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## Monteith's vision is in limbo

◆ The Year 2005 Plan, a strategic outline created by former Chancellor Larry Monteith, has received little attention from the new administration, although Chancellor Fox says the plan is consistent with the future direction of NCSU.

JIMMY RYALS  
Senior Staff Writer

When Bill Clinton leaves office, will his plans to repair Social Security still be adhered to?

Conversely, what happens to the policies of a university when a new administration takes over?

While it may be difficult at this point to find answers to the first question, a case study in the second can be found here at N.C. State.

Former Chancellor Larry Monteith's resignation at the end of the 1997-1998 school year may have left some of his

policies in limbo.

Among these is his Year 2005 Plan.

August 1995 saw then-Chancellor Monteith and his Strategic Planning Commission (SPC) submit to the university's Board of Trustees a plan establishing the university's mission and vision. The plan centered on a set of 10 long-range goals for NCSU.

In approving Monteith's strategic plan, the trustees requested that the chancellor's office "ensure that the strategies [in the plan] be made measurable and assignable to the extent possible." Monteith responded with his Year 2005 plan.

The Year 2005 Plan offered 19 specific goals that the university would pursue for the year 2005. These goals dealt with subjects ranging from graduation rate to building on Centennial Campus and from quantity of merit scholarships to NCSU's national ranking.

So, where does the university stand in its pursuit of the plan's goals? The Year 2005 Plan has apparently collected a little dust since Monteith's resignation.

When asked about the progress made in reaching Monteith's goals, Faculty Senate's George Wahl Jr. said that the plan "hadn't been discussed in six or seven months" by the senate.

Monteith's successor in the office of chancellor, Marye Anne Fox, was unfamiliar with the plan.

"This is the first I've seen this document," Fox said. "It hasn't been considered in detail by the executive officers."

Fox did say, however, that upon reviewing the plan, the university is making strides in accomplishing its goals.

"The things in this document are admirable goals," she said. "They are consistent in many ways with the directions we want to go."

Among the plan's goals upon which Fox commented were student enrollment and the development of Centennial Campus. The creation of the Centennial Venture Capital Company last fall put the university "well on its way" to the 10 company startups proposed in the Year 2005 Plan, according to Fox. The administration also

plans to increase enrollment to 31,000 by mid-2000.

Among the highlights of the Year 2005 Plan's goals are the following: an increase in total university enrollment; 40 percent and 75 percent four- and six-year undergraduate graduation rates, respectively; and the placement of NCSU in the top 20 public universities.

Other goals included the placement of at least one program from half of NCSU's academic departments among the top 10 percent of those programs in the country and a doubling in the number of opportunities students and staff have for participation in an international experience.

The Year 2005 Plan was developed as a clarification of the university's long-term goals under former Chancellor Monteith's 1995 strategic plan. Nearly halfway through its intended life — and seven months since its creator's resignation — progress is being made toward reaching the goals it established.

### Key issues of the Year 2005 Plan

- ◆ Create 10 company startups and further development of Centennial Campus
- ◆ Increase enrollment to 31,000
- ◆ Increase four- and six-year graduation rates
- ◆ Rank NCSU among the nation's top 20 public universities
- ◆ Place academic programs among top 10 percent in the country

## Town meeting debates copyright issues

◆ NCSU faculty and staff believe a formal policy is needed to protect scholarly research and publications.

EMILY TOWNLEY  
Senior Staff Writer

Copyright policies for the digital and traditional works of the faculty at N.C. State are under review for proposed additions and changes that would continue to promote scholarly creativity.

David Danehower and Ross Whetten, co-chairs of the Copyright Ownership Task Force, led the 15-person committee's second Copyright Ownership Town Meeting on Jan. 20. The town meeting was one of three scheduled forums between Dec. 8 and Feb. 16, each working toward fulfilling the task force's vision of conducting business in a broadly consultative way, recognizing the diverse philosophies of several sectors within the university.

"We need a formal policy that will address the concerns of each of these sectors, as well as a mechanism to educate people of the reasons for and behind the force's answers to these common copyright questions," Danehower explained.

The task force also wished to solicit the help of attending faculty in formulating a list of test-case situations of copyright violations to aid in their development of a completely thorough policy, Whetten said.

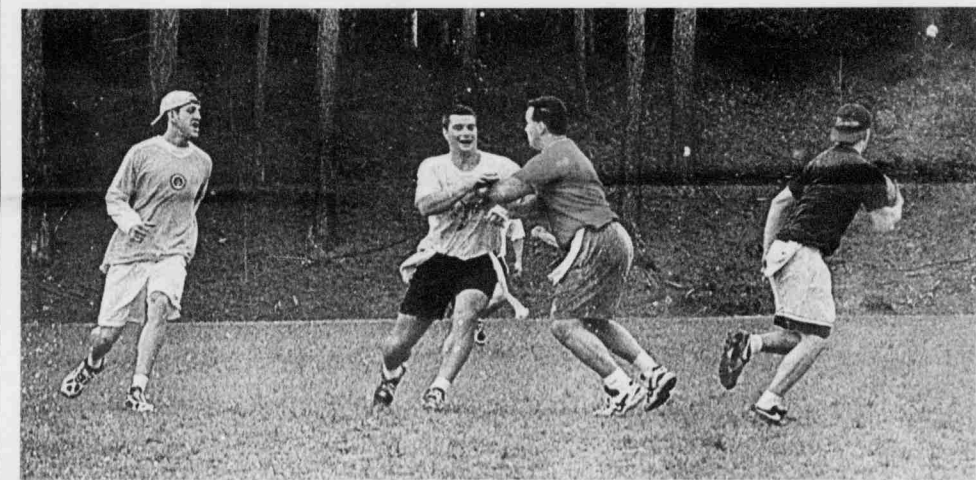
According to Peggy Hoon, scholarly communication librarian, the leading concern among faculty members who attended the first town meeting was the university's intention to assume ownership over scholarly works. These works, including monographs and journal articles, have traditionally been credited to faculty. This concern was addressed in the second town meeting as well, generating the need for a clearly defined policy by which the university and faculty could be held accountable.

Faculty and task force members also addressed the fair assessment of copyright ownership for information published electronically, as well as issues arising from courses created here at NCSU that are used in aiding other universities.

"Litigation is not a novel concept in reference to works of students or faculty as part of their employment to the university," said Whetten. "There is a real risk that the university can get bogged down in copyright policies and infractions. I believe that we will have a system-wide policy in a year to 18 months that will fully address every aspect of this copyright issue."

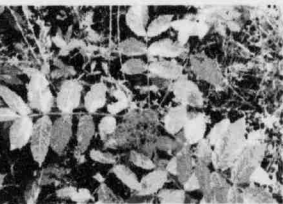
Hoon addressed the need for this policy to handle such problems and perhaps even prevent their occurrence. Her concern, however, lay in the possibility that strict policies may actually discourage faculty from publishing scholarly research.

"The philosophy of this policy must ensure and promote the dissemination of knowledge, encouraging easy access to scholarly material," Hoon explained.



Students took time this weekend to enjoy the unseasonable weather by playing a game of flag football on the Intramural Fields.

## It can't really be January, can it?



## Michaux's sumac is winning fight against extinction

◆ The endangered shrub has been relocated from its former location on Interstate 440 with the help of NCSU professors.

AMELIA RISNER  
Staff Writer

When most people think of endangered species, they tend to focus only on animals.

But what many fail to realize is that vegetation is also a very large contributor to the earth's diversity, and human efforts are often necessary to protect some of its species from extinction.

Recently, such a mission was carried out to save an endangered

species found in the Raleigh area. The endangered shrub, Michaux's sumac, was found in May of 1997 by Chris Murray, a N.C. biologist, in a wooded area in Wake County. The shrub is ranked 18th on "North Carolina's Threatened and Endangered Plant List."

A section of Raleigh's Outer Loop Beltline was undergoing construction at the time of the shrub's discovery. Before any destruction of land is administered, the N.C. Department of Transportation is required by law to inspect the portion of land to make sure that endangered vegetation is not destroyed.

While surveying the land, Murray

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## Federal judge orders Lewinsky to talk with House prosecutors

◆ Bipartisan politics erupted on the Senate floor following Lewinsky's return to Washington.

PETER BAKER  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A federal judge acting at the request of independent counsel Kenneth Starr

ordered Monica Lewinsky Saturday to talk with House prosecutors in a development that dominated hours of testy debate in President Clinton's impeachment trial just a few blocks from the courthouse.

The sudden return of Lewinsky to Washington and the re-emergence of Starr as a player in the drama his investigation helped set in motion threw the trial into an uproar on the day senators com-

pleted their questioning of prosecution and defense lawyers, Indignant White House attorneys and equally indignant Democratic senators assailed House Republican "managers" for trying to interview Lewinsky.

With the opening stages of the trial over, Republican leaders maneuvered to unify their caucus to block Democratic efforts to bring the proceedings to an abrupt

halt this week and announced a plan to submit written questions to Clinton. But the White House immediately declared that the president will answer no more inquiries about the matter.

The Senate is expected to vote this week on the prosecutors' request for witnesses in Clinton's trial, with Lewinsky at the top of their list. As uncertainty reigned about when that vote will happen

and what its outcome will be, the 25-year-old former White House intern whose affair with the president started it all flew back from Los Angeles. She arrived at a downtown hotel hours after Chief U.S. Chief District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson ruled that she must submit to a meeting with House prosecutors or "forfeit her

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## Plant Senate

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located a patch of Michaux's sumac. The shrub is only known to exist in fewer than 40 other areas on the planet.

In order to assure the plants' survival, Cecil Frost, the head of the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Plant Conservation Program, determined immediate measures. The plan was for the shrubs to be uprooted from the earth and to be cultivated and reproduced inside the greenhouses located on the N.C. State campus. With the help of Richard Braham, a forestry professor at NCSU, the shrubs were prepared to be returned to their natural habitat.

In only 11 months, Braham has produced 800 shrubs to be returned to the earth. Earlier this month, Murray, Frost, Braham and several others took the newly cultivated shrubs and replanted them in several private locations. The team chose to keep the locations private in order to avoid further human devastation at such a crucial point in the shrubs' survival.

"I would say the 'rescue' of the one population of Michaux's sumac has temporarily improved the situation as far as preserving a small segment of the species' total gene pool," said Jon Stocky, a professor of botany at NCSU. "It is one small step forward."

Due to the excessive amounts of urbanization that have taken place in the Triangle area, missions such as these are pertinent in order to save the environment.

"Although plant rescue can prevent the immediate extinction of individual populations, we should not then conclude that it is okay to destroy rare species' habitat," Stocky said.

protections under the immunity agreement" she struck with Starr last July to avoid prosecution for filing a false affidavit denying her sexual relationship with Clinton.

Her attorneys were negotiating with the House managers to schedule a session for Sunday. Because they consider it a meeting to prepare their case, the managers declined to allow Clinton's attorneys to attend. Starr's office said it would make Lewinsky available to the White House separately, but the president's aides declined. Sources said the prosecution team also planned to interview former Clinton consultant Dick Morris Sunday.

The propriety of the Lewinsky interview quickly became the focus of the nearly five hours of debate on the Senate floor Saturday, with many of the 56 questions from senators about the unexpected controversy. In its rules for the trial, the Senate deferred the question of whether it would hear testimony until this week, but the managers maintained nothing prevented them from talking with prospective witnesses, particularly given that none of them has ever met her.

"As anybody who knows, if you have a witness that you're going to produce, you have a right to prepare that witness," Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., one of the managers who plans to meet with Lewinsky, told the senators. "It's as plain and simple as that."

White House counsel Charles F.C. Ruff told the Senate that it was anything but simple, if for no other reason than Starr's involvement held the threat of jail over Lewinsky's head if she did not cooperate.

"Can we really say that it's just normal, just okay to have one side using the might and majesty of the independent counsel's office threatening a witness with violation of an immunity agreement if she doesn't agree to fly across the country and meet for this friendly little chat?"

Ruff asked with a dose of sarcasm. "I think not."

All but one of the 45 Senate Democrats signed a letter to prosecutors protesting the move as a violation of the spirit of trial rules, while Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., fired off his own more acerbic complaint. As the proceedings ended for the day Saturday afternoon, Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) stood to try to ask Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who is presiding over the impeachment trial, to overturn Judge Johnson, but was ruled out of order. Harkin then rushed after the chief justice as he was leaving the Senate chamber to hand him a letter seeking his intervention, only to miss him and hand it to a clerk instead.

Starr got involved at the request of the prosecutors, who were rebuffed when they asked Lewinsky's lawyers to make her available voluntarily. Lewinsky's July 28 immunity agreement requires her to "testify truthfully" in any "congressional proceedings" and to "make herself available for any interviews upon reasonable request."

Her lawyers contended this did not cover interviews for the House managers, but Johnson disagreed after an emergency hearing Friday evening, ordering Lewinsky to "allow herself to be debriefed by the House Managers, to be conducted by the Office of the Independent Counsel if she so requests, or forfeit her protections under the Immunity Agreement between Ms. Lewinsky and the OIC."

Starr said he was simply fulfilling his responsibility under the law that authorizes his office to investigate the president and advise Congress of any potentially impeachable offenses. "We're, as I see it, duty bound to assist the House of Representatives and their managers in the process," Starr told television crews outside his home.

His aides complained that he was being unfairly blamed for an action he did not initiate. "We are just the intermediary here," said spokesman Charles G. Bakaly III. "Monica has a contractual immunity agreement. We're in the middle on this."

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person's rights?

While Lewis Maltby, director of the National Employment Rights Office at the American Civil Liberties Union in Princeton, N.J., calls handwriting analysis an "arbitrary, unfair and irrational" practice that shouldn't be used as a hiring tool, he admits it's not illegal to do so.

But Maltby says "from our perspective, it's not a big problem," because, he notes, "Most employers are too sensible to use it." Joe Grabarz, executive director of the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union, agrees with Maltby's contention that handwriting analysis is too inexact to ever be used in a screening process. Grabarz says because it's

not an absolute science, there's a lot of guesswork and disagreement regarding its methodology. "Look at the O.J. (Simpson) trial," he says, noting that the defense had even challenged the reliability of DNA testing. And DNA, Grabarz adds, is a lot more scientific scrutiny than handwriting analysis."

Klein says graphology is getting a bad rap. According to a study published by her husband and the Hunter College Psychology Department in 1973, she says graphology is shown to have about a 95 percent success rate in recognizing psychological problems including depression and schizophrenia.

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### Technician's View

# Where has winter gone?

◆ Unlike an average January day, Raleigh has experienced unusually warm temperatures that leave little hope of wintertime fun.

The recent 70-degree weather has been both welcomed and questioned by N.C. State students. Where is the heat coming from and what happened to the snow?

Granted, NCSU is in the South and is expected to have milder temperatures than Northern states during the winter. However, southerners still expect to see a snow flurry every now and then. For those who love the white stuff, T-shirt-wearing weather has dampened those expectations of snowball fights and making snowmen.

Virginia and West Virginia are the closest bets for wintery fun. Unfortunately, it looks like the N.C. mountain tourism industry is headed toward financial disappointment if snow doesn't come soon.

The warmer climate has also left the nice winter clothes Santa Claus brought virtually useless. Those new sweaters, performance fleeces and wool socks still have the tags on them because Raleigh has had very little frigid weather that requires covering up. The question is, will the following two months left of snow-potential weather prove more fruitful than January?

Although it appears NCSU will not be closed any time soon for inclement weather, there is still a chance of hope on Feb. 2.

According to tradition, the faithful ground hog in Punnsutaway, Penn., will come out of hibernation from his burrow. If he sees his shadow, potentially, there are six more weeks of cold weather. If not, the winter of 1999 will go down as one of the warmest ever.

### ralph and oscar



### by G West

# Clinton ignores legal rights

STEVEN LEBOUF  
Staff Columnist

Before you begin reading LeBoeuf's ultimatum demanding President Clinton's removal from office, keep in mind that I am a Libertarian. Though I seek maximum objectivity on this issue, my inner disgust of Bill Clinton will no doubt pervade this column, giving my writing a flavor of spite. Nonetheless, I am convinced that anyone capable of comprehending the Constitution will admit that Clinton has failed to execute the Office of President. Any such behavior does not warrant removal from office, then what else can?

Let's start with the presidential oath as drafted in the U.S. Constitution: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend

the Constitution of the United States." Though the responsibilities of the Office of President are presented quite succinctly in this oath, the Constitution is sadly ambiguous regarding what actions warrant impeachment. There is reference to "high crimes and misdemeanors," but in the end it is the House of Representatives that weighs the biggest stick in determining the "impeachable."

Regardless of the decisions of Congress, the president's failure to "defend the Constitution" to the "best of [his] ability," certainly serves as a "high crime" in my book. And it is for his overt violations of our Constitution that Clinton must be removed from office. Consider this condensed list of how President Bill Clinton has openly transgressed our Bill of Rights:

- ◆ Violated the Second Amendment by signing the Brady Bill and by arbitrarily banning so-called "assault weapons."
- ◆ Violated the Fourth Amendment by restricting the right of Americans to employ encryption technology to prevent government spying on electronic communications; and by supporting legislation that will mandate national ID cards with "biometric identifiers," such as fingerprints.
- ◆ Violated the Fifth Amendment by expanding our government's power to seize personal assets without due process of law (especially when applied to "drug crimes"); and by signing "anti-terrorism" legislation that sharply limited the right to *habeas corpus*.
- ◆ Violated the First Amendment by supporting censorship of the Internet and by demanding a ban on

commercial advertising by cigarette companies. (Like many of our recent presidents, he has also failed to remove FCC policies that prohibit the freedom of speech over the airwaves.)

◆ Violated the Ninth and Tenth Amendments — which state that all power not specifically delegated to the federal government is reserved for the states and for the people — by attempting to put America's health care industry under federal control and by numerous other executive actions and decrees. (Consider this interesting example: Due to the Ninth and Tenth Amendments, Congress could not enact the prohibition of alcohol without amending the Constitution. There is no such amendment for the prohibition of narcotics, yet our president still enforces these policies under the guise of "Interstate Commerce.")

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### CAMPUS FORUM

## Spoof offensive to readers

This is a difficult letter to write because I remember what it was like to work for Technician and how the UNC-NCSU pre-basketball game parody issue always drummed up angst from one group of students or another. Humor is that kind of double-edged sword that amuses many, but tends to offend the rest. So when I saw the parody issue that was distributed Fri., Jan. 15, I was regretfully one of the offended.

On the front page was a big photograph and article about a student government candidate with the last name "Gaye." The article raked homosexuals over the coals. It felt like it was written with the assumption that this kind of ridicule is acceptable to everyone. I know those who think that it is a parody and not something to be taken seriously. I'm sure that's what those two guys thought after they tied Matthew Shepard to the fence.

Imagine that article targeting African-Americans, Asians, the elderly or women. Would the office of Student Affairs be so tolerant? I'm the last person to advocate the demise of Technician because of the great experience I had working there. Regardless of the insensitive people editing and managing this resource, it's still something that the university should be proud of. But all it takes is one article done with extremely poor judgment to make this publication lose all credibility.

Chancellor Fox has expressed her desire to make this university a

diverse community with tolerance and support for the homosexual community at NCSU in regard to the vision of diversity. I ask that on behalf of all homosexuals everywhere, that the chancellor's office will show you just how intolerant it is of intolerance.

Nathan J. Gay  
Student Services Assistant, School of Design

## Defending Public Safety

In reply to Andrew Kovalev's column about gun control on campus: First of all, how do you plan to control firearms being brought onto campus? Of all the armed robberies on campus this year, they all were perpetrated by at least one person from off campus. You can't have Public Safety standing at every road leading into campus checking for guns. As far as the cameras on campus, I don't quite understand. You'd have cameras everywhere on campus watching everyone? Sounds like a "Big Brother" idea to me. That's ridiculous.

Second, all the blue light emergency phones on campus are functional. They are checked thoroughly every Wednesday night by the Student Patrol. We report any and all problems with the phones or lights atop them to Public Safety, where they are promptly fixed. You say "some of them have yellow sleeves on them, implying that they are out of order." Sorry buddy, but

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Assistant Opinion Editor

## The English language needs modification

Let's face it: The English alphabet could use a little upgrade. It's totally antiquated.

Everything else in our high-tech world gets an upgrade every couple of months, so why not our alphabet? The situation is desperate. It seems that everyday I hear someone complain about the ridiculous spelling of a word. Just look at some of the words in this column, like "column" for example.

The written form of the English language simply doesn't represent the way we pronounce words. And I don't mean dialectal differences, such as the way I say tomato versus the way you might say it. I'm talking about the basic phonetic inconsistencies that plague everyday

spelling and pronunciation.

Let's take a look at some basic shortcomings of written English. First of all, the alphabet we use is a better representation of Middle English than of Modern English. It's an extremely accurate representation of Middle English, actually. Too bad we don't speak that way these days. In Modern English (which began circa 1500 A.D.) there are 10 basic vowel sounds, not to mention diphthongs (which is a whole different discussion altogether).

If you'll recall from your lessons in elementary school, there are five, and sometimes six, letters that represent vowels. Such a gross shortcoming of phonetic representation leads to ambiguity in pronunciation. This problem is magnified if the word is borrowed from another language, especially French. Think about it, does "fiancee" sound anything like

it's spelled? Nope.

I know what you're thinking: "Leave words alone! The reason they look funny is because they are from a different language." I say to hell with that. If we are going to use a word from another language, we should alter the spelling to English standards for ease of pronunciation.

Another thing about English spelling that bugs me is the silent letters. This includes silent "z" at the end of words, and also double letters where one would suffice. If English spelling was standardized, we could do away with all of these "useless" letters.

Here's my proposal, as crazy as it may seem, let's update the English alphabet to represent Modern English pronunciation. Each unique sound in English would be represented by a unique letter, thereby eliminating any ambiguity in the

pronunciation or spelling. Sure, you'd have to add a few letters to make that happen, but hey, then written English would actually make sense. There would be no need for special spelling rules and everything would be spelled the way it sounds. Just imagine, you could throw out all that "i before e" crap and not have to worry about the hundreds of spelling exceptions anymore.

"What about homonyms?" you might ask. This poses a minor problem in that words like "to," "two" and "too" would look the same under the proposed new system. An easy way to remedy this would be to include a symbol above one of the letters, such as an accent mark, umlaut or carrot. This way, you could spell things easily and still

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## College basketball valued over the current NBA

It's happened. As of Wed., Jan. 13, basketball as we know it has ended. From a time when Spud Webb and Larry Bird mystified all who watched them on a daily basis.

Even more recently, the NBA decided to go on strike. The players' millions just weren't enough apparently to pull them through a year. I know that if I only made a million or two each year, I'd be sweating!

So I'm not to be drawn on and on about how silly the gamers are for striking. I'm not gonna babble about how silly it is that they think they need that kind of money. What I will babble about, however, is how I think the great up-and-coming sport of basketball may have already seen its glory days.

Unlike professional baseball, bas-

ketball has little going for it. Where are its roots? Sure, you can be "old-school" and remember back to Moses Malone, Doctor "J" or David Thompson, but basketball "old-school" and baseball "old-school" are so much different.

Baseball has Babe Ruth, Roger Maris, Joe DiMaggio, "Shoelless" Joe Jackson and many others going for the sport. My point: the roots of baseball go back as far as most people can remember. Basketball goes back to the '70s. So I guess we're dealing "old-school" and "ancient" now.

I think the big thing that brought basketball back into the household of almost every American was the homerun chase. We all loved to watch "Slammin'" Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire swing for the long knock. That record was one that had been threatened constantly, but there seemed to be a barrier each season.

But not this season. They just kept hitting, and, as the record seemed to get closer and closer to being broken, they showed no slowing. In fact, Sosa pulled really close to McGwire but was held off in the end.

What does basketball have? Most there's in a game? Who will break Will Chamberlain's record of 100 points in a game? Where's the thrill in that? Can anyone really predict that happening? There unfortunately is no climax to either of these records. Sure, if you're watching each game in the NBA, you will catch that record. However, most people will hear that the record was broken on good 'ole Sports Center. (After all, Sports Center is next.)

And if all of this wasn't enough, one of the few basketball icons and arguably the greatest player ever to step onto the court has left. As of noon Wednesday, Michael Jordan

announced his retirement. I never found the NBA exciting, but I do wish that I would have seen Jordan playing live. Now, that can't happen.

The NBA was losing money in the '70s (you know, the old-school years), but it managed to pull through and now, just 20 years later, we see all this trouble happening. It doesn't look good for the NBA to me!

So, my suggestion to all of you loyal readers out there is simply this: watch your college games now! Get the chance to see some real basketball being played. Then watch your favorite player pack up the bags and head to Europe, 'cause the NBA as we know it, and most likely professional basketball, is over.

So how did Tiger Woods do today anyway?

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## Forrest LeBoeuf

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retain the distinction of meaning.

There is one other drawback to this proposal. Spelling Bees all over the country would cease to be challenging or exciting. But the whole reason spelling bees are big competitions is that spelling in English is ludicrously difficult and nonsensical. So maybe it wouldn't be so bad not to see the National Spelling Bee on television.

I said it before, and I'll say it once more: The English alphabet needs some serious retooling. Think about it. When you've decided that you've had enough of our silly rules, contact the Modern Language Association and tell them what you think. It just might make a difference.

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know damned well that they are responsible for the same infractions. But "Shepherd Clinton" has shown exceptional talent for smoothly trampling over natural rights, and his faithful flocks somehow love him for this.

By now you're probably thinking: "Steve, I understand where you're coming from, but where's the talk about Monica Lewinsky, Paula Jones, illicit affairs and lying under oath?" Frankly, I care little about such topics. In fact, if I were married to a woman like Hillary and cursed with a vice president like Al Gore, I too might have developed Clinton's extramarital fetish (that for better-looking women, of course).

And even if you find such actions despicable (which I can certainly understand), surely you will agree that a president's failure to protect the Bill of Rights warrants more

attention than an inappropriate affair followed by a cover-up. In short, I want Clinton removed for the right reasons, but Congress is focused solely on the "illicit affair" rhetoric.

Some worry that removing Clinton from office will prevent Congress from "getting on with the business of our nation." But in my experience, every time Congress "gets on with business" my natural rights are further chiseled away. In short, if Congress is going to repress someone this year, better Clinton than me.

By no means am I suggesting that our Constitution is perfect and that Clinton should burn an eternity in hell for ignoring eloquent words written on a sheet of hemp. What I am stating is that Clinton swore to protect our rights, and he has grossly failed. Let's remove this man from office. At least then we can all laugh at Al Gore for a year.

*If elected as president of the United States, LeBoeuf promises to brag about all of his illicit affairs rather than to conceal them. (s/leboeu@eos.ncsu.edu)*

## Forum

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there's only one on campus with a yellow sleeve on it, and it's the one near the south-west corner of the new Student Health Services building. Along with the building, the blue light is brand new.

As for your comment about Public Safety officers disrupting students and not protecting them, Public Safety officers do more than you'll ever know to protect you. Breaking up rowdy parties is just part of their job description, but they do it because people called them and asked them to do it. Most of the time, these parties are a noise disturbance to the surrounding neighbors. Next time you see a party get disturbed, just think of how many people the party itself is disturbing.

You said one good thing, however, when you said that lighting needs to be improved in some parts of campus. However, this costs money. The administration realizes this problem, and I'm sure that once the university has the money needed for it, the lighting will be improved.

On a similar note, I'd like to take the chance to let everyone reading know that escorts are available during all hours of darkness by either a Public Safety officer or a Student Patrol member. We'll escort you where you need to go on campus. Just dial 515-3333 or pick up a blue light emergency phone to request an escort.

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## weekend victories

◆ Strong early showings avenge former Pack losses.

**CHRIS BOSKEN**  
Staff Writer

Friday and Saturday, the notorious reputation of Willis Casey Natatorium was reinforced as N.C. State's swimming and diving program added its second and third men's home victories along with the women's first on the season.

Friday, the men and women both faced a less potent Virginia Tech team and swam to 40+ point victories.

On the men's side, N.C. State saw first-place ribbons in all but three of the individual events. Freestylers Richard Culberson, Walter Magnusson, Braden Holloway, Greg Solt and Matt Bralco each finished ahead of the trailing Hokies, leading State to a 155-81 win.

Diver Andy Johnson captured dual victories in the one- and three-meter contests, followed by teammate Kevin Cutts.

NCSU swimmers Mandy Horn and Emily Fees also gave convincing performances for the women in distance freestyle, securing first-place finishes in the 200-, 500- and 1000-meter races. State divers Marica McKeel and Shelly Cavaliere combined to shut out Virginia Tech from any diving success.

"The women swam really well, I was very happy. Last year they beat us, and we came and won by 40, a good solid effort. Emily Fees led the team, with Carmen Baker, Cindy Shuster and Natalie Jones swimming well," said Head Coach Scott Hammond. "That was a good win and a nice stepping stone."

Saturday the men fought a much tighter dual meet versus the Gamecocks of South Carolina. Losers in last year's contest, the men came out with something to prove, and it showed — State captured first place in three of the first four races.

"We had a good start. The guys swam hard — Tim Haley led, Andy Johnson dove well versus some heavy competition, and it was just a good old-fashioned meet," remarked Coach Hammond.

On the boards, Andy Johnson faced stiff competition and emerged with a first in the one-meter and a second in the three-meter contests.

Entering the final three events, NCSU held a 28-point advantage; by meet's end the lead was trimmed to 11-1, enough still to hold the visitors at bay.

"They're 26th in the country, were 29th last year they beat us, and I was definitely expecting a tough meet," said Hammond.

"We were a little tired today [after yesterday's meet], and we need to be more crisp in our sprints. Basically we just need to get better each week."

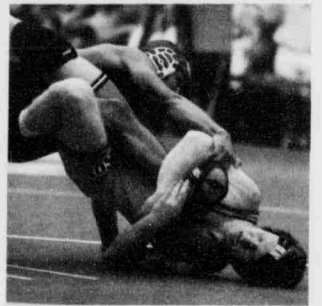
State swimming will have the remainder of the week to improve before traveling to face Clemson in South Carolina.

Soon afterward, the Pack will face UNC-Chapel Hill in the regular season's last meet.

**"The women swam really well, I was very happy. Last year they beat us, and we came and won by 40, a good solid effort."**  
**- Scott Hammond, N.C. State Swim Coach**



N.C. State's men's and women's swimming and diving teams picked up wins this weekend, defeating Va. Tech, who had beaten the pack in 1998.



Oklahoma State, N.C. State's Sunday opponent, is the second top-ranked team State has faced.

## Grapplers drop two matches

◆ Experience gained costs young Pack team fifth and sixth losses over the weekend.

**CHRIS BOSKEN**  
Sports Staff Writer

Friday and Sunday, N.C. State wrestling dropped two matches against Maryland and Oklahoma State to fall to 3-6 overall on the season.

On Friday, State traveled to College Park, Md., for its second Atlantic Coast Conference match-up. Going into the final match the Wolfpack grapplers trailed by one point, 15-16, but Terrapin heavyweight Paul Fitzmaurice defeated Billy Noble with a pin to secure the match.

On the day, Pack wrestlers won four of 10 matches. At the 141-pound division Tommy Davis continued his successful season by defeating Bryan Robinson 13-0, securing the team's first four points. Victories from Pierre Pryor, Kevin Borosa and Zach Brutenbach brought State to within one before the heavyweight bout.

Sunday, N.C. State saw a much more difficult match-up versus undefeated No. 1-ranked Oklahoma State, losing 40-0 to the Cowboys. State could not tally any points on the board but did manage to gain valuable experience heading into next weekend's back-to-back matches versus Virginia and James Madison.

"They have a very storied history; they were a strong team. We knew it was going to be tough, especially considering we are a young team," State Head Coach Bob Guzzo said. "It gives our kids a chance to know what they have to shoot for, and I thought we battled really well."

Ranked wrestlers Tommy Davis and Kevin Borosa each dropped close matches against OSU, with the team facing an obviously talented team.

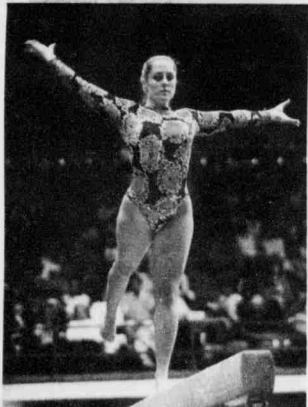
"We wrestled some good kids. Tommy Davis has the skills to win a national title; he was wrestling a kid ranked very high, and it could have gone either way," commented Guzzo. "Tommy learned he's gonna have to pick up the tempo of the match a little earlier."

"To be the best you have to beat the best and improve, and that's what we're doing," Guzzo said.

"I thought I was going to be able to pull out my match. My opponent seemed to be getting tired and I was improving," Davis said. "It was a tough match, and I'm just going to go back and work harder."

Next Saturday N.C. State will travel to Virginia to resume ACC competition versus the Cavaliers.

"Virginia and James Madison will be tough matches for us. For our young team it's a challenge that we're looking forward to," said Guzzo.



N.C. State started its tough 1999 home schedule with a loss to No. 4 ranked Penn State on Sunday. State heads to Kentucky this weekend.

## State tumblers fall at Home

◆ The N.C. State gymnastics team falls at home to No. 4 Penn State.

**JEREMY RASHIN**  
Staff Writer

The gap between N.C. State and the elite of college gymnastics continues to narrow but has not quite closed yet.

Saturday night in Reynolds Coliseum, the Wolfpack gymnasts put up a spirited effort but could not quite overcome No. 4-ranked Penn State, falling by a score of 191.525-188.925.

The final margin was much closer than last season's meeting, although both teams appeared to be somewhat off at times.

"I think the overall performance was a little shaky. We missed some things that we probably shouldn't have missed," observed N.C. State Head Coach Mark Stevenson. "I actually think it might have been because they tried too hard. But they didn't give up any time, and anytime that happens

you have to be proud of the kids."

The Pack posted solid scores in each event and actually won the balance beam and uneven bars by slim margins.

However, State was simply unable to match Penn State's skill on the vault and floor exercise at this stage of the season. The Nitany Lions swept the top five spots in the vault and posted five scores of 9.700 or better on floor.

Although the team performance did not go quite as well as hoped, several N.C. State gymnasts turned in good individual routines. Sophomore all-around competitor Amy Langendorf once again did a solid job for the Pack. Langendorf won the bars with a score of 9.725 and scored a 37.825 in the all-around, just .225 points behind Penn State's star senior Missy Leopoldus.

Another encouraging individual effort came from sophomore Kara Charles who continues to work her way back toward the all-around after suffering an ankle injury in practice. She competed in every event against Penn State with the exception of the

floor exercise. The score of 9.675 that she earned on the bars was good enough for third place.

"She's coming along really well," commented Stevenson. "She really wants to get back. It's just a question of keeping her from getting back too fast so she gets hurt again."

Other strong individual performances for the Pack came from senior Stephanie Flanagan on floor and Laura Jazab on bars and beam. Flanagan's dazzling floor routine earned her a score of 9.800, the highest of the night for N.C. State, and second place in that event.

Meanwhile, Jazab, a walk-on freshman, continued to surprise by first delivering a 9.600 on bars and then finishing second on beam with a 9.575.

"I didn't plan on competing at all this year. But when people did get injured I had to step up," said Jazab.

The Pack's next meet will be this Friday at the Kentucky Invitational.

## Reynolds woes continue for Pack

◆ N.C. State's women's basketball team drops third home game in a row for the first time ever.

**K. GRIFFIN**  
Sports Editor

On Thursday, the Clemson Tigers walked into Reynolds Coliseum and picked up their second win of the season over the N.C. State Wolfpack, dropping State to 9-8 overall and 3-5 in the ACC and further into a home-losing streak that is the worst in the 25-year history of women's basketball at N.C. State.

"They played a great defensive game. Reynolds is a tough place to win on the road; they just outplayed us," said Wolfpack Head Coach Kay Yow after the game.

The Tigers' victory in Reynolds is their first since January of 1994, the last season in which Clemson swept the regular-season series with the Pack.

The Tigers had four players reach double-digits in the scoring column and two others score nine points apiece. Eight players saw 10 or more minutes on the floor, and only four of

the 12 Tigers failed to score.

"It was one of those games that we could not get anything to go our way," said N.C. State Coach Kay Yow. "Rebounding was a difference, we got beat badly on the boards."

The Tigers finished the game with a 41-27 advantage on the backboards. Clemson led for most of the game. Two free throws from Summer Erb gave State a one-point lead for 30 seconds in the first half.

Much of the Tigers' success on the opposite end of the floor was attributed to Coach Jim Davis to their ability to contain Erb in the low post and force State's perimeter players to shoot the ball.

"We wanted to deny penetrating passes into (Erb)," said Davis in the post-game press conference. "She has a wonderful shooting touch. We thought that we had the advantage in terms of size though."

State was a paltry 35 percent from the floor for the game and under 30 percent from behind the three-point arc. Erb was just one of seven at the half, and though she hit 100 percent of her shots in the second half, she was held to just one shot.

Guards Tynesha Lewis and Kristen



The Wolfpack split conference matches this weekend.

Gillespie were a combined eight for 24 from the field.

Erb and Lewis managed double figures, with Erb sinking nine of 10 from the charity stripe and Lewis coaxing in a trio of three-point attempts. LySchale Jones also added 12 points, just two off of her season-high.

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2. North Carolina	6	2
3. Virginia	6	2
4. Clemson	6	3
5. NCSU	4	5
6. Georgia Tech	3	5
7. Wake Forest	2	5
8. Florida State	1	7
9. Maryland	1	7

MEN'S BASKETBALL		
	W	L
1. Duke	7	0
2. Maryland	5	1
3. North Carolina	5	2
4. Florida State	5	2
5. Georgia Tech	3	4
6. NCSU	2	5
7. Wake Forest	2	5
8. Clemson	1	5
9. Virginia	1	7

## WOLFPACK NOTES

◆ Tennis players advance, FSU downs men's basketball, Googs signs rich contract, Special Olympics still needs volunteers.

Sports Staff Report

**Bracone wins ACC Indoor Tennis Championship**  
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — N.C. State's Roberto Bracone defeated Pedro Escudero of Duke in the singles finals to win the Atlantic Coast Conference Men's Indoor Tennis Championships in Winston-Salem on Sunday.

Bracone, the ACC Player of the Year last season, beat Escudero in straight sets 6-1, 6-3 to claim the championship. Escudero was ranked as high as second in the nation last year. Bracone advanced to the finals after beating the Blue Devil's Andres Pedrosa 7-6, 6-0.

"I'm really happy for Roberto and the run he had this weekend." Head Coach Eric Hayes said in a press release. "It's great for him to start the year playing as well as he did in a big tournament. I think all of our guys, for that matter, played well. This is a great way for us to start the year."

The Wolfpack's Devang Desai also played on Sunday, losing to Georgia Tech's Sergio Aguirre 7-5, 6-3 in the quarterfinals of the consolation bracket.

The Wolfpack opens its 1999 spring season Jan. 30, when it plays American at 9 a.m. and UNC-Charlotte at 3 p.m. in Greensboro.