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NCSU removes Snapple

◆ Snapple vending machines were replaced on campus Monday, as part of NCSU's agreement with Pepsi.

NICOLAS GULLETT
Staff Writer

If you're a student who craves the "Best Stuff on Earth," then you might be in trouble. On Monday, the remaining 26 Snapple vending machines on campus were removed.

This is in conjunction with a recent contract with Pepsi, who owns the rights to place and regulate the drink vending machines around campus. In the past, Snapple machines were allowed to stay due to a legal loophole that didn't include prohibiting non-carbonated drinks on campus.

However, with the recent demand for an alternative to carbonated beverages, non-carbonated drinks are now placed in a separate category for marketing and distribution. When this new category was recently put up for bidding, it was the Pepsi Bottling Company who beat out Snapple along with Coca-Cola for the exclusive right to sell non-carbonated beverages on campus until June 30, 2003.

"It was a fair process, in which several companies had an opportunity to bid on the contract," said Randy Laiti, business officer of University Dining. "Snapple will still be available in all five campus convenience stores."

Pepsi will be replacing the Snapple machines with a new line of beverages known as "Fruitworks". This new line of drinks will be non-carbonated and similar to Snapple's line. Flavors will range from kiwi-strawberry to lemon-lime. Diet drinks will

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Thesley Byrd takes time from his day to purchase a Snapple from one of the machines in University Towers.

Economic engine may slow

◆ An NCSU professor says that North Carolina may not have as much money to give to state supported schools.

MICHAEL T. RUBELE
Senior Staff Writer

Despite the positive economic growth rate that North Carolina has seen in recent years, the state may experience a significant slowdown in 1999.

According to N.C. State professor Michael Walden, the state has incurred some new expenses this year. "Things will be tighter," Walden said. "There will be less revenue growth this year due to new expenses the state is facing like the financing of court cases and teacher salaries."

The economic slowdown that the state might be facing could directly effect NCSU. Less state revenue would mean less money available for state supported schools.

"People don't realize that the university doesn't function off of tuition alone," Walden said. "The largest portion of NCSU's financing comes from the state."

If the economy does well in 1999, the General Assembly will have more money to give to state-supported colleges and universities.

Though a slowdown in the state's economic growth rate is expected, economists like Walden feel confident that the rate of growth will be stronger than originally thought.

Both the country and state have pushed aside foreign economic problems, consumers are still confident, the unemployment rate is low and inflation and interest rates remain steady. Given these trends in the economy, there should be no reason to fear a troubled economy.

Since a recession is not likely, students should be able to remain confident that the benefits they are enjoying now will not be taken away, as they were in 1990 when the state went through a powerful recession. Departments were running on the bare essentials, cutting costs in every way possible from making fewer phone calls to making even fewer photocopies.

One major backlash of recession is a high unemployment rate. Seniors graduating in the midst of a recession have little to hope for. There is no apparent need to worry for those planning to graduate this year, though, because a recession is unlikely.

Last year's numbers indicate a sluggish employment growth rate, increasing slightly under one percent, but the state's unemployment rate still fell.

If Walden is correct, the state's economy will grow at a slightly slower rate than it did last year.



Former Public Safety officer Pierre Debnam faces a second retrial.

Officer faces retrial

◆ New evidence in the Pierre Debnam sexual assault case sparks a third trial.

ZACK MRAZER
Assistant News Editor

After two hung juries in previous cases, Pierre Debnam, the former N.C. State Public Safety officer accused of sexually assaulting a former student during a routine traffic stop, will undergo another trial as new evidence is entered against him.

According to Assistant District Attorney Frank Jackson, who will have tried the case all three times, two more women have come forward claiming that they were stopped by Debnam, who did not call in the stops or issue citations to either woman.

"I have had persons come forward who were stopped by Pierre Debnam and not given a ticket," Jackson said. He could not, however, comment on the details of the women's accusations.

During the last trial, though it was rumored that there were other unreported traffic stops, none of the people stopped could be found to testify and the evidence was not permitted.

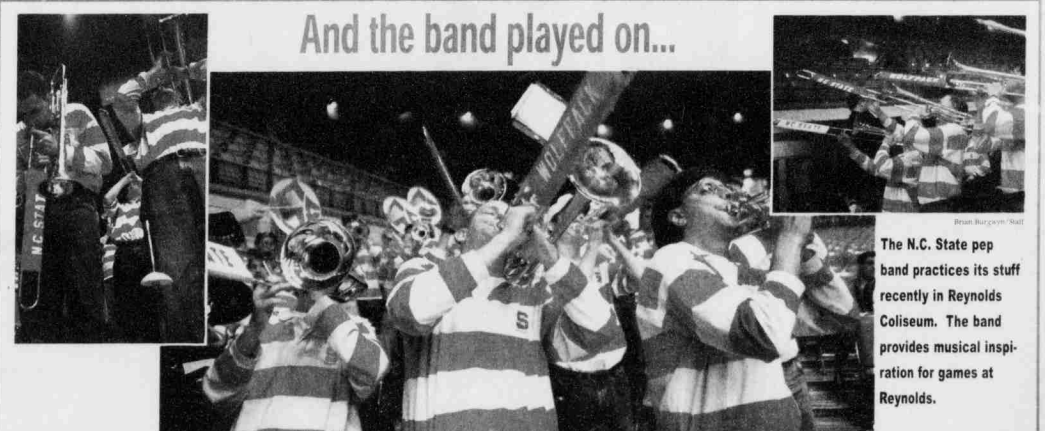
Jackson plans to enter the new evidence under a rule of evidence called "404B," which allows evidence of possible previous indiscretions to be entered in the hopes of establishing a pattern of dangerous behavior. In this case, Jackson hopes the evidence will show a jury that Debnam has a history of pulling over women and not reporting the stops to dispatchers. This, according to Raleigh Police Detective W.O. Smith, goes against standard procedure.

"It is standard procedure with [our police department] and I understand from talking to the captain of public safety that is there as well," Smith said. "[The evidence] does show more of a pattern of him stopping people, women in particular, for no reason."

Debnam faces 50 to 63 months in prison if convicted of the second degree sexual offense, a Class C felony. Debnam may have also resigned from the Raleigh police because of sexual misconduct prior to his being hired by NCSU Public Safety.

According to Jackson, jurors in the last trial felt that it came down to Debnam's story versus that of the former student, a decision they couldn't make. As well, Jackson said, a number of jurors who voted for "not guilty" felt the former student's story was just "too bizarre."

No date has been set for the retrial, though Jackson hopes to have it in court by the end of March or beginning of April.



Earth, solar system may indeed be rare after new evidence

KATHY SAWYER
The Washington Post

Is Earth a "lucky" planet, dwelling in a rare gem of a solar system that somehow escaped the gravitational wrecking balls that have knocked other planetary systems cockeyed? Or is the sun's realm fairly typical in its symmetry and orderliness?

Such questions arise from the extraordinary burst of discovery that began in 1995, in which astronomers say they have found a total of 17 worlds orbiting sun-like stars outside the solar system — and counting.

The tally is getting high enough to show statistical patterns that

scientists say, may be telling them something new about how nature forms and destroys planets, and just how fragile the prospects for life-harboring worlds like Earth may be. The growing population of known extrasolar planets so far offers shocking contrasts with our own home solar system, defying theories based on that familiar model and challenging scientists to cobble together new ones.

All 17 extrasolar bodies appear to be roughly as massive as the largest planet in our solar system — the giant gas ball Jupiter. It is not surprising that the hunters would find the largest, most obvious planets first. But eight of them are bound in tight, circular orbits

that skim astoundingly close to their stars. The closest of these "hot Jupiters" whips around its star at such scorching proximity that its "year" — one complete circuit — lasts just 3.3 days.

Physical laws seem to dictate that they could not have formed that close and so must have migrated inward early in the system's history (wreaking havoc on any other fledgling worlds in their path). And yet something has halted their gravitational death spiral before it carried them "down the drain" to destruction.

All of the remaining nine extrasolar planets — those maintaining average distances of at least 19 million miles from their stars

(about one-fifth Earth's distance from the sun) — follow "eccentric" (egg-shaped) orbits — killer orbits.

"A trend is now being stamped on these discoveries that we thought, frankly, would go away," said Geoffrey Marcy of San Francisco State University at a recent meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Austin. "We are realizing that most of the Jupiter-like planets... too around in elliptical orbits, not circular orbits, which are the rule in our solar system."

This seemingly minor distinction could spell the difference between life and its absence. Jupiter-size bodies lunging close and then veering far away from their stars are likely to sweep away smaller

worlds. "None of us would be here if we had such a solar system," he said. "These Jupiters constitute a death knell for any possible habitable planet as we know it."

That's "bad news" for those in search of extraterrestrial intelligence, said Marcy, whose team leads the world in planet detection. But he noted that, of hundreds of stars surveyed so far, only about 5 percent appear to have world-wrecking planets. "The good news is that 95 percent of the sun-like stars don't have these nemesis."

Like the first photographs of Earth taken from the moon, the revelations of the extrasolar worlds may inspire a new appreciation for

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Jupiter

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the fragility of human existence. Pointing to the bull's-eye symmetry of the inner solar system, Marcy said, "Look at how perfect this thing is. It's like a jewel. You've got circular orbits. They're all in the same plane. They're all going around in the same direction... It's perfect, you know. It's gorgeous. It's almost uncanny." Passing "Jupiters" flung out of other systems, black holes and neutron stars that are known to wander the galaxy are among the marauders that might have come barreling through in the 4.6-billion-year his-

tory of the solar system, he said. "Obviously our solar system represents kind of a darboard. And no darts have hit it."

While most astronomers have been convinced that the extrasolar objects are indeed planets, broadly defined, a few skeptics have pointed to the non-circular orbits as evidence to the contrary. "It was the black-sheep property of what we've been discovering. It didn't smell like the planets in our solar system," Marcy said. But the claim that all planetary orbits must be like ours, he quipped, "may well be a circular argument."

The discoveries have pushed the very definition of the term "planet" into a state of chaos that dwarfs the periodic flaps over Pluto. The conventional definition, reflecting our

own solar system, holds that planets form from a flat disk of dust and gas rotating around a newly forming star. Within this framework, planets might vary enormously, from small and rocky (like Earth and its near neighbors) to unroofed gas giants — and tiny, icy eccentrics such as Pluto.

Theorists have found ways to explain some, but not all, of the properties of the newfound planets, said astronomer William Cochran of the University of Texas. In any case, even if the objects don't quite fit the mold, he added, "right now, we are still going to call them 'planets.'"

Theorists have calculated how planets born in the expected circular orbits might get kicked onto different paths in gravitational

encounters with other objects (rival planets, passing stars, etc.). For example, the nine extrasolar eccentrics "may be in systems that started more or less like our own, with one Jupiter," Marcy said, "but maybe the Saturn grew too big or too close. And those two gravitationally slingshot off of each other," one being catapulted into interstellar space, the other spiraling in toward its star.

To discover how rare the solar system really is will require more time and data. No technology has yet proven capable of detecting Earth-size planets, and even the big ones are hidden from view in the overpowering glare of starlight. The leading detection technique is a complicated, indirect one that measures the very slight wobble

induced in a star by the gravity of its unseen planet.

This and other techniques should gradually reveal lower-mass planets and planets of all sizes orbiting at greater distances from their stars. So far, no more than one planet has been confirmed around any sun-like star, but some of the data hint at what could be multi-planet families.

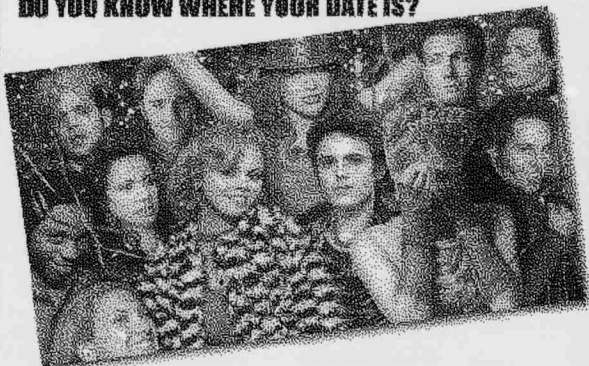
"We'll probably find many more surprises, strange systems that will make us rethink what we're doing. But we should also find lots of systems that look something like our solar system," said theorist Alan P. Boss of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

Dozens of teams are working on improved methods and tools. Studies of dust disks around near-

by stars — the potential breeding grounds of planets — have begun to reveal details about the processes within. And two international groups have reported the first results from a technique called microlensing, which might be used to detect planets as small as Earth.

In little more than a decade, astronomers expect to complete the first census of planets orbiting nearby stars. And NASA plans to deploy a series of space-borne telescopes that could lead to a mighty Planet Finder capable of producing actual images of distant Earth-like planets. Assuming a killer Jupiter didn't find them first.

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also be included.

These new vending machines should start to show up at the beginning of the week and the replacement will continue for the next several days. There will also be several promotions and giveaways taking place soon.

Around campus there was mixed reaction to the introduction of Fruitworks and the removal of Snapple.

"I really liked Snapple, it was good to get a break from all the normal soft drink choices every now and then," said Taylor Austin, a junior majoring in zoology.

Not everyone agrees.

"A lot of the fruit drinks are pretty much alike, it doesn't really bother me that they're getting rid of Snapple," said Drew Schlosser, a junior in business management.

Randy Latt also mentioned some other changes vending machine changes that are coming soon.

"By the end of this semester all vending machines will be accessible through cashpoints and the use of the student ID card," he said.

And for those who just can't live without their Snapple, a quick hop across Hillsborough Street or a trip to a campus convenient store should quench your thirst.

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Turning the music world "Inside Out"

ANDREW SCHATZ
Staff Writer

It seems like bands are getting younger and younger. The past few years have seen artist like Silverchair and the Hanson brothers gain huge success. The latest young band to gain popularity is EVE6.

The California triplet actually began to play when they were in high school. Lead singer and bassist Max Collins and guitarist Jon Siebels "met in high school when they were 14 or 15," said drummer Tony Fagensen.

"Max and Jon were signed to RCA [Records] with a different drummer...they had a different name for the band, too," he said.

When the old drummer left, Collins and Siebels held auditions. Fagensen said, "I was at USC for [my first] semester and didn't feel like I had any direction. I wanted to do something with music."

Fagensen heard about the auditions and knew that the band already had a contract with RCA. "At the first rehearsal, it went really well," he commented. He was quickly added to the band now known as EVE6.

The self-titled album was recorded over five months in late 1998. When asked about the studio experience, Fagensen said, "I loved it! My dad was in the business...I was always very interested in what went on in the studio."

The album has a picture of a black fly on a white background. "We wanted something with high contrast in it. The black and white really catch the eye," said Fagensen. The band looked through art portfolios and decided that the fly looked the best. It has now become the band's icon.

Some may have first heard about EVE6 on MTV. The video for



"Inside Out" was put into a 15 times per week rotation with the attached "buzzworthy" label when it first came out.

"MTV helped a lot, the video worked as an import tool." It helped bring the band to new audiences. The band's second video "Leech" premiered recently.

The album is a very personal piece of work. The debut song "Inside Out" is "a song about feelings you go through after a nasty breakup," said the drummer. "Leech" is a song "about a person [we] all dealt with," said Fagensen, "the person distorted reality." As simplistic as it sounds, "Superhero Girl" is about "a fantasy idea...a girl who doesn't really exist...and you want her," he said.

Max Collins and Jon Siebels have graduated high school. Fagensen attended college for a semester. When asked if the band will pursue any future education he said, "Maybe in the future...right now, we are concentrating on the album."

The young, successful band seems to appeal to all kinds of people. "I always see new types of people at shows," said Fagensen.

EVE6 is a young but mature band. They play in a very melodic way and sing about relationships and dreams. The band already has new material for a second album, according to the drummer. Fagensen said, "We have plenty of ideas."



Youthful band, EVE6, continued to tour to support their debut album last weekend in Winston-Salem.



Canadian band, Sloan, ventured south to play at the Cat's Cradle last week.

Sloan on stage at the Cradle

MANDY ADAMS
Senior Staff Writer

You know what it's like when you go to a show because you've heard the hype and listened to the album (yeah, it's a winner)? And then, on top of that, it's at a great price — it doesn't get much better than \$5 — only to be completely blown away because the band actually surpassed your greatest expectations? Well this Friday night, Sloan took the Cat's Cradle by surprise with Grade A feel-good rock and phenomenal stage antics a la The Who meets The Monkees.

When Sloan took the stage, I began to have my doubts; reason being that they immediately launched into "She Says What She Means" (the first song off their latest album "Navy Blues")...sounding exactly like it does on the album. It's hard to get excited about a show if you think it's just going to be a live duplicate of the album. I should have known better, because they soon proved their mastery of rock-star showmanship.

Never before have I seen a band that regularly switches up the line-up. On most songs, bassist Chris Murphy took lead vocals while guitarists Patrick Pentland and Jay Ferguson along with drummer Andrew Scott backed with great harmonies. Every so often, Chris would move to the drum-kit, Andrew to

the keyboard and Jay to the bass leaving lead vocals up for grabs. It's nice to see a band without a figurehead star — these guys were all about sharing the spotlight.

Speaking of spotlight, the lighting at this show was pretty original as well. The band had a nice canvas backdrop behind them and lights would constantly move from it to the audience. The lights were also in metronome timing with Sloan's heavy drum beats and sharp guitar riffs, with a spotlight shining directly on the audience and then magically switching onto whoever had lead vocals for that particular song.

When they broke into their current single, "Money City Maniacs" (think AC/DC sans those god-awful Brian Johnson vocals), the audience went crazy with the red police lights revolving round and round — truly a sight to behold.

You could tell that Sloan really wanted the audience to participate in every way that possible, as Chris was continually asking for hand clapping and occasional help with the lyrics (which he seemed to charmingly forget). Chris really was the ringmaster, as he would talk to Patrick, making him forget his chords and then turn around and do David Lee Roth-style karate kicks in the air between riffs.

Sloan played a vast array of material from their four albums. While most of the songs were from the new album like "Sinking Ships," "Keep On Thinkin'" and "Chester the Molester," they did manage

to play some old favorites like "I Am the Cancer" and "I Hate My Generation." The fans were not disappointed.

Perhaps the most interesting and perplexing part of this show (my boyfriend and I are still trying to figure out exactly what happened) was the ending. As Sloan was playing their last song, they began to stretch it out. Chris quietly asked if anyone could play bass and a girl took the stage but apparently hadn't the slightest inkling of what to do with the instrument.

Chris then asked again as a guy took to the stage and proceeded to play away and he was actually quite good. Chris motions for a drummer and "viola" this guy starts pounding away like Dave Grohl's (formerly of Nirvana, currently of the Foo Fighters) long lost brother. In the same manner, Jay reluctantly gave up his guitar to a completely rocked-out fan (think Chuck from "Goonies" all grown up) that must've been playing Sloan in his bedroom for the past decade. And then Sloan leaves the stage with the three guys playing away...a fourth guy jumps the stage picking up Patrick's guitar so he can join in the fun. The weird thing is they sounded...well...awesome. It was bizarre. Were they pre-planned? I don't think so...just avid fans who got their one shot at fame at the Cat's Cradle.

I think Sloan wanted to add just one more exciting aspect to their most entertainingly rockin' show.

Atlanta band Freak the Jones goes Local at the 506

NATHALIE DUGGINS
Spotlight Editor

The history behind Freak the Jones is relative. Back in 1994, the band started as a five-piece ensemble. Slowly, the size of the band diminished down to three. The band's lead vocalist and bassist Ben Hernandez and guitarist Ira Camp, who were co-workers at Greenpeace and also roommates, still didn't have the cohesive style that they had originally hoped for.

So, five years and eight drummers later, Hernandez and Camp have found themselves exactly where they had hoped to be...leading the life of a "rowdy rock 'n' roller."

"The band didn't really get started until Sandy [Slater] joined the band," Hernandez said.

Now a complete and cohesive trio, the band is venturing out onto the road in support of their latest release, "Pass the Salt." Wednesday, their tour will bring them to the Triangle, as they make a stop at the Local 506. Freak the Jones' first visit to the area will expose audiences to their eclectic sound, which stems from influences as random as Jimi Hendrix, Black Sabbath and Elvis Presley.

Freak the Jones attributes much of their success to their base

location in Atlanta. According to Hernandez, the atmosphere of Atlanta, which he describes as a centralized hub, lends itself toward thriving arts and musicians.

Hernandez said that Freak the Jones' latest album is a great accomplishment, since the guitarist, Camp produced the album himself. Their previous works had featured snippets of Freak the Jones' live and studio performances. The band took their time on their latest work, because "if you truly love your music, you'll take more time to write better songs...People will listen to great songs."

"[The album] gives audiences a real feel for Freak the Jones," Hernandez responded. The vocalist admits, however, that the album is essentially a demo, putting the band's best foot forward.

Freak the Jones incorporates funk, blues, jazz, rock, R&B and psychedelic into their sound, but in the end, Hernandez concedes, the band's theme radiates their overall positive message.

"People are tired of hearing the same old stuff...We need to get back to stuff like [Jimi] Hendrix and Led Zeppelin."

Hernandez, who is the band's primary song writer, attributes much of the lyrics on the album to the learning process that the band has undergone since Freak the Jones first formed.

The lyric stems from what the band has or hasn't learned over the course of the last five years.

According to Hernandez, the band performs in such a way that allows for spontaneity and sudden improvisation. Audiences at the Local 506 on Wednesday night can expect the high energy output and enthusiasm that has become quintessential Freak the Jones (the same enthusiasm has given the band the reputation of one of the southeast's most exciting and engaging acts). The chemistry established between Hernandez, Camp and Slater have contributed to their stage performances, since "[they] are all on the same page."

"What may seem to audiences to be improv, has probably been done before," Hernandez added, "but you'll never see it the same way twice...That's the fun part — it's creative in action."

"Sometimes we get carried away by the music and explode on stage...so, a lot of bands may not rise to the level of Freak the Jones."

Freak the Jones promises strong melody and a good time as they make their first trip to the Triangle on Wednesday night. The band hopes that touring on the East Coast will continue to build a fan base. Hernandez hopes that fans are enthusiastic, energetic and ready to "get back wild."



Freak the Jones plays Wednesday at the Local 506.

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Technician's View
Actions speak loud

◆ Student Government was unsuccessful in pleading for student voices to be heard about extended Wolfline night service. Yet, they keep trying.

Among the top concerns for NCSU students is safety on campus at night. The recent muggings and assaults on students around campus have heightened the awareness of personal safety. With the ever-present threat of always being a victim, one might think students would do what they could to voice their opinion for a better night Wolfline service that proposes to help keep students safe. However, this has not been the case. Technician ran a story on Feb. 3 explaining Student Government's quest for student input on a nightline service that makes convenient stops for students. The idea behind this plan is to get students off the streets at night and provide safe travel for

partygoers. In the article, Student Government asked students to answer five simple questions and mail their ideas on the proposal. Only 15 students responded.

Ironically, the same people who claim that their student representatives are not working for their best interest are not taking action with their bold opinions. Plain and simple, students are apathetic and are content in simply complaining. Unfortunately for them, talk is cheap and action is hard to come by. Students have no room to bicker about the same student leaders who beg for their input.

Yet, Student Government has attempted to appeal to lethargic students by sending out a mass email requesting responses. To much success, the Student Government received 60 e-mail responses that same day. This is a sad commentary on how the "public voice" has turned into a mere whisper.

CAMPUS FORUM

Proposal only benefits drunkards

Recently, a survey was sent to me via e-mail concerning the proposal to have night service for the Wolf Line.

This survey is somewhat ludicrous. There are some issues that either have been apparently overlooked or intentionally left out. The university should not be exploited as a taxi service, but appreciate as an educational institution. In most cases, parents of students are paying for their child's education. So, shouldn't they have the say in the issue as well, especially when their money is involved?

And if they are allowed involvement, is the proposal worded the same? In other words, would you ask your parents to pay more money for your college education so that you would feel safer when you were drunk? More than likely, no. The question, if even applied to those parents that are relevant to the matter (money talks...ask the university), would be more focused on the safety for their children as they return from the library.

For some reason, the proposal stinks to high heaven of a rise to get free transportation for our drunken classmates with a weak afterthought of getting to and from the library safely. I understand that we are adults and that our parents really should not have a say in our matters, but when it involves the money they spent their lives earning and saving, don't they deserve to know and respond, just out of respect?

At any rate, it doesn't matter. Student Government will pass the motion whether the student body wants it or not, as long as those representatives of SGA want it. Whether they are receiving free courtside seats to the running game in town, minus a dictatorship known as "Campout" or simply engaging in small talk with their fellow students, SGA has shown that they cannot handle the responsibility.

Again and again, SGA has demonstrated its lack of respect and compassion for those that voted them in, and when the next election comes around, I think I will actually vote, to prevent the mistake that we made as a student population that enabled power to those who are not responsible enough to handle it.

Justin Parisi
Junior, English

Tax cut

I am writing today to enlist your help in making sure that all eligible students and families know that the new Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits are now available. By directly reducing the amount of federal income tax owed, the Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits help students and families meet the cost of post-secondary education, including bachelor's degree programs, graduate or professional study and vocational or job-related training.

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Reynolds Coliseum 1949 As originally designed, Reynolds Coliseum was to seat 10,000 fans. The prospects of huge basketball crowds, however, contributed to a decision to extend the south end of the building to accommodate an additional 2400 spectators.

Other modifications called for a full storage basement, athletic dressing rooms and an ice skating rink. Construction costs had been estimated at \$5 million when the building was first planned in the 1930s. The eventual cost was nearly \$2.5 million. The first basketball game in the new Coliseum was played on December 2, 1949, when State defeated Washington & Lee 64-47.



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Student leaders make advances

RYAN RIDENT
Staff Columnist

In light of the recent press about student government, I am inclined to question the nature and purpose, as well as the efficacy and potential, of student government. Throughout the course of my time in school, I have been exposed to student governments of one sort or another. From elementary school through college, some student body has existed to advance student interests with varying agendas and varying amounts of success. Obviously, in the early stages, the groups did not enjoy a great deal of autonomy or direction, but as the age of the average member increased, so did the responsibility involved. From high school to the collegiate level, however, there was a great leap, which I have not yet begun to fully comprehend, and I fear neither has the majority of the student body.

I think a lot of people feel like student government has not or does not change a great deal in college from the traditional high school role. I could be wrong, but based on what I have read in this paper and heard directly from students, many people feel like N.C. State's student leaders plan a few nice little events and tell the administration what they think about stuff. But in general, our ability to achieve much in the way of anything is very limited. Very high school, right?

And so, in a very high schoolish way, our paper focuses instead on what the faculty and staff is doing or on whom won the ball game, and our students rush out to the polls in a trickle and seldom talk campus politics. The question is, is this how it really is? An appropriate follow-up would be, an how much better

can it become? In my opinion, the answers are not really and probably a whole lot.

From my rather fortunate positioning within the university, I have been able to observe the goings on of much of student government this year. The executive branch has been planning a second Service Raleigh and headed up a fund drive for Special Olympics, while the Student Senate ran (ever so efficiently) campouts and several community service-type events. In addition to this, Student Senate won a place for students on the Dean Search Committee, made recommendations on proposed fee increases that were pretty much followed and gave its stance on issues from criteria of valedictorians to fighting discrimination against homosexuals. This, too, is just the short list.

So, as students, should we be impressed or not? Well, while much of this seems like your typical Student Government niceties, some of these accomplishments required considerable work and lobbying efforts by our diligent student reps. I would conclude that the efforts of our student government this year have been praiseworthy if not superb.

So, what about the second half of the question, Student Government's doing its thing, so let's just let it be, and I'll concentrate on my degree, right? Well, we could take that route, but I was pondering the other day and realized something I hadn't really considered before. These guys are there for us, remember? What's more, a marginal increase in interest and action on the average student's part could yield a large increase in Student Government activity and efficacy.

Say, for example, that everyone made just enough effort to 1) vote and 2) read two Technician articles a week that were political in nature.

What would be the effect? Close to total voter turnout would force SG candidates to vastly improve their campaigning skills, resulting in (usually) much better candidates. Additionally, those elected would have a student mandate, so student negotiators (which do exist) could bring a lot more oomph to the table when bargaining on our behalf. Also, if students checked up on the reps just once in a while, then those fellows in Senate Hall would be much more accountable for their actions (or lack thereof) and their votes (say, in favor of a tuition increase).

It would not be a stretch to say that N.C. State is just a little student effort away from having a mature student leadership with considerable funds and bargaining power in the face of the administration. In addition to this, based on what I've seen at other universities, N.C. State is just a hop, skip, and a jump away from major leadership among schools in the UNC system and the ACC conference.

How about them apples?

It's really quite fun to bust on our humble (and sometimes irritating) student representatives, but they have potential, which rivals that of the university itself. I have seen promising leadership in their ranks, and I have seen malleability in the administration, which provides a window of opportunity for the student body. All we need is just a little bit of effort. So, let's just try to start with checking some boxes. You could be surprised.

Respond to me! Try 512-9799 or rcvent@unity.ncsu.edu.

PowerPoint linked to boredom and apathy

BRETT WITZELL
Staff Columnist

A new evil is working its way into our classrooms. A force so dark and powerful, it cloaks any point an instructor may hope to make. This force is none other than one of the most lethal weapons used by the merciless Microsoft empire: PowerPoint. For those unacquainted with the torturous experience it creates, do not read any further, relish your obliviousness while the rest of us accept our oblivion. This PowerPoint, this monster, enables people to create abominations of clip art and bullets that we have all been convinced to believe to be "slide shows." Hopelessly tempt-

ed by the power to say as little as possible in as much time as needed, fools find themselves in the position of presenting clutch onto this crutch to mitigate the pain they will face, and only at the audience's expense.

Most of us thought we were safe, that the arduous progression of vague phrases and ambiguous bulleted lists before blue gradient backgrounds would only be inflicted on victims stranded in the corporate theater, but we were wrong. A long-time staple of the a.m. meetings and quarterly reports, PowerPoint threatens to affirm a similar position in once innocent lectures and class presentations. Some may chuckle at such wild prophecy, but

PowerPoint could very well force the end of the overhead slide projector and the once-enduring chalkboard.

PowerPoint represents something far worse than a simple tool for displaying visual information like charts, graphs or maps in clear and bright full color. It is the corrosion of the very fabric of higher-level learning. There is no discussion during a PowerPoint presentation, there is in fact no delivery of coherent information whatsoever. Only a dark room full of glazed eyes transfixed on the template of choice glowing before them. And until you have suffered through an entire semester of lectures delivering lists of undefined terms and catch phrases slide by

slide, you cannot know the full potential of its life-sucking power.

Students, teachers, everyone, I urge you to forsake the lure of PowerPoint, and dare to offer your audience full sentences and a well-lit learning environment. Don't make us perform the rote copying of headers and lists from a screen each class, hoping that we get enough down before you're off to the next slide. Likewise, don't force us to watch you waste 15 screens back when you try to answer someone's question. A laptop with PowerPoint and a projector is not a new learning technology, it's the mutation of the overhead slide projector into a dangerous and evil monster.

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Forum

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Priority one: academics

The as yet nameless Entertainment and Sports Arena that Technician reported on a few days ago is a serious mistake for this university. Putting aside the questionable need for an arena with so many seats for a university whose attendance at athletics events has been spotty, and in a city that cannot promise to fill it on a regular basis, what troubles me most about the arena is the misplacement of institutional priorities that it represents.

The arena may have been built to serve vested interests like the City of Raleigh, the Carolina Hurricanes and corporate sponsors, but it certainly does little to address the desires of undergraduates and alumni. I think most of the undergraduates and graduate students here at NC State, in addition to a substantial number of alumni, feel that Reynolds Coliseum is perhaps the one structure at this university that gives the institution character and a tradition to uphold. For all its glamour, the new arena seems stark and soulless. If the Centennial Authority had consulted the students and alumni of NC State before involving the university in this project, I don't think the university would have supported the arena.

And in an even greater and more tangible disservice to the student body, NCSU has contributed valuable funds that should be directed at improving the academic standards of this university into a project of questionable value with a voracious budget. How can this university claim to lack money for new dorms, more professors, large-

er financial aid packages, smaller classes, newer labs, refurbished buildings and more creative landscaping and then bestow ten and a half million dollars on such a superfluous endeavor? Why didn't we use this money to create some endowed chairs, attract excellent students, buy new library books and create the conditions necessary for this University to realize its full and awesome potential?

Proponents of the arena argue that their grandiose design will place NC State in the national spotlight and confer an indirect benefit on its academic reputation, as well as bring in valuable revenue. In fact, roughly 60 percent of the nation's Division I athletics departments run deficits every year, regardless of the claims that big-name athletics programs heap riches on their institutions. Any excess funds that the arena nets will probably flow promptly to the athletics department, instead of other areas of the university that are in dire need and are more vital to its national eminence. Furthermore, devoting large sums of money and attention to a school's athletics program will not fetch the nation's best faculty and students. I uphold that the most direct and sure way to improve NC State's academic reputation is to earn it by supporting and expanding the scholarship, research and community outreach programs that have traditionally been our strengths. Many of the nation's most prestigious academics — such as the University of Chicago — make negligible investments in athletics and place the bulk of their resources on the academic sector.

We place a tremendous amount of care and effort into our annual hunts for the nation's best basketball and football players. Why don't we scour the nation for the best scholars and students, beyond what the Park and Caldwell programs are accomplishing? We grant generous scholarships to students of exceptional athletic ability. Why doesn't the university sponsor more scholarships for stu-

dents of exceptional academic talent? I know that the funds for these scholarships do not come from the university, but why do those who donate so much to the Wolfpack Club and to the athletics boosters not see fit to give comparable sums to the academic ventures of the university? And why do we require varsity athletes here to attend so many hours of practice and spend so many days away from school that we jeopardize their academic success?

When this University finally sends the message that it is more interested in supporting quality education and scholarly research than it is in playing games, when it finally stops building temples to the false god of Division I athletics and admits that only true excellence in academics engenders renown, it will realize the dramatic improvements in quality and reputation that it so desires.

Tomás Carbonell
Freshman, Chemical Engineering/International Relations

Technician good & bad

I would like to thank the writers of Technician for their excellent work. By highlighting flaws within the University and ridiculing the Student Government, Technician has, in far less time, done more to combat apathy across campus than any of our officials. There are few things that encourage student activism more than anger toward an institution and its elected members.

That being said, I first would like to address the cartoon presented in the Feb. 10 Opinion section. While I must agree that some of the issues debated in the Student Senate take an air of frivolity and nonsense, it cannot be denied that many substantive problems experienced by the student body are discussed and acted

upon. Senate President Alexis Mei made this point crystal clear in a prior message to Technician. The cartoon, in addition to its satire, should have encouraged students not simply to speak out, but to bring their concerns to the Student Government. In recent weeks, I have spoken with a variety of student organizations and have asked about their problems with the University. Surprisingly, many had concerns, but didn't know to whom they should be directed. A significant portion didn't even know the Student government existed!

Bearing this in mind, I have two requests for Technician. First, the paper should conduct a greater number of scientific polls on issues relevant to the student body. No senator can hope to personally contact every student (although we try), and such polls would serve as indispensable aids to the Senate when we consider issues the students feel are important. Furthermore, Technician should publicize the meetings of the Student Senate. All meetings are open to the public, enabling students to express their concerns and speak with their representatives on a firsthand basis. Our next meeting is this Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the Witherspoon Student Center.

For any students who would like to contact me, I can be reached at 512-3306 or tgdoucet@eos.ncsu.edu.

T. Greg Doucette, Senator
College of Engineering

Bike seat bandits

I've been at NCSU for two years now. I know I haven't experienced half the problems that the seniors have, but I have experienced recurring problems that have infuriated me. An example was when I had my CDs stolen. No biggie. I just started over again and bought

a lot of used ones from The Record Exchange. When I got my car towed for parking behind The Brewery for half an hour, I got a little mad and the anger stayed with me because I had to pick it up the next morning in the freezing rain. But what really takes the cake was when I found out this morning at 11 a.m. that someone had stolen my bike seat.

I live in UT, so you know in order to get to the bike rack in the parking deck you need a car key to get inside it. So I ride like this: what the hell does some snot nosed little punk living in UT need with a bike seat?

Now, I don't come from a rich family and I don't drive a Jeep, Lexus or Land Rover like all the other people who live in UT and wear nothing but Abercrombie and Fitch clothes. But I work hard to have nice things. Maybe once a year I'll buy something from Structure, but when someone steals the bike seat off a bike my parents bought me for Christmas, that really gets my goat.

Maybe it was one of you drunk punks who came in from a party thinking in your shriveled little minds, "Hey man, let's steal a bike seat!" Or maybe it was just one of those people whose parents bought them anything they wanted but they still stole. Whoever it was, I don't care. If you got the nerves to steal my bike seat, then maybe you got the nerve to give it back. If you do, just drop it off at the front desk, no questions asked. If you don't, enjoy my bike seat, but don't whine like a baby when something of yours gets stolen.

Scott Gustafson
Sophomore, Textile Technology

Constitution not a menu

After years of neglect and abuse, the Constitution has finally returned to our public discourse. The topic is presidential impeach-

ment and the Constitution is the rulebook. In spite of all the evidence, the vote to remove Bill Clinton from office will, for some Senators, be the toughest vote of their entire careers. Yet, we as conservatives rightfully insist that our Senators stick to principle and uphold the Constitution.

This has created a perplexing situation. If we demand that Congress obey the Constitution in this most difficult area, why do we not demand it on other occasions when the issues are less heated? Are we not practicing a double standard when we insist on constitutional purity during this impeachment process and then ignore the same document when debating other legislation?

Daily, we allow the Federal government to extort money from Americans to maintain government's Social Security pyramid scheme, HUD, Planned Parenthood, Departments of Commerce, Energy, Education, etc. — none of which are authorized by the Constitution, and all of which are outright violations of the 10th Amendment. Yet, we fail to raise even a murmur of protest over these gross acts which are far more destructive to the Constitution, and our everyday lives, than a lying president.

The Constitution is not a menu from which we can pick and choose items according to our tastes, while ignoring other selections. It is a recipe for a full course meal that must be followed in its entirety, without omission, in order to savor the full experience.

The Clinton trial will pass. Hopefully, the Clinton dynasty will pass with it. The question, however, is whether this short excursion into the Constitution will be "today's special" that temporarily gratifies our appetites for the moment or the first step in the return to "a more perfect Union."

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Answers to King Crossword

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good showing in the ACC Tournament would give the Pack a strong argument to the selection committee.

"I would hope that we would be in," Yow said of State making the NCAA's. "Our RPI (a computer-generated statistic used by the selection committee) and strength of schedule is excellent. They consider injuries in the subjective part (referring to point guard Kristen Gillespie's foot injury) early in the season as well. When you take all of those factors into consideration I think we are very strong candidates."

Despite a midseason slump, State has recovered well and should be just that. The selection committee also looks at teams' final 10 games, a factor that should be in State's favor.

However, the Duke and Wake games are still important. Should the Pack drop both games, its position would be considerably weakened. With two wins, Yow and the Wolfpack would be virtual locks.

"I feel that if we lost to Duke, I don't think that would put us out of the Tournament," Yow went on to say. "If we win against Duke, I don't think there should be any question."

mer for 10 years—freestyle has always been there, but I'm much stronger in it. This season I did really well in the beginning, then I hit a brick wall," says Schuster.

Head coach Scott Hammond has seen Schuster at her top and bottom, and knows that she has the ability to place in the ACC Championships for her third straight season.

"I know she is capable and very talented. This season she might have focused on freestyle in the fall and butterfly in the winter—mid season that concentration has hurt her a little more than helping," says head coach Scott Hammond. "Right now she's got to worry about being ready

at 11 on Thursday in Maryland."

Both Schuster and Hammond have high hopes for the upcoming ACC tournament in College Park, Maryland.

"I definitely hope to improve from last year. I only ended up scoring in two events last year and I'd like to make those this year. I'd like to get into the top eight of the 200 butterfly and top 16 of the 500 freestyle," says Schuster.

"It's really simple," says Hammond. "If she swims like she did in the fall in the ACC tournament, she's a factor, she's a finalist in one or two events. Then she's got a great chance to get a championship and to get into the NCAA."

This Thursday, Schuster and the Wolfpack swimmers travel to College Park for the ACC tournament in hopes of capturing some respect and capping a long successful season.

ACC

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Blair and Ithaltaya set season-best personal marks in the event.

In the mile run, State put three finishers in the top 10, with seniors Chris Pluchos and Robbie Howell and junior Aaron Saff finishing fourth, fifth and seventh, respectively.

Brandon Brown turned in a fourth place finish in the high jump, with a mark of 2.11 meters.

In the pole vault, David Kessler and Zack Whitlow finished eighth and ninth, respectively.

The Pack returns to Blacksburg this coming weekend for the Conference meet.

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Christen Greene scored a career-high 12 points last night against Maryland.

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Lights out early for Maryland

◆ After allowing the first basket, the Wolfpack holds Maryland for 12:13 without a field-goal.

CHRIS TONELLI
Staff Writer

The N.C. State women's basketball team sent a message Monday night by blowing-out the streaking Terrapins 86-53. Summer Erb's 10 point, six-minute effort in the first half paced the Pack, putting the Terps out of it early.

The Pack played solid team defense in holding Maryland to under 25 percent from the field in the first half and under 35 percent for the game.

Head Coach Kay Yow was happy with the team's play on both ends of the court.

"I was pleased with our aggressiveness on

offense but yet at the same time, with the patience we had," Yow said after the game. "And defensively I thought we played a really smart game."

Defensively, the Wolfpack varied their schemes, never letting the Terps find their rhythm. Coach Yow pointed out that the bench didn't miss a step defensively.

They didn't miss a step on offense either as the Wolfpack went on a 14-0 run at the midway point of the second half. The run was sparked by freshman Christen Greene's consecutive three-pointers. Greene finished the game with a career-high 12 points in just nine minutes of work.

The Wolfpack was led by their two All-ACC candidates Tynesha Lewis, who finished with yet another double-double, 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Summer Erb, also a candidate for ACC Player of the Year, who ended up with 21 points and seven boards.

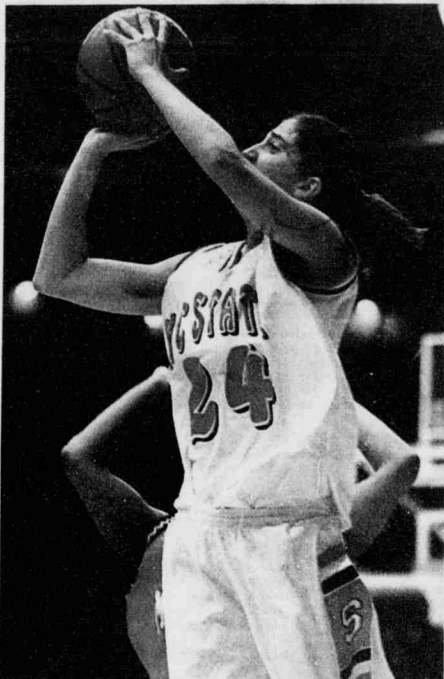
Erb leads the conference in both categories. Erb also played a great game on defense, neutralizing the Terps' six-foot-eight-inch center, Branka Bogunovic. She attributed this effort to practicing against "guys" who could simulate Bogunovic's size.

The Wolfpack, after securing the game, simply had fun on Monday night.

"They played together tonight," Yow said. "When we do that, the difference is incredible."

After two straight conference wins and a tough loss to Virginia, Maryland ran into a peaking Pack team. The loss drops them to 5-19, 2-12 in the ACC.

The Pack moved to 15-9, 8-6 in the ACC, with the win. The next State women's basketball game is against seventh-ranked Duke on Thursday.



Kristen Gillespie and the Wolfpack made a statement last night, downing Maryland 86-53 in Reynolds Coliseum. State faces No. 7 Duke Thursday.

N.C. State NCAA bound???

◆ Barring a total collapse, N.C. State should be headed for its fifth post season appearance.

TIM HUNTER
Assistant Sports Editor

With its seventh win in its last eight games, the N.C. State women's basketball team has got itself back on track. More specifically, the team is back on track for post season play.

After last night's win over Maryland, the Wolfpack sits in sole possession of fifth place in

one of the nations' toughest conferences. All four teams ahead of State in the standings are nationally ranked, and three of those teams have 20 or more wins.

At 15-9 overall, State has had some tough losses that hurt its position, but strong wins over UNC-Chapel Hill combined with a tough schedule should be enough to ensure the Pack of a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

"I feel like this team made a statement tonight," said State Head Coach Kay Yow after the Pack's 86-53 win. "I'm glad

the game was televised so we had an opportunity to show the team that we are."

However, nothing is cemented for the Pack quite yet. The team still has some very important games remaining, and the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament is looming around the corner.

State has two more regular season games remaining, this Thursday (Feb. 18) at first place Duke and Saturday at home against Wake Forest. Both games are winnable, and a

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ACC MEN'S basketball notebook

Sports Staff Report

Duke tops polls once again

The Duke Blue Devils, on a 20-game win streak, sit atop the Associated Press poll once again, collecting 59 of 71 first place votes and a total of 1,763 points.

Maryland remains in the top 10, ranked No. 7 with 1,378 votes, while North Carolina is the only other Atlantic Coast Conference team to make the top 25, holding ground at No. 12.

Clemson was one of three schools across the nation to receive one vote.

The Blue Devils also hold on to the top spot in the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll.

The Terps sit at No. 5 in the Coaches poll, while the Tar

Heels remain at No. 12.

ACC Tournament seeds

With a blowout win over Wake Forest this weekend, the Duke Blue Devils secured the No. 1 seed in the 46th Annual ACC Tournament.

At 13-0, even if the Blue Devils were to lose the remaining three conference contests, the worst that Mike Krzyzewski's Blue Devils can do is to finish in a tie with Maryland for first place in the conference. However, wins over the now second-ranked Terps would give the Blue Devils the top seed.

Of course, the best that the Blue Devils can do is to pick up wins in the three remaining conference contests with Florida State, Clemson and North Carolina, and become the eighth team to finish the ACC regular season undefeated.

After the Blue Devils, the aforementioned Terps and the UNC-CH Tar Heels have the second and third spots wrapped up, but the rest of the field is still up in the air.

Just two games separate the No. 4 and the No. 9 spot in the current conference standings.

Post season bids

As of Monday, only three ACC teams have above .500 records

ACC MEN'S BASKETBALL

	Won	Loss
Duke	13	0
Maryland	10	3
North Carolina	7	5
Florida State	5	7
Georgia Tech	5	7
N.C. State	5	8
Wake Forest	4	8
Virginia	4	9
Clemson	3	9

in the conference. The ACC is in jeopardy of seeing a 20-year streak come to an end. Since 1980, the conference has had at least four teams earn berths into the NCAA Tournament.

In the '79 season, Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill were the only schools to participate in the Championship field.

With three games a piece left, Georgia Tech, Florida State and N.C. State are on the proverbial bubble for the round of 64, but it looks as if each of the three schools will have to be nearly perfect in the home stretch and fare well in the post-season conference tournament to have a legitimate claim.

Schuster ready to fly

◆ Junior swimmer perseveres peaks and valleys en route to tournament time

CHRIS BOSKEN
Sports Staff Writer

Since joining the North Carolina State women's swimming team two seasons ago, Cindy Schuster has occupied many roles— one of the most important being a leader.

During her three year tenure the junior co-captain has experienced ups and downs typical of any swimmer's career but continues to stay the path of an experienced role model.

Cindy began her NCSU career from the blocks at a sprinting pace. By season's end, Schuster was ranked in the top five of nine of the team's individual events, along with four relay squad positions.

During the regular season,

Schuster finished first in her strong suit, the 200 butterfly, five times. In the ACC Championships, the freshman placed into the championship finals for the 200 butterfly, eventually taking eighth.

Schuster's sophomore campaign saw continued success, boasting three first place finishes versus UNC-Wilmington and went on to place fourth at the ACC Championships in the 200 butterfly. Cindy also was awarded the team's Beth Harrell Most Valuable award.

Coming into her third season the pool Schuster was diving into grew a little bit deeper as she took up Co-Captain responsibilities along with senior Lauren Copan.

"This year I think the team has really come together. In the beginning it felt divided between the upper classmen and the less experienced swimmers but we have grown together and we're cheering for each other," says Schuster.

"I can foresee a lot of people doing a lot of great things because we are a team and less divided." During the year, Cindy has never really thought much about her role as a leader, and recognizes the part each team member plays in a winning effort.

"They look up to me for leadership, but they still look at any of the upperclassmen who've been there before for that," remarks Schuster. "I just try to tell them how it was for me during my first two years, that there will be ups and downs, and I try to be there at the end of the lane when they do something great."

Cindy's third year began on a hot streak, but midway through the season, Schuster's dual stroke talents began to take their toll and the junior began to show signs of fatigue. "I've been a butterfly swim-

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Up next: ACC's

◆ Wolfpack track team finishes tune-up for ACC's with meet in Blacksburg.

Sports Staff Report

Heading into this coming weekend's ACC Indoor Track and Field meet, the Wolfpack appears to be right on schedule with a number of personal bests set in last weekend's final tune-up, the Kroger Indoor Invitational held at the familiar setting of Rector Field House in Blacksburg, Va.

Katie Sabino led the Wolfpack women with a win in the 3,000 meter run.

Sabino, a sophomore on the Pack's track team, who also garnered All-ACC honors in cross country in the fall, posted a top time of 9:42.88, the fastest time in the event by a Wolfpack athlete thus far in the indoor season. The mark was just 1.60 seconds off the NCAA provisional qualifying mark.

Two of Sabino's teammates finished in the top ten in the event. Laura Rhoads took third, while Meredith Faircloth finished seventh.

Kim Saunders in the 200m and Michele Hudson and LaShawnda McKim in the 400m posted season bests as well.

Renee Robinson took over two seconds off of her season best in the 500 m dash, finishing sixth.

Lindsey Rogers and Molly Purser posted top-20 finishes in the mile run for the Wolfpack.

Freshman David Patterson was the lone individual



The Wolfpack returns to Blacksburg this coming weekend for the ACC indoor meet.

winner on the men's side. Patterson posted a time of 8:21.21 in the 3,000 meter run. Mike Fitzula finished seventh in the event.

Cordell Smith posted a season best time of 21:98 seconds in the 200m dash.

John Inatolya, Kevin Blair and Dan Smitas all finished in the top 25 in the men's 800 meter run.

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Pack wrestlers down Spartans

◆ Conference rival next up for Pack.

Sports Staff Report

With conference rival UNC-Chapel Hill up next on the slate, N.C. State tuned-up for Tuesday's match-up with a 23-19 win over UNC-Greensboro.

The evening's events started with a Wolfpack win, as 184-pounder Zach Breitenbach defeated Dax Pecaro, 5-3. The Spartans picked up the next two wins.

Lee Carroll started the Wolfpack comeback with a technical fall win over Kevin Bradley just 1:47 into the match.

At 133-pounds, Greg Bauer defeated Mike Hawkes in a close decision, and Tommy Davis brought the Pack back into the match with a decision at 141-lbs.

Melvin Saunders and Chad Denton picked up wins for UNC-G in the 149-lb. and 165-lb. classes, but Pierre Pryor's technical fall win over Terry Garbis less than a minute into the 157-lb match and Kevin Boross's evening-ending decision over Jamie Hensch sealed the deal for the Pack.

Navy 25, N.C. State, 9
Just three Wolfpack wrestlers picked up wins in Annapolis this weekend, as the Pack fell 25-9 to the midshipmen this past weekend.

Lee Carroll started off the match with

a 8-7 decision in the 125-pound weight class.

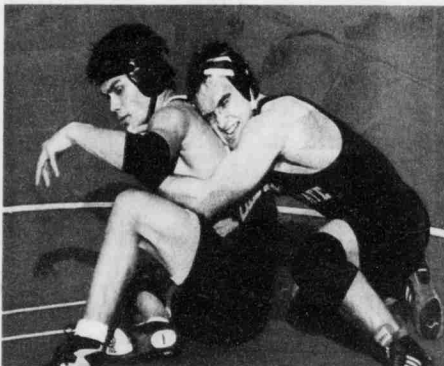
In the 133 and 141 classes, State's Greg Bauer and Tommy Davis won the decisions.

At 149 and 157, State's Johnny

Carreon and Pierre Pryor lost the decision, 6-3 and 6-5 respectively.

Wolfpack junior John Grochowski was pinned by Karl Haywood at 165 pounds.

The other four Wolfpack wrestlers lost their respective matches by decision.



N.C. State's wrestling team picked up a dual meet win over UNC-G on Monday, and takes on the Tar Heels on the road on Thursday.