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Racial dialogue drives forum

◆ NCSU students and faculty joined other universities yesterday in nationally broadcast dialogue on race relations in America.

By SARAH MIRANO
Senior Staff Writer

Yesterday afternoon in the McKimmon Center, N.C. State united with other universities across the nation for a discussion concerning diversity and democracy.

A diverse group of community members, faculty, staff, students and administration joined the dialogue about race relations through a live national broadcast from San Francisco University, entitled "Racial Legacies and Learning: How To Talk About Race." Sponsoring the event was the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning and the Office of Equal Opportunity at NCSU.

This effort to promote diversity learning at colleges and universities was initiated by the PBS Adult Learning Service and the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U).

It was in part developed because "there are no natural forms for us to have these dialogues with one another

that will help us to discover each other's worlds," according to panelist Mildred Garcia of Arizona State University-West. "We are in these silos in our groups, and we don't cross."

Most importantly, the program was part of the diversity initiative of NCSU in helping faculty to see its role in facilitating dialogues about race and in assisting students to meet the challenges of living in a multicultural society.

"Higher education has such an incredible opportunity," said panelist Carol Geary Schneider of AAC&U. "There's an opportunity to go to the next level, to really help Americans to see how much better it gets when we break down these walls and begin thinking about this as a diverse and multi-racial society."

Televest moderator Claudio Sanchez of National Public Radio also addressed the panel about reasons Americans find it so difficult to talk about race.

"It's an intensely personal issue," said Wayne Winborne of the National Conference for Community and Justice. "For white Americans, there's so much fear and guilt and shame."

"People are afraid to make mistakes," said Schneider.

Winborne also noted the difficulties

that stem from the myths that many Americans grow up with: Native Americans, African-Americans and Latin Americans, which are usually in stark contrast with reality.

Other panelists, including Richard Wood of Yale Divinity School and L.J. McKeown of Albion College, made recommendations for starting the dialogue about race at respective colleges and communities. Suggestions included engaging a facilitator for further community discussions, holding viewings of television specials like "True Colors" and "The Color of Fear" and recognizing that no one has the answers.

Others believed in the power of the arts, creating multicultural celebrations and theater skits.

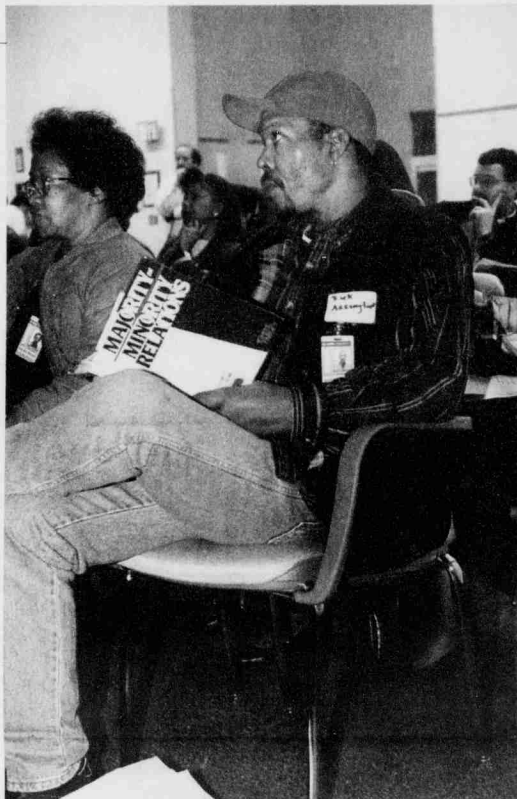
"Roll up your sleeves. Get to work. Be committed. Be sincere," said McKeown.

Another aspect of race relations in America is the ways in which minorities are treated in the workplace. According to the first-ever national poll of public attitudes toward campus diversity, 54 percent of people felt that "America is growing apart." The separations are not only by race but also by class, gender and religion.

The poll, sponsored by the Ford Foundation, also reported that 94 percent of people surveyed thought it was important for colleges to prepare people to function in a more diverse workforce.

Rachelle Hood-Phillips of the Avanti restaurant group represented Corporate America in the issue.

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"Racial Legacies and Learning: How To Talk About Race" was the subject of a national forum yesterday in the McKimmon Center.

Students face multiple health-related issues

◆ Stress and STDs are among the most common dilemmas seen by the staff at Student Health Service.

By ASHLEY B. PERRY
Staff Writer

Students may come and students may go, but their health and emotional problems remain much the same. And the staff at the N.C. State Student Health Center are no strangers to the diversity of problems that plague NCSU.

Marianne Turnbull, coordinator of health promotions, said that while alcohol abuse and sexual assault are major concerns for Health Services, stress management and sexually transmitted diseases are also fairly common issues.

"All these problems are interrelated in some way," Turnbull said. "Students with poor stress management, in the college environment, are more tempted to use alcohol or drugs to cope. This, of course, opens the door to possible sexual assault, since 85 percent of all sexual assaults occur when one or both people are under the influence of drugs or alcohol."

Because of the strict confidentiality policy of Health Services, specific numbers are difficult to come by. It is estimated that the department sees 10,000 people in various outreach programs, including counseling, group seminars, information booths and various lectures around campus.

"One such lecture series is planned for mid-March. Psychologist Allen Burkowitz will be speaking to various groups about the role of men in sexual assault prevention."

"Since most sexual assaults are committed by men against women, Dr. Burkowitz feels

that men should work with men to prevent sex assaults," Turnbull explained. "Generally, assault prevention programs are geared to women and are hosted by women. Men simply aren't getting proper education."

Recent increases in sexual assaults and other factors have also given rise to increases in unwanted pregnancies and STDs.

"Chlamydia, herpes and genital warts are relatively common concerns at the university," said Turnbull. "It is important for people to use condoms and get tested on a regular basis. Chlamydia, if not treated, can cause sterility in men and women. Herpes and gen-

ital warts cannot be cured, but with treatment outbreaks can be made less common."

Changes in policy and increases in prevention programs paint a brighter future for the community. Policy changes within the fraternity and sorority systems will call for an end to excessive alcohol use within the houses by 2003. New assault awareness programs will teach men and women appropriate behaviors when socializing at parties.

The Health Promotion Office is located on the second floor of the Student Health Center. Students should contact the center with all emotional and/or physical issues. All consultations are confidential and free to students.



A variety of health issues face workers at the Health Center.

Where's the water?



Senior Tom Colson is doing a little recruiting for the outing club in the Brickyard.

Catholic church revamps exorcism for first time in 385 years

◆ New revisions stress the importance of medical and psychological evaluations of the possessed before exorcism.

By LARRY B. STAMMER
Los Angeles Times

The Roman Catholic Church, emphasizing its continued belief in the literal existence of the devil, has added some new twists in its age-old fight with Satan.

For the first time in 385 years, the Vatican on Tuesday issued new guidelines for performing exorcisms — a religious rite for driving evil out of the demon-possessed.

"The existence of the devil isn't an opinion, something to take or leave as you wish," Cardinal Jorge Arturo Medina Estvez said in Vatican City. "No one who says he doesn't

exist wouldn't have the fullness of the Catholic faith."

There are "no radical changes" in the new guidelines, although the fact that new rules were needed at all might strike some as odd. But while exorcisms may seem like something out of the Middle Ages — or Hollywood — they are still performed.

Pope John Paul II, who arrived Tuesday in St. Louis, once performed an exorcism himself, according to the memoirs of Cardinal Jacques Martin, the former prefect of the pontifical household.

In the last three years alone, Father James LeBar, chief exorcist in the New York archdiocese, and three other New York exorcists have investigated 80 cases throughout the country, LeBar said Tuesday.

"Evil is as present today as in any other age,"

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Faculty expresses concerns over crime, skateboards

◆ The recent strong-armed robberies on campus were a point of conversation during Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting.

By SPRIANE STEPHENS
Senior Staff Writer

The reporting of campus violence — or lack thereof — was a top concern at the Faculty Senate's meeting Tuesday.

Many Senate members did not feel they were being properly notified of crimes on campus.

"Lately we have had on our campus several strong-armed robberies," said Jeff Mann, associate vice chancellor for business. "We have taken it onto ourselves in Public Safety to lower the floor on these crimes."

With the number of strong-armed crimes increasing, some Senate members said that they were not receiving telephone and e-mail messages that warned them about recent crimes on campus.

Mann pointed out that while telephonic notification had been problematic in the past, hundreds of fliers are posted all over campus to alert the entire university community about acts of violence.

Richard Bernhard, co-chair of the Resources and Environment Committee, added that along with improved crime notification, a

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WU TANG FIGHTS THE POWER

1998 is over, but Wu-Tang is supposed to be forever...Will the famed Clansmen from Staten Island be able to weather the storm of their extensive legal problems?

NATALIE DOUGGINS
Spotlight Editor

The waiting game — it's a game that fans of hip-hop's Wu-Tang Clan have grown accustomed to. Fans of the Staten Island contingent have had to sit idly by as albums by the group's members are continuously delayed for one reason or another.

In the release of *Tical 2000: Judgement Day* from Method Man and RZA's solo release under the pseudonym Bobby Digital, which was without unbelievable delays in its production, Wu-Tang's listeners found something to hold them over until the next full-fledged Wu-Tang Clan album is released (which, according to the group's leader/producer, RZA, won't be released until sometime in the next millennium). Fans were also promised future solo albums from Ruckson, Inspectah Deck, Ghostface Killah, U'God, Ol' Dirty Bastard (ODB), the Genius (AKA GZA) and another release by the RZA. Included in the horrae of Wu-Tang albums is *Wu-Chronicles*, which features two unreleased tracks and 14 of Wu-Tang's most notable collaborations.

In addition, Method Man is slated to join alongside Redman, Jay-Z and DMX the *Hard Knock Life Tour*. The shows, which will serve to promote Method's sophomore release, is scheduled to start next month, with its only North Carolina stop of the tour in Charlotte on Feb. 27.

Nonetheless, audiences of the Wu-Tang Clan can expect another round of the waiting game in anticipation of these new releases — this time due mainly to legal problems. The past two years have seen various members of the Wu-Tang Clan come under legal scrutiny. However, none of the other eight members of the Clan have seen more legal problems than ODB.

1998 just wasn't a good year for the artist formerly known as ODB the now uses the pseudonym "Big Baby Jesus" and assure listeners that this will be his last name change). Wherever the unpredictable member of the Wu-Tang Clan seemed to go, controversy and legalities always seemed to follow.

Oddly enough, the year started out well. After a studio session with Wu-affiliates Twelve O'clock, ODB and the group rushed out to the aid of a child that had been hit by a car. The 4-year-old girl, who was pinned under the car, was rescued after ODB and the members of Twelve O'clock lifted the car from on top of her. Due to ODB's heroic actions, the child survived.

ODB attempted to keep his gallant efforts a secret by not identifying himself to the girl's parents. Nonetheless, the parents recognized him during a

hospital visit and leaked ODB's heroic efforts to the media.

Soon thereafter, the hero turned into the "history maker." In an unprecedented move, Ol' Dirty made an impromptu speech at the 1998 Grammy Awards. Somehow managing to sneak past the herds of security and stage crew, ODB interrupted the Song-of-the-Year presentation to Shawn Colvin.

"I went out and bought me an outfit today that cost me a lot of money, because I figured that Wu-Tang was gonna win [the award for Best Rap Album]," ODB said. "Puffy is good, but Wu-Tang is the best."

Not to be outdone by "Soy Bomb" who bumrushed the stage during Bob Dylan's performance, ODB certainly gave audiences one of the most exciting additions that the annual awards show has ever seen.

A few months later, during an armed robbery of his cousin's house in Brooklyn, N.Y., ODB was shot in the arm and in the back. Within days of being released from the hospital, ODB was accused of walking out of a Virginia Beach shoe store with a \$50 pair of Nikes.

In 1998, two charges of terrorist threats have been filed against ODB, whose real name is Russell Jones. The first incident alleges that Jones made threats to a security guard at the House of Blues in California.

ODB's ex-girlfriend in Carson, Calif., made similar allegations of intimidation. According to MTV reports, the ex-girlfriend, who is also the mother of ODB's 1-year-old child, called the police while he was on the way to her job place. Police apprehended Jones attempting to scale the security gates of her job place.

But it's a new year, right? Perhaps 1999 will bring a new dimension of Ol' Dirty Bastard. Or maybe not.

So much for New Year's resolutions...1999 has seen the most serious of charges brought against ODB. The New York City Police Department charged him with attempted murder, aggravated assault and criminal possession of a weapon for allegedly taking shots at undercover NYPD officers.



How: Courtesy of www.wutang.com

According to reports, ODB was driving with his cousin, Frederick Cuffie, at night without any front lights. After police pulled the vehicle over, police claim that ODB and Cuffie began shooting. After the gunfire ceased, the police arrested ODB at the scene and arrested Cuffie hours later.

Oddly enough, Cuffie was released unscathed and neither ODB nor his cousin was found in possession of a firearm. Forensic tests are being conducted to determine whether or not ODB actually fired the gun.

In addition, the *New York Post* reports that an investigation has been launched by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and Ohio and New York Police into the entire Wu-Tang Clan. The report claims that the ATF is investigating the group for gun running between Steubenville

Ohio, and New York City.

According to the *New York Post*, the investigation stems from the death of two Wu-Tang associates in 1997 — one in Steubenville and the other in New York City. In addition, members of the Wu-Tang Clan are supposedly frequent visitors to Steubenville for target practice.

1998 was a long, dramatic year for members of the Wu-Tang Clan, and if January is any indication, 1999 will be a bumper year as well.

But don't worry, because, after all, "Wu-Tang is for the children."

She's really not all that

MONIQUE THOMAS
Senior Staff Writer

In the great '80s tradition, the '90s has contributed yet another film to its seemingly booming compilation of teen movies. *Pretty in Pink*, *16 Candles* and *Some Kind of Wonderful* have found modern-day interlards in the recent flood of films such as *Can't Hardly Wait*, *Scream* and *The Faculty*.

All that is the newest addition to the '90s teen films. Directed by Jesse Weis, director of 1997's *10 Things I Hate About You*, this film adheres to the

traditionally accepted format for teen movies. Popular rich Zack (Freddie Prinze Jr.) has made a bet with his friends that he can transform any girl of their choosing into the prom queen within five weeks.

The object of Zack's attention is none other than Laney (Rachael Leigh Cook), an introverted artsy, high school reject. While Laney at first resists Zack's advances, she soon finds herself falling in love, or at least deeply in like, with the school's most popular boy. However, Laney finds out about Zack's secret before he has the opportunity to tell her he truly has

fallen for her.

Of course by the movie's conclusion, Zack appears at Laney's house and the two dance the night away in her beautifully lit backyard. As far as film highlights, the scene where Zack tries to impress Laney with his artistic talents using a hacky sack is amusing, as is a scene involving pizza and public hair (that's all I will reveal).

There shouldn't be any unfamiliar faces in the film, as these '90s films seem to recycle the same actors over and over again in a quasi-brat



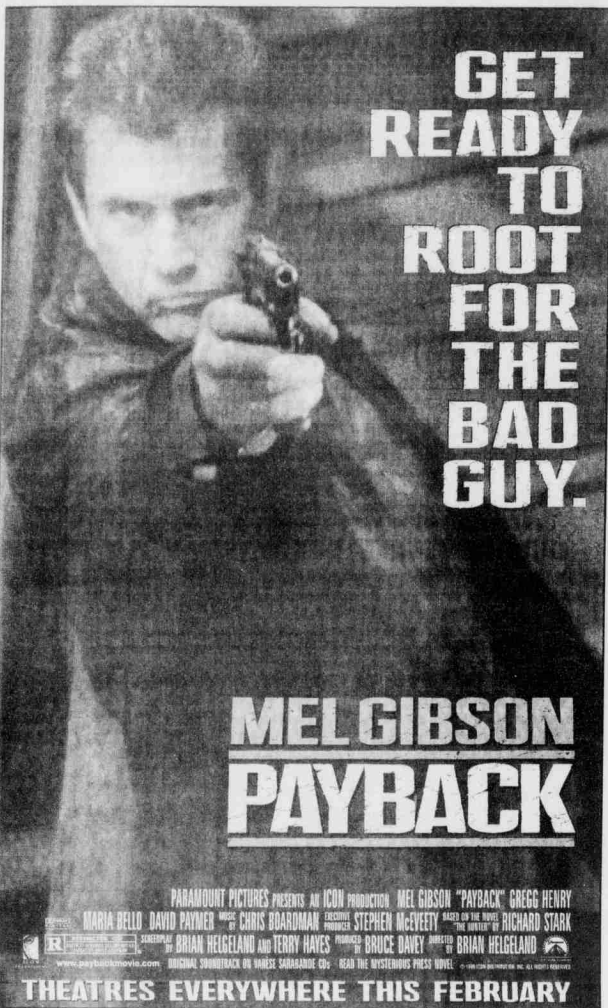
Zack (Freddie Prinze Jr.) and Laney (Rachael Leigh Cook) appear in Rob Isaac's *She's All That*, a teenage *Pretty Woman* without that whole hooker thing.

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COMING UP

Cinema	Tues., Feb. 2 "Breakin'" at 7 p.m. Tues., Feb. 2 "New Jack City" at 9 p.m. Wed., Feb. 3 "CB-4" at 7 p.m. Wed., Feb. 3 "He Got Game" at 9 p.m. Also Thurs., Feb. 4 at 9 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 4 "Slamnation" at 7 p.m.	Quartet/Matter Eater Wed., Feb. 3 Disco Biscuits/Filpside Phonics Cat's Cradle Thurs., Jan. 28 Jupiter Coyote Fri., Jan. 29 Cravin' Melon Sat., Jan. 30 Donna the Buffalo Tues., Feb. 2 Spring Heeled Jack USA, The Pilfers and the Smooths Thurs., Feb. 4 Notes from Home Show The Cave Thurs., Jan. 28 Doubting Thomas Fri., Jan. 29 Acoustic Syndicate	Sat., Jan. 30 The David Spencer Group Mon., Feb. 1 John Gillespie Tues., Feb. 2 Lobsierboy Wed., Feb. 3 Grand Pricks, Go Wheels and Cantwell Thurs., Feb. 4 Indoo Storm Record Exchange Thurs., Jan. 28 2 Vegans, 1 Carnivore and a Married Guy 7 p.m. Fri., Jan. 29 Basics 7 p.m. Sat., Jan. 30 Chris Hibbard 7 p.m. Ziggy's	Thurs., Jan. 28 Moon Boot Lover/Juggling Sims Fri., Jan. 29 Piestaters Sat., Jan. 30 Bloodkin/Disco Biscuits Tues., Feb. 2 Life in General Wed., Feb. 3 Galanche/Keller Williams Thurs., Feb. 4 Derek Trucks	Raleigh Little Theatre Wed.-Sat., Jan. 27-Jan. 30 Master Harold and the boys Temple Theatre — Sanford Wed., Feb. 3 Moon Over Buffalo
Campus Cinema (all shows \$1.50 w/student ID) Thurs., Jan. 28 "Brother" at 7 and 9 p.m. Fri., Jan. 29 "The Waterboy" at 7, 9 and 11 p.m. Also Sat., Jan. 30 at 7, 9 and 11 p.m. Sun., Jan. 31 "Kira" at 7:30 p.m. Mon., Feb. 1 "Rap, Race & Equality" at 7 p.m. Followed by Lecture by Ice T	Music Brewery Sat., Jan. 30 Spittle Fest Tues., Feb. 2 Ozone		Performances NC Symphony Fri.-Sat., Jan. 29-30 "Master" Violinist Joshua Bell Raleigh Memorial Auditorium at 6:45 p.m.	Events Barnes & Noble — New Hope Commons, Durham (all FREE events) Thurs., Jan. 28 Scrabble night at 7:30 p.m. Stewart Theatre — NCSU	

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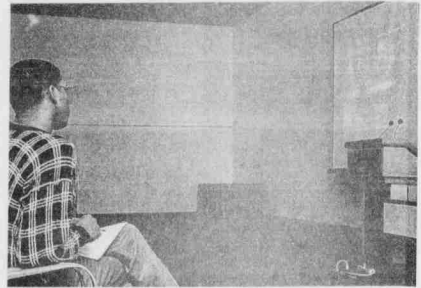
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Phillips is part of a "model diversity program" created by Denny's in response to the series of discrimination lawsuits filed against the restaurant by African Americans.

The African Americans charged that they were denied service at Denny's because of their color. In turn, Denny's came back strong by re-structuring and training and now ranks second as the best place for minorities to work, according to Fortune magazine.

This racial sensitivity experiment is also motivated by the fact that higher education is not turning out a workforce that is prepared for working in unison with people of assorted backgrounds. Therefore, corporations have to take responsibility.

Universities were able to phone or fax in their questions to the panel. Students at Bowling Green



A student listens during yesterday's diversity forum.

University suggested that faculty and administrators of schools be held accountable and "lead by example."

Following the broadcast, Dr. Rupert Nacoste facilitated a local discussion of race relations among community and campus members.

This intimate sharing of ideas included members of the Interfaith Alliance of Wake County, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the League of Women Voters, the North American Student Association and the WCA.

Church

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LeBar said. In addition to collective evil such as the Holocaust or the Cambodian genocide of the 1970s, LeBar said individual evil remains, frequently showing up as criminal activity and hate.

But LeBar stressed that the church continues to believe that Satan is an actual spiritual being. "Evil is a force, yes," LeBar said.

"But Satan is a... creature of God, a (fallen) angel who sometimes possesses people... when there is a real possession, then the ritual is used."

Among the accepted signs of possession by the devil are unnatural strength, an ability to speak languages one has never studied, clairvoyance and levitation. Those thought to be possessed are also repelled by the sight of a cross, are repelled by holy water and refuse to enter a sanctified place of worship, the church believes.

But Estevex said cases of demonic possession are "very rare." Contrary

to Hollywood depictions such as those in the 1973 film "The Exorcist," where a possessed girl's head spun around and her bed leaped into the air, the sinister influence of the devil more commonly plays out as deception, falsehood, lies and confusion, Estevex said.

The new guidelines, so far available only in Latin, appear to stress the importance of a full medical and psychological evaluation of a person supposedly possessed by diabolical entities or forces before the church permits an exorcism.

The guidelines also delete more "imaginative" descriptions of the devil in keeping with the church's understanding of the devil as "a spirit without body, without color and without odor."

But LeBar, who has examined the revisions, said they continue to give exorcists the discretion to use the old language as laid out in the Roman Rite of Exorcism of 1614. "Sometimes in casting out some particularly stubborn devils," he said, "the older forms with the heroic-sounding names may be just what's needed to put the devil to flight."

Faculty

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response, heart would work to give the public accurate information concerning crimes.

Moan and Grantham also presented a proposal to "prohibit nuisance recreational skateboarding on campus." Although skateboarding inside buildings was prohibited several years ago, it has been permitted outside and has resulted in damage to campus property and noise disturbances.

"Travelling to class on a skateboard is not what we're dealing with," said Mann. "This policy would give Public Safety officers the right to cite violations of safety since this makes the university liable."

The Senate approved regulation of the proposal.

Senator John Wall, professor of English, requested a resolution in favor of Human Rights Week, which, according to the resolution, would be a "celebration of human rights events." The projected Human Rights Week is March 21-31.

Brian Taff, chairperson of the Campus Volunteer Committee for Service Raleigh, spoke to the Faculty Senate about participating in Service Raleigh, a daylong community service project. Taff said the event, which will be held March 27, would be a good chance for the campus community "to show that N.C. State students and faculty are concerned about community issues."

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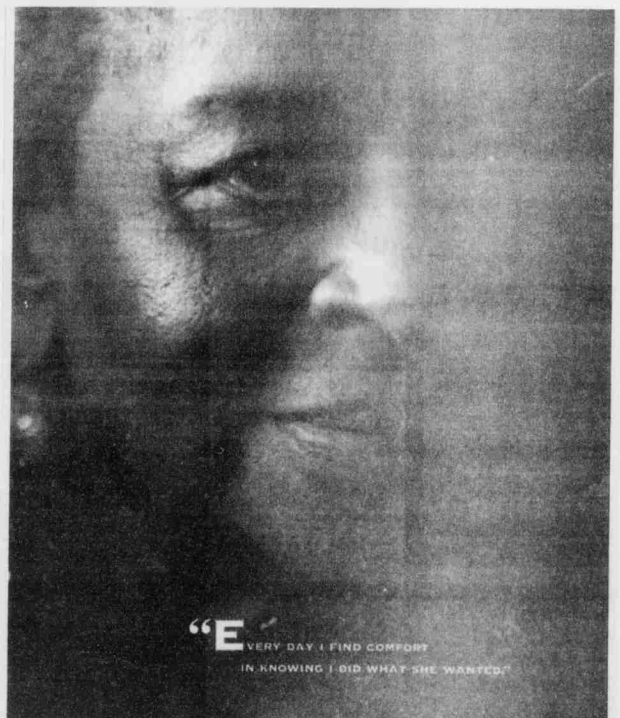
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Technician's View

Skateboard ban absurd

◆ The university may soon ban skateboarding on campus, claiming that it damages property and violates safety rules.

Yesterday's Faculty Senate Meeting, Jeff Mann, associate vice chancellor for business, and Richard Bernhard, co-chair of Resources and Environment Committee, proposed to "prohibit nuisance recreational skateboarding on campus." They claim that it damages campus property and is a noise disturbance. The proposal was approved.

The primary concern with this approval is the disregard to consult students. It is a blatant act of misrepresentation. Surely, the members of the Faculty Senate are not the ones on campus skateboarding. But those who are (students), were not consulted or given the chance to vote on a matter that would restrict their liberties as students at NCSU.

The Senate approved to recommend the proposal in the name of safety. According to Mann, skateboarding is a violation of safety,

which makes the university liable. Walking through the Brickyard and stumbling on a raised brick is just as unsafe, but they don't propose to ban bricks. If they did, nothing would be left of the university.

Practically everyone is at some risk while they are on campus, whether it be because of uneven bricks or swerving bicyclists. The point is that there have been little to no injuries to bystanders as the result of skateboarding on campus. Those who skateboard on campus do so with care and regard to their physical limitations.

Faculty Senate is participating in a pompous attempt to dampen recreation on campus. Will the next step be to make students conform to only walking to and from class? What will the Faculty Senate do about those walkers who run into people with disregard? This is just as much a possibility for injury as skateboarding.

Claiming that skateboarding is destructive to property is absurd. The only possible magnitude of damage to NCSU property from skateboarding is, if any, the loss of insignificant paint from rails. How much harm is this to an already sterile campus?

CAMPUS FORUM

NBA not over yet

In response to Mike Pittman's recent article on college basketball versus the NBA, I totally agree that the NBA doesn't hold a candle to college basketball. However, a few things need to be clarified. First of all, the NBA players were not on strike. The players associate and the NBA had a collective bargaining agreement, which forced a lockout of the NBA players. There was no strike involved.

Athletes' salaries are constantly being criticized; however, the greed of the individual owners is never questioned. Now that the NBA has established a salary cap, do you think the fans will see a decrease in ticket prices or concessions? Doubtful.

Regardless of how the labor dispute was solved, the NBA season will start next week. Professional basketball is not over, and the NBA will survive. Yes, even without Michael Jordan. I wish Jordan had come back as well. I'm going to miss pulling against him, and I would love to have seen him lose in the finals just as I respect Michael Jordan as a basketball player, but when it comes down to it, he went to UNC and I'm not a fan of his. Growing up, I remember my dad and brother yelling at the television and throwing fits while watch-

ing State and Carolina games in the early and mid-'80s. And frankly, I haven't liked MJ ever since.

Perhaps, Mike Pittman's article ran a few weeks late. The NBA may take on a new shape this year, but it is far from over. I look forward to seeing highlights on SportsCenter, and watching Los Angeles win the NBA championship...again. So, get your Laker's T-shirts while they're still in stock.

Andy Page
Class of 1998, Accounting

A rightful apology

Technician should be praised for admitting that the spoof of the Daily Tarheel contained defamatory terms and ideas. The whole staff should be commended on admitting that printing the article was wrong and uncalculated. After reading a response against the apology, I felt better to know that somebody actually thought that this matter is funny.

In case you did not know, the gay community in this country is not treated the same way as our "straight" people. It is unfortunate

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Dr. Pepper beats beer

KELLY MARKS
Staff Columnist

I don't drink. Well, let me rephrase. I do drink. I drink lots and I do it all the time — after all, it's how I maintain my rosy glow and the reason I seem to have to go to the bathroom umpteen million times a day. It's what I drink — and more particularly, what I choose not to — that's occasionally an issue.

I drink Dr. Pepper. Lots of Dr. Pepper. This usually doesn't bother most people (although a concerned friend did once confront me and try to convince me that I had a serious problem. She then tried to forcibly come between me and a 20-ounce bottle of that sweet nectar of life. Once the restraining order is lifted, I'd like to personally tell her how sorry I am about her hand).

I don't, however, drink alcoholic beverages. This is the part people have trouble believing.

I know, I know — hard to imagine an average college student making such a confession. It often seems like we're a rare breed around campus. I mean, yeah, you see us at parties sometimes (we're the ones hold-

ing the soft drink and the set of keys), but we're not really the norm.

Yet, we have other roles as well. At the clubs, we can be seen rounding up our respective groups like we're herding cattle or running interference for those who can no longer thwart the advances of scary personages. We're often the ones to run and get a towel or a trashcan or another beer for whomever has spit or is about to spill the contents of their glasses (or guts).

And more likely than not, you can find us at some point at some party standing beside an avid enthusiast of alcohol trying to patiently explain why we don't want them to get us a cup of whatever it is they're having.

I've been that person. The one standing there politely shaking my head no, smiling as I say, "That's okay; thanks, but no thanks." I've been the one asked, "Why not? C'mon, one little drink... What's the big deal?"

And the truth is, I don't know. There are all sorts of explanations that I can offer — and have — some more convincing than others. Of course, it's not all that hard to convince a person of something once they've had a few, yet

the answers I've given don't always ring true to me. Why don't I drink?

Well, first off, I'm underage. And we all know that I am a law-abiding citizen, a real play-it-by-the-rules kind of gal. I have never once done anything wrong in my entire life. Hee hee hee — whew, OK, seriously.

Honestly, I think it has a good deal to do with my upbringing. My parents ran a bar, but they themselves never drank. I grew up to stories about mean drunks and bar fights and, while they never actually came out and said, "Alcohol is Satan's elixir," I got the general idea that it wasn't something they condoned. And early on I decided that if they were above drinking, I would be, too.

That attitude got me in trouble in high school. Self-righteousness does not the life of the party make.

It took a while for me to overcome the alcohol-equals-had equation, for me to learn that alcohol might not be for me personally, but for many others it's a fine source of entertainment, a means of relaxing after a hectic day or

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UNC emblem inappropriate at NCSU

MIKE HALBERT
Staff Columnist

Let me tell you about something that really annoys me. I can't tell you how many times I have been walking around campus and taking in the sights of N.C. State. Well, there I am, minding my own business, getting my mental groove on, feeling great about our school and then I look up and *wham!*, my feeling is ruined. What is it that could cause a change so suddenly? What is the one thing that will make me look at a total stranger with absolute disgust? It's the people on campus wearing the Carolina logo emblazoned on their chests or heads for all to see.

Now, I know that some people might have legitimate reasons for wearing a Virginia T-shirt or a Clemson hat, and I can respect that. Carolina is really the only school that I can't stand to see people wear the logo of around campus. If you want to go there, go. I am sure they will take you on a

transfer. We won't miss you.

If you are wearing the clothes of that school because you like the pretty blue color, buy something else that is light blue to replace your precious Carolina shirt and get some respect for the 10,000 to 15,000 of us at N.C. State that love this university. Hell, I'll even chip in a dollar.

Have some respect, people! We go to one of the top-ranked universities in the nation and you are running around in our rival's garb? I guess it is just a symptom of the apathy of the student population, but it needs to change. The other day I was leaving the student center after working a few hours to make NCSU a better place, and what was the first thing I saw when walking to my car? It was someone from the physical plant walking around with a UNC shirt on. I wanted to go up to him and ask him if I could buy him an N.C. State shirt to wear to work instead, but I didn't have time.

Now, I ask you, how many people do you think

are walking around UNC's campus wearing a State hat or shirt? I dare to say that there are practically none. Why? Because they respect their school and love going there. There is a large group of people on this campus that think this is Wake Tech Community College. It's not. I don't want it to ever be. I myself am proud to tell people where I go to school, and I am proud to wear my State hat and shirt. You should be, too.

The absence of respect for your university is disgusting. It may seem trivial to many of you, but it really is a symptom of a dying campus community. Let's make a change and turn around this apathetic atmosphere. So, for those of you out there who walk around campus wearing Carolina stuff, *shame on you!* Please stop it. If you work here, have some respect for the people who pay your salary. You are contributing to the feeling of apathy at this university and running my day.

Comments? Death threats? Want that dollar? Mhalbert@unity.ncsu.edu.

Break the monotony with random mindlessness

CHRIS HOLCOMB
Staff Columnist

lectures. Request that people call you "Groove."

Things to do around campus

1. Wear a sorority sweatshirt around campus. Try to talk to all the girls in that sorority. When approached by someone who asks, "Do you need a credit card?" respond, "No, but you need some *Knogies*." Grasp them in a headlock and grate your knuckles across their scalp repeatedly. 3. Put fake blood all over your hands. Run up to people and say, "I'm sorry, I'm sorry." 4. Stick a marble up your nose. Whenever someone makes eye contact with you, yell "Whiat?" 5. Sell small cups of ice cubes as "Diet Ice Cream." 6. Stare at someone and drool.

Things to do in a public restroom

1. Walk around the restroom wearing only sneakers and very tall white socks. Ask people where the shower is. 2. Put a thin coat of Vaseline on all the toilet seats. 3. If a large crowd is using the restroom, create panic by turning off the lights and locking the door behind you. 4. Pretend to "fish" in one of the toilets with a cane pole.

Look depressed. 5. Dump a cooler of Gatorade over an occupied stall adjacent to yours.

Things to do on the bus

1. Make small talk with a girl sitting next to you. After she gets off the bus, tell everyone that she is an ex-girlfriend and she is the biggest pervert you have ever met. 2. Run your foot into the crotch of the guy sitting across from you and apologize. 3. Obtain a van or bus and hang a large sign on it that reads, "Wolfline: Avert Ferry Temporary Transportation." Take unsuspecting students on a field trip to Taco Bell. 4. Pull the bell five times before someone gets off. Pretend not to notice the bus driver reminding the passenger. 5. "Pop the bird!" to students in passing buses.

Things to do in the bookstore

1. When the lady at the register says, "Have a nice day," yell, "Yeah, but it never happens! You're a liar!" Run out the door in tears. 2. Thumb through blank notebooks carefully, nodding in interest. 3. Attempt to sword-fight other students with the umbrellas. 4. Take a textbook to the

service desk. Explain that you have stolen the wrong one and would like to return it. 5. Set up a boom box in the middle of the floor. Choreograph the "Electric Slide" with other customers.

Things to do on a date

1. Tell her this is your very first date. Bring a cancoorder. 2. Seductively wink at her father. 3. Go to McDonald's. Explain that she does not have to get the cheapest thing on the menu simply because you are buying. 4. Light candles around your room and play "Achy Breaky Heart" softly in the background. 5. Pick your nose. Chase her around with one finger extended.

I hope this list will help you retain interest in your daily routine. If for some reason life still seems gray and robotic after completing these tasks, simply find a nerd to pick on relentlessly. You see, some people are less fortunate than you. Take pleasure in that.

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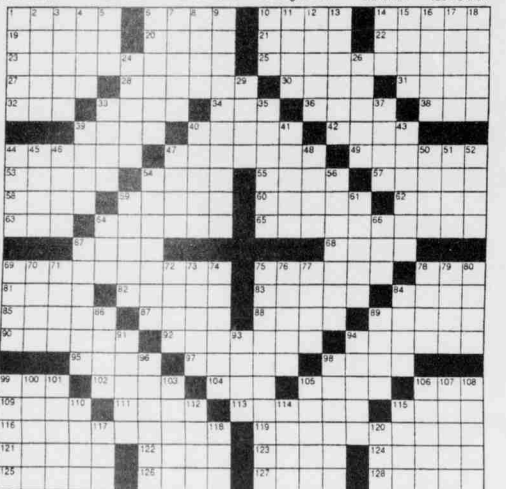
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pack fashion. Freddy Prinze Jr. appeared in *I Still Know What You Did... Last Summer*, Usher Raymond in *The Faculty* and Matthew Lillard was in *Scream* just to mention a few.

There were also some cameo appearances by other famous stars, but I won't reveal them. The previews try to pull the audience in with big names such as Usher and Lil' Kim, but don't go see it for them; they have about 30 seconds of screen time combined.

It would be nice to see a film where the reject girl in question isn't made over to look like every other mindless bimbo in the school. What is the film saying when Laney can only be cool, accepted and deemed beautiful when she loses her individuality

and conforms to the set of standards of those who oppose her?

For a change I'd like to see a film where the outcast becomes popular without losing any part of her identity. And even when they do these miraculous makeovers in movies, the object of makeover attention never seems to be that far from breathtakingly beautiful. In *She's All That*, a pair of contacts, a light makeover and a trendy haircut transformed an already beautiful girl into a gorgeous girl.

I'd like to see a movie deal with a girl who really doesn't have a lot to work with, and the audience is astounded when they see how she has been transformed.

However, for the light and fluffy film it was, I'd give *She's All That* a thumbs up — the audience I viewed it with enjoyed it immensely. It was cute... lots of fun and a great date movie. Check for it in theatres on Jan. 29.

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Marks

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a tasty compliment to burgers and fries.

But that brings me back to the question — why is alcohol not for me?

Well, there are my theories on beer. Beer smells like pee. Beer makes you pee. Thus, beer is pee. Why not eliminate the middleman and go pour your Coors directly into the toilet? (This is, by the way, a fun concept to explain to drunks at 1 a.m. I pull out graphs and diagrams that vaguely resemble the water cycle. I've come

awfully close to causing the flushing of whole six-packs.)

The truth is, I was not made to drink. I don't like the way most alcohol tastes. And I see no point in drinking something that tastes bad. I've always been a picky eater. I have an aversion to throwing up. And I gain weight easily. The very nature of my taste preferences and physical makeup is set in opposition to my drinking alcohol.

I think it's a control issue as well. I like to be conscious of what I'm doing. I like to think clearly, to remember what I did the night before; to be sure I'm not going to say something I regret. I have enough spastic moments without being under any sort of influence. I fall down and

stick my foot in my mouth enough on my own.

And basically, I'm simply too self-conscious to give my body free reign to be as stupid as I am capable of being. And a little scared too, as well.

I actually don't mind the babysitter role. As sick as it might sound, I almost relish it. I like being the sober one. The DD, the one looking out for everyone's well being and best interests. Perhaps it fulfills some sort of sick maternal instinct.

Perhaps, though, it's just too much fun knowing that for brief moments in time I have the power to warp my friends' minds, trick them mercilessly and distort their perceptions of reality later. That's it. I don't drink because of my

God complex. That and I like to drive.

So, I do have my reasons, however poorly I've managed to explain them. I have no problem with alcohol. I think it's great what they can do with yeast these days. And I have no qualms with those who consume alcohol either (except when they hit that loud, belligerent, I-think-we-should-try-distance-throwing-with-dogs stage of intoxication, but I digress...). So, I guess all I ask is that I be allowed to drink my Dr. Pepper in peace.

Kelly is really an amazing lush. What do you think is in that Dr. Pepper anyway? Wanna invite her out for drinks/pos? E-mail her at kmmarks@unity.nyu.edu.

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for them that they have to experience the attitudes and behaviors of people who are not like you. It is sad to know that many of these people will enter our society with jobs that require the judgments of others, like our justice system. Chances are prejudice will prevail.

Also, being Christian in this country puts you in a position that can lead you to use it to look down upon people who are not like you. This is unfortunate also because I thought that Christianity forgives and loves everyone because they are God's children. The use of Christianity to justify homosexuality as an offense seems like a paradox to me.

Coming-out day is one day where the gay community actually gets to openly express its views and feelings. I think it is appropriate to give gays this one day to actually show their pride. A coming-out day should never have to happen. Unfortunately, it does have to happen.

On the other hand, every day seems to be "straight" day in this society. Just take a look around and you should see this.

Hopefully, people will begin to realize that you cannot make a gay person straight by bashing them or by any other means. It is that person's choice, not yours. This has nothing to do with school spirit or bashing another school out of fun. There are other ways to show your support for NCSU. No one should let a heated rivalry permit him/her to show his/her ignorance toward other human beings.

Technician does provide equal rights to everyone and should not provide it to one group, like the "straight" community.

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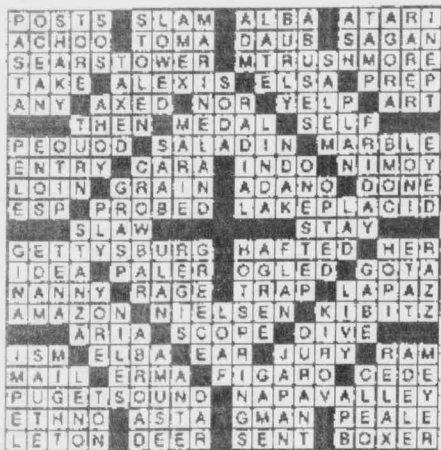
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Answers to Super Crossword



Swim

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goal from the beginning son. "We're 29th in the country, and that is a challenge for us," Hammond said. "We've beaten a couple of good teams in the top 30 — TCU, Virginia and South Carolina — so we should be up there."

The women's team is coming off a big victory over Virginia Tech but expects to have a more difficult time against the Tigers.

"Clemson will be tough to beat," Coach Hammond said. "They'll be a lot like Virginia, a solid t

Last Friday the team improved to 6-4 on the season with a 40-point victory over Virginia Tech. Now the team looks down the road toward the remainder of the ACC schedule as a springboard into ACC Championships, especially for consistent performers Emily Fees and Gina Gulligan.

On the boards several former ACC Champions are looking at Clemson as a tune-up for UNC-CH and the Conference Meets. Kevin Cutts, Andy Johnson, Shelly Cavaliere and Marcia McKeel have all been at the top of the pack, with McKeel and Cutts the only two holding firsts.

"We're just going to breeze through the remainder of the schedule. Clemson is always a challenge away from home. With diving it's more difficult to get used to the facilities; the way the board feels, the surroundings — hopefully the water will be blue this year and not green like last time we were there," joked Diving Coach John Candler.

After Saturday's meet in South Carolina the Pack travels to North Carolina, its final regular-season ACC contest.



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Track

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have the benefit of meeting most of their track and field competition during cross country season, the sprinters and those competing in field events have to wait until January to see what they will face.

"This weekend is a good low key meet to compare and see where everyone is at and see what adjust-

ments need to be made prior to the conference meet," said Olson.

And while the Wellhead appears to be making a second bid for a Virginia Tech victory in the weeks months of 1999, also already competing in Blacksburg when the Pack makes one more return trip before the Atlantic Coast Conference Indoor Championships are held there in late February this weekend's destination is Annapolis, Md.

State will compete in the State Invitational, where both the men and the women track season this year ago.

"State isn't necessarily an off-put in terms of competition, it is more of an opportunity to bring the team together," said Olson. "In track and field you pretty much compete in your event and not notice how your team did, necessarily. We want to use this weekend to help bring the team together. Unity is important, especially when you get into the bigger meets."

The men and the women will both compete on Saturday in Annapolis. The men's meet will kick-off first at 8 a.m., followed by the women's meet.

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Going head first



◆ Men and women take a winning record to South Carolina to face conference rival Clemson.

CHRIS BOSKEN
Staff Writer

In the past week the N.C. State men's swimming and diving team has averaged two of its losses from last season against South Carolina and Virginia while extending its winning streak to nine on the season. Now the team travels to Clemson to face the Tigers in its return to Atlantic Coast Conference action.

Though State's 2-1 record appears commanding, the Pack has escaped with narrow wins over Virginia and is still looking to improve coming into the last two ACC conference matches and the championships.

"We need to be better in our backstroke and our breaststroke. Matt Brado needs to have a good 200 free.

little tired and we need to be crisper in our sprints. We have a ways to go," says Head Coach Scott Hammond. "All in all we should beat Clemson, but it's always a tough meet when we go there."

With a follow up victory versus Clemson the team only stands to get

Swim 1999

The N.C. State swimming and diving team is off to a fast start this season and looks to continue its winning ways against conference rival Clemson this weekend.

Rivals back to back

◆ The men's basketball team prepares for two tough home games against ACC rivals Wake Forest and Duke.

ROBERTO A. BRANCO
Staff Writer

N.C. State's men's basketball team will square off against two of its biggest rivals, Duke and Wake Forest this week. The Wolfpack is coming off of a disappointing home loss to its No. 1 nemesis UNC-Chapel Hill at home and to Florida State on the road and hope to rebound Thursday against Wake Forest before taking on perennial rival Duke.

Both games will be played in the friendly confines of Reynolds Coliseum, which will no doubt be packed, and the crowd figures to play a major role. However, State has major concerns, especially on the offensive side of the ball where its output has dropped since last year.

"I've tried pushing the ball and playing at a fast tempo. Offensively, I think some of our guys have contributed more than others," emphasized Head Coach Herb Sendek. "Our main thing is execution: We've made great strides but there's more polishing to do."

The last time State played Duke, the Devils won by 20 in Durham, mainly due to an early surge by Duke that led to a 22-point halftime lead.

"We definitely look to do better," added Coach Sendek.

The last time the Pack faced off against Wake Forest, last season, State was beaten by 14 points. In that game



Ron Kelley and the Wolfpack host Wake Forest on Thursday and Duke on Saturday.

State shot a paltry sub-40 percent from the floor while its defense allowed Wake Forest to shoot above 45 percent. Now the Pack will face the Demon Deacons for the first time this year and hope to improve on its defense against the unranked squad Thursday.

Currently the Wolfpack has an identical Atlantic Coast Conference record to Wake Forest and are ranked sixth in the conference. If the Pack can pull out these two games its conference record will be a respectable 4-5.

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Wrestlers head north for Virginia and Madison

◆ Grapplers hope to kick-start into a good groove after a four-match slump.

CHRIS BOSKEN
Sports Staff Writer

Saturday, N.C. State's wrestling team travels to Virginia to face both the Cavaliers and James Madison in a double header for the team. Last year, State split against the two teams, beating James Madison but falling to Virginia at home.

Last Saturday, the Pack put up a courageous fight against No. 1-ranked Oklahoma State but failed to put any points on the board. The match allowed the home wrestlers to get a taste of who was on top and to give the young team a bit more experience going into the conference schedule.

"We knew it was going to be tough. I thought we battled real well; our kids are young kids, and I'm impressed with the way we fought," said Head Coach Bob Guzzo. "It just gives our kids an opportunity to see the best and compete against the best and to improve, and that's what were going through now."

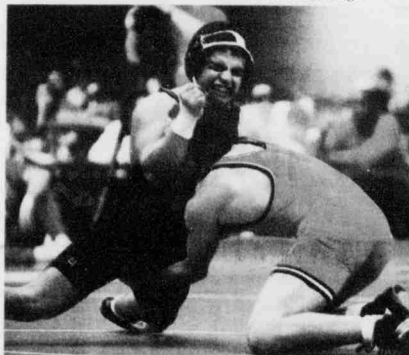
State's wrestlers knew what they were up against and gave a valiant effort. Early on Tommy Davis lost by two and Johnny Carreon by a

point more in decisions. Later Kevin Borross and Zach Breitenbach fell 6-1 and 7-3, both facing talented, ranked opponents.

"We're somewhat proud of what we did. Everybody wanted to come out and wrestle tough and we did," said wrestler Tommy Davis. "It was a tough match for me, but the team and I are going to go back to the training room to get better for the rest of the season."

Along with Tommy Davis several wrestlers for the Pack entered OSU's meet ranked in the top 25 — Lee Carroll, Pierre Pryor and Kevin Borross rounded out State's headlines. With such tough early season adversaries as Oklahoma State and Lehigh everyone has worked diligently with the tangible results sure to show up in the conference tourna-

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N.C. State wrestlers travel to UVA this weekend.

State looks for success

◆ Key performers are set to make their season debuts for N.C. State gymnastics.

JEREMY ASHTON
Staff Writer

The destination this Friday night for N.C. State gymnastics will be the Bluegrass State, where the team will compete in the Kentucky Invitational.

The Kentucky Invitational is a three-team meet that will involve the Wolfpack, George Washington and host Kentucky. This should provide another good opportunity for State (2-1) to continue honing its skills against top competition as Kentucky enters the weekend ranked No. 25 in the country, and George Washington is always tough.

"All three teams are really evenly matched," said N.C. State Head Coach Mark Stevenson. "It should be a good competition, and that's the kind of stuff we look for early."

The Pack is coming off a home meet last Saturday against then fourth-ranked Penn State that exposed some areas in need of improvement. Part of the problem may have been a little too much eagerness to succeed against the highly-touted Nittany Lions that led to some uncharacteristic mistakes.

"We made some mental errors last weekend, and the errors weren't because we haven't trained,"



The Gymnastics team faces Kentucky and George Washington Friday.

said Stevenson. "They were trying to win. And, in gymnastics, you want to win, but you can't try to win. What you have to do is make your routines."

The return of two key gymnasts, juniors Maggie Haney and Jenny Sommer, should provide some instant help this weekend. Haney and Sommer are significant holdovers from last season's squad. Both members of the duo posted scores of 9.775 or better in floor exercise and balance beam at nationals and will give the team a boost on vault.

Their absence through the first two meets of the season has given some of the younger members of the team a chance to develop and gain some experience. But, the team is certainly happy to welcome them back into the lineup, and the two are anxious to begin contributing again.

"I think I'm going to be a little nervous, but I'm glad to be back," said Sommer.

Another encouraging sign for the Pack is that the ankle injury sophomore Kara Charles sustained

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Track and Field heads to Annapolis

◆ State track and field prepares for its third meet of indoor season.

K. GREFFNEY
Sports Editor

Just when it thought it was getting started, the Wolfpack track and field team has found itself halfway through the 1999 indoor season.

Last weekend, the Wolfpack made its second trip of the year to Blacksburg, Va., for the Pepsi Invitational. The meet's competition was a step up from the first meet of the season, and, according to Assistant Coach Gail Olson, who works with the team's jumpers, it was a good gauge for some of the newcomers as to what kind of competition they will be facing throughout the indoor and outdoor seasons.

"The Pepsi meet was definitely a step up from the week before, and that is the way that your scheduling should go. You can't compete back-to-back weeks where you have to compete at a high level like that; it tires you out," said Olson, who has been with the Wolfpack program for 13 seasons. "When you get into the bigger meets, you have to be prepared to perform at your best level."

For the sprinters, jumpers and throwers, these first two meets have been the first competition they have seen in over a year. While the distance runners, for the most part,

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WOLFPACK WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

N.C. State vs. Georgia Tech

When: Thurs., Jan. 28

Where: Alexander Memorial Coliseum at

McDonald's Center in Atlanta, Ga.

Game time: 6:30 p.m.

Series record: 31-9 Advantage Wolfpack

Last time out: The Jackets got the best of the Wolfpack with a 74-73 win in Reynolds Coliseum in December. The loss for the Wolfpack was part of a three-game losing streak that ended with Kay Yow's 500th win at the university.

What to Watch: The Wolfpack is coming off its fourth conference win, which happened to be Yow's 200th in the Atlantic Coast Conference. State has struggled in Atlanta in the past but is out for revenge and will have to win to stay in the top half of the conference standings. Tech knocked off No. 7-ranked UNC-Chapel Hill this past weekend, which leaves the Yellow Jackets and the Wolfpack tied for fifth place in the ACC with 4-5 records. Thursday's meeting will feature the four leading scorers in the conference in State's Summer Erb and Tynesha Lewis and Tech's Niesha Butler and Kenya Williams. Erb and Yellow Jacket Regina Tate also hold the top two spots in the conference rebounding statistics. N.C. State will also have to watch for junior Danielle Duchenev, who leads the conference in three-point field goals made, averaging 3.1 per game.

N.C. State vs. George Washington

The Pack returns home on Saturday for a meeting with George Washington, N.C. State's final non-conference opponent of the season. State is 4-1 overall against the GW and has won the past three meetings.