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Overflow may be good news

◆ At beginning of the school year, some incoming students find themselves placed in temporary housing. But according to University Housing this is good news for the university.

ASHLEY PERRY
Senior Staff Writer

The beginning of each school year brings anticipation, hope and anxiety to thousands of N.C. State students. For some, it also brings frustration as they are placed in temporary housing for the first few weeks of their college year.

According to Jim Pappenhagen, assistant director of university housing, there are typically 100 to 125 students placed in temporary housing at NCSU each year.

"Students are generally placed up to four in a lounge. These lounges have beds, a chair and a television. The students would share a bathroom," mentioned Pappenhagen. Most of the lounges used for temporary housing are converted dorm rooms that were turned into lounges for a variety of reasons.

During the first week of school, the university compiles a "no show" report, a

list of students who have not attended classes or moved into their assigned dorm room. University Housing begins placing overflow students into rooms based on this report. Generally, students can expect to be moved into permanent rooms within two or three weeks of coming to school.

While being placed in temporary housing is often an inconvenience for students, overflow is actually beneficial to the university and its students.

"Overflow is actually a good problem to have," explained the Director of University Housing Tim Luckadoo. "If we didn't have overflow we would have vacancies on campus. As few as a hundred vacancies on campus could ultimately cost the university \$250 to \$300,000. This loss would translate into higher tuition and fees for all other students on campus."

Another concern for the university is the placement of overflow students. In previous years, the university has made deals with the Brownstone Hotel to house as many as 50 to 60 students temporarily, but this has been recently called off because of the added costs involved in renting rooms. The university has also been unable to create a similar agreement

with the new management of the Brownstone.

In years past, the university has attempted to control overflow while cutting potential losses.

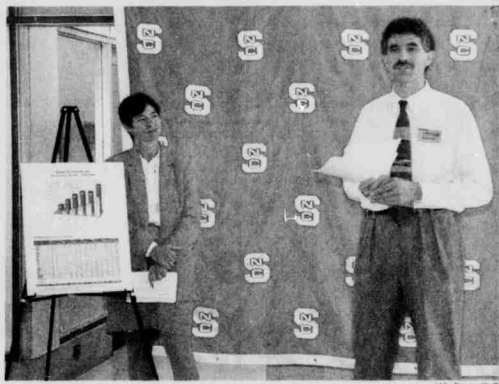
"We used to try and place three [students] to a room, but we discontinued because the students hated it," mentioned Luckadoo.

The university also tried, several years ago, to guarantee freshman a room to any who would ask. This practice was eventually stopped because it was deemed unfair to sophomores and juniors who requested rooms.

While NCSU is not currently in a crisis situation regarding housing, the university is looking into permanent solutions for the future.

"The university is looking into the possibility of building new facilities. We will eventually have to, based on our enrollment potential for the next decade," according to Pappenhagen.

When students in temporary housing finally move to a permanent room, they will be able to take full advantage of new communication connections, which were completed August 12. For the past seven years, the university has worked to provide each of the 6,600 rooms in the 20



Chancellor Fox (left) and Computing Consultant Stan North Martin at the August 12 ceremony marking the completion of ResNet, now in every room on campus.

residence halls and 14 Fraternity Court houses with cable television, uniform phone service and high-speed data communication through ResNet.

"Last year, an estimated 75 percent of students had computers in their room.

Thus far, 4,400 students have signed up through their housing application for data service," explained Luckadoo.

Each room will offer two computer lines, one cable hookup, and two phone lines.

Sweating the details

◆ N.C. State will open the new sports arena against Georgia on Nov. 19 on ESPN.

JACK DALY
Staff Writer

As the future home of N.C. State's men's basketball team nears completion, some of the details are beginning to fall into place.

The Wolfpack will christen their new arena on Nov. 19 in a nationally televised match-up against the University of Georgia. Jim Harrick, who coached UCLA to the national championship in 1995, will lead the Bulldogs against NCSU on ESPN.

Yet other details, such as the name of the arena, aren't as clear. In fact, NCSU Athletic Director Les Robinson said it would probably be months down the line before NCSU chooses a name.

"There's no deadline," Robinson said. "It could open up as the Entertainment and Sports Arena. It's not a pressing issue. Many stadiums don't have a name when they open up, so there's no magic date."

While the arena name may be on the back burner, the chairs in the arena were recently pushed to the front when the Centennial Arena Authority decided the cushions were a bit off. The chair frames are fine, but it seems the cushions are the wrong shade of red.

"They're a little dark, but a lot more has been made of it," Robinson said. "It's something that can be corrected. Frankly, I am more interested in the arena being playable on opening night."

At its Aug. 10 meeting, the Arena Authority voted to ask NCSU for a formal rejection of the seats. Curt Williams, executive director of the Centennial Arena Authority, said neither NCSU nor the Arena Authority are happy with the seat cushions.



Replacing the seat cushions will cost \$660,000, but will not delay the arena's opening on Nov. 19.

"The color that's going in isn't the color that was agreed to," Williams said.

The Carolina Hurricanes, whose parent company, Gale Force Holdings, will manage the arena, said the Authority did indeed agree to the cushions.

"Gale Force ordered the chairs with consent from the Authority," said Davin Olsen, director of arena operations for the Carolina Hurricanes.

"Basically, we say they did, they say they didn't."

In the end, if the cushions are replaced, the Arena Authority and Gale Force Holdings will be left to decide who is to pay the \$660,000 price tag for

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UAB goes over budget

◆ Re-evaluating the way they spend student fees is top priority for this year's UAB.

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Senior Staff Writer

N.C. State's Union Activities Board spent over \$80,000 more than their budget allowed during the 1998-1999 school year, according to their balance statement.

"We're still trying to figure out how it happened," said UAB President Sabrina Yep. "I don't think that it's a common occurrence."

While some in the board are unsure as to the causes of the extra expenditure, steps are being taken to see that the problem does not occur in the future.

According to Yep, approximately \$20,000 of the added expenses went toward paying technical-crew fees at Stewart Theatre,

which is a major programming facility for the UAB. The Stewart Theatre charges were only recently initiated.

"We were really shocked by the tech charges at Stewart Theatre. So many organizations and groups use Stewart," said Yep. "We didn't get to use it as much as we would have liked."

Director of Student Activities Deborah Luckadoo explained that UAB's budget is made up of \$10.80 from each student's fees annually. Typically, the UAB budget is approximately \$250-300 thousand each year. This money is split among the board's four activities groups: leisure and entertainment, diversity, issues and ideas, and films.

"Occasionally, we go under budget, and the future of that extra money is decided by the Board of Directors. They may decide to give it back to us, or they may decide to apply it to another area," said Luckadoo.

"We did have a carryover from 97-98 of about \$100,000, which kept us in the black

this year."

Luckadoo went further to say that UAB generally prefers not to have any carryover. "We can't be guaranteed that we would get it back. They [UAB] should spend all of their money but not go over," said Luckadoo. "We want the students from each year to get all of their money's worth."

Yep mentioned that the UAB's keyword for their budget difficulty is "re-evaluation."

"We definitely plan to re-evaluate our budget and the way we spend money. UAB is looking to create a detailed budget with events in the form of line items," explained Yep. "We don't like to think about what would happen if we ran out of money. We need to stick with our budgets."

"The UAB is planning to have greater supervision of what money is spent," Luckadoo added. "Usually, if we start to run out of money, our committees are told

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Professor develops gene silencing technique

◆ A new gene silencing technique developed by an N.C. State professor will help pinpoint a gene's specific function.

ANN HSIEH
Staff Writer

A new, faster gene-silencing technique created by Dominique "Niki" Robertson, associate professor of botany at N.C. State, might bring posi-

tive changes to the plant world. When silencing occurs, researchers "inhibit the expression" of a gene plant and the study how the plant grows without it. This new technique allows researchers to detect the functions of specific genes. As a result, crops with greater resistance to disease, soybeans with higher protein content and vegetables infused with additional vitamins may be on their way.

"It uses a DNA virus as a way of carrying the silencing agent," Robertson said. "When you try to silence a gene, you normally have to transform the

plant to a single cell," she said.

According to Robertson, DNA can be brought into the cells in two ways. The first is by the DNA virus. The second is to integrate the DNA into chromosomal DNA. To do this, the plant cells must duplicate. With the help of hormones, the cell divides and tissue culture is used to regenerate plants from single cells.

Robertson's research shows a remarkable improvement over existing gene silencing techniques. First, it shortens

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Though the scoreboard is still ground level and the seats are the wrong color, the Entertainment and Sports Arena will be ready for its Nov. 19 debut on ESPN.



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that they cannot have any more activities."

Among the organization's more successful events within the last year were a concert by Cravin' Melon, an all-night bash in Talley with a casino and laser tag, and the International Festival at Stewart Theatre, which gathered much media attention and was attended by over 500 people.

Gene

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the time for sufficient silencing to occur. According to Robertson, it normally takes up to 6 months to see the effects of silencing in the first generation. With the new gene silencing technique, the first stages of silencing will appear within a week. Secondly, the new technique allows for 100 percent silencing, while previous methods provided only 1 to 10 percent

silencing.

The new gene silencing technique was first tested on a gene needed for chlorophyll formation, which gives plants their green color. The little yellow spots on the plant meant that chlorophyll could no longer be synthesized. After being injected with the gene-carrying DNA virus, some of the plants produced variegated leaves, showing the yellow color.

Robertson's findings help show if a certain gene is required for the normal function of plants. The gene's specific function can be identified and the functions

for new genes can be matched up.

Two genes can be silenced at once with Robertson's new gene silencing technique. "We will discover which genes are redundant," she said. When more than one gene at a time is silenced, it allows researchers to detect if multiple genes act alone or not. "There may be more than one gene that controls plant growth," Robertson said.

NCSU received the patent for the technology in April, while Monsanto Co. has an option to the technology and is a sponsor of Robertson's research. Robertson's research dates back

to 1993 when she collaborated with biochemists who worked on DNA viruses.

"I was interested in learning about how (certain genes) function," she said.

"For example, we don't understand much about how phloem functions." Phloem is a vascular tissue that transports nutrients through the plant.

Robertson hopes that future research on this process will include using the technology in different species. She plans to continue researching how many genes can be silenced at one time.

In Brief

NCSU names new Industrial Engineering head

James R. Wilson of Cary, professor of industrial engineering at N.C. State University, has been named head of the Department of Industrial Engineering.

The appointment was announced by Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and Nino A. Masari, dean of the College of Engineering, following approval by the NCSU Board of Trustees. The appointment is effective immediately.

Wilson succeeds Stephen Roberts, who has served as department head since 1990 and will now return to teaching and research in the department.

Wilson joined the NCSU faculty in 1991. A member of the NCSU Academy of Outstanding Teachers, he has served as director of industrial engineering graduate programs since 1995. His research focuses on probabilistic and statistical issues in the design and analysis of large-scale simulation experiments and the analysis of production systems.

Recent rains helped, but drought persists

Despite some much-needed recent rains, the drought affecting most of North Carolina this summer will likely persist statewide and is beginning to threaten certain crops, according to N.C. State scientists.

Sethi Raman, professor of meteorology at NCSU and director of the State Climate Office of North Carolina, says that this summer's prolonged spell of drier-than-normal weather already is among the 20 worst droughts recorded in North Carolina in the past 100 years. Rainfall amounts recorded through July 6 in nearly all parts of the state are between 2 and 8 inches below normal, compared to rainfall averages from the past 30 years. The central Piedmont is the driest region.

The long-term dryness has significantly affected many of North Carolina's crops, says Jim Dunphy, professor and extension crop scientist at NCSU. Drier-than-normal conditions since the March planting season have slowed the growth and development of non-irrigated field crops.

Raman says the drought may continue for several months unless North Carolina gets relief from moisture-laden tropical depressions—a distinct possibility since forecasters project an active hurricane season this year, due to the warming of Atlantic Ocean waters. A land-falling hurricane, such as Fran or Bertha, would be a mixed blessing, since it would bring destructive winds and storm surges along with the beneficial rain.

A better scenario, Raman says, would be for the state to have a "back-door" hurricane pass over it. Such a hurricane develops in the Gulf of Mexico and travels over other states before reaching North Carolina. These storms produce significant rainfall amounts with less damaging winds.

NCSU students place high in Mini Baja competition

Engineering and design students at N.C. State are celebrating following a successful showing at the Midwest Mini Baja competition held near Dayton, Ohio, on June 4, 5 and 6.

The students designed and built a Mini Baja car for the competition, creating a vehicle that placed first in five of the 12 categories of the competition, including first in top speed, acceleration, hill climbing, appearance and ergonomics. The team placed second in structural integrity and serviceability. An accident that broke a suspension arm during the endurance race forced the team out of first place for the overall points. The Wolfpack team ended the weekend in 15th place overall out of a field of 73 competitors.

Sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), the Midwest competition comprises 13 judging divisions—acceleration, maneuverability, top speed, braking, ride and handling, tractor pull, hill climb, aesthetics, ergonomics, production difficulty, originality, safety and structural integrity.

Eric Klang, associate professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering and project adviser, said the students deserve all the credit for their success. "They come to me with problems sometimes, but for the most part, they have designed and built this Mini Baja vehicle themselves based on what they have learned in the classroom and by trial and error."

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new cushions, Olsen said. Either way, the chairs won't affect the opening of the arena for NCSU or the Carolina Hurricanes, as they can be replaced as late as next summer, Williams said.

If the average student isn't all that concerned about the color of the cushions, they may be pleased to know that there will be the same percentage of student seats at the new arena as Reynolds Coliseum, and with the arena's additional capacity, that should translate into plenty of chairs. Student seats will account for roughly 4,000 of the 19,600 capacity for basketball, or 20 percent, Robinson said. That is only part of the reason he is so excited about the place.

"I think it's going to be a major plus for our basketball program," Robinson said. "I'm involved with it as an administrator...I'm more interested in

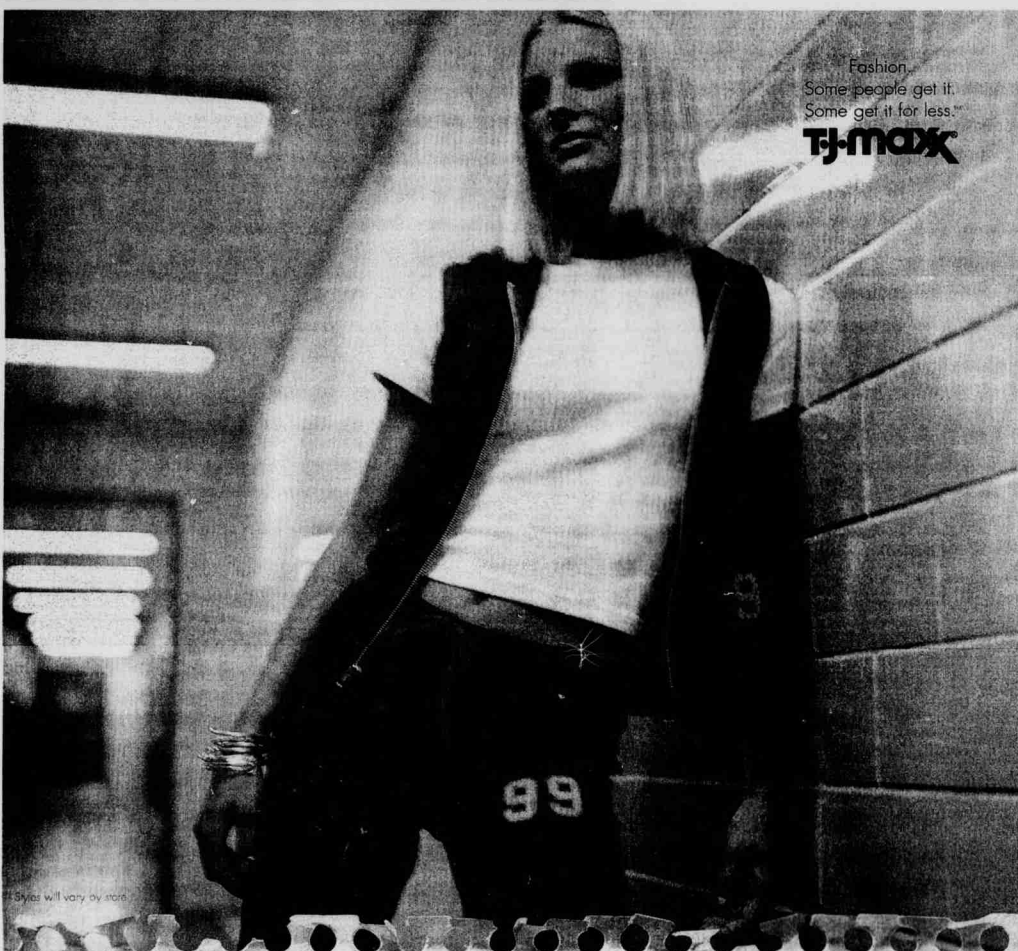
being down there and having our basketball be successful."

Currently, some 600 workers are rushing to make sure the arena is ready for the Hurricanes opener on Oct. 29 against the New Jersey Devils. The suites, locker rooms, press rooms and kitchen are some of the things being finished. The 51,000-pound scoreboard is also being assembled.

"It's a beehive of activity," Williams said. "As the finishing touches go in, there will be more workers."

NCSU's final price tag for the \$158 million arena was between \$50 and \$60 million, Robinson said. Besides the Wolfpack and the Hurricanes, students and area residents will be able to see arena football starting in May of 2000, as well as the U.S. Women's World Cup team, ice shows, concerts, wrestling and other events.

If students want to take a look inside the arena, they can check it out on the Internet at <http://www.centauth.com>.



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Financial Oversight?

■ UAB shows fiscal irresponsibility

During the 1998-1999 academic year, the Union Activities Board went more than \$80,000 over budget.

This sort of financial oversight is common in government agencies, where large amounts of money are thrown around on a daily basis. But in an organization that is only allocated \$250-300 thousand per year, as UAB is, such a deficit—more than a quarter of the agency budget—is inexcusable.

UAB's overspending is even more alarming when you consider where the UAB budget comes from. Out of each N.C. State student's student fees, \$10.80 is subtracted to pay for UAB's projects. Four UAB groups are responsible for planning these activities: leisure and entertainment, issues and ideas, diversity and films. UAB officials offered few specific reasons for the overage, aside from citing \$20,000 spent on technical crew fees for Stewart Theatre. However, according to UAB President Sabrina Yew, the board "didn't get to use [Stewart Theatre] as much as we would have liked."

Only a \$100,000 carryover from UAB's 1997-1998 budget saved the organization from ending last year in the red.

So, during the 1998-1999 school year, the Union Activities Board effectively spent 25-30 percent more than it was budgeted to receive, used over \$20,000 on a facility of which it got unsatisfactory use and covered their overage with a budget surplus from a year earlier.

The fact that an unexpected carryover from 97-98 balanced UAB's numbers, although a fortunate occurrence, shows inconsistent and irresponsible economic planning. The board cannot count on having a surplus every other year, and even if it could, there are no guarantees that that money would find its way back into UAB coffers.

Perhaps the university should consider more closely monitoring the economic doings of its student-run organizations. A budget oversight office or department could make sure that definite budgets are made and, more importantly, that they are adhered to.

The goals of the university and its agencies do not center on making a profit every year. But these agencies have a responsibility to be considerably more careful with the students' money.

CAMPUS FORUM

U-Wire story gives frat a bad name

I am a Delta Chi brother here at N.C. State. The article put in the Technician (June 16, "Sex, frat and rape on tape") makes my chapter look very bad. Our prospective members for the fall were in orientation when the story ran, and what conclusions are they to draw about Delta Chi's in general from this article? I understand that the article was written in the University of Florida paper, but by putting it in the Technician, I believe it gives false connotation to our chapter. I read the Technician often and don't usually see much about fraternities at other universities, which leads me to believe that the article was deliberately printed in the Technician with malicious intent. There have been plenty of incidents similar to the UF pledge being comatose in a hospital after a drinking ritual which ended in his having a blood alcohol level of .57 which should have killed him. That is just as serious as the UF incident and has just as much relevance, since we have a KE chapter here. Why wasn't that put in? These fra-

ternity incidents happen all over the U.S. every year, and you now put one in the Technician and it just so happens to be Delta Chi and it just so happens to be in the summer when prospective members are at orientation. I feel that article was wrong.

Jimmy DeStephens

Shoot the elephant

The American public should urge the resignation of almost every Republican for:

- (1) **Treason:** One nuclear submarine could destroy any country on Earth before the Reagan presidency. Yet, the Republicans still spent trillions of the national wealth on defense. They have continued to spend more trillions after the Cold War ended in 1991.
- (2) **Bribery:** Republicans have received billions in explicit or implicit bribes from defense contractors, tobacco companies, billionaires, polluters and the National Rifle Association.

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Free advice for new freshmen

Austin Adams
Staff Columnist

I never thought I would hear myself say this, but, I'm so glad school is starting today. Part of that is because of my lack of partying during the summer, due to a big dose of "the real world" that I had to put up with, but I say this mostly because I haven't been able to write this column.

I think my roommates, friends and co-workers are all pretty excited too, now that they aren't the only ones who have to hear my continuous ranting and raving.

But this column isn't going to be like that. I'm in a pretty good mood at the moment, so I'm feeling like I should do my good deed for the week. Being a wily veteran (let's just say I was supposed to have already graduated) of the land of red and white, I've decided that I'm going to do all of the incoming freshmen a favor by letting them in on some mistakes I made when I was a freshman and mistakes I've seen other freshmen make. For all you veterans like myself, forward a copy of this column to any and all freshmen you meet and then we can

all sit back and laugh at them as they make these mistakes anyway.

So to all you freshmen: take this advice to heart:

- 1) Use both straps of your bookbag...I don't care if you thought it was cool to only use one strap on your bookbag in high school, don't do it here. First of all, everyone will know you are a freshman if you do this. Freshman is not exactly a label you should be proud of. Second of all, the books you will be buying this week are much heavier than the ones you had in high school. So save yourself some orthopedic care costs. Use both straps and stop trying to look so cool.
- 2) Don't carry a bookbag full of beer across campus at 11 p.m. on a Saturday night...I promise, Public Safety will not think you are going to study. Just take my word for it. Don't ask why, just do it (let's just say I know). They will stop you, search your bag, make you pour out all your beer, and possibly give you a possession ticket if you are underage. This is not a good start to your college career, in case you were wondering.
- 3) Double check all directions given to you by

upperclassmen...OF COURSE I am not one of them, but some people think it is pretty funny to give wrong directions to freshmen. I'm not going to name any names, but I know one guy who sent a freshman walking toward frat court to get to the student center. Pretty funny, but not exactly a nice thing to do. So all freshmen need to either get a map or double check any directions that they get. And, most of all, don't try to hunt down the guy who told you the wrong directions and fight him. All upperclassmen probably had the same thing done to them when they were freshmen. It's a vicious cycle.

4) Don't be a dumb@# at the Brent Road party...The annual Brent Rd. bash is on Saturday night. For all of you who don't know, there will be a huge police presence and plenty of opportunity to get in trouble. Just remember, a couple of things and you will be fine. The first one is don't walk on the sidewalk or street with alcohol in your hand. Raleigh's finest or our friends at A.L.E. will bust you quicker than you can say, "This isn't a beer, officer." Open container tickets are not fun and even less when you are underage.

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Winning big battles for N.C. State

Raj Mirchandani
Student Body President

When you elected me as your Student Body President, I promised to put action behind my words, and work to give you more reasons to *Enjoy State*. Although we're just getting the semester started, I couldn't wait to show you what I was talking about over the summer.

When we learned that the Senate attempted to amend the state budget to include an unexpected \$500 tuition surcharge over the next two years, we knew we had to do something about it.

We strongly support the Board of Governors' right to suggest any new increase in tuition. This Senate act would have overstepped the Board of Governors' jurisdiction and set a dangerous precedent that would allow the state government to raise tuition without ever giving the campus the right to discuss it and make our own recommendations.

Over the summer, we were underfunded and caught off-guard by this unexpected proposal, but it didn't stop us from pulling together an unprecedented coalition of students from schools across the state to gather and lobby against the increase.

In addition to phone calls and e-mails, we convened on the General Assembly on June 22 and

spoke with the members of the conference committee in person. We urged them to recognize that there is an established process for suggesting increases in tuition and we should all concur with UNC System President Molly Broad's opposition to the Senate amendment.

I am very pleased to report that our efforts were successful.

The General Assembly passed the final version of the budget and the tuition surcharge was no longer a part of the legislation. If not for the commitment and self-sacrifices of your fellow students, the outcome could have been much different.

We've won a big battle, but others may be just around the corner.

A number of departments on campus are preparing to make requests to Student Senate for increases in student fees for the 2000-2001 school year. To address this issue, I've assembled a Student Fee Review Committee to investigate each of the proposed increases as they are announced.

This committee will be able to bridge the gap between students and faculty. When the committee makes its recommendations to the Student Senate and faculty, I trust that they will have fairly weighed the benefits of any new increase against the burden it would place on students in

the coming years.

Among all of the fee increases that may be proposed, there will be one we won't have to consider immediately. When elected, I promised to look into a way to provide a Point-to-Point Transportation System to promote campus safety in the late evenings. Working with members of Transportation who are just as committed to the project as I am, we were able to find enough funds to give the system a trial run for two semesters without having to raise student fees by one cent. We hope to have the system running by mid-September.

There are some who have reservations about this system. They think that too few students will use it to make it worth the expense. They may be right. The good news is that you'll be able to answer the question better than we can. We'll closely monitor the usage of the system over the semester. When the time comes for us to decide whether we should raise student fees to continue the program beyond next year, we'll be able to make that decision based on how frequently students use the program.

I wish I could take credit for all of these successes myself, but none of it would be possible if not for the student interest and involvement on these issues.

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Mike Pittman's Annotated Abbreviated Compendium of Useless Knowledge Gained in Studious Studies at NCSU

Mike Pittman
Staff Columnist

Not too long ago, while eating a wonderful Sunday dinner at my grandparents' house, my grandmother turned to me and asked, "Michael, what do you think will happen with the Y2K problem?"

This is a question I was going to answer for you in my column. However, we all know that since everyone out there is freaking out, the world is going to end, right? I

mean, we have two options: world go boom or nothing will happen.

If you would like to see the countdown to Y2K, just go to www4.ncsu.edu/~mapint2.

Now, on to the real issue at hand: the upcoming year. As of right now, most of the freshmen out there have managed to crawl out of bed, bright-tailed and bushy-eyed, and moved on to the first class of their college career.

Saturday afternoon, I was given the opportunity to attend a few orientation sessions for all of you

new freshmen. I was amazed at some of the things I heard, and I recalled what I had heard while sitting in Stewart Theatre three years ago. At that time, the late Dr. Richard Porter talked to us engineers, and dispensed nuggets of knowledge, for free.

I now turn to you to reveal a few of the universal truths I've learned over the years. One of my fellow seniors told me just moments ago, "I've not learned anything here. It's been a waste."

To you fair reader, I present the

(drum roll please) "Mike Pittman's Annotated Abbreviated Compendium of Knowledge Gained in Studious Studies at NCSU."

I'm, class, I can make that! First, no matter how late you plan your first class, you're gonna have a hard time getting up.

Honestly, it works like that. You will have your English 111 class scheduled for 1pm.

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The night before, you'll laze around, never working, and put off going to bed till you see rays of sunlight creeping over the horizons. You'll wake up shortly after 2 p.m. and say, "OOPS." This really happens. My sophomore year, my roommate did just that. He decided, "I do my best work on a moment's notice." He wrote his paper for class the night before it was due. He then proceeded to miss his class.

Fun-to-Work Ratio Dr. Porter and others told me, "You should have a healthy balance of fun and studies." I translated this as "don't work so hard that you don't have fun." The actual meaning is "don't have so much fun that you don't work."

A healthy fun-to-work ratio is about one part fun to 100 parts work. I got away with 100 parts fun to one part work my first semester. I was proud, as was my family. I made the Dean's List. I was invited to join national honor fraternities. I was thrilled.

I'd studied for one test and one test only. My final in CH 101. I made a B+ in that class, and A's in the rest. I knew I had a winning combination for work and fun.

Then, the following semester I followed that combination and "funned" my way into a 53 on my first PY 205 exam. I had no more fun that semester, just ask my suitmates.

I still haven't unlearned my fun-to-work ratio. Please don't tell mom.

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He's nice, till you get him mad at you. If you do get him mad at you, may all the higher deities (if you believe in such things) have mercy on your poor, ignorant soul.

If you'd like to meet this guy, just set up a WAREZ server on your machine and give unlimited anonymous access to it, you'll get your chance.

He'll stop Just because pedestrians have the right of way doesn't mean that the driver will notice you, or even

stop. Please, be careful.

My sophomore roommate also had the "he'll stop" idea. He crossed Dan Allen one night going to a Men's Basketball game and walked out in front of a truck at an intersection. He also crossed while the truck had a green light. I thought I had a 4.0 in the bag. He barely escaped a vacation to Rex Hospital.

He held his cool and maintained that he was nowhere near getting hit for at least one minute. After that, he looked at me and said, "He missed me by a foot easy."

Other friends argue that they have the right of way as pedestrians. I ask you though, what good does that do if you are dead? Remember Kindergarten, and look both ways before crossing the street.

Best years of your life? Remember high school orientation? How many of you heard this: "Many people say the high school years are the best years of your life!"

Prepare yourself, NCSU and the experiences you get here will remain with you forever. I remember my first day here, when my suitmates introduced themselves to me. I was scared, alone, without my family and ready to get out into the real world.

Rob walked up to me and introduced himself to me. I had some BSA patches

on my bed, and we began talking. Within minutes, we were friends. I had met two other Eagle Scouts, and there was no way I wanted to leave.

I've met people here I will never forget, and if I had my way, I'd never leave them. Many of them, I remember the day we met, as well as under what circumstances. Whether that be pizza, BSA patches, racquetball or because I got knocked flat on my patoot. I remember them. Hi you guys!

Make the best of these years, they WILL be over before you know it.

Take advantage Take advantage of every opportunity you have here at NCSU.

Opportunity knocks only once, remember that. And if you don't try, you'll never know what may happen. You may fail miserably if you try, but then you will at least know what could have happened.

Taking my friend Reggie's advice about Technician and Photography was one of the best things I've ever done. Not working my butt off before my freshman year to get my golf game up to college caliber, that was one of the worst things I've ever done. But it's too late now. And I don't regret that decision at all. But I do wonder.

Oh, and never regret, it's as useless as worrying.

Wear Sunscreen No matter how early

you get there today, the line at the cashier's office will be too long. Dining hall food will taste worse next year. Your favorite cereal will run out first. The Brent Road party will be better than last year's, and next year's will be better than this year's (despite the doubling of police officers). You're computer will die when you need it most. The Maple gods are your friends. Maple sucks. You won't be able to understand half of your TA's and professors here. Mom's food does get better while you're gone. Dustbunnies are a fact of life. Your room gets messy while you are gone. You will fight with your roommate. Don't let a roommate fight ruin a friendship. Share. You'll find better things to do than study. Public Safety works hard...to keep clean cars. The parking Nazi's are out to get you. People are out to get you. Don't listen to the voices in your head. NEVER listen to the voices in other people's heads. You'll never get used to the bricks. Wear sunscreen. Oh! And Jarvis Borum's nickname is Earth, and The Grinch...

Mike Pittman is not on crack. But if you have some,

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(3) Other High Crimes and Misdemeanors: Republicans made the U.S. the largest debtor nation in world history, consistently opposed raising the minimum wage and regularly oppose funds for education, the environment and health care.

Jerry Blake
Las Vegas, NV

Adams

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The second thing you need to remember is that you are in someone's house. If you try to steal stuff, you may get your a#@ kicked. If you destroy someone's property, you may get your a#@ kicked. And you usually don't want to fight someone who lives on Brent Rd. Your chances of this happening double if you do either of these at my house this weekend.

5) Go to class... If you think this is a dumb one and you are smart enough to make good grades while not going to class, e-mail me and I'll send you my college transcript and the reason why the number beside "GPA" looks just a tad low. Ok, maybe even a little more than a tad.

6) Don't think you are going to marry that guy or girl you will start dating in about a month... Yes, your first college relationship will seem like heaven and he/she will seem perfect but please, listen to me. It will last, at most, until your junior year, and you will look back and notice that you spent two years of your college life bothering everyone around you with PDAs (meaning public displays of affection).

First of all, no one wants to see you and your significant other with your tongues down each others' throats on campus (go back to your dorm room... hook up while your roommate is asleep on the bunk above you) and, second of all, you will look back and see that you have wasted two years of partying time by sitting at home on Friday nights, renting movies and holding hands. I've seen it a hundred times.

I could go on forever with this outpouring of wisdom and personal knowledge, but there is a point where I need to stop and let you freshmen make your own mistakes (for my personal enjoyment, if nothing else). Although I know that there is no chance you will use any of this knowledge that I've given you, because you all think you know everything anyway (I remember how it was), at least try. It may at least save you from going to court, breaking your shoulder, or getting your heart broken. Or maybe not.

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Court allows third-party defendants

◆ A Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals' decision allows 60 students to act as defendants in an affirmative action case.

MICHAEL GRASS & NIKIA SCHULTE
Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—In a ruling handed down Tuesday by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, a third party will be allowed to join the fight to defend the University of Michigan's use of race as an admissions factor.

Based on the decision, which comes more than a year after separate district judges denied previous requests, about 60 high school and undergraduate students will be allowed to join as defendants in the case.

The decision marks the first time minority advocates have been permitted to have their interests directly addressed in an affirmative action case.

University Deputy General Counsel Liz Barry said the introduction of the intervening defendants adds a relevant perspective to the two lawsuits filed by the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Individual Rights contesting the use of race in Law School and College

of Literature, Science and the Arts admissions.

"We welcome their intervening because their point-of-view is important to the debate," Barry said.

Barry said in order for the intervenors to be included, they had to show that they had a legal interest in the court case and that they would not be adequately represented by the two parties already involved.

Terry Pell, senior legal counsel for CIR, said allowing the intervening defendants into the cases will not substantially affect the fundamental issue being probed in the lawsuits—the constitutionality of race in admissions.

"Adding those issues will not subtract from the issue that is at the table," Pell said.

In the interest of preventing further delay, Pell said CIR would not appeal the court's ruling.

"We want to move forward," he said.

Godfrey Dillard, lead counsel for the LSA coalition now allowed to intervene, said the decision allows the real work to begin.

"Certainly we are happy with the decision, but it is a small step," Dillard said. "It opens the door for us to play a full and equal role in the case."

Dillard said the attorneys representing the intervening defendants

will now be allowed to interact with the judge in chambers and file motions.

"We have not been intimately involved," before the decision, Dillard said, adding that CAAP has had to view the case as an observer and now needs to review information and cross-examine witnesses.

State Sen. David Jaye (R-Washington Twp.) announced Tuesday that he is beginning a campaign to search for parents and grandparents of prospective white and Asian students who want to intervene on behalf of those suing the University to defend their children's and grandchildren's chance for admission.

"Now parents and grandparents of Asians and whites have the right to join in the historic battle," Jaye said. After speaking to reporters at a library in Sterling Heights, Mich., Jaye said several people approached him and expressed an interest in involvement.

"These people have every right to join in," Jaye said.

Although the start of the Law School suit was originally set to begin at the end of this month, Barry said "it's hard to say" when the trials will get underway, factoring in the introduction of the intervening defendants.

Bush beats Forbes in Iowa Poll

◆ Although Texas Gov. George W. Bush spent less time campaigning in Iowa than his opponents did, he won the highest percentage of votes.

DAN BALZ AND DAVID S. BRDNER
The Washington Post

AMES, Iowa — Texas Gov. George W. Bush cemented his front-runner status in the Republican presidential race by winning the Iowa straw poll here Saturday night, but only after fending off a challenge from magazine publisher Steve Forbes, who finished second.

In the largest turnout ever at this quadrennial event, Bush won 31 percent to Forbes's 21 percent. Elizabeth Dole finished third with 14 percent and Gary Bauer was fourth with 9 percent. The order of finish in the rest of the field was Patrick J. Buchanan, fifth; Lamar Alexander, sixth; Alan Keyes, seventh; Dan Quayle, eighth and Orrin Hatch, ninth.

Bush's victory demonstrated his ability to convert some of his poll support into actual votes against a big field of opponents. But the fact that seven out of 10 Iowa Republicans chose another candidate made it less than a ringing endorsement.

Forbes tried to use the straw vote to move the nomination battle toward a one-on-one contest with Bush. But Dole, Bauer and Patrick Buchanan showed enough strength to encourage

them to stay in the race.

The disappointing finishes for Quayle and Alexander left their ability to remain as active candidates in question.

Bush spent less time campaigning in Iowa than any of the others who competed there. But he relied, as in Texas, on a well-financed organization to identify and turn out his supporters.

Bush was far from the most electric speaker of the day, delivering a version of his standard stump speech and emphasizing his leadership abilities. "I've learned that you cannot lead by dividing people or pitting them against one another," he said. "I'm a uniter, not a divider."

The only active Republican candidate who did not compete in the straw poll was Arizona Sen. John McCain. Two Republicans who already have dropped out, New Hampshire Sen. Bob Smith and Ohio Rep. John Kasich, were included on the ballot. In a potentially ominous warning, Buchanan hinted that if he finds no support within the Republican Party for his message of economic nationalism and social conservatism, he might consider running as a third-party candidate, a move that could badly damage the party's eventual nominee.

The results were announced after the nine competing candidates delivered a sharp attack on the policies and morals of President Clinton and on the man many believe will be the Democratic nominee, Vice

President Gore.

Speaking of the scandals that have plagued the administration, Hatch said of Clinton, Gore and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton: "I think they're about to find out that America can live without them, that it's time for the three of them to just go home. And maybe they will, if any of them can figure out just where home is."

But many of the GOP candidates also aimed their fire at the Texas governor, warning the audience of Iowa activists not to let party leaders and the news media pick their nominee before the voters could speak.

"The Washington establishment wants to control this election," Quayle said. "They say money will control our nominee, that issues don't matter. Let's send them a message."

Keyes implied that if Bush or Forbes were to win the nomination, Republicans can prove again that money is God and God is money.

Alexander, noting that Republicans will be nominating the first of a new generation of leaders, said the party should not give the prize to anyone not fully prepared to be president. "We need a contest, and we better not send an untested person into the debate with Al Gore," he said, adding that the question is, "Who is prepared? Nominations shouldn't be bought and shouldn't be inherited."

Buchanan delivered a typical stem-winder that had the crowd cheering repeatedly, but closed with what he said were words aimed directly at his own supporters. Quoting Abraham Lincoln, Buchanan said, "I see the storm coming. If there's a place and a part for me, I believe I'm ready."

Saturday's nonbinding straw poll has no formal role in the GOP nomination process, but the candidates invested time and money as if the contest were a surrogate for the precinct caucuses that will be held early next year—the formal kickoff event of the 2000 campaign.

The contest, which was open to any Iowan who will be 18 by November 2000, drew an overflow crowd roughly double the size of 1995. At one point the doors to the Hilton Coliseum were closed by fire marshals because the building was filled to capacity. Those still waiting to vote were encouraged to go to adjacent buildings, where the Iowa Republican Party has set up additional polling places.

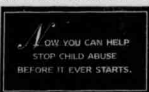
Forbes spent close to \$2 million on the event, and Bush's campaign said he would spend about \$750,000. The nine GOP candidates mingled with their supporters at circus tents, offering free food and entertainment, and all the candidates paid for the \$25 tickets required of anyone who wanted to vote.

Forbes's army arrived at the coliseum grounds early in the day, a show of force that caught the other campaigns, including Bush's, off guard. Lines of Forbes voters in bright orange shirts snaked for the equivalent of more than a city block waiting to be fed, and the Forbes organizers encouraged them to vote early to avoid waiting.

Bush, in contrast, brought his supporters to the site later in the afternoon, and many of his 100-plus buses got caught in the huge traffic jam on the roads around Ames. "We've still got 55 buses that haven't arrived," a Bush campaign staffer said at one point. But they exuded confidence throughout the day, noting that at some of their bus stops around the state, more people showed up than they had expected.

Forbes's campaign officials said they had bought about 7,711 tickets for their supporters and distributed about 7,500 to supporters. Bush's campaign, the Forbes team said, bought more than 10,000 tickets. Bush not only served his supporters lunch but provided dinner for those who stayed late into the evening.

Iowa Republican Party leaders estimated early in the week that they would gross about \$500,000 from the event, but the long lines and heavy voting suggested they would do far better than that.



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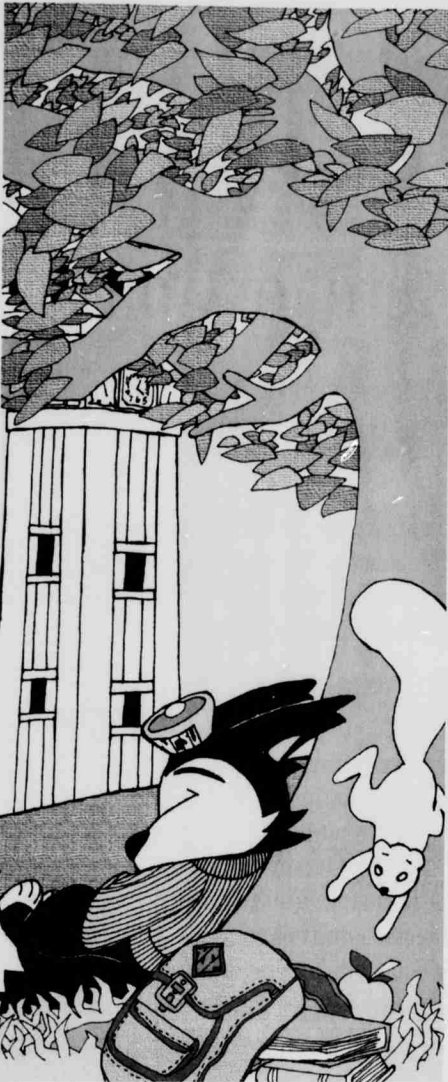


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Dutch may grant euthanasia rights to teens

◆ The governing majority in the Netherlands' parliament will vote whether or not to legalize doctor-assisted suicides.

CHARLES TRUEHEART
The Washington Post

THE HAGUE — The right to die is nowhere better established than in the Netherlands. Even as other societies struggle through the infancy of their euthanasia debates, the Dutch are poised to enshrine the practice in law for the first time, and to embrace the right of a young person aged 12 to 16 to choose to end his or her suffering.

Euthanasia and doctor-assisted suicide have been practiced here since the early 1980s. A 1993 law made the practice criminal, punishable by as much as 12 years in jail, but it specified conditions under which a doctor could all but guarantee protection from prosecution.

Those conditions have now been rewritten and codified as law in a bill before parliament.

"There comes a moment when the jurisprudence — a succession of judicial deci-

sions allowing the practice — has to be brought into the law," said Otto PG. Vos, a member of parliament who specializes in the issue.

When the governing majority in parliament votes on its bill, probably not before next year, the Netherlands will take another step beyond mainstream thinking about euthanasia.

A likely flashpoint in the debate — and some say a possible casualty of it — will be the provisions covering the rights of young teenagers. "For 12- to 15-year-olds, parental agreement is required," according to a Justice Ministry statement issued when the new law was introduced on Tuesday.

"But in the case of a refusal by one of the parents, the request of a minor may be accepted if the doctor is convinced that this will mean avoiding serious suffering."

A 1998 study by the Erasmus Institute in Rotterdam found that 92 percent of the Dutch people supported euthanasia. Most recent polls in the United States suggest it be supported by slightly more than half the American public. About 200,000 Dutch carry a piece of paper declaring their wish to die quickly and painlessly

if, because of illness and incapacity — physical or mental — no prospect exists for a normal, dignified life.

This is much to the dismay of a hardy minority of Dutch, mainly practicing Christians, who oppose mercy killing.

"We think life is given by God. A person should not take the life of another," said Pieter van Duyvenbode, a consultant to the anti-euthanasia Netherlands Patients Society. "If people are really suffering, they should improve their palliative care. People shouldn't die sooner, they should suffer less."

Clemence Ross van Dorp, of the opposition Christian Democratic party, mocked the proposed provisions for young teenagers. "Dutch law doesn't consider them responsible until they have reached the age of majority," she said, "but the government still wants to consider them as adults in matters of life and death."

The Royal Dutch Medical Association embraced the legislation. A spokeswoman, Karen Hagelstein, said, "We think there will not be many requests of 12-year-old children."

Public support for the new law reflects the Netherlands' characteristically frank

approach to nettlesome social issues. The country's official look-the-other-way approach to prostitution and soft drugs, for example, holds them simultaneously illegal and permissible under strict conditions.

"We like to debate every possible issue and find a practical solution. We are merchant and reverend at the same time," said Eugene Sutorius, a lawyer who has represented a handful of doctors prosecuted, and regularly acquitted, on mercy killing charges.

The Dutch may be at the leading edge in their approach to euthanasia, but Europe and the world are not standing still. Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Australia and Colombia all have adopted laws and practices that attempt to regulate a practice that goes on in virtually every country illegally.

Heavily Catholic Belgium is poised to change its laws. China recently began permitting mercy killings of terminally ill patients.

The Dutch law is written to make it all but impossible for nonresidents to benefit from state-funded euthanasia procedures.

Synagogue defaced in possible copycat crime

◆ The painting of a hateful message on one Los Angeles synagogue has area police authorities beefing up security.

JOE MOZINGO
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Congregants arriving at a synagogue in East Hollywood on Saturday were confronted with a swastika and the words "Jews die," spray painted on the front of the building. Many of those who attend services at Temple Knesset

Israel are elderly Holocaust survivors who were horrified by the act of hatred. Officers from the Los Angeles Police Department documented the vandalism and will pass on the information to the department's Criminal Conspiracy Section.

"I believe it's a copycat thing, somebody wants a little press," said Sgt. Sanford Rosenberg, referring to last week's shooting at a Jewish community center in Granada Hills.

He said whoever committed the crime would be charged with felony vandalism for defacing a place of worship and would face

increased penalties for committing a hate crime. In the temple's mailbox, officers also found a letter that appeared to be anti-British.

"It doesn't make any sense," one officer said. The letter was confusing, at times saying the British were going to start internment people, she said.

The temple's president, Harvey Shield, is British.

Shield said that in light of the incident, he would hire a private security guard for the Holy days in September. Earlier last week, when congregants suggested increasing security after Tuesday's shooting, he said he was reluctant to do so.

"My initial response was: 'Let's not overreact so quickly,'" he said. "Now there is no question about it."

Police said they would step up patrols in the area.

The painted letters, scrawled at the entrance to the preschool, were about six feet high. The doors to the temple itself have gates in front of them, making it difficult for potential vandals to reach them, but worshippers could easily see the hateful message as they stepped inside. Shield said about a dozen people saw the swastika before police painted over it.

U.S. prison population rises to record 1.3 million

◆ There are now 461 inmates for every 100,000 citizens, compared to 292 in 1990.

JOHN BALZ
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The population of the United States' prisons increased to a record 1.3 million last year, but the rate of growth slowed somewhat in the country as a whole, the Justice Department reported Sunday.

At the end of 1998, state and federal prisons housed 60,000 more inmates than a year earlier. While the increase was the greatest since 1995, the 4.8 percent growth rate was down from 5.0 percent in 1997 and considerably lower than the decade's annual average of 6.7 percent.

Mississippi prisons had the highest inmate population growth rate in the country, almost 17 percent. Justice Department officials and criminal justice experts said last year's overall growth reflects a continuing imbalance between the effects of anti-crime initiatives and a shortage of available prison beds.

While crime rates are dropping, "three-strikes" laws and other sentencing reforms have made it more likely that convicted criminals will go to prison, said Allen Beck, co-author of the Justice Department report. And once they are behind bars, they are likely to serve longer sentences.

The national average for length of time served in prison increased from 22 months in 1990 to 27 months in 1997, the most recent year for which figures are available.

A 40 percent increase in the number of offenders

returned to prison for violating parole also has contributed to growing inmate rolls, Beck said. About 47 percent of prisoners are serving time for violent crimes.

And although the rate of growth in the prison population declined last year, government officials were quick to stress that there is a steady increase in the number of inmates.

"The (growth) rates going down are deceptive," said Christopher Mumola, an analyst in the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

"People think it must be getting better, but in terms of prisoners going into the system, that's not the case at all."

California's prison population grew by almost 3.9 percent in 1998 — more than 6,000 inmates — to a total of about 162,000.

The state's penitentiary system, the most crowded in the country, currently has twice as many prisoners as cells.

With more prisoners spending more time behind bars, California corrections officials said overcrowding remains a serious problem that won't end any time soon.

The state's Department of Corrections is in the midst of a \$5 billion prison building program.

By Lance Corcoran, vice president of the California Correctional Peace Officers Association, which lobbies for the Department of Corrections in the state Legislature, said California "can't build its way out of this problem."

State legislators and corrections officials need to come up with alternative sentencing for offenders of less serious crimes, better rehabilitation centers and a more extensive house arrest program to reduce overcrowding, he said.

Jenni Gainsborough, spokeswoman for

Washington-based Sentencing Project, which follows nationwide inmate populations, said the increase clearly shows that correctional facilities are "horribly strained."

"Politicians have stuck to this mantra that you've got to be tough on crime and until someone says 'Wait, what is the best way to stand up for public policy

while finding alternatives,' things will continue down this path," she said. The federal prison population grew about 9 percent last year, more than twice the rate in state prisons. The nation's rate of prison incarceration is now at 461 inmates per 100,000 residents, up from 292 in 1990.

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Jamie Barnette is the conference's all-time leader in total yardage after his junior season.

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The Pack is back: '99 preview

Barnette ready to take on competition, record books

◆ Jamie Barnette has molded the Wolfpack team into his own for two and a half years, and now it is his turn to shine.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

There is no question who Mike O'Cain's go-to guy will be on the 1999 Wolfpack Football squad, the only question is who will be his go-to guy?

Jamie Barnette is, for the third consecutive pre-season, N.C. State's No. 1 option at quarterback, and not just because the Roxboro, N.C. native has owned the spot for the past 30 games under O'Cain, but because in the past two and half seasons, Barnette has put together one of the best careers from the pocket in school and conference history.

Even before the first snap of the 1999 season, Barnette holds school career records for Passing yards (7,141), total yardage (7,295), passing touchdowns (46), touchdown responsibility (56), and Passing attempts (905). He is already in the top ten in the Atlantic Coast Conference record books in total offense and passing yards, and is currently the ACC's top junior passer in history.

To break the conference marks for total offense and passing yards, he'd have to finish his fourth and final season with over 600 total yards and over 1,000 passing yards less than 1998, in which he missed all but the first snap of the Georgia Tech game, sidelined early with a concussion.

But for Barnette, 1999 isn't just a race against history, it is a race against the present.

A race to lead the Wolfpack back to a bowl game in consecutive years for just the second time under Mike O'Cain.

And a race to earn his place in conference history-- before pre-season Heisman Candidate Joe Hamilton.

Hamilton, Georgia Tech's leader for the fourth year as well, coupled with Barnette, give the ACC the bragging rights for best quarterbacks in the nation. Throw in Florida State's Chris Weinke, ranked nationally in two categories last season, and the conference is seemingly impossible to beat in the pocket.

"We have great quarterbacks," said Georgia Tech Coach George O'Leary. "Jamie and Joe are guys who very rarely beat themselves. Jamie Barnette has big-play potential, he always comes up with big plays. Joe, he can take a bad play and make it look good."

The starting job has been Barnette's since December 30th, the day after the final game of the Wolfpack's 1998 season.



son.

According to O'Cain there has been no doubt about who will lead the Wolfpack charge come the season opener in Austin, Texas against the Longhorns. But it wasn't a tough call, by any means. The starting job has been his going on three years now.

"Jamie is a very unselfish player, very team orient," said O'Cain. "Torry Holt was a great player, but I would have rather lost him than Jamie Barnette. Without him, none of those guys can be their best."

And according to Barnette, there is not extra pressure on him.

"I am more confident than ever, I have the experience, I know what play to call, I am comfortable with my position," said Barnette.

But of course there are great things expected of Barnette, after the Pack's trip south for the Micron PC Bowl last season, a return-trip to post-season play is expected in Raleigh. And if Barnette can put up the yards and hold off Hamilton to claim the conference passing title, the Wolfpack would hold the three most coveted records in the ACC Football record books: career passing yard (Barnette), career rushing yards (Ted Brown), and career receiving yards (Torry Holt).

But Barnette can't be expected to take every pass of the 1999 season, even in a perfect world. With the off-season loss of Charles Berry (transfer) and Grant Dorn (minor league baseball), Barnette is left with a supporting cast of rookies-- literally.

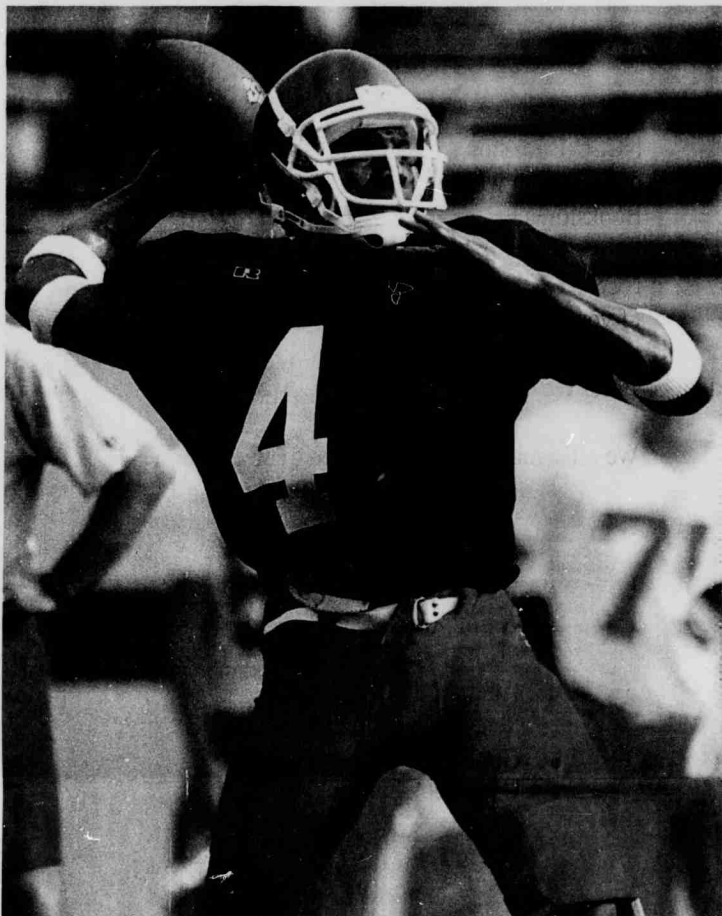
The depth chart in the Wolfpack's 1999 media guide doesn't list two-deep for the quarterback position, it is only Barnette, in bold letters. At the time that the guide was printed, not only did the Wolfpack not know who the No. 2 was going to be, but none of the possible choices had officially reported to campus.

The front-runners for the job are true freshmen Toki McCray and Jatavis Sanders.

McCray, out of Maryville, Tenn. Led his high school team to its second-straight Tennessee State Championships, compiling a record of 15-0 in the process. In his final two seasons, McCray threw for a total of 4,777 yards and 59 touchdowns.

Sanders, who joins his high school teammate J.J. Washington (defensive back) on the N.C. State roster this season, hails from Stone Mountain, Georgia, where he threw six TD's as a senior and amassed 2,200 passing and 1,500 rushing yards in his three-year career.

After the Wolfpack's second intersquad scrimmage this past Saturday,



Jamie Barnette, who has started every Wolfpack football game since the middle of the 1996 season, will take the helm of the N.C. State football team again in 1999. Barnette and Georgia Tech quarterback Joe Hamilton are vying for the title of Atlantic Coast Conference all-time passing and total yardage leader.

O'Cain was still tight-lipped about who would get the nod should Barnette come out of the game.

Like a cautious father of two sons vying for the spot, O'Cain didn't want to say anything until he had spoken to both of the players.

It appears that Sanders' ability to pick up on the Wolfpack offense quickly may have given him an advantage at this point, but despite the fact that the Wolfpack plays one of the first games of the 1999 season, State still has close to two full weeks to prepare and adjust.

And the toughest adjustment might be mentally-- and for the fans, after all, when was the last time No. 4 wasn't the starting quarterback?

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The competition is tough at the Wolfpack's pre-season practice as three freshmen vie for the right to be Mike O'Cain's No. 2 behind fourth-year starter Jamie Barnette.

Expansion in the ACC : myth or mandatory???

◆ Is that Atlantic Coast Conference adding another member to the family?

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

The air in Greensboro this past July at the Atlantic Coast Conference's Football Kickoff weekend was impregnated with rumors and wonder: will the conference follow the lead of the SEC and the Big 12 and become another super conference?

Rather than just the same old story about Florida State and then some, the conference coaches had another subject to gab about-- a few where shy about the situation.

As of right now, the question is

just speculation, there have been no official or publicly known unofficial, measures taken to bring another school into the conference, and part of the reason lies in the fact that behind the initial question is a line of more questions which extends from College Park to Tallahassee.

Should the ACC expand to ten teams or to twelve teams?

Should the ACC expand to twelve teams for football and ten teams for everything else?

Should the ACC expand just for football?

Who should the ACC add?

What is wrong with the ACC as it is?

Will there be a conference championship game?

Will there be too many teams to keep the "everybody-plays-every-

body" format?

The whole question is on the surface, a media nightmare. No "reliable source" will go on the record with anything other than "no comment" for a committed answer, but everyone is "open to suggestions" and is seemingly "waiting to see what is offered."

But the media, especially in the Triangle, the heart of the ACC, has had a field day with the story. Why? Because of the speculation.

If the ACC expands to ten teams, there would still be no conference championship in football, but for the rest of the sports, the conference tournament process will be made that much more complicated, unless teams are excluded from conference post-season play.

If the ACC adds a team based pre-

dominantly on its prowess in football, the caliber of the conference schedule of sports like basketball and baseball and soccer could be hurt.

If the ACC adds a team like Miami (Fla.) or Syracuse it would tap into two more of the country's major media markets, but the recruiting base of teams such as Florida State and Maryland.

A conference championship game, by NCAA regulation, only occurs in a 12+ member conference, which in football and probably in almost every other sport, leaves no room for the "everybody-plays-everybody" scenario.

The ripples of the expansion question have found its epicenter largely in the field houses and locker rooms of the conference school known for

their football traditions-- Georgia Tech, Florida State, and Clemson. But adding a member to the conference roster requires affirmative votes from at least seven of the nine existing schools' CEOs. Currently, in the wake of the passing of UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor Michael Hooker, there is some question as to who would represent the Tar Heels, and there is already more speculation that "basketball" schools such as Duke, Wake Forest, and possibly Maryland would oppose the venture.

And while the football coaches are speaking out about it, ultimately, it is not there decision.

"Sometime in the next three to five years, I think we should expand and go to 12 teams," said Virginia

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Technician will be running its 1999 fall preview for the next two weeks leading up to the football and women's soccer games on Aug. 28th that will kick-off the season. Stay tuned for info on the Pack's football, soccer, cross country and volleyball.

USA TODAY/ESPN coaches' poll

RANK	TEAM
1.	Florida St (36)
2.	Tennessee (13)
3.	Arizona (2)
4.	Penn St (8)
5.	Florida
6.	Nebraska
7.	Michigan
8.	Texas A&M
9.	Ohio St
10.	Wisconsin
11.	Georgia Tech
12.	Miami Fla
13.	Georgia
14.	Virginia Tech
15.	UCLA
16.	Texas
17.	Colorado
18.	Notre Dame
19.	Kansas St
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23.	Purdue
24.	Virginia
25.	Arizona St

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1.	Florida State (84)	780
2.	Georgia Tech (3)	688
3.	Virginia	565
4.	North Carolina	516
5.	NC State	482
6.	Clemson	302
7.	Duke	213
8.	Wake Forest	197
9.	Maryland	171

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RANK	TEAM
1.	Florida St (48)
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7.	Texas A&M
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9.	Ohio St
10.	Wisconsin
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12.	Miami Fla
13.	Virginia Tech (1)
14.	Georgia
15.	Colorado
16.	UCLA
17.	Texas
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ACC Notes

ACC Announces women's schedule

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner John Swofford announced earlier this month the composite schedule for the upcoming 1999-2000 ACC Women's Basketball season. The schedule includes 20 TV games on the league's regional sports network, four games on ESPN2 and one on Lifetime Network.

In the last ten years, the conference has advanced from a four-game regional package that featured one live telecast and three tape-delay games to this season's 22-game package with live telecasts for all games by Home Team Sports, FOX Sports South, Sunshine Network and ESPN2.

This season's 22-game package is an all-time high for ACC women's basketball jumping up four games from last season. The 18 regular season telecasts will climax with LIVE coverage of the 23rd annual ACC Women's Basketball

Tournament. The tournament will take on a new look this season as it begins a three-year stint at the Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, N.C. For the second straight year, the ACC tournament coverage will feature expanded television coverage, televising four of the eight games beginning with the 1:30 p.m. quarterfinal game, both semifinals and the championship game.

Once again, ACC LIVE!, a 30 minute pregame show, will air and highlight women's basketball action from around the league for that particular weekend. This year it will take on a new date and time, airing Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. before the featured conference match-up that evening.

This year, the ACC's non-conference schedule features 20 teams that participated in the 1999 NCAA Tournament. Duke, which advanced to the NCAA Championship game for the first time in school history, will open up its 1999-2000 campaign hosting the first and second round action of the WNIT. The Blue Devils, who were last season's ACC regular season champions, are also slated to face at least four teams who earned berths to last year's NCAA Tournament, including Virginia Tech who advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 a year ago.

Other match-ups highlighting the ACC schedule include the Myrtle Beach Classic featuring ACC/Big 10 match-ups between 1999 ACC tournament champion Clemson vs. Penn State and North Carolina vs. Michigan State.

The Tar Heels will also be featured in the "Four in the Fall" Tournament that will take place in Lubbock, Texas. The tournament will also headline LSU, UCLA and Texas Tech who finished the 16th, 7th and 10th respectively in the final USA Today/ESPN Top 25 poll. On January 23, NC State and North Carolina will hit the hard wood, when they take on Texas and Iowa State respectively in the ACC/Big 12 Challenge. Both games will be televised on ESPN2.

Sonics Sign Shammond Williams

SEATTLE (AP) - Shammond Williams signed a three-year contract last Thursday with the Seattle SuperSonics.

"We're thrilled to be able to sign Shammond," Sonics head coach Paul Westphal said.

Williams played with the Sonics summer league team in Boston, averaging 12.2 points and 6.5 assists in six games.

"He was one of the stars of our summer league team. The difference was noticeable when he was in the game and when he wasn't," Westphal said. "We think he has a very good career ahead of him and we expect to see him on the floor a lot this season."

The 6-foot-1 guard was selected by the Chicago Bulls in the second round with the 34th pick in the 1998 NBA draft. His rights were traded to the Atlanta Hawks, where he played in two games before being released Feb. 19.

"It's a great situation here," said Williams, who played at North from 1995 to 1998, averaging 16.8 points and 4.2 assists in 38 games.

Duke Hires Two Assistant Baseball Coaches

DURHAM, N.C. - Duke baseball coach Bill Hillier has completed his staff Thursday with the naming of Eric Filipek and Billy Hillier, Jr., as assistant coaches. Filipek will serve as the Blue Devil hitting

instructor, the same role he held the last two seasons at UNC Asheville. Under Filipek's direction, UNC Asheville set team batting records for average, home runs, doubles, hits, RBI and runs scored in 1998. In addition to being a Bulldog assistant coach for the last three seasons under Hillier, Filipek, a 1997 graduate of UNC Asheville, was a four-year standout who concluded his collegiate career with a .324 batting average, 21 home runs and 120 RBI.

The younger Hillier joins his father on the Duke staff after a season as a Wake Forest volunteer assistant coach. He will work with the Blue Devil pitchers. Hillier was a standout pitcher and hitter for UNC Asheville while playing for his father with 28 career home runs, a .308 career batting average and 14 pitching victories.

A 1998 graduate of UNC Asheville, Hillier was a two-time all-state selection while playing at Durham's Jordan High School.

NSCAA Ranks Four ACC Teams in Preseason Poll

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - The National Soccer Coaches Association of America has ranked the Maryland third, Clemson fourth and Virginia sixth in its preseason men's soccer poll, released earlier this week.

Meanwhile, Duke checks into the rankings at No. 12.

1998 NCAA Champion Indiana and national runner-up Stanford are the top two teams heading into the 1999 season.

Maryland opens its regular season at defending National Champion Indiana's adidas Classic on Sept. 3-5. The Terps' first game of the year will be against preseason No. 1 Indiana and it will meet No. 14 Butler the

final day on Sept. 5.

Terrapin head coach Sasho Cirovski was pleased with the preseason ranking.

"It's nice, however it's more reflective of your accomplishments the previous season. It's more important where we finish than where we start."

The Terrapins meet a total of seven ranked opponents during the regular season, including two top-four teams, No. 1 Indiana and No. 4 Clemson.

Other ranked foes include No. 6 Virginia, which will compete in Maryland's Fila College Preseason Tournament, No. 12 Duke, No. 16 Connecticut, also a Maryland/Fila College Preseason Tournament participant, and No. 21 William & Mary.

Maryland opens its slate with an exhibition game against Connecticut at the University of Maryland/Fila College Preseason Tournament in College Park on Aug. 27. The tournament is among the most competitive

preseason tournaments in the country and features three top 20.

Terps Tab Homan as Assistant Volleyball Coach

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - Susan Homan, who has been the head volleyball coach at George Washington University since 1990, has been named an assistant coach at the University of Maryland, head Maryland volleyball coach Janice Kruger announced earlier this month. Homan replaces Hou, who accepted the head coaching position at UMBC earlier this summer.

In nine years at the helm of the Colonials program, Homan compiled a record of 198-115. She led George Washington to three NCAA Tournament appearances (1993, 1994, 1995), three Atlantic 10 Tournament championships (1993, 1994 and 1995) and four regular season Atlantic 10 championships (1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995). Homan was named the Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year in 1992 and 1994.

Homan has been an assistant coach under Kruger three times previously. She assisted Kruger for five years at Nebraska-Omaha (1980-82 and 1985-88) and two years at Maryland (1988-90). In between her two stints at Nebraska-Omaha, Homan was the head coach at Northwest Missouri State University.

In 1980, Homan earned her bachelors degree in education from Wayne State College. She earned her masters degree in physical education from Nebraska-Omaha in 1985.

Maryland starts its 1999 season on Sept. 1 when it hosts Villanova at 7 p.m.

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Special interest services

African American Cultural Center 515-5210 Located

on the third floor of the Witherspoon student center, the Cultural Center offers information on campus and community events, and serves as ground zeros for such groups as the Nubian Message, a weekly newspaper, and social and academic organizations.

African- American Student Affairs 515-3835 Offices are at 2010 Harris Hall, at the corner of Dan Allen and West Dunn, adjacent to Pullen Hall.

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Equal Opportunity Office 515-3148 Located in Holladay Hall, near the Bell Tower, the Alumni Building and the CHASS complex.

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Thrillers

What's Playing



Summer of Sam Spike Lee takes a look back at one of the most infamous summers in New York City history- 1977. Was it the heat, or was it just timing? 1977 was the year that the 44 caliber killer terrorized the world's largest city. John Leguizamo, Adrien Brody, Mira Sorvino and Jennifer Esposito take a look back at the infamous "Summer of Sam" shootings.



The Sixth Sense The psychological drama about a young boy (Haley Joel Osment) who is visited by ghosts is sure to have you thinking- deeply. Keeping his secret just that for sometime, the boy finally confides in Dr. Malcolm Crowe (Bruce Willis) and the two find out more than they want to know about just how powerful the senses can be.



The Blair Witch Project Okay, it is not, we repeat NOT real. This low-budget thriller about trio of film students lost and ultimately killed in the woods of Maryland is shockingly scary and critically acclaimed, largely as a result of the highly unorthodox shooting of the film's footage.

Deep Blue Sea The oldest message in the book- don't mess with nature. Attempting to find the secret to the regeneration of human brain tissue, doctors in a floating laboratory genetically re-engineer sharks, inadvertently into killing machines. The summer of 1999's version of Dr. Frankenstein's monster, the film stars Saffron Burrows, Thomas Jane, Samuel L. Jackson and L.L. Cool J.

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While *Bridget Jones' Diary* and *Run Catch Kiss* explore the sexual side of a twenty-something woman's life, *A Girl's Guide to Hunting and Fishing* adds some meat to the bones of the subject.

In her first major publication, Melissa Bank has a hit, offering her readers a look into not just the physical side of heroine Jane Rosenthal's sex life, but also the emotional side.

The book is made up of seven related accounts that span about thirty years of Rosenthal's life. For the book, Bank received much advanced praise and a healthy chunk of money (\$275,000), both unusual

for a young writers first foray into the field. But the end product has garnered the support from some very high places.

Unlike her counterparts Helen Fielding (*Jones*) and Amy Sohn (*Run*), Banks doesn't focus on the escapades of her character's life after puberty, but rather the inner workings of it: reaction to her older brother's older lover, her parents, and her alcoholic mentor, who she happens to sleep with.

Disregarding the caparisons that are understandably but unnecessarily so prevalent since the books release, the book is a strong account of what happens in a woman's life after she leaves the office. And more importantly - it is believable.

People Magazine called the novel a "funny fictional account on the dating wars".

But, to this reader, funny isn't the

word - it is ironic, and what is ironic about the story is that it comes so incredibly close to being a non-fictional account of dating, especially in the microcosm of New York City.

Released in May, the book has spent nine weeks on the New York Times Bestseller list, currently sitting in the No. 7 position.

For more reviews on the book, and to read an excerpt from the work, click on to BarnesandNoble.Com.

If you like *A Girl's Guide to Hunting and Fishing*, check out *Bridget Jones' Diary* by Helen Fielding, *Run Catch Kiss* by Amy Sohn, *Singing into the Piano* by Ted Mooney or *Summer Sisters* by Judy Blume.

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Football Coach George Welsh: "I don't know what the three teams would be, but I think we could get three good teams to complement the league. We should go to two divisions. I would have a championship game at the end, sometime in December."

And the plan in Welsh's crystal ball, by all accounts, though unconfirmed, seems to be the plan that the conference has in mind. But not everyone, not even everyone in support of expansion has the same thought.

"I would like to expand. It's nothing other than a gut feeling. I like new blood. I like playing different types of teams. If you don't do that you are going to be left behind a bit," said Georgia Tech head man George O'Leary. "I know you've got other things to look at politically in the conference, but I'd like to play nine conference games. The only thing I want to do is, I want to

play everybody. I don't want to play three of the five in the other conference and not two."

And then there are some who oppose expansion, but realize that it is going to be part of what it takes to stay abreast in college football and college athletics as a whole.

"In an ideal world, I'm not in favor of it," said N.C. State head Coach Mike O'Cain. "I like the conference the way that it is. I like being able to play everybody in the conference and then having three outside games."

"However, looking down the road and seeing what may be on the horizon, I think expansions is probably inevitable in terms of our conference surviving and competing against everybody else. How we deal with that is neither here nor there, but I think it's something that will probably happen."

But that was July and the rumors have subsided, some what. It is not that expansion talk is dead, just on hiatus, after all, it is August, and there is the business to take care of.

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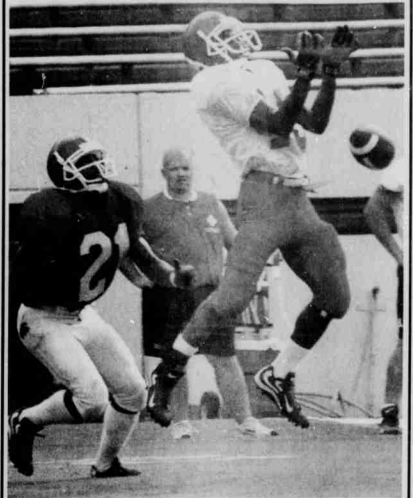
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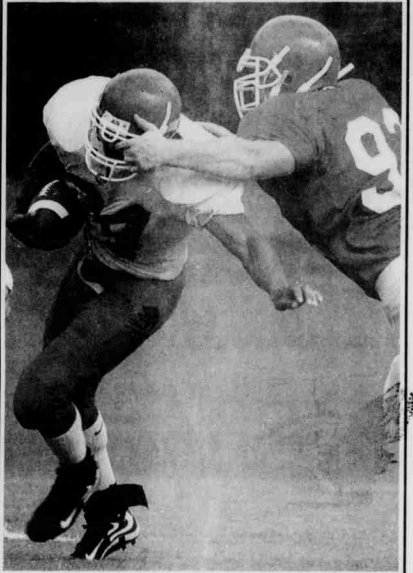


Wolfpack quarterback Jamie Barnette looks on as his rookie counterparts take the snaps in the Wolfpack's scrimmage on Saturday.

First look in the big house



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