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School alcohol policy may change

NCSU may soon notify the parents of students who violate the school's alcohol policy more than once.

Jack Daly Staff Writer

Back in the third grade, whenever a student got in trouble, they were probably sent to the principal's office. If the student was really bad, the principal may have called home and informed the parents of the child's misdeeds.

Flash forward 12 years or so and N.C. State may now be viewed as taking the role of the principal.

Taking advantage of the Higher Education Amendment to the Buckley Law, an Alcohol Task Force consisting of students, faculty and staff are recommending to Chancellor Fox that NCSU notify the parents of students who receive two alcohol violations.

"With the first offense, if there is no other aggravation, the student will just receive normal penalties; alcohol awareness programs, community service and fines," said all Cousins, director of the office of Student Conduct.

For the second violation, barring certain

circumstances, a letter would be sent to the parents informing them of the alcohol violation. Letters would not be sent in cases in which the student might be put in either physical or mental danger from the parents.

Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs, emphasized that a letter will only be sent after the student's case has been heard by the Office of Student Conduct. Thus, students not found guilty by the Judicial Board or the Office will not have letters sent home.

Student Body President Jenny Chang expressed mixed feelings on the proposal. "My gut reaction would be to say no to notifying parents," Chang said. "However, if there is a proven positive result then I am for it."

Chang said she is against binge drinking and underage drinking, but would have to be convinced that this recommendation would result in positive changes.

Stafford also stressed that no final decision had been made.

"The part that is final is the recommendation that will go to the Chancellor," said Stafford.

The aim of this measure is not to get the student in trouble with their parents, according to Stafford.

"We're not doing this to get a student punished when they get caught drinking," Stafford said.

Rather, the aim is to both prevent students

from drinking and to keep parents involved in their students' educational process.

"We're interested in a couple of things," said Cousins. "First and foremost, we are trying to prevent underage drinking. Second, we want to cut down on dangerous drinking."

Cousins continued by saying that the task force also wants to make campus a safer place. Cousins said that intoxicated students may pose a risk to others and themselves, especially if the student passes out. "You know the Bricksyard isn't a safe place to be at midnight," Cousins said.

The committee hopes that the possibility of a letter home will impress upon students not to drink on campus. Therefore, Cousins views this a preventative measure rather than a reactionary one.

"We'd like to divert resources to more preventative stances," said Cousins. "Hopefully this will impress upon [the students] that they don't want to come back a second time."

Both Stafford and Cousins mentioned that this was only a change on how NCSU handled its sanctions, not an actual change in the alcohol policy.

With the amendment to the Buckley Law, if NCSU implements the recommendations, it will not be the only school to do so.

"A lot of universities have already started doing this," Stafford said, citing Virginia Tech as an example. "By the beginning of

next fall, most colleges and universities will be doing this."

Some students may think that notifying one's parents on the second alcohol violation may conflict with the notion that they are adults at 18, the age the law generally considers one an adult.

"In some situations, that's accurate," said Cousins. "It would be naive to say that as soon as someone turns 18 they are adult, though."

NCSU is also not all that worried about students who may be independent from their parents.

"I think that's a very small group of people," Cousins said. "I am not too stressed about that. I'm more concerned about the students who are at a real physical and emotional risk."

Stafford also said the recommendation is not focused on such students.

"We've made a decision that this decision will be made regardless of independent status," said Stafford.

Stafford hopes that a final decision on the recommendation will be made by the first of June so that NCSU will be able to notify the students and parents at orientation in the summer. The decision to implement the recommendation will be made by Chancellor Fox, and it will not have to go through the Board of Trustees.

NCSU libraries' rankings rise

N.C. State's ranking against other research universities rose on the charts for the seventh consecutive year.

John Borwick Staff Writer

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) ranked NCSU Libraries 37 out of 111 for the 1997-1998 academic year.

N.C. State's position was at an all-time low only nine years ago, ranking 101 out of 107.

ARL ranks libraries based on how many books and journals they receive, how many new books they buy, how much the library costs to run and how many people work there.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, the Libraries' collections budget was held constant while inflation soared. The price of research materials and journals had grown, forcing the libraries to cut 3,000 journals.

The Libraries were losing ground in all ARL ranking criteria: it cut how many journals it received, could not afford to buy many new books and its budget could not compensate for the rising costs of running a library.

Susan Nutter, now Director of Libraries, helped draw attention to N.C. State's inferior position and the rank has been steadily climbing with support from students, faculty, the administration and the Friends of the Library.

Provost Franklin Hart convened a Commission on the State of the



Libraries to research the underlying problems. Chancellor Monteith reviewed the commission's findings and supported a "Quest for the Top 50" in the ARL index. The Libraries began to receive the money needed to improve.

Students coordinated a Jail-A-Thon fund-raiser for the libraries, where Monteith and other campus leaders were held until bail money

was secured. When tuition increased in 1995, the Faculty Senate voted to redirect some money earmarked for faculty raises to the Libraries. That year, the libraries' budget increased by \$4.1 million.

The money raised was spent subscribing to old journals, keeping D.H. Hill open 24 hours, hiring

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Take me out to the ballgame



Student loses purse to snatcher

Crime on campus for the past few weeks has involved several incidents of petty theft.

Nicolas Gullett Staff Writer

The majority of crimes occurring on campus the past few weeks consisted of non-violent crimes such as vandalism and theft. These incidents ranged in severity from misplaced or stolen ID cards to smashed in windows and hit and runs. There have also been an increased number of recent car break-ins resulting in stolen car stereos, CD's and various

personal items. Public Safety recommends that students keep an eye on all their items and to lock the doors of their cars and keep all items of worth out of view. Car break-ins occur quite frequently on campus and are easily preventable. Expensive stereos, speakers, boxes, CDs, and radar detectors are usually what catches the eyes of would be thieves. These items can often be easily covered with a blanket or placed in a less visible place such as under the seat.

Besides the recent rise in car break-ins there have also been increased reports of stolen purses and book bags. "Public safety was very prompt

after they learned of the theft," said Emily Lawrence, a freshman in Art Design and Graphic Design who had her purse stolen just seconds after turning her back to work on a drawing. "I turned around and it was gone. It really bothered me that something like that could happen so quickly and so close to me," Lawrence said.

"Public Safety was really helpful in retrieving my belongings only hours after I contacted them," Lawrence urged students to keep their belongings on or near you at all times.

"Don't put anything down even if

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Distinguished officer visits

Sgt. Maj. Lee came to talk to NCSU ROTC students as part of a three-campus tour involving stops at UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke.

Danielle Strinfield News Editor

Sgt. Maj. Lee, the highest enlisted official in the Marine Corps, made a special visit to speak about his views to N.C. State's Navy and Marine ROTC units on the current decrease in U.S. military forces.

Students who attended Sgt. Maj. Lee's motivational speech said he encouraged those in the Navy ROTC unit that serving their country is one of the most honorable things they could do.

"For him to take the time out of such a busy schedule meant a lot to us," said Danielle

Sachtleben, a Navy ROTC cadet and a senior in communication. "Since he's been in the military for so long, he was able to shed some light on his important experiences in the military with us."

Jason Hall, a Navy ROTC platoon commander and a junior in industrial engineering, said that he was impressed to have someone from the Pentagon come and speak to them. John Grimm, in the Marine ROTC program and a senior in history, said he was motivated by Sgt. Maj. Lee's speech because he will be commissioned May 15 to 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Marine Corps. "It felt good that he thought we were important enough," Grimm said.

In addition, Sachtleben said Lee gave them advice on their jobs as leaders at NCSU as well as in the military. According to Grimm, Sgt. Maj. Lee discussed the importance of



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honor, courage and commitment, which are the Marine and Navy Corps values. "He gave me something to strive for," Grimm said.

Sgt. Maj. Lee has been in the military 30-some years and currently works under Commandant Gen. Kurlak in Washington, D.C. at the Pentagon. He is also a North Carolina native.

New sorority joins NCSU's ranks

Theta Nu Xi, a sorority founded last year at UNC-Chapel Hill, is opening the doors of its second chapter on the campus of N.C. State.

Stephen Crusby Staff Writer

A new sorority on campus, Theta Nu Xi, is only the second chapter of the organization to be formed following its conception in April 1997 on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill.

The sorority's main goal is to unite students with no regard to race and to push for diversity and, according to Melissa Murchison-Blake, a founding member of the UNC chapter, to celebrate all ethnicities.

The organization is trying to gain recognition from NC State, but the members are in the process of trying to form a specialties group. Theta Nu Xi cannot, however, belong to the

councils which other fraternities and sororities belong to for various different reasons.

This sorority is the first multicultural one in the southeastern United States. The organization's goals can be summed up by part of its mission statement: "...to promote leadership, multiculturalism, and self-improvement through academic excellence, involvement in and service to the campus and community, as well as being living examples of sisterhood across different races, colors, religions, backgrounds and lifestyles."

But the first goal at hand for the organization is to "bridge the gap between different races on campus."

Some of the planned service projects are a mentoring program, participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program and starting a means by which local businesses could recycle used materials. Each member is also

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Two youths kill as many as 25 of their classmates

**JULIE CHART, ERIC SLATER
AND STEPHEN BRAUN**
Los Angeles Times

LITTLETON, Colo. — Laughing as they killed, two youths clad in dark ski masks and long black coats fired pipe bombs into a crowd of their terrified classmates Tuesday inside a suburban high school southwest of Denver, littering halls with as many as 25 bodies and wounding at least 25 others. The gunmen, embittered youths reportedly fascinated with paramilitary culture, kept police sharpshooters at a distance for more than four hours before they apparently used their guns on themselves.

The day's horror mounted with unrelieved dread, a grim cascade that began with the startling clap of explosions and ended with a schoolhouse transformed into a tomb. No American high school has seen so much violent death at the hands of its own children — and late into the night, the day's reckoning was not yet done.

Teams of police SWAT officers fanned slowly through Columbine High School into the evening, combing the sprawling school grounds for the last of the living and the dead — a search that left officials still uncertain of the count of those killed. The first police SWAT officers to reach the eastern edge of the campus reported sighting as many as 25 bodies. Among them, officers radioed back, were the corpses of the two suspects, found lying in the school's library, the scene of the carnage.

Late Tuesday, police identified seniors Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris as the killers.

Police had pursued reports that a third suspect joined the two other heavily armed assailants as they burst into the school building shortly after 11:30 a.m. and lobbed several explosive devices. But police later said the youth was not being sought as an accomplice but was being questioned about the motives of the two dead suspects, whose weakness for dark fatigues and black clothes led many students to deride them as the "Trenchcoat Mafia."

"It appears to be a suicide mission," said a haggard John Stone, the Jefferson County sheriff. Stone said officers had come upon a scene of "craziness," a tableau of young bodies stacked on stairwells, in the library and on tables in the school's cafeteria — and accompanied ominously in several places with what appeared to be live pipe bombs. Bomb-defusing teams were called in to dispose of the suspected munitions even as a squad of homicide detectives entered the cordoned-off school building to identify the dead.

Some students emerged with chilling tales of chance encounters and random survival. "We were all running and we didn't know where we were going and who was waiting for us," said Jacob Bauer, 16, a sophomore who ran blindly up a stairwell with hundreds of other panicked students after a volley of shots sent them fleeing. "It was total fear."

One girl watched fellow students gunned down around her in the library, one after another. The gunman laughed as he fired, killing a girl next to the girl and then dispatching a boy nearby before aiming his gun at her.

"I begged him not to shoot me, and he just put the gun in my face and he started waving it and said it was all because someone was mean to him last year," said the survivor, identified only as "Lucky" in a televised interview. Authorities were reluctant to disclose a possible motive for the school invasion, but one official, sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis, said investigators were intrigued by the possibility that the carnage was timed "in conjunction with the (April 20) birthday of Adolf Hitler."

That line of pursuit would dovetail with statements from dozens of students who described the tiny "Trenchcoat Mafia" clique as a group of social misfits who talked lovingly of death, played out war game fantasies and, according to some witnesses, singled out black students and campus athletes Tuesday in lethal payback for old taunts and prejudices.

"The Trenchcoat Mafia, they're people who don't like to be bothered," said Columbine senior Denise Taylor, 17, who said she knew the youths and



Students listen as classmates tell of their experiences during the attack at Columbine High School during a prayer service.

flirted with one of the suspects. "They got picked on all the time by the jocks and other people, saying things like 'Why do you wear black? Can't you change your clothes?' I heard one suspect shot a black guy right in the face, and that they went after other jocks."

While some youths in the group wore black clothes but otherwise wore their hair short like others on campus, a few of the "Trenchcoat" group affected the familiar black fingernail paint and pallid white facial makeup affected by "Goths" — teen-agers who obsess on death and Satanism, dress to shock and feint with high school athletes and prayer club Christian youths.

"They seemed like they couldn't get along with anybody," said Joe Deaden, 16, a junior.

The shooting spree was the latest in a succession of school killings that have ravaged American campuses in recent years. But the proportion of its four hours of chaos and its mortal toll far outstripped even the numbing tenor of the earlier events.

The incomprehensible realization that a community's teen-agers had planned the systematic slaughter of their peers gnawed at Littleton's adults on Tuesday night just as it baffled the parents of Pearl, Miss. West Paducah, Ky.; Jonesboro, Ark.; and Springfield, Ore. in recent months. This time, it was the affluent un-

incorporated tract of 20-year-old homes, that takes the neighboring town of Littleton as its post office, a neatly sculpted neighborhood of frame brick homes.

"It's the last place you could imagine something like this happening," said David Bauer, a lawyer whose son, Jacob, fled the school Tuesday.

Bauer's bafflement was shared by hundreds of residents who crammed inside the Light of the World Catholic Church to memorialize the dead students. And it was shared, too, by a nation of horrified television watchers and by President Clinton, who said "the community is an open wound now. We owe it to the people of Littleton to let them get on with their grieving."

The carnage came in ironic counterpoint to a looming debate in the Colorado state legislature over whether to allow the expansion of laws allowing the carrying of concealed weapons. A vote had been expected on the proposal in several weeks.

There were reports that at least one of the dead assailants had last year threatened some sort of revenge tied to the millennium. But other students said the numbers of the factor were small, little more than four or five — and that the unnamed suspects had shown little inclination toward apocalyptic violence.

Library

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new staff and offering more computer resources.

As the Libraries improved, some higher-ranking libraries from the 1980s could not keep pace with inflation and their rankings dropped. NCSU libraries shot up from number 101 to 37 in seven years.

The libraries are now continuing to expand their World Wide Web services.

N.C. State community members can customize their library web page through "MyLibrary@NCState," an online service. Members fill out a profile for the program. The service then notifies subscribers when new books in their areas of interest are received. MyLibrary@NCState helps users sift through the Internet by suggesting quality content based on their member profiles.

N.C. State has been a member of ARL since 1982-1983, and this year's ranking of 37 is its highest ever.

Sorority

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required to put in a certain number of service hours per month.

Theta Nu Xi plans to recruit new members through information sessions to be held next August.

One of the founding members of the NCSU chapter, Kelly Miller, stated, "No one in Theta Nu Xi is too shy to ask someone to come check us out. We do approach people and invite them to see what we are all about. We are excited about letting everyone know who we are and what we stand for!"

Grade Point Average will be a determining factor on who is admitted into the sorority. Membership is extended to people from all backgrounds and nationalities. The organization thrives on diversity and the opportunity to give back to the community. Other organizations that will be benefited by the organization of this group will be the Special Olympics, women's health promotion initiatives and children's hospitals.

There is a link to Theta Nu Xi's history page off of the UNC web site. This organization hopes to extend its chapters out of the Chapel Hill-Raleigh area to other campuses.

Purse

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it is only for a few moments," she said.

There have also been many reports of vandalism committed on cars parked in Campus parking lots. Hit and runs and smashed windows are unfortunately not all that uncommon.

There was even a report of a sunroof being trampled on and smashed in Campus police rely heavily on tips and reports from students in helping solve these crimes.

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April 27: Mead Corp.
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Information Session
in Room 17 Winston

April 30: World Access
Atlanta, GA
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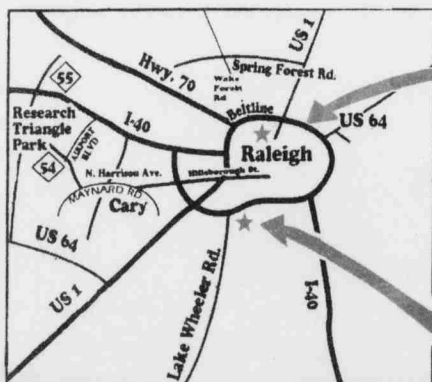
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The Biathlon...a test of endurance



◆ Heading out for a biathlon, one runner learns that being on the cross-country team in high school was barely enough for him to cross the finish line.

CHIP SMALL
Staff Writer

The challenge began after class one day, when my friend Mike offhandedly asked if I wanted to compete in an off-road triathlon with him in several weeks. "Sure," I replied, harboring visions of Eco-Challenge glory fresh off the Discovery Channel. This race would consist of three miles of cross-country running and seven miles of mountain biking. I would only have to do the run, with Mike using his cycling expertise to lead us to a respectable finish. That was what I hoped, anyway.

I used to be a fairly competitive runner in high school. Entering college, I vowed to train religiously and stay in top shape. These promises have proven empty over the past three years, however. My workouts have become slower and less frequent. I've entered only a handful of local races, convincing myself that I could still do this as fast as in high school. I am usually wrong. At least for this race I had the advantage of only running half of the race. Most of the athletes would be racing through seven miles of mountain biking while I was recuperating from over-exertion.

Sunday morning started out very cold. The prospect of running in tights did not thrill me. After driving all around Greensboro, we finally found the park hosting the race. The parking lot was filled with men and women sporting jerseys clad with corporate sponsors and tuning up mountain bikes worth more than my first car. I laced up my old pair of running shoes and tried not to think about

the athletes surrounding me that appeared to come straight from the X-games. I hope Mike knew I was doing this just for fun.

By nine o'clock the temperature had warmed up as we congregated at the starting line. The race director shouted "Go," and I was lost in a stampede of bodies. From the corner of my eye, I saw the lady next to me tumbling toward the ground, and since I barely tripped her, I tried to push her back upright. Some other runners grabbed her to prevent her from falling.

After 50 meters of this chaos, the trail took a sharp right into the woods and narrowed to about four feet. As the herd of runners reached this bottleneck, more shouting ensued, and I watched the fastest runners disappear out of sight. Eventually the logjam cleared slightly, and I began to creep past some of the elderly runners.

Running along the side of the narrow trail to pass people, I kept colliding with tree branches and shrubbery. We raced down some fairly steep hills at what seemed like a breakneck pace, although I was not in a cohesive enough state of mind to realize that a loop trail that goes down must eventually come back up. I was reminded of this principle in due time, just as my stomach began to cramp up. A big breakfast may not have been the best idea.

I had been passing groups of runners until I could no longer catch any more, when I realized that I had not run this fast in years. I also had no idea how far I had run and how much of the race remained, but I knew I could not sustain this pace for much longer. Then the hills appeared, which were not very imposing to a conditioned runner, but they slowed me to a crawl. The runner in front of me had slowed down too; my mind wanted me to catch him but my body said "no way." At the same time, I could hear the heavy breathing of the runner behind me who

was waiting for the opportunity to pass me. This kept on through the woods, up and down hills and over logs and bridges until in the distance I finally heard cheering as the first runners arrived at the transition area.

Before long the woods opened up and we limped into the crowd of spectators towards the waiting bicycles. I had no idea how many runners had finished ahead of me, but my concern was identifying Mike in the crowd of bikers so I could tag him and he could take off. While most of the triathletes were frantically changing into their biking shoes, Mike disappeared into the woods.

After collapsing outside the finish area, I eventually caught my breath and cheered on the rest of the runners. Soon the first mountain bikers appeared out of the woods, and to my awe, Mike had gained second place. After all the riders had sped by, I gazed into the woods awaiting the finishers. The riders eventually appeared and sprinted toward the finish line. Mike was third. The two super-athletes ahead of him were competing in the individual competition, so we had actually won the team competition.

This was the first time either of us had won a race in a long time, and it was nice to be offered congratulations. But there were a lot of winners out there. Many of the competitors wear the stamina and bulging calf muscles of those amazing guys and girls who cross the line first (who complete the whole race, unlike us). Equally admirable were the competitors in the kids race, and the first-time triathletes who entered this event to see if they could do it. There was a husband and wife in the race who teach at UNC-Greensboro who were riding the same hybrid bikes on which they commute to work every day.

This race donated its proceeds to a charity to send underprivileged kids with physical and mental disabilities to summer camp. All of these people, and many



Endurance is the key to success in finishing a biathlon.

others, were just as successful as those won.

This event was a lot of fun. I enjoyed watching the serious athletes as well as the not-so-serious ones. This race left me inspired to get back in shape, and maybe try the whole race next year. We'll see how strong my willpower is that time.

TECH BEAT

◆ Student works as curator at the Gallery of Art and Design.

LINDSEY GREENE
Senior Staff Writer

Julie Roughton, a junior studying business management, is the curator of the newest exhibit at N.C. State's Gallery of Art & Design. The exhibit, "Photographs from the Rick Horton Request," showcases about 50 copies of the original negatives that Rick Horton, an NCSU graduate, collected throughout his life.

Roughton worked with Roger Manley, the guest curator at the Gallery. "The gallery encourages students to do as much as they feel like doing as an intern," said Manley. Since becoming a professional curator for a museum or gallery is something achieved by experience and not by an actual degree, internships at the gallery, such as Roughton's, are a great opportunity to build such experience. Roughton is concentrating in marketing and has a minor in visual arts. She enjoys nothing more than change, and sees art as an ideal career. Coupled with the advertising angle of her marketing focus, she sees herself designing creative ways to entice audiences to an art museum's exhibits.

Roughton began the selection of 50 photos from Horton's collection from about a total of 400. After selecting and cataloging the photos, she began sequencing them, linking each one to its preceding photo. Julie said she "sought images with an emotional link to human nature." The sequenced images were selected to flow into one another, either by subject matter or emotional content.

In between classes and putting together art exhibits, Roughton is a member of the Crew Team and enjoys rowing six days a week with her team. She loves meeting new people and hopes students will see the exhibit that not only shows N.C. State alumnus Rick Horton's tastes, but also her own.

Rally to free Mumia

◆ A rally will be held on the brickyard Friday in support of a political prisoner.

JOHN STARBAL
Special to Technician

Who exactly is Mumia Abu-Jamal, and why is he being called the last political prisoner? Mumia Abu-Jamal is said to be more than just a political prisoner, in fact he is often described as a call for justice and a cry out to the ones that fight for the truth. Mumia is also known for his very powerful work in journalism and as one of the founders of the Black Panther Party in Philadelphia. For those that are not familiar with his cause, he is going to be executed for murder. This is not just any murder case, but not one where the victim was a police officer and one of the wit-

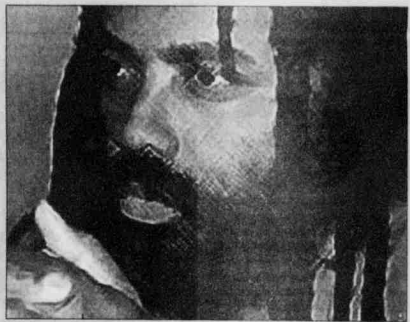
nesses was his partner. On Dec. 9, 1981, around 3 a.m., Mumia was pulling a night shift for a local taxi service and witnessed a police officer, Daniel Faulkner, physically brutalizing an African-American. He stopped to aid the African-American, which turned out to be his brother, and ended up in a scuffle that resulted in gunfire with both Officer Faulkner and Mumia being shot. There is no doubt that Faulkner shot Mumia, but what has been in debate for 17 years is who shot Faulkner. What about the witnesses, what did they report?

There were three witnesses that reported having seen Mumia shoot Faulkner. The prosecution's star witness was a woman named Cynthia White, a prostitute with 38 convictions in Philadelphia alone, with three cases pending. It is reported that other witnesses, who even passed polygraph tests, claimed that White was not even at

the scene. Why then, would she tell such a lie? Many say that the police offered to allow her to continue being a prostitute and to protect her with plainclothes police officers while she was doing it. Sounds like good incentive to give a false testimony. It should also be noted that none of the prosecution's witnesses took polygraph tests. The police informed another prostitute, Veronica Jones, that she would be allowed to work unhindered if she would give testimony similar to White's.

The third witness for the prosecution, Mark Scanlan, not only misidentified Mumia at the scene but being the driver of a Volkswagen, but admitted to having been drinking, and confessing that he "could have been mistaken" about where the events took place.

Was Mumia convicted because he was a Black Panther, a journalist who spoke out against police bru-



Mumia Abu-Jamal

ality, a member of the MOVE organization led by John Africa or solely because he supposedly killed a police officer?

On Friday, April 23, there will be

a national student walkout. Here at N.C. State, the students who support Mumia Abu-Jamal are meeting on the brickyard at 12:15 p.m. Show your support for Mumia by

MTV's Celebrity Deathmatch praiseworthy

FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer



ated the series.

"No harm intended," said the 29-year-old Fogel who, in T-shirt and cords, seemed sufficiently credible professing his "innocent love of cartoon violence."

He was talking about the time-honored town convention that permits Wile E. Coyote to sustain a grievous injury in his pursuit of the Road Runner, then fully recover by the next scene. That's what inspires Fogel to put Larry King in the ring with Gerald Rivera, who stretching back Larry's suspender and letting it go, lops off Larry's left arm at the shoulder.

"No harm intended," as Fogel would say. And one-armed Larry King fights on. Meanwhile, from the announce-

ers' booth in the Deathmatch Arena, tuxedoed Johnny Gomez and Nick Diamond dispatch their zesty analysis.

Hear Nick introducing the event that pits Madonna against Michael Jackson: "Two pop stars ... one ring ... equals Deathmatch carnage the whole family can enjoy!"

But when the Gloved One encounters Madonna's flying fists, he clearly doesn't have a prayer: "His innocence may shame our corrupt adult world," Johnny muses, "but it's no match for kah-rh-taaaay!"

On another card, watermelon-smashing comic Gallagher swiftly finishes off the rock-star Gallagher brothers, Liam and Noel ... by smashing both their heads with a sledgehammer.

And when the female stars of "Friends" duke it out, Jennifer Aniston beans Courtney Cox with an espresso machine. Then Courtney stuffs her knee down Lisa Kudrow's throat.

"I'll allow it!" barks the anything-goes referee, Mills Lane.

No one gets out of that match alive. Along with the appeal of its comic bloodlust, Fogel concedes that his show "does celebrate the absurdity of the glamorous life

these people live, and of all of us viewing it."

Trouble is, most flesh-and-blood celebrities spend too much time savoring that glamour and the public's fixation on fame — and not enough time defending their title. No wonder there's a glut of celebrities.

"Celebrity Deathmatch" presents the much-needed solution. Let real-life celebs, pumped on the steroids of vanity and privilege,



put their fame on the line in the Deathmatch ring. There, the weaker celebrity will fall to the fiercest.

What an entertaining way for them to thin their ranks! (No harm intended by this plan.)

"My only hope is, they can appreciate the joke and the humor," said Fogel, speaking of the celebrities he parodies.

"And most of them do."

Their approval isn't needed, he said, and they are never notified in advance. Their voices are supplied by impersonators. Therefore, anyone famous is fair game.

But where can Fogel go after Jim Carrey vs. Mariah Carey (with Drew Carey thrown in)? Or, thanks to the handy "Deathmatch" time machine, Moses vs. the Pharaoh, with Mills Lane cast as God the Almighty Ref?

Or Kate Moss, Claudia Schiffer and Tyra Banks fashionably maiming one another for the Deathmatch Spring Collection?

"One thing we're starting to explore is physically challenged celebrities," said Fogel, careful not to slight any sector of celebritydom. "Maybe a wheelchair demolition derby; Chris Reeve and Stephen Hawking."

"As long as the violence stays cartoonish and unrealistic..." he said. "I just think we're safe to try almost anything."

But whatever they try, you can count on their celebrities to wage a good, clean brawl.

Technician's View

Tattle-tell University

◆ A proposal that would allow the university to notify parents of their child's alcohol violations invades students' rights.

The N.C. State Alcohol Task Force's recent unanimous support of the Higher Education Act, under which the parents of students who commit alcohol violations can be notified, could be viewed as a serious infringement upon the rights of students.

While it is both illegal and foolish for any student under the age of 21 to be caught consuming alcohol on campus, the responsibility for acting as an informant to the parents of these offenders does not lie with the university.

The amendment proposes that

upon a first violation of N.C. State's Alcohol Policy, barring any "extenuating circumstances," the Office of Student Conduct "will not notify the student's parents or legal guardian."

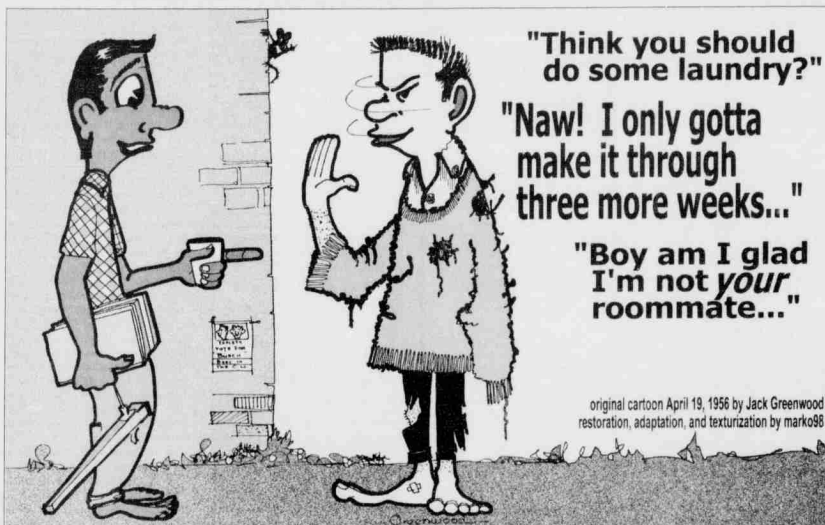
A second violation, however, would result in parental notification "in all cases, except when it becomes evident to the Office of Student Conduct that the notification will create a harmful situation for the student."

So how exactly would they decide that? And what, exactly, gives them that authority?

Students know that they are expected to abide by the Code of Student Conduct during their time at NCSU — which should go without saying. These same students, however, did not sign some "surrogate parent" policy that allows the university to "tattle" on them when they have misbehaved.

And parents do not send their kids away to college with the expectation that the university will become some sort of overpriced babysitter, complete with behavior reports for their children.

Students come to college not only for academics, but also for the opportunity to grow into mature adults. And while they misbehave now and again, it is not the university's place to act as Big Brother. The Alcohol Task Force and Office of Student Conduct — as well as other university administrators — must realize this in their overzealous pursuit of curbing under-age drinking.



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Media coverage lacking

CHRIS HOLCOMB
Staff Columnist

On Tuesday, two students killed approximately 15 people at a high school in Colorado. My initial reaction to this news was shock and a morbid interest in the details. Upon reading about the facts, I formed a mental image of the two teenage murderers as being cold, disgusting savages. However, when I searched more news sources on the Internet, my disgust shifted from the two teenage boys to the media covering the story. As far as I am concerned, those two

kids weren't monsters, and they deserve their own piece of sympathy from anyone who hears about the incident.

I think it is completely ridiculous how the media ponders "Were the shootings linked to the Trench Coat Mafia?" There is no organization called the "Trench Coat Mafia"; that was just an insignificant name that a group of high school friends gave themselves. However, certain journalists are taking this term and attempting to explain the shootings as two members of an underground organization simply fulfilling a duty.

The media also emphasizes the fact that the two boys listened to Marilyn Manson. So, not only were they brainwashed by an underground circle of high school-age mobsters, they were also influenced by rock music! Please, spare me. How many times are they going to go back to this argument? Music is music; it doesn't cause anything. Just because some people identify with the lyrics (or their own interpretation of them), does not mean it can change who they are or what they are capable of doing.

By reading the news, it sounds as

if two kids joined some illegal organization, got brainwashed by "evil" music and shot completely innocent and unsuspecting people at a high school. Do you really think this is all there is to the story?

I am capable of feeling sympathy for the two boys because I have been through a high school full of entirely ignorant and narrow-minded people, and I have befriended kids who fit their description when I was younger. I think it is clear that these two boys were not

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American involvement in Kosovo questionable

RYAN BUENT
Staff Columnist

Why don't we go down to Kosovo? We'll get there fast and then we'll take it slow.

It would appear that the famous lyrics of the Beach Boys ring truer than ever when applied to the current crisis in the province of Kosovo. Is U.S. action justified given the current geopolitical situation?

First, let's take a brief look at the history of the conflict. About 600 years ago, the Kosovo province was inhabited by Slavs, much in the same way that Serbia is now, but an Ottoman invasion and 500 years of Turkish occupation changed the

demography of the population somewhat. Thus, when Kosovo returned to Yugoslav hands at the beginning of this century, large majorities of Kosovo's people were Muslim, ethnic Albanians.

After World War II, the several provinces of Yugoslavia enjoyed a fair amount of autonomy, while ethnic conflict was kept under wraps by the authoritarian leader Marshal Tito. For better or worse, however, Tito died and Communism fell, and a little known former-Communist apparatchik named Slobodan Milosevic came to power on a wave of Serbian nationalism.

In the early '90s, Milosevic violated the Yugoslavian constitution by pulling Kosovo back under

Yugoslavia's direct governance. This move, which frightened the other Yugoslavian provinces and hastened the breaking apart of the Republic, was protested pacifically by the Kosovars.

Late last year, however, intensified protests generated a Yugoslav crackdown and brutal suppression in Kosovo. These latest atrocities sparked the failed Rambouillet negotiations and, ultimately, the current air strikes.

So, should we be there? Well, first let's establish Milosevic's motives. One might argue that this is primarily an ethnic conflict for which there can be no easy solution, although peace in Bosnia suggests otherwise.

On the other hand, one might say

that Milosevic is simply exercising his sovereign right to put down rebellion within his borders.

On the other hand, one could say that, in order to distract his people from the brutal and dictatorial nature of his regime, Milosevic has pursued a consistent policy of stirring up national frenzy within Serbia, fighting war after war and then using the rally-around-the-flag effect to stay in power.

Finally, one might hypothesize that Milosevic is using any one of these stories as a cover to remove those pesky Kosovars from some of the most mineral-rich land in Yugoslavia.

Whatever the case may be, it is to be

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The stupid things people do to make me mad

MIKE PITTMAN
Staff Columnist

Have you ever stopped to wonder what it really is that makes you mad? Not just the little things, but the big picture? I don't mean that someone cursed you out, or something petty like that. The more general reason for your anger is what I am looking for.

If you are wondering, and I'm sure you aren't, I have found the basic underlying steam-engine of my anger. In fact, you yourself may very well be the reason I find myself yelling, cursing, slowing my IQ or throwing things. Yes, if

you are one of the stupid people I run into every single day of my life, I probably have been mad at you at some point.

Before I go further, I would like to clarify the difference between being ignorant and just plain stupid. Many people do not recognize this difference. Ignorance is the lack of knowledge of a subject. Stupidity is the lack of use of knowledge.

For instance, my grandmother is ignorant when it comes to using computers. She doesn't know jack squat about them. However, she is stupid (this is just an example, mind you) because she doesn't use turn signals. She knows they are

there, she knows their function, but she doesn't use them. That is stupid.

So now, without further ado, the Mike Pittman Top 10 list of things you stupid people do to tick me off!

10) Driving a stick-shift car while on the phone and applying makeup. You know who you are. I see you every day on the road. Driving your big 'ol luxury off-road vehicle with leather interior and tires that cost more than my car. Sitting there all high and mighty, talking on the phone and not paying a bit of attention to what's going on in front of you. Yeah, you are stupid.

9) Having huge stereo systems in your apartment.

Why? That's my question, why? Forced to live in an environment where you fear getting out of bed too loudly in the morning because old man Grubbersnitzel will come blow your head off in a fit of rage. Or, even worse, because Fat Fibo, Mafia Joe and the one we call "Z" may come with old man Grubbersnitzel to just beat you. Yet you still have a stereo whose vibrations rattle the Richter scale in such far off places as Djibouti. You can't turn it up, you can only listen without bass, yet you have it. Why? Yeah, you are stupid.

8) People who don't understand

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The "Every-other-car Rule." What's so hard about this one? I've seen the rule demonstrated very effectively time after time...

7) Acute Pageridiotitis. Paggers have been around almost as long as I can remember. My freshman year in high school, I remember Mr. King standing up and saying: "We will have no beefas (beepers) in 'dis school..."

Yet still, some people don't understand the purpose of beepers. The owner has provided you with his/her beeper number for HIS/HER convenience, not yours. I have a friend (or two) who don't believe this fact...

6) The right-hand rule. When I refer to the right-hand rule, I don't mean in reference to the Physics rule for calculating the magnetic width of a julian flux capacitor...

4) People who ask for help, but don't take it. In my time working in the computer industry, I have realized there are a lot of these people out there. They call asking why Windows won't load, and I tell them my idea based on the information given...

3) Not knowing how to use Call-Waiting. The call-waiting feature we all seem to have these days is really nifty. But some people don't know how to use it. You know the person I refer to. The one who never switches over to the incoming call...

Wow, I've used all of my Top 10, and I still have so many more to go. Maybe I'll make a Top Five one day. Nah, that'd be stupid. Till next time, shut up and drive, turn your stereo down, learn road rules, figure out papers, find out which hand is your right, fix your car, don't call me for help, quit complaining, and don't let your neighborhood stupid person ask questions.

If you'd like to tell Mike what really pisses you off, he can be reached by e-mail at mike_pittman@ncsu.edu. He may or may not respond within 3-5

yet insists on having call waiting. Or the person who tries to carry on two conversations simultaneously, flipping between callers. And if that isn't bad enough, the people who will ditch you for someone more important. You called first, but when someone else calls, you get ditched. That tells you immediately where you stand...

Mmm-hmm, you know who you are. "I really dislike the job President Clinton is doing. He's not good for the country." "So who did you vote for?" "Oh, I don't vote." No right to complain. I always tell people who complain to me about something I've done that they are welcome to do it better. We get this here at Technician a lot. "You guys can't spell. What's wrong?" To which I respond, "Maybe if you were on our staff, that would alleviate our errors..."

1) There are no stupid questions, only stupid people who ask questions.

You know what I mean here. You know this person very well. He or she is in all of your classes, and continually manages to think up some really great questions. The ones that cause the professor to turn a brilliant red color, and his hair to go from deep brown to white before your very eyes. Yes, the stupid people who ask questions, or make a statement trying to look cool. "Did you know, Dr. Snuffalufagus, that time travel was 'Back to the Future' portrays it is theoretically impossible?"

Wow, I've used all of my Top 10, and I still have so many more to go. Maybe I'll make a Top Five one day. Nah, that'd be stupid. Till next time, shut up and drive, turn your stereo down, learn road rules, figure out papers, find out which hand is your right, fix your car, don't call me for help, quit complaining, and don't let your neighborhood stupid person ask questions.

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noted that Milosevic's actions are inconsistent with a civilized and peaceful society, and this alone is justification for our action. While it is important that countries work to solve trade, border, espionage or a host of other problems at the negotiation table, one must make a distinction between these acts and those that are outright criminal.

When a nation decides to follow a path as unsettling as genocide, then an international "sheriff" must be prepared to step in and police the situation.

As for sovereignty, well, sovereignty schmovereignty. If the situation were reversed, and our government was systematically killing southerners, blacks or any other group by the hundreds, then I would hope another consortium of nations would step in on our behalf. So, bravo alliance: we are serving a noble purpose.

But, here are some things we should have done differently:

1) Perhaps NATO was not the best force for this action. While NATO promises to pursue a more focused, seamless campaign, we have risked our relationship with a number of important almost-world powers. NATO may be the best choice, but it's something to think about.

2) We shouldn't have given away our hand immediately by promising no ground troops. Political constraints on a military operation are the quickest way to lose a conflict.

3) The president should have taken this possibility to the people long before action took place. Not to gauge public opinion and decide to attack based on that, but to act like a leader. Our lives and reputation are potentially at stake, and we deserve greater discussion beforehand.

4) Consistency is the key to effective deterrence. If you're going to gun down an innocent immigrant in NYC, then make sure you gun down immigrants of all nationalities. If you're going to take action in Kosovo, then at least consider the possibility that action should be taken in Rwanda, Indonesia and a host of other places around the world.

I firmly believe that the United States should take an active part in preserving world peace and fighting brutal despot, but if we're going to, then let's do some real resolve and commitment and take the good with the bad. With any luck, the United States will get its act together in this situation and stop Milosevic while there are still some naive Kosovars left.

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China Spying To Impact Future Weapons – U.S. Report

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Reuters News Service

WASHINGTON — China obtained U.S. nuclear secrets through spying and the impact is likely to be seen in future Chinese weapons over the next several years, U.S. intelligence officials said Wednesday.

"China has obtained by espionage classified U.S. information. We think it has influenced China's program," a senior intelligence official said. "We expect that future Chinese weapons will look more like ours," said the official, who asked not to be named.

CIA Director George Tenet briefed congressional intelligence committees Wednesday on an intelligence report

assessing the implications of China's acquisition of U.S. nuclear secrets. "We have not held back anything in its preparation," Tenet said in a statement.

While much of the report was classified, a set of unclassified key findings said that China obtained at least basic design information on several U.S. nuclear weapons including the Trident II W88 miniaturized nuclear warhead.

China also obtained information on a variety of U.S. weapon design concepts and features including of the neutron bomb, the report said.

The information on the nuclear warhead and the neutron bomb did not come from the same source, the intelligence official said, without elaborating.

The official would not comment on what China planned to do with the

neutron bomb information.

China has had the capability for many years to develop a multiple nuclear warhead system for its intercontinental ballistic missile, which can be fired from land across ocean to another continent, the report said.

But China has not done so and the U.S. secrets it acquired could help Beijing develop a multiple nuclear warhead for a future mobile missile, the report's findings said.

The full extent of weapon information acquired by China could not be determined, such as whether any weapon design documentation or blueprints were obtained, the report said.

U.S. intelligence officials believed China probably used U.S. design data as information for its own weapons

program rather than to duplicate U.S. weapon designs, the report said.

Allegations that China stole nuclear secrets from U.S. nuclear weapons research laboratories has caused a furor in Congress where anti-China sentiment has raged this year.

The espionage charges strained U.S.-Sino relations, despite steadfast denials from China which said it had its own capable scientists and did not need to steal U.S. secrets.

"Measures to protect sensitive nuclear weapons information must be constantly scrutinized," President Clinton said in a statement.

He asked the National Counterintelligence Policy Board to assess potential vulnerabilities at nuclear weapons-related institutions

other than the national laboratories. The Energy Department is reviewing security at the labs.

"They (China) are indeed developing future weapons and that's where we're going to see that (U.S.) information first show up," the U.S. intelligence official said.

The impact of the stolen information was expected to show up "in a matter of years, we're not talking decades away," the official said.

The report said China's technical advances were due not only to espionage but also to contact with scientists from other countries — including the United States — conferences, publications, media disclosures, declassified U.S. weapons information and to China's own research.

accepted at their school. They were probably distracted from not sharing the same boring interests and opinions as every other common person. Some people can handle being an outcast, but for some it only makes their views more extreme and irrational.

The fact that the average high school student has such a skewed and shortsighted perception of reality can turn a social outcast into a true bomb. That is why so many kids throughout the country give up, commit suicide or just do plain stupid actions that annihilate any hope for an improved quality of life. They think the high school experience is reality when they couldn't be farther from the truth.

I don't think the problem has anything to do with music, choice of clothing or access to weapons. I think it has to do with the way certain kids are treated in high school. Having some of your peers consistently degrade or criticize you while others mindlessly assimilate to the common opinion can lead kids to feeling helpless and worthless. What these two boys did was very wrong and very sad. But the fact that people made them feel helpless and worthless enough to kill themselves and their classmates is equally sad and wrong.

I don't condone evil. I feel no sympathy for people like Tim McVeigh, Jeffrey Dahmer or that young kid who tortured and killed a toddler several years ago. I also don't think what these two boys in Colorado did was honorable or necessary. I am just pointing out that I believe the cause of this tragedy extends from the two boys to a larger segment of the high school students, possibly some of the victims. Keep this in mind when the media attributes the shootings to something else ridiculous such as the two boys' not being Christians or the fact that they liked horror movies.

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Luck

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Maryland not only lost all eight conference games, they were 0-8 in the conference and didn't win a single match on the season.

The other side of the coin is much shinier. The Pack is coming off of a 4-0 win over Charleston Southern, a match added late in the year by fourth-year coach Eric Hayes.

Finishing with a 13-10 record overall, the 1999 Pack squad posted the most wins by the program under Hayes and since 1988. In fact, 1999 is the Pack's first winning season since '88.

On track for their first NCAA Championships berth since 1978, when the Pack was 19-1 overall and won both the ACC regular season and conference tournament titles, the Pack is currently ranked No. 41st in the nation.

Only three ACC teams have national rankings higher than that of the Pack, the Blue Devils at No. 3, the Clemson Tigers at No. 26 and the Virginia Cavaliers at No. 28, which make the conference tournament seeding seem all that more irrational.

State ace Roberto Braccone, the reigning ACC Player of the Year and two-time No. 1 singles flight champion is ranked No. 61 in the nation individually, and will lead the Pack against the Terrapins.

A win today advances the Pack to take on the team at the other end of the spectrum, the Duke Blue Devils.

With an 8-0 record in the conference, the Devils dropped just seven individual matches to conference opponents.

The winner of the State/Maryland contest will face Duke at 3 p.m. on Friday, in the third of four quarterfinal matches. Semi-finals will take place on Saturday and the Championship will be played at noon on Sunday.

Time

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Of all the teams in the field, second-seeded Wake Forest probably has the best shot at dethroning the Devils. The Demon Deacons are ranked No. 17 nationally and gave Duke its toughest ACC match of the season, Maric Verban, the 11th ranked player in the county, heads up the Deacs attack.

Meanwhile, the bottom line for State is that this is an opportunity to vindicate itself after a tough regular season.

"It's going to give us a chance to sort of regroup and prove ourselves," said Louthian. "We have a lot to prove at this tournament. I'm really looking forward to it. I think the girls are looking forward to it. And, I think it's a chance to redeem ourselves after kind of a rough season."

Rally

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versal wild pitch to take a 1-0 lead. The Cowboys added another run in the top of the sixth to go up 2-0.

In the eighth inning, Cowboy senior Billy Gasparino hit a home run to leftfield with no outs to give OSU another run. The home run was his 18th of the year and second in two days. A sacrifice fly in the top of the ninth rounded out the scoring for the Cowboys.

"We got good pitching and kept probably the best hitting team in the country at bay to give us a chance," Avent went on to say. "Gasparino's home run was big."

The Wolfpack will not play at home again until the weekend series against conference foe Clemson, May 14-16.

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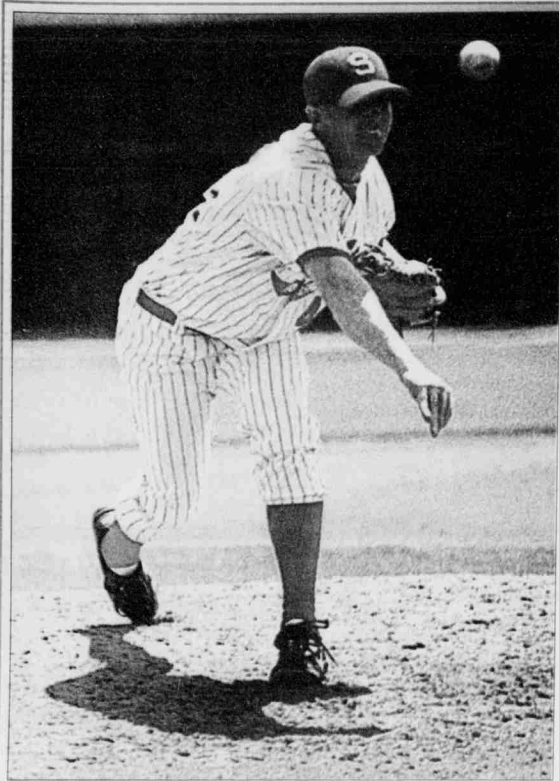
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Junior Ryan Steadham pitched five innings Wednesday, giving up only one run. The Wolfpack held OSU to just four runs, but could not generate any offense of their own.

Rally falls short

◆ N.C. State baseball holds Oklahoma State to four runs but comes up short Wednesday at Doak Field.

TIM HUNTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite holding the nation's top offense to a mere four runs, the N.C. State baseball team was defeated by Oklahoma State, 4-1, at Doak Field Wednesday afternoon.

OSU lefthander Matt Smith held the Wolfpack offense, who scored nine runs the day before, in check. The 1998 Big 12 Rookie of the Year threw six strong innings, giving up just two hits.

"Both games were great games," State Head Coach Elliot Avent said of the two game midweek series. "Smith is probably a first round pick and one of the best pitchers in the country. I thought we did a good job offensively, he is just a real good pitcher and doesn't give you a lot to hit."

The Wolfpack was retired in order the first three innings, and Brian Wright

recorded the first Pack hit of the game with a single to right field.

"That's what's scary about baseball," said State junior Ryan Steadham, who started the game on the mound, giving up only one run in five innings of work. "One day you come out hitting the ball good and the next day you've got a good pitcher and it kind of breaks you down."

"They had a great pitcher going today. He was throwing hard and hitting his spots," senior captain Brian Ward said. "It took us a while to get to him. We didn't have very many at bats. We came out concentrated, but things just didn't go our way."

The Cowboys' offense came into Raleigh as the top scoring offense in the country, averaging just under 12 runs per game. OSU managed only 10 runs in two games against the Wolfpack.

"I think everybody pitched well today," Steadham said. "We held them to four runs. We were just kind of struggled today with the bats."

N.C. State dropped to 30-16 on the season heading into this weekend's series against Wake Forest OSU

improved to 30-11 with the win.

"It's good because you realize how good you really are. You rise to the level of your competition," Steadham said against facing a traditional powerhouse like OSU. "I think it's good for you going into the weekend playing a team like that."

Down 4-0 going into the bottom of the ninth, State almost put a rally together. With the bases juiced, pinch hitter Curtis Sapp scored Jason Smith from third with a fielder's choice.

With two on and two outs, a hard hit ball by Craig Lee stayed in the park, ending State's hopes at a comeback.

"We battled in the ninth. Craig Lee hit the heck out of that ball," Avent said. "The wind was blowing in. If the wind was blowing out that's a three run home run and a tie ballgame. That's just the way baseball is. It was just a good baseball game today."

But that would wind up the only score on the afternoon for State.

OSU broke open a scoreless game in the top of the fifth, scoring on a contro-

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N.C. State vs. Wake Forest

Where: Winston-Salem North Carolina, Wake Forest University's 2,500 person capacity Hooks Stadium

When: Friday at 3 p.m., Saturday at 1:30 p.m., Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Coaches:

N.C. State- Elliot Avent 3rd year (Virginia Commonwealth, '84)

Wake Forest- George Greer 12th year (UConn '69)

Series Record: 120-89-4 N.C. State in the '90's; 22-6 (N.C. State)

The scores: N.C. State has taken at least two out of three series games from the Demon Deacons eight times in this decade, and picked up a lone win in 1993 when the two teams faced off just once in

the regular season. The Deacs, however, got the best of the Pack the last time these two teams met, in the 1998 ACC tournament in Durham. Wake Forest won, 9-1 en route to its second tournament title.

Players to Watch:

Wake Forest-

John Palmieri — Was last week's Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Week after going 13-25 and picking up hits in a five of the Deacs games. Palmieri was 9 for 16 against Georgia Tech, including a five-for-five performance in Wake's 22-1 win on Friday.

Mike MacDougal — Against the Yellow Jackets on Friday, MacDougal helped snap a 21-game losing streak in Atlanta for the Deacs. He went eight innings in the 22-1 win, allowing just one run and three hits while striking out five,

and earning ACC Co-Pitcher of the Week honors.

N.C. State-

Brian Wright — The Wolfpack freshman has been coming up with big at bats for the Pack in the last week. After driving in the game-winning run with an RBI single in the bottom of the ninth last Friday, Wright was four-for-four on Saturday. Against Oklahoma State on Tuesday, he belted his second home run of the season.

Todd DeMikes — Hitting just .261 coming out of the weekend series with the Maryland Terrapins, the senior shortstop has been stellar in the field for the Wolfpack. DeMikes is one of two Pack starting infielders with fielding percentage over .962, and has just seven errors in 41 games this season.



Despite being in a four-way tie for fifth place in the conference, the men's tennis team enters the ACC Tournament as a No. 8 seed.

ACC time for State

◆ This weekend's ACC Tournament offers the Wolfpack women's tennis team a shot at redemption.

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Staff Writer

For the N.C. State women's tennis team, it has been a long season filled with nagging injuries and rotten luck.

But starting today in Atlanta, the ninth-seeded Wolfpack will get its chance to erase some of the bad memories when it competes in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament. Despite what its record may indicate, State comes into the tournament feeling that it is playing good tennis. The team is confident right now, and is ready to make some noise against the rest of the field.

"We had some tough luck through the season," explained Head Coach Jay Louthian. "We hit some teams on some very good days, and on the other hand, we didn't necessarily have our best day. With the exception of UNC-Chapel Hill, I haven't seen the team really play well together yet, and I believe our time is coming."

Up first for the Pack will be the host Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. Tech won the first meeting of the season at home by a score of 7-2 as senior Nena Bonassa and junior co-captain Marissa Gildemeister were the only players able to pick up victories for State.

Much has changed for the Wolfpack since then, however. The young Pack has gained a great deal of experience during the course of the season and has shown marked improvement, particularly in doubles play.

"Everybody's feeling really confident," commented Gildemeister. "Our doubles is unbelievable right now. And, our singles are looking really good. I definitely think that this is going to be our tournament. I think this is where we're going to shine."

Should State get by the Jackets, perennial ACC favorite Duke will be waiting in the wings. The Blue Devils have already won their 12th consecutive regular season



Women's tennis looks to pick up a few wins in the ACC Tourney.

Pack looks to Penn

◆ After good individual performances at the ACC meet, the N.C. State track team looks forward to the prestigious Penn Relays.

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Coming off fifth place and eighth place finishes in the Atlantic Coast Conference meet, respectively, the men's and women's Wolfpack track and field teams are ready to head off to the prestigious Penn Relays this weekend.

The Pack has a lot of things they hope to get accomplished during the renowned meet, among them to get some more national qualifiers. The Penn Relays is perennially one of the nation's top intercollegiate meets and will feature the nation's best athletes.

Last weekend at the ACC meet in Clemson, S.C., four Wolfpack runners earned NCAA qualifying marks. Senior Butch McClelland, with a time of 13:96 in the 110-meter hurdles, qualified. Sophomore and Raleigh native Tyrone Dozier also qualified in the 200 this weekend with a time of 20:85, and last weekend in the 400 with a time of 46:26.

"I feel this team is together, we're like a family, we're all tight,"

Dozier said earlier in the year. "We show that at the meets."

"We're trying to qualify for a few individual events for Nationals. That's our main focus," State Head Coach Rollie Geiger said. "Another thing that's important for us about Penn Relays is relays. We want to send our 4X100 team up there along with our 4X200 and 4X400."

State is particularly strong in the distance category with a lot of outstanding this weekend at Penn. Among them are 1999 ACC Champions Brendan Rodgers, David Patterson, Christy Nichols and Jackie Coscia, who became the first woman in conference history to win three straight ACC titles this weekend in the 10,000 meters. Rodgers and Patterson won titles in the 1,500m and 10,000m respectively. Senior Lashawnda McKinnon ran 23:63 in the 200m, finishing third at the ACC meet.

Also expected to put in strong performances are distance runner Abdul Alzindani, who finished second in the ACC in the 5K and earned all conference honors, Aaron Keller and Erin Musson, who finished behind Coscia in the 10K.

After a tough ACC meet this past weekend, it remains to be seen if the Pack will have the stamina to compete at Penn.

"We're a little tired," explained Geiger. "They'll do the best they can, I am sure they will perform the best they can."



N.C. State track and field goes to Pennsylvania for a prestigious meet this weekend.

Luck of the draw

◆ Despite their season record, the N.C. State men's tennis team will have to battle from the bottom at the ACC Championships this weekend.

Sports Staff Report

The Duke Blue Devils were undefeated in the 1999 Atlantic Coast Conference men's tennis season.

The Maryland Terrapins were winless in the 1999 Atlantic Coast Conference men's tennis season.

And everyone else was somewhere in the middle.

And that has caused some problems. With four conference teams, Wake Forest, Florida State, UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State, posting identical 3-5 records in the conference and tying for the No. 5 spot in the regular season standings, only one can play in the post-season tournament as the No. 5 seed this weekend in Atlanta.

Head-to-head competition gave that seed to the Wake Forest Demon Deacons, who beat FSU, UNC-CH and Maryland.

UNC-CH, with wins over FSU, the Terrapins and N.C. State, took the No. 6 seed.

Florida State and N.C. State, the only two teams in the four-way tie to defeat a conference team with a .500 record or better, ended up with the No. 7 and No. 8 seeds, respectively.

This means that the Wolfpack will be in the most unenviable position of

ACC MEN'S Tennis Standings

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

the tournament.

State kicks off the Championship rounds with a 10 a.m. match-up today against Maryland. Earlier in the season, the Wolfpack defeated the Terps, 7-0 in the Pack's first ACC contest of the 1999 season.

State won the No. 1, No. 2 and No. 5 singles matches, 6-0, 6-0, and only dropped a combined total of 14 games in the other three singles contests.

In doubles, the Pack won all three matches, dropping just four games to the Terrapins.

At 4-9 on the season, saying that the Terps have struggled would be an understatement. The program picked up three early-season wins over Georgetown, George Mason and Villanova, and then split up a seven-conference-game losing streak with a win over Mount St. Mary's before losing at Virginia.

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ACC WOMEN'S Tennis Standings

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

title and will be trying to match that streak in ACC tournament titles this weekend.

The Devils are currently ranked No. 4 in the nation and have won an amazing 110 consecutive matches in ACC play. They are led by defending national champion Vanessa Webb who has compiled a 23-0 record on the season in dual meets.

"They really have a solid team," said Gildemeister. "Three of their players play pro. So, you can't really beat that on a ranking scale."

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