults, or go to lectures on loving relationships, leadership development or avoiding violence. The two groups also can go to the college oratorical contest from 2:30 to 2:50 p.m.

Students ages 10 to 13 will watch a

high school oratorical contest from 1 to 1:30 p.m. They will then participate in activities titled "Being the Best That We Can Be," "Time on My Hands," "Let's Talk and Listen" and "Africa, the Motherland."

Children ages five to nine will attend workshops titled "Imhotep's Pyramids," "Painting Positive Images," "Stringing Our Futures Together," "Reflecting Our Communities" and "Developing Sound Bodies for Our Future." Children younger than five should remain with an adult.

The festival's Cultural Hour will include performances by poet Sadiqa Malik, NCSU's Dance Visions, the Bouncing Bulldogs, the East Cary Middle School Drill Team and the Martin Luther King Jr. All Children's Choir.

The dinner's motivational speaker, Raye, is the national spokesman and senior sales manager for the Greensboro-based manufacturer of black hair and skin care products. He is known for his

efforts to save the Carter G. Woodson Center in Washington, D.C., a major repository of black history and culture, from destruction. Dinner tickets are \$10.25 per adult and \$5.25 for those 12 and under.

The critically acclaimed National Black Touring Circuit Inc. of New York City will present "I Have a Dream," joined by the Monument of Love Fellowship Church Choir. The cast includes NCSU alumnus Herman LeVern Jones and Wilmington's Nick Searcy. The off-Broadway production portrays King's life in drama and music. Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$8 for students, and \$5 seniors and children age 12 and under. For tickets and information, call Ticket Central at 515-1100.

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Festival is sponsored by NCSU's African-American Cultural Center in cooperation with St. Augustine's College and Shaw University.

### Your Horoscope

**Aries (March 21 to April 19)** - Your social circle widens this week. A new friend is different from anyone you've ever met. Guard against absent-mindedness and people who don't keep their word.

**Taurus (April 20 to May 20)** - A higher-up may seem close-mouthed and unapproachable this week. Later you could discover something of value at a flea market or garage sale. Finances turn for the better.

**Gemini (May 21 to June 20)** - You're in the mood to try new things. Originality marks your thinking. You may believe a friend is unreasonable - even so, social interests are favored this weekend.

**Cancer (June 21 to July 22)** - You

may do some unplanned shopping for the home. Be careful not to let things slide at work. An opinionated type won't be convinced by logical explanations.

**Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22)** - You may take up a new hobby or intellectual interest this week. Creative work will be inspired. Be willing to listen to what a family member is saying this weekend. Be open-minded.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)** - Avoid extravagant spending this week and be wary of those who would take advantage of you in financial dealings. New beginnings at work or at home are highly favored.

**Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** - Try to

avoid being too harsh in your judgements when dealing with a co-worker. Couples may make spur-of-the-moment travel plans. Romance is a plus this weekend.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** - A relative may be harping about something from the past. An unexpected business opportunity comes your way later in the week. The weekend accents domestic interests.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** - You may make a sudden decision regarding a romance. Travel is likely to be on your agenda as well. A child has a tantrum later in the week. Socialize this weekend

without going overboard.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)** - Though the week brings positive business and financial developments, you still may have trouble completing an existing assignment. Be persistent in your efforts.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)** - You'll be making plans to travel somewhere you've never visited. A new adviser enters your life. A partner doesn't understand your views about a work concern.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20)** - Career interests take an unexpected turn for the better. You may think that a friend is a bit manipulative. Extravagant spending may be a temptation this weekend.

## Weekly Schedule

### Cinema

#### Campus Cinema

\$1.50 with Student Identification, \$2 without  
Fri., Jan. 23 "In & Out" at 7:30 & 10 p.m.  
Sat., Jan. 24 "In & Out" at 7:30 & 10 p.m.  
Sun., Jan. 25 "Vampyr" at 7 p.m. FREE  
Mon., Jan. 26 Southern Circuit Artists' Jem Cohen will present "Lost Book Found" at 7 p.m. FREE  
Thurs., Jan. 29 "The Stranger" at 6:45 & 9 p.m.  
N.C. Museum of Art  
Fri., Jan. 23 "Carmen" at 7 & 9:15 p.m.

### Music

#### The Brewery

Fri., Jan. 23 Hipbone

Sat., Jan. 24 The Amateurs

Tues., Jan. 27 Mercury Birds, Panel Donor, Bunker

Wed., Jan. 28 Zen Tricksters

Thurs., Jan. 29 Guster, Tender Idols

**The Berkeley Cafe**

Fri., Jan. 23 Big Bertha

Sat., Jan. 24 Ghizzi

Tues., Jan. 27 Acoustic Open Mic from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Thurs., Jan. 29 Southern Championship Wrestling

**Cat's Cradle**

Fri., Jan. 23 Gibb Droll & Underwater \$6

Sat., Jan. 24 Everything & Squeezetoy \$5

Sun., Jan. 25 Rex, Those Bastard Souls, Cole \$6

Mon., Jan. 26 & Tue., Jan. 27 Flicker, Local Film night \$3

Wed., Jan. 28 Jazz Mandolin Project \$8

**Lizard & Snake Cafe**

Fri., Jan. 23 Morris, Major Nelson, The Doleful

Lions

Sat., Jan. 24 The Bouncing Souls, Blanks 77, Jon

Wed., Jan. 28 Life in General, Larry Weaver

Thurs., Jan. 29 Come on hunder Child, Fluid Oz

**Record Exchange - Hillsborough Street**

Fri., Jan. 23 Article 5 at 7 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 24 Pee-nuckle at 7 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 27 David Poe

Thurs., Jan. 29 Gliver at 7 p.m.

**The Caboose**

Fri., Jan. 23 Deceased, Corpse Vomit, Sorrow

Bequest, Ikarot

Sat., Jan. 24 Bunker, Duosonic, Nudge

Thurs., Jan. 29 Thumper & Co.

**Raleigh Memorial Auditorium**

Fri., Jan. 23 & Sat., Jan. 24 Classical Concert

featuring Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, Violinist at 8

p.m. \$21-\$36

**O'Malley's, Oak Park Shopping Center**

Sun., Jan. 25 Irish Music Session, 2-5 p.m.

**Durham Arts Council Building**

Sun., Jan. 25 Mallarme Chamber Players Present "A

Tribute to Gershwin" at 3 p.m. \$15 & \$5

### Events

#### McKimmon Center

Sat., Jan. 24 Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural

Festival, "Living the Dream: Investing in Our

Communities." Activities 1 to 3:50 p.m.

Performances 4 p.m., Dinner 7:30 p.m. Registration

is required at noon.

**N.C. State Fairgrounds**

Sat., Jan. 24 & Sun., Jan. 25 Raleigh Winter I Hunter

at Hunt Horse Complex

Sat., Jan. 24 & Sun., Jan. 25 Gun Show

Mon., Jan. 26 to Wed., Jan. 28 Medieval Times at

Hunt Horse Complex

Tues., Jan. 27 Southeast Cotton Conference at Scott

Building

**Creative Writing Series**

Mon., Jan. 26 Claudia Emerson Andrews will read

and discuss her work, "Pharaoh, Pharaoh" in G111

Caldwell, 7:30 p.m.

**Wilson Library Auditorium, UNC**

Tue., Jan. 27 Reading & book signing by Clyde

Edgerton, 3:30 p.m.

**Presbyterian Campus Ministry**

Thurs., Jan. 29 Gail Phares will discuss "Hope for



## Editorials

### No Cloning

■ Cloning should be stopped before it gets out of hand.

Just a few months ago, in Roslin, Scotland, a lamb named Dolly was cloned with human genes in its cells. With this breakthrough, scientists hope that human cloning will become a reality in the near future.

Earlier this month, 19 European countries, excluding Great Britain and Germany, signed a treaty that bans human cloning. In the United States, President Bill Clinton imposed a ban on the use of federal money to clone humans. But, this is not enough to stop human cloning.

Private money can and probably will be given to those who wish to study and perfect human cloning here in the United States. While 19 nations in Europe have banned human cloning, Great Britain, which has already produced clones, and Germany, one of the great industrial and scientific nations in the world, have not signed that treaty. Because these two nations have not signed the treaty, cloning may become a reality despite efforts made to stop it.

No one can stop human cloning. Some how, some where, a fan of Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" or of Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" is working on making the science fiction a reality. And whether or not that person is considered an outlaw or unable to get federal government assistance will not matter. There are other countries that would welcome such research.

To prevent people from using unethical means of getting DNA to clone, guidelines need to be made across the globe to monitor the progress of human cloning.

Guidelines have been made in other areas of research that ban the use of human test subjects. Cloning is a new research field - one needing rules and regulations to prevent doing things like stealing DNA or using unsafe research procedures.

Human hands have played a vital role in improving and exploring life - they created the technology to look through the microscope at the smallest living creature. These hands also have power to destroy what both they and nature have created. With regulations in place to monitor human cloning research, humans can make sure that advancement of its technology isn't put ahead of the planet's diversity.

Many scientific wonders are hidden in the remote reaches of the world. Through cloning, these wonders may be lost. Cloning the perfect pig for Brazilian hog farming may mean the loss of the already depleted Amazon Rainforest to house those pigs.

Nature is the blueprint of life - the diversity it creates makes earth a unique place. By tampering with nature, humans have the power to control it by saying what gets created. Regulations on cloning will make sure that a human's power to create doesn't overpower the force of nature. This will ensure that what nature intended will always take precedence over similarity and profit making.

Human cloning is a process that will become a reality no matter how many countries ban it or try to stop it by not giving out federal funding. It is up to us to ensure that a measure of checks and balances regulates the cloning process to its misuse. Cloning has opened a modern day Pandora's Box - let's close it without looking in.

### Reaching out

■ A middle school on campus reaches out to teenagers.

N.C. State is taking on something that no other university has taken on before. In correlation with Wake County Public Schools, the university is in the process of designing a middle school that will be housed on Centennial Campus. The idea has evolved with studies that demonstrate some kids lose interest in math and science by the time they reach high school. The new school will expose students to math and science facilities here at NCSU.

The middle school students will be chosen from the counties' mathematically and scientifically inclined students. They will have the opportunity to utilize their skills. What better place to do this than NCSU, a school renowned for its math and science students and faculty?

The school, which will be completed by 2000, will also give education majors a chance to closely interact with the school system. Most students who are majoring in education have to travel across Raleigh to get to the school

where they are doing their co-op training. This will be a much more viable option.

The middle school students will also have the opportunity to relate with college and the choices that one must make in preparation for college, since they will be in an academic atmosphere with premiere research facilities. The students will have the opportunity to closely view how math and science affect everyday life - technology development that is unappreciated when simply using a product. With the help of the NCSU Math and Science Departments, students will have a better chance to increase their interest and abilities in math and science.

Not only will math and science majors benefit from the new school, but psychology and education majors will benefit as well. Students in these majors will have the chance to closely interact with their career choice interest.

The new school is important in the fact that NCSU will be bridging to our future generation, and the gap that exists may now be broken. There is nothing more important than helping lead future generations to a wiser and better educated tomorrow.

about an event providing an alcohol-free alternative during the State-Carolina game. As Dr. Moses pointed out in her forum letter on Fri., Jan. 9, Technician believes that only white students work, therefore, it must follow that it also believes only white people could afford alcohol. The article on alcohol-free parties therefore implies that white people are drunks.

I was even more incensed by the cartoon on page 6, in which a Physics professor refers to the pre-Roman Britons as "Barbaric." Through these distasteful journalistic tactics, Technician is stating that the Celtic-descended white race is made up of drunk, violent, evil barbarians. I can already see the looks of fear I will get when walking through the brickyard tower, thanks to Technician.

Disclaimer, for those who don't GET IT: It would be silly to take offense at this letter; its point is to show the pitfalls of taking offense too easily, and of seeing race everywhere. If you would read the

### Understanding religion

JASON COTTER  
Stiff Columnist

There is something wildly ironic about the Pope coming to Cuba this week. Castro obviously wants to use the Pope for some political statement about the American embargo against Cuba, seeing as the Pope has had a history of opposing the embargo. But then again, the Pope has had a history of opposing communism, so we'll have to see how it goes.

Marx said that religion is the opium of the masses, so why would communist Cuba want to allow for religious freedom? Today religious freedom is just pouring out of Cuba. They were even given permission to celebrate Christmas this year. Of course, the holiday isn't as popular in Cuba as it is in the United States - on account of the fact that so few Cubans know much of anything about Jesus, Christmas and especially the Pope. But, sometimes I start to wonder if Americans are much different.

When I think of some of our beloved "brickyard preachers" who seem hateful, judgmental and unforgiving while they claim to speak the word of God, I start to wonder if all of us know Christ as well as we claim to.

Some of us may not understand Christ's teachings as well as others, but surely we all understand Christmas, right? We could really help the Cuban people grow in their understanding of the holiday if we lifted the embargo and imported credit cards. That way, the Cubans could announce all of the gifts they got when asked if they had a "good" Christmas.

OK, so some of us don't know Jesus or pay the proper respect to Christmas, but at least we all know the Pope, right? As a Catholic, I've heard the Pope described as "the man Catholics pray to," among a number of other misconceptions. And yes, while we're on the subject, Catholics worship God, not saints, the Pope or even Mary.

To be fair, Americans may know more about matters of the Christian

religion than an average Cuban would - simply because we've always enjoyed the ability to worship freely. But notice that as the Cubans run from worshipping government to worshipping God, Americans are continuing to rush in the other direction.

In the name of some twisted interpretation of freedom, Americans want to remove God from every institution they can. In its place, we've invited the United Nations, Planned Parenthood, radical environmentalists and a whole brigade of others who worship government or science.

If Marx were alive today, he'd no doubt note that, where once religion had been the opium of the masses, science has taken its place. Who was it that said that there are more hopelessly enslaved than those who believe they are free? Enslaved by ignorance or apathy, we can feel free to be outraged or shocked about the religious oppression in one nation, while we ignore the oppression in our own.

PATRICK M. ROBERSON  
Guest Columnist

If you're reading this, you're probably a college student. If you're a college student, or at least if you're under thirty, the subject of this editorial should excite you to no end. Even if you're not in college, the discovery considered in the paragraphs below should have blown your mind when you first heard about it, should have bedazzled you with the future possibilities, should have kept you awake at night wondering how it's going to change the world. But I'll bet you haven't talked to anyone about it.

In fact, probably seven out of 10 people don't even care, much less talk about, the discovery by researchers last week that it is almost definitely the telomeres on our chromosomes that shorten and eventually stop the cells from dividing, which is what causes us to age. Given a half to a full decade, researchers could probably have an orally administered drug on the market that would put an end to telomere shortening, and therefore aging.

Think about it, please. By regularly taking this pill, you (or your children or grandchildren) could virtually stay the same age indefinitely. By "virtually," I mean, of course, that you would age only in the sense of true time. At eighty, you will still be eighty, but you may look only thirty or forty-five, depending upon what age you began taking the pill.

This is probably the most exciting scientific discovery since the dawn

of man. Since mythical times, people have searched and yearned for the fabled - and until now, fabled - fountain of youth. Supposedly still, if you were to find the chalice which Christ drank from at the Last Supper, you would be given eternal youth. Alien (microbial) life be damned; given a choice between knowing we're not alone (which most of us want to be at some point) and being wrinkle and spot free, I know which option most Homo sapiens would choose.

This discovery will affect all of us, for even if this pill isn't on the market by 2010, scientists already know what causes aging. And you may rest assured that a cure, if not a reversal, is in the works. To take it a step further, if cellular division can be kept up when it "shouldn't be," it can be turned off as well. We are looking at a 400-year life span is not just fiction anymore. Neither are retirement ages of 180. The Social Security and Medicare crises may have just been averted. Generations may have just been tripled. This pill could be out at just the time that we college students are hitting our prime.

Why aren't we more excited about this? Why isn't this the talk of the campus? As college students, it seems to me that we have not only the best minds in the country to absorb, assimilate and discuss

matters such as these, but an obligation to do so as well. Instead, we find The News & Observer yammering incessantly about the North Carolina Department of Transportation, the media drooling over John Glenn's return to space (something else I wonder if most students have heard of) and N.C. State students bemoaning our basketball team's injuries, wondering whether we'll win the next game.

This is not meant to take any of the magnitude away from any of the above mentioned worthy newsmakers. The NCDOT certainly needs cleaning up, along with our governor and some other public "servants." John Glenn's return to space is phenomenal and a tribute to a true American hero; NCSU players get hurt (or arrested) every year, and I'm wondering why everyone else will have a winning season.

Our spheres should not be this small; neither should the media's, as part of the blame must lie on the shoulders of the press. It is simply unthinkable to bury news of this magnitude in the "Health 'n' Science" section, when it belongs on page one. However, as supposedly informed citizens, we ought to be reading the "Health 'n' Science" section as well.

Patrick Roberson is all about being '22 for the rest of his life. Can you tell?

### The fountain of youth

### Campus Forum

For those of you who don't get it

I was offended by the entire issue of Technician on Friday, Jan. 16. On the front page, I found an article about two students who attacked a third in a Mescal elevator. Since Technician always reports the race of assailants when they are of a minority, and race is not mentioned in the article, these assailants must have been white. By the same logic, the perpetrators of a malicious prank, as reported in another front page article that day, were white men. Articles like these certainly appear in Technician only to show how Caucasian males are misperceived and belittled.

Reading further, I found an article

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above letter in an extremely sarcastic tone, you will see that I don't really believe these words. What I believe is that some people would be happier if they spent more of their energy laughing than becoming offended. Perhaps we could ALL be happier then.

Nathan Deese  
Senior, Computer Engineering

Campus Forum Policy  
Technician welcomes Campus

## Volunteer testifies against Clinton

Willie is apparently disheveled in the Oval Office.

R.H. MELTON  
The Washington Post

RICHMOND, Va. - The sequence of events that led to the investigation of President Clinton and his relations with a young White House staff member began with the report of an encounter between the president and another woman.

In a deposition given two weeks ago, Kathleen E. Willey, a Democratic campaign volunteer with ties to a famous local family, testified about an unsolicited sexual advance by the president. According to a source familiar with her account, she said Clinton kissed, fondled and groped her during a 1993 meeting in his private White House office. Willey said she resisted and Clinton stopped.

Willey's story appears to confirm in part an account given to Newsweek magazine last summer

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by Linda Tripp, then an executive assistant in the White House counsel's office. Tripp said she ran into Willey after she left the Oval Office. She described Willey as "disheveled. Her face was red and her lipstick was off. She was flustered, happy and joyful."

Tripp's comments sparked a harsh retort from Clinton's lawyer, Robert S. Bennett, who said she could not be believed.

It was those comments that Tripp said caused her to fear the loss of her job and to begin taping a series of conversations with Monica Lewinsky, the young woman who claims to have had a sexual relationship with Clinton.

Willey's deposition was taken by attorneys for Paula Jones, a former Arkansas government worker who is pursuing a sexual-harassment lawsuit against Clinton. Jones' attorneys have sought testimony from numerous other women who may have been approached by Clinton in hopes of establishing a pattern of behavior at a trial scheduled to begin in May.

## 'Spice World' not so good

The unintentional horror flick shows the Spice Girls have a weakness other than songwriting.

DESSON HOWE  
The Washington Post

You've heard, no doubt, of the Spice Girls, a five-gal, English pop group that has already made millionaires of its members.

"Spice World," the movie, is about as awful and shamelessly pandering as a fanzine movie could dare to be. Even if you try to excuse this film as a disarming, bubblegum-style, fab-London fantasy, it still sticks in the craw.

What happens? Madcap stuff. The movie is like a series of music video outtakes disguised as a story. The Girls, who are five days away from appearing in a sellout concert at London's Albert Hall, vamp from one photo op to another. They fly to Italy to film a song-and-dance number - only to find the director has decided to crowd the spectacle with muscular, scantily clad male dancers.

On another occasion, when the Girls hop off the "Spicetious" to find an outdoor restroom, they run into ... aliens! Aliens, that is, who are looking for tickets to the Spice Girls concert. And they keep bumping into fellow celebs, including Elton John, Bob Geldoff and Bob Hoskins.

What can five stressed millionaires do? Change costumes, that's what! And dress as each other! They can also show they're human, by making sure they attend a pregnant friend's delivery, even if it means holding up all those Albert Hall fans chanting "Spice Girls, Spice Girls, Spice Girls!"

SPICE WORLD (PG, 93 minutes) - Contains sexual innuendo that may be inappropriate for younger audiences.

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