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In the NEWS

NCSU's nuclear engineer joins research council board

John G. Gilligan, a professor of nuclear engineering and associate dean for the College of Engineering research and graduate programs, has been elected to serve on the board of directors of the Engineering Research Council (ERC) of the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE). Board members are appointed to three-year terms. Gilligan joined the NCSU faculty in 1983. Prior to 1983, he served as an assistant professor of nuclear engineering at the University of Illinois and as a research associate at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory.



Gilligan

Gilligan is also chair of the NCSU's Mineral Research Laboratory advisory board and serves on the North Carolina Mining Commission.

NCSU receives highest recognition for excellence in educational advancement

N.C. State has earned three prestigious national awards this month for its public relations and media relations work in last year. The three gold Circle of Excellence medals, are the highest given by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The Circle of Excellence competition recognizes excellence in educational advancement and is open to all colleges, universities and independent schools across the country. The NCSU News Services office earned a gold medal in the Overall Media Relations Programs category for its work in promoting NCSU to the news media. The other two medals — in the Individual Special Public Relations Projects category and the Individual Student Involvement Projects category — were in recognition for the "Back Home with N.C. State" program. Spearheaded by the News Services office, the program featured eight trips in which top-notch NCSU students took Chancellor Marye Anne Fox to visit their hometowns to meet their parents, teachers, role models and town leaders. In addition to News Services, the Chancellor's Office, the Development office and Alumni Relations staff were cited for their contribution to the Back Home project.

NATIONAL

Scientists see matter being sucked into black hole

Astronomers said Monday that they had found direct evidence for the first time of matter being pulled into a black hole. They said the matter was being pulled at a speed of more than 6 million miles per hour (10 million km per hour) into the black hole, a dense region where extremely strong gravity sucks in everything, including light. Writing in Astrophysical Journal Letters, the team at looking at what was in a galaxy 100 million light-years away, a light-year being the distance light travels in one year.

"QUOTABLE"



Gates

"Oh, come on. It's an elusive concept. There's a certain sharpness, an ability to absorb new facts. To walk into a situation, have something explained to you and immediately say, Well, what about this? To ask an insightful question. To absorb it in real time. A capacity to remember. To relate to domains that may not seem connected at first. A certain creativity that allows people to be effective."

-- Bill Gates definition of smart asked during an interview with Playboy.

Chemical work begins near Carter-Finley

◆ NCSU's soil stabilization project resumes at the Superfund site near Carter-Finley Stadium, but this time, with a new technique.

SAARAH E. MIRANO
Assistant News Editor

Imagine a guy standing near a 10-foot deep trench in moon suit attire, holding an enormous hose that shoots a steady stream of grout mix that is the consistency of a chocolate milkshake. Then, you might be on your way to understanding the new soil stabilization method underway by the N.C. State Environmental

Health and Safety Department. The soil remediation process was recently approved by the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the federal Environmental Protection Agency at the 1.5-acre site, Lot 86, near Carter-Finley Stadium, and should be completed by September. The original project was 67 percent complete when it was suspended in early March because of technical problems. The site was used from 1969 to 1981 to dispose of waste products from the university's laboratories at its then remote location, when waste laws weren't as strict. In 1982, it was placed in a process of evaluation, being monitored to assure that contamination would not be spread beyond the area. In 1984, the site was

placed on the National Priorities' List under the Superfund Program. "Until we got the process started, it pretty much looked like a field of grass...It was fenced," according to Duane Knudson, Environmental Affairs Manager. However, NCSU assured that there has been no exposure to chemicals for anyone living, working or passing by the area. If there were any risk at all, it would've been in the groundwater, but according to Knudson, there are and were no water supply wells for a long distance from the site. The new process of stabilizing the soil involves an open trench mixing of approximately four tons of cement into individual 4-by-12 foot cells, dug 10 feet

deep. The grout mix is sprayed into the trenches, where it hardens and isolates any contaminants on the site. Then the giant concrete "monolith" is covered with topsoil. "The concrete holds [the chemicals] in place. They can't go anywhere. They're not destroyed, they're just captured," said Knudson. Previously, the method was very similar, but involved a totally enclosed trench mixing, and a "hood" captured vapors. "It didn't work because our mix master ran into some shallow bedrock," said Knudson. Fortunately, state and federal agencies approved the new process, although it

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Leaders against surcharge

◆ N.C. State student leaders lobbied this summer at the general assembly to prevent a tuition surcharge.

ZACK MAZER
News Editor

While visions of sugar plums and beach trips were dancing through the heads of most N.C. State students, a handful of student government representatives had visions of success — lobbying the N.C. Legislature this summer to avoid a \$500 "tuition surcharge." The surcharge, which Student Senate President Seth Whitaker called "a politically astute way to raise tuition and not get blamed for it," was designed to allow the Board of Trustees to raise tuition by \$250 over the next two academic years for a grand total of \$500. However, the surcharge did not pass the House of Representatives.

Unlike tuition dollars, which go into the general fund and are distributed amongst the 16 campuses in the UNC System as necessary, all of the money gathered from NCSU students would have returned to NCSU, with 35 percent earmarked for financial aid and the remaining 65 percent for increases in faculty salaries.

And though there is no way to tell if Student Government's efforts were the deciding factor in the failure of the surcharge bill to pass the N.C. House of Representatives, legislators such as Allen H. Wellons and Eric Reeves, who both represent local counties, were impressed with the effort.

"All of the representatives from the different campuses were well-mannered and forceful," said Wellons. "I thought they did a good job. I was very proud. It shows me how well our schools are working."

Reeves, a former Raleigh City Council member and currently a state senator from Wake Co. and Johnston Co., commented that the most impressive aspects of the lobbying efforts were the organization, consistency and mature attitude of the participants, who came from a number of campuses including NCSU, UNC and UNC-Charlotte.

"[The lobbyists] were definitely not intimidated by being at the general assembly," Reeves said. As well, the same group of students lobbied in favor of the \$3 billion construction bond for the entire UNC system. NCSU had asked for \$449,305,681, but the bond failed to pass.

"It's unfortunate," said Mirchandani, who supported the bond. "Look around, we needed that money for repairs."

According to Whitaker, without

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"NCSU has a long tradition of building partnerships, while keeping education focused."

Bob Geolas
CENTENNIAL CAMPUS PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

centennial campus partners' staff employment totals	
ABB Power T&D Company	200
Advanced Energy Corporation (AEC)	
American Technology Laboratories, Inc.	5
Applied Mathematics, Inc.	
Baker Information and Technical Sales, Inc. (BITS)	6
Bayer Corporation	
Digital Mapping Technology, Inc.	5
Eastman Kodak Company	3
Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)	
Fiber, Apparel, Carpet and Textile Office (FACTO)	
Gannett Fleming, Inc.	10
Knowledge Sharing Systems, Inc.	9
Lanco Assembly Systems, Inc.	4
Lucent Technologies Optical Networking Group	30
Material Analytical Services, Inc. (MAS)	5
MESO, Inc.	1
Nitronex Corp.	1
NOAA National Weather Service Regional Forecast Office	25
Paradigm Organics, Inc.	12
Plexus Technology Group	35
Pulsecom, Inc.	12
Serotec, Inc.	6
State Climate Office for North Carolina (SCO)	12
The Triangle Group	8
Understanding Systems Inc.	3
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS)	43

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Partners Double

◆ Over the past year, 19 companies have become resident partners of NCSU's Centennial Campus, opening up numerous job opportunities for students.

ANN HSIEH
Staff Writer

N.C. State's Centennial Campus doubled its resident partners in 1998-1999 with the addition of 19 new companies and government agencies. The 1,000-acre site is emerging as the Research Triangle Area's fastest growing development. Companies such as Lucent Technologies chose NCSU's Centennial Campus over MIT and Stanford. The decision to come to N.C. State over other prominent universities for a number of different reasons, according to Bob Geolas. "Our graduating students are viewed

nationwide," Geolas, the Centennial Campus partnership development specialist, said. "We have an outstanding faculty, a bright and dynamic student body and excellent facilities and equipment." NCSU's new corporate and government partners will help in the education of students, as well as create employment opportunities for them. "NCSU has a long tradition of building partnerships, while keeping education focused," said Geolas. "The number one reason the companies are here is to get close to the students." They will have the chance to build important relationships, which will prove beneficial in current, as well as long-term, job opportunities. Charles Moreland, Vice Chancellor involved in Research Administration, believes this will be a great learning experi-

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Chinese refuse to apologize

◆ Various factions rekindle call for Japanese apology and reparations.

TERESA WATANABE
Los Angeles Times

They cannot forget, as hard as they've tried.

Jean Bee Chan is a math professor in idyllic Sonoma, Calif., now, but she can still picture the menacing bayonets pointed at her as a young Chinese girl fleeing the Japanese siege of her country more than a half century ago.

James T. Murphy is a retired Air Force captain who spends these days watching travelogues on TV and tending his tomato plants in Santa Maria, Calif. But he still chokes up when he recounts, hesitantly, the beheadings, live burials and other acts too horrific to share, inflicted by the Japanese military on U.S. prisoners of war like himself during the infamous Bataan Death March.

Haunted by memories that refuse to fade, Chan and Murphy have joined a mushrooming movement of victims who are furiously re-fighting the Pacific War in California today — this time with lawsuits and legislation to bring public attention to Japan's World War II atrocities and win an apology and financial compensation.

The effort is supported in part by American veterans, Jewish activists who have worked on similar cases seeking reparations for victims of the Nazis, and a well-financed, computer-savvy, global network of Asians and Asian-Americans.

The prospect of new attention on the issue perplexes the Japanese government, which contends it already has taken appropriate steps, and worries portions of the Japanese American community who fear old animosities will be stirred.

The initiatives include lawsuits in California and New York that will seek compensation from Mitsui Mining

Co. and other Japanese companies for allegedly forcing more than 500 former U.S. prisoners of war to perform slave labor during their captivity. So far, at least two California lawsuits have been filed in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. is researching whether the U.S. government still possesses documents on

Japan's biological and chemical warfare research program — which included torturous medical experiments on live people — and, if found, will seek their declassification.

And, in a move that would have

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The dog days of summer
Were you paying attention this past summer? Take the quiz to find out!

He wants your cash
but will Student Government keep him from getting it?

QB Drama
Sanders gets nod as No. 2

Chinese

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the smallest actual effect but has ignited the hottest passions, California.

Democratic Assemblyman Mike Honda is expected to push the state Legislature to vote on a non-binding resolution Monday urging Japan to make a "clear and unambiguous" apology for its war misdeeds and offer individual reparations to victims. Those victims include former sex slaves known as "comfort women," American prisoners of war subjected to biological and chemical experiments, and those raped and killed during the Nanking Massacre in China in 1937 and in Guam, the Marshall Islands, the Andaman Islands, Manila and elsewhere.

The resolution also urges the U.S. Congress to adopt a similar measure and requests the president to seek an apology from Japan. The activists pushing it hope it will be a stepping stone to national attention for their cause.

"The atrocities and acts committed during World War II need to be on record," Honda said. "Once they are on record, the likelihood of them happening again is slimmer."

The Legislature's only two Asian-Americans — Honda and Democratic Assemblyman George Nakano — have taken opposite positions on the resolution, a split that has strained their relationship and agonized their supporters. Both are Americans of Japanese descent, who were interned during World War II and became educators before entering politics.

Honda says Asia's war victims deserve no less than Japanese Americans like himself who received \$20,000 from the U.S. government for their wartime internment. Community criticism against his resolution reminds him, he says, of admonitions not to rock the boat when he joined other Japanese American activists agitating for redress in 1975.

"Sometimes I ask myself, is this all about pride?" Honda said. "No,

it's about doing the right thing." Nakano says he supports reparations but believes there are better ways to push the cause than a measure he sees as inflammatory, divisive and virtually powerless to affect Japan's behavior.

To Nakano and others, it is unfair to single out Japan for special state condemnation when so many nations have committed so many atrocities.

In what he views as a more evenhanded approach, Nakano has offered a measure asking the University of California to document genocide throughout history and extract lessons from them for public school curriculums.

Japanese officials argue they already have apologized and point to a Cabinet-approved statement in 1995 by then-prime minister Tomichi Murayama. It directly apologized for the nation's "mistaken national policy ... (that) caused tremendous suffering to the people of many countries, particularly those of Asian nations." The statement went significantly beyond past expressions of "deep remorse," but victim advocates dismiss it because the parliament did not pass it.

Since then, other prime ministers have issued written apologies to former comfort women who accept \$17,000 "atonement payments" from a Japanese public-private fund, as well as apologies to subsequent South Korean and Chinese leaders.

(Begin optional trim)
Japanese business executives in the United States fear they will bear the brunt of any backlash.

"Why this? Why now?" said Soichiro Kiyama, executive director of the Japan Business Association in Los Angeles, which opposes the Honda measure along with the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in San Francisco. "Of course we understand the historical facts, but what is the point of rekindling this issue now?"

The victims and their families answer that Japan's efforts so far have not managed to stop the hatred they still feel, the nightmares they still have, the tears they still shed when they recall the

horrible events. (End optional trim)
Tim Niu, a real-estate investor in the Los Angeles area, grew up hearing terrible stories of Japanese aggression: His father, Niu Sean Ming, narrowly escaped the Nanking Massacre by posing as a monk in a Buddhist temple. Even to his death in 1996, the senior Niu could not recollect his memories of thousands of bloated corpses clogging a nearby river without breaking down in tears, his son said.

"We have 80 years of Japanese aggression," Niu said. "Japanese military men made our country and people suffer. So deeply in our hearts, we hate."

For some Asian-Americans, the issue is not the merits of the resolution. Rather, they ask if it is wise for Asian

Americans to become embroiled in foreign affairs — especially at a time when alleged Chinese spying, influence-peddling and other foreign scandals have put them under what they see as an undue cloud of suspicion.

The question has roiled the community. At its recent national convention in Dallas, board members of the 10,000-member Organization of Chinese Americans spent six hours emotionally debating the issue before approving a watered-down resolution deploring war crimes in general rather than a strong demand for a Japanese apology and reparations, according to president George Ong.

The issue has created a schism between some foreign-born Chinese, whose war memories remain fresh in their immediate family histories, and American-born Chinese "who are very, very dedicated to the fact that we need to be perceived as Americans," said Mae Ley Tom, a longtime Democratic political activist who now heads her own corporate relations firm, Tom & Associates, in Sacramento, Calif.

Over the past few months, various league bodies have passed three different resolutions — from a strong appeal for Japanese reparations by a local chapter near Sacramento to a carefully neutral one by the national board.

National president Herbert Yamanishi said there were too many problems of greater urgency for

Asian-Americans — including hate crimes and the fallout of the Chinese spying scandal — to expend energy on the war crimes issue.

Meanwhile, the executive director of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles — in consultation with such trustees as Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, and former U.S. Rep. Norm Mineta — has asked California Assembly Speaker Antonio Villarraigosa, a Democrat, floor vote. (Museum leaders have not taken a position on an apology and reparations, but say the issues were not adequately vetted in the community before surfacing in the high-profile legislative arena.)

Warren Furtant, assistant to the speaker, said Villarraigosa would allow a vote but has charged him with the

Herculean task of trying to find common ground among the parties in conflict.

The alliance supporting the resolution has relied on advice and support from Jewish organizations around the world, including the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, Veterans of the Pacific War who have worked closely with Jewish activists in developing their slave labor cases, which have been inspired by similar action against European companies.

A class-action suit representing more than 500 members of the "American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor Inc.," a veterans organization, is set to be filed soon in New York, according to Michael Engelberg, executive director of the American Center for Civil Justice. And a new California law permitting suits over slave labor, originally aimed at German and Italian companies, led to a claim filed last week in Los Angeles by Lester L. Tenney, 79, a former POW who was beaten and enslaved during the war in coal mines run by Mitsui & Co. Ltd.

Partners

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ence for students and faculty through programs not found at other universities.

"The students can set up jobs with companies directly related to their majors and have a wealth of expertise to draw on," said Moreland. "The practical experience will make what they learn in the classroom more understandable and meaningful."

These companies will help the students in a number of different ways, according to Geolias. They will have the opportunity to work for the corporations in the form of co-ops, internships and part-time jobs. The industries also provide important research dollars.

Mark Wells, a senior in materials engineering, has taken advantage of the job opportunities on NCSU's Centennial Campus. He has worked for the Analytical Instrumentation Facility for over a year and a half, consulting with local industries and research professors on campus to take care of scientific needs.

Leaders

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the construction bond "we have no source for the money" due to the "intangibles" tax that was found unconstitutional.

But on a wider scale than the surcharge or the bond issues, Mirchandani and the others involved are hoping their action

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does mean that the vapors are released into the atmosphere. According to Knudson, since March 1 the department of Environmental Health & Safety has been working with regulators to prove that this

"Partnering up with different industries encourages high tech industries to come into the area," said Wells. "It is convenient to go to class, and then go right to work from there."

The environment supports the highly interactive nature of innovation, said Geolias, who believes the combination of the industry and university will help speed up the technology transfer. The focus will be on real life problem solving.

"The students are prepared to go into this global economy and fully participate," said Geolias. "They will move their ideas from the lab right into the marketplace."

Centennial Campus is the logical choice for corporations and government agencies, which need R & D facilities near research, faculty and graduate students who can supplement project teams on a just-in-time basis.

According to Moreland, NCSU is beginning to see the result of the long range planning of Centennial Campus. It will continue to have the mix of the university, the corporations and government agencies. Geolias agrees that Centennial Campus will grow and expand. "It will continue to be a dynamic place for governments and industries to locate in the future," he said.

will set an example for other students to become more involved themselves with the goings-on at the general assembly.

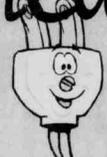
"I hope this opens up opportunities for other students," Mirchandani said. "When you go down to [the legislature] and say you were elected and that you represent 27,000 students, legislators listen. That is evidenced by the fact that this is the first time in a long time that students went out and fought something and won."

was a no-risk process. And they did. When the project is complete, NCSU will sign a deed rest saying that it can't do anything with the property.

But for NCSU, the work will not be over. Then, NCSU will be looking into taking on a groundwater cleanup project.

"That will take years," confessed Knudson.

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There's still something about her?

OK, while you wait for the sequel for *There's Something About Mary* head over to the video store to pick up a copy since it's now on video!



were you paying attention?

technician's official summer of 1999 quiz



1. What real-life country duo had chart-topping hits on the Billboard list? 2. What 1990 on-screen pair was reunited to "tie the knot" in a 1999 flick? 3. What cartoon replaced baseball cards in the collectors kits of children all over the country? 4. Which two in-state rivals battled for the title of National Champion in the College World Series? 5. Who was "Living La Vida Loca"? 6. What Hall-of-Fame bound running back announced his retirement and what team did he play for? 7. Name the low-budget thriller that supposedly took place in the woods of Maryland? 8. Which of Jim Henson's Muppet's was found to be an alien? 9. What disgraced former children's T.V. Star made his way back to the big screen in "Mystery Men"? 10. Which Kennedy was married, who's daughter was she, and where did the wedding take place? 11. What was the largest sporting event in the world this year, and where did the opening ceremonies take place? 12. Who won the U.S. Open Golf Championship? 13. What southern city was rocked by the worst mass-shooting in its history? 14. What political figure "stood by her man" and the announced her candidacy for the Senate? 15. What NCAA Division I institution was rocked by violations concerning academic integrity? 16. Which former ACC player of the Year led his current team to the NBA Championship? 17. What Royal couple was wed? 18. Name the two "New Kids" that released albums in 1999. 19. Name two of the three "big" boy bands that toured in 1999? 20. This August was the 30th anniversary of what two historical events?



the answers

1. Faith Hill and Tim McGraw 2. Julia Roberts and Richard Gere 3. Pokemon 4. Florida State and the University of Miami 5. Ricky Martin 6. Barry Sanders; Detroit Lions 7. The Blair Witch Project 8. Gonzo 9. Pee Wee Herman 10. Rory Kennedy, Robert and Ethel, Greece 11. The World Special Olympics; Carter-Finley Stadium 12. Payne Stewart 13. Atlanta 14. Hillary Clinton 15. Minnesota 16. Tim Duncan 17. Edward and Sophia 18. Jordan Knight and Joey McIntyre 19. 98 degrees, N'Sync, Backstreet Boys 20. Woodstock and the Manson murders

What's Playing Romances



Runaway Bride

The reunion of stars Julia Roberts and Richard Gere and director Gary Marshall, who first found success together with the 1990 hit "Pretty Woman". Gere plays a cynical New York newspaper columnist who drags Robert's character's name through the mud at learning that she has left not one but three men at the altar. Finding himself in trouble with his boss, Rita Wilson, who just happens to be his ex-wife, Gere treks to the small Maryland town where Robert reeks havoc on the lives and hearts of her suitors. While attempting to prove his case, Gere's character does the unthinkable.



The Thomas Crown Affair

Like most people, all Thomas Crown is looking for is a little challenge. But when you are a self-made billionaire, a "little" challenge is pulling off the heist of a priceless Monet from a world-class museum in New York City. Catherine Banning is the stunningly initiative investigator assigned to the case by the city's police department. It seems that the two have found their challenge: outwitting each other without falling in love at the same time. The Thomas Crown Affair is much like one of Brosnan's Bond films, except with the star on the other side of the law. The 1999 Irish DreamTime, Inc. release is an adaptation of the original by the same name which starred Faye Dunaway and Steve McQueen. Dunaway is featured in the new release, which has a few more romantic overtones than the original.



Notting Hill

Julia Roberts is a big Movie Star. Hugh Grant is the owner of a small travel book store. The two have nothing in common, but when they meet, sparks fly. When she becomes embroiled in controversy, he attempts to help out, but a clumsy-mouthed roommate causes more trouble for the pair. Like most British comedies, the film features a number of off-beat but seriously funny characters and a less than favorable portrayal of an American.



Mickey Blue Eyes

Michael (Hugh Grant) wants to marry Gina (Jeanne Tripplehorn), but marrying her means marrying into her New York City Mafia Family. Much to the dismay of Gina, Michael strikes up a friendship with her father (James Caan). Soon, Michael, the proprietor of an auction house, finds himself inadvertently laundering money through his business, an accessory to murder, and known as the notorious "Mickey Blue Eyes".

Elton gives first concert after his most recent operation



Sir Elton John sings the hit song "Daniel" to the audience at a private party in Florida Saturday. The concert, which marked the 50th birthday celebrations of On Line Productions, marked Sir Elton John's return to the public eye after having a pacemaker fitted last month.

LONDON (Reuters) - Flamboyant British pop star Elton John has given his first performance since he was fitted with a heart pacemaker last month, his spokesman said Monday.

Simon Prytherch said the 52-year-old entertainer gave a private concert in Orlando, Florida, Saturday.

"He played a full solo set for 3,500 people. The concert went brilliantly," Prytherch said.

quoting John as saying: "It's been a while since I played. I'm a little rusty, but I hope you like it."

John, whose "Candle in the Wind" tribute to the late Princess Diana is the biggest selling single of all time, has rescheduled concerts cancelled in July because of his operation. He is due to play his first public concert on August 29 in Leeds in northern England.

Despite having the pacemaker

fitted -- which prevented him from singing at the wedding of soccer star David Beckham and Spice Girl Victoria Adams -- John managed to put a smile on things.

"The only long-term effect of the heart problem is that I have to carry a card explaining why I set off the alarms when I walk through airport security," he said after the surgery.

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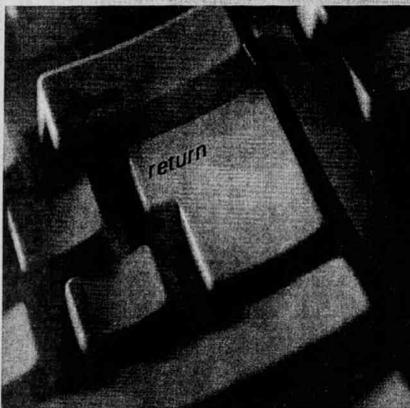
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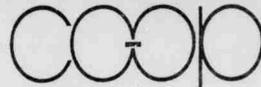
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Technician's View

SGA gets it right

Members of NCSU Student Government were part of a contingent of UNC system students who fought a tuition surcharge and won.

The group of students from N.C. State and other UNC schools who went to the North Carolina General Assembly this summer and successfully lobbied against a \$500 tuition surcharge are to be roundly applauded.

Of particular note is NCSU students are the works of our Student Government members who took part in the effort. Student body President Raj Mirehandani and Student Senate President Seth Whitaker were both among the students who made the trek to the legislative chambers.

The General Assembly attempted to add a surcharge of \$250 for each of the next two academic years to their budget, an addition that was not part of the 4.9 percent increase the Legislature handed down earlier this year.

Money from the increase would have gone toward creating more financial aid and raising the

salaries of faculty members.

Although the lobbyists were unsuccessful in their attempts to secure a construction bond worth \$3 billion system-wide—nearly \$450 thousand here at NCSU—they succeeded in giving students something that has value immeasurable in dollars: credibility.

The group sent a message to state legislators that college students compose a voter group capable of vigorous political activity, one whose wishes are not to be overlooked.

The volunteers' work was not lost on the legislators they petitioned. Former Raleigh City Councilman and current Wake and Johnston Co. state Senator Carl Reeves said that they "were definitely not intimidated by being at the General Assembly."

What this summer's effort shows is that, while our SGA has had its past troubles pulling together in the Senate chamber-witness last spring's extended debate on the General Assembly's tuition hike—they are at their best when they're out fighting for the interests of their constituents.



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Religious right?

CHETHAN PANDORINATH
Staff Columnist

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, and, at the same time, it doesn't allow the government to promote it either.

It seems, however, that this First Amendment, which is fundamentally important in defining our freedoms as citizens, is being trampled on by religious conservatives.

Personally, I feel that my high school graduation was one of the most important days of my life, and certainly the most emotionally charged. I will always remember the feeling of walking across the stage and receiving my diploma, and the tears that came to my eyes when I said goodbye to some of my best friends. It was twelve years of memories rolled into one day. And religion played no part in it.

On May 28, the Washington Post reported the story of a public high school in Silver Springs, Maryland, that conducted prayer services during their graduation. A student at Northern High School named Nick Becker, with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), had successfully appealed for a moment of silence to replace the traditional prayer. After he walked out of the prayer, police kept him from returning and collecting his diploma. School officials later prevented him from attending a graduation boat cruise, for which he had already bought a \$45 ticket.

I am not a Christian, but I do have strong religious beliefs. I feel outraged that anyone should

be subjected to this kind of treatment. I feel that religion has a very important place in our lives, and I take comfort in my religion. I have complete respect for religious groups, such as our own Campus Crusade, that get together to strengthen their own religious beliefs.

I cannot, however, condone the actions of anyone who forces their beliefs on others. Prayer is perfectly legal in schools, and nothing should ever change that. No student should be forced to pray, nor should they be forced to attend any ceremonies that include prayer.

With more than 1,500 different religious bodies and 360,000 churches, mosques and synagogues, the U.S. is the most religiously diverse, and one of the most devout countries in the world, the ACLU says.

How, then, can we allow our public schools, which everyone pays

for, to be the place where religious beliefs are forced on students? It is not fair to force students to attend religious services, and it is not fair to force students to attend religious services that include prayer.

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Dubious thoughts from Ryals

JIMMY RYALS
Opinion Editor

Here are some random thoughts from Ryals to get your year started off right:

The temperatures are rising, the days are getting longer, the fall of the year is certainly upon us.

With the summer infringing on the days of slacks and sweaters more every year, isn't the term "Fall Semester" becoming a bit of a misnomer? Perhaps the university should look into other titles, perhaps the "Indian Summer Semester," politically incorrect thought that may be. Or "Summer Session III."

Maybe they could adopt that

five-week-term thing for full-time use along with that last suggestion.

As a new sophomore, I think it my duty to offer advice to incoming freshmen. Unfortunately, I can only come up with one helpful tidbit: get a good pair of flip-flops for the showers.

Late Sunday night, I sat in my recently furnished Sullivan Hall dorm room checking my E-mail and unwinding after a long first day back at school. The malaise of returning to business as usual began settling in, not even 24 hours after I had finished settling in.

Typical "coming back to school" questions began rolling into my head: Where has the summer

gone? Why in the name of all that is good and decent did I sign up for 17 hours this semester? Wouldn't it be nice to have Mom here to listen to me complain right now?

I turned in for a good night's sleep and woke up to see something on the Internet that made all my concerns seem even more petty than they were. Yesterday, the students of Columbine High returned to the school, nearly four months after two of their own opened fire, killing 12 students and one faculty member and wounding 23 more.

Had Columbine administrators closed the school's doors after the

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Filming a Blair Witch Project sequel in Maryland

GEORGE LAMPLTOR
Chicago Maroon

"George old buddy! We're right about to kill someone. Can I put you on hold?" This was a dilemma—if I said "no," he might come after me next, if I said "yes," I'd probably be charged as an accessory to murder.

"Look, Gary," I said carefully, "I don't want any trouble. I just got your cell phone number from your old film school roommate, and of course I know that morality is a strictly relative issue in this modern day and age..."

"Damn! O'Brien—what the hell is wrong with you! All the camerawork is supposed to be 'clumsy and frightened' but desperately determined." Weren't you at the crew meeting last night? Do you know how many hundreds of cameramen are crawling around these woods? I could hire any damn one of them. All right, people, let's

take five and try it again."

Gary paused to catch his breath. "Sorry 'bout that, George. You've seen the Blair Witch Project, right? You have? Good. We're working on the sequel out here. Well, one of the sequels. Another crew is working on a sort of urban horror spinoff. The Baltimore Witch Project, we're calling it. Anyway, Miramax rounded up a bunch of us and sent us into the Maryland woods. We're on our own out here."

"You've got a cell phone in the woods?" I asked.

"Oh yeah. We have a team back in L.A. that's working on the story line, and they call us every hour to tell us our impromptu lines. See, the plot is, we're a group of filmmakers who were doing a documentary on the Blair Witch Project movie. Until it All Started To Go Wrong," he finished, his voice taking on the deep gravity of the guy who does the voice-over for movie trailers.

"So you've been having trouble, then?"

"Trouble? Hell, it took us three hours to set up the equipment for the streaming-video internet connection. Then a squirrel chewed through our power cables, and we're still trying to get the smell out of our clothes. And to top it all off, we lost four men last night. My four best camera men," he said bitterly.

"The Blair Witch got them?" I inquired, puzzled.

"Worse—New Line Cinema got them. The bastards are camped two hills over, you know, right downriver from the United Artists crew. Apparently there were some offers made in the middle of the night—we heard sounds but didn't see anything—and now, they vanished without a trace. Damn! Another crowd of tourists just wandered into our camp. Hang on...No! We don't have any stone markings here, now get out before I call security."

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The fear fixation

NEAL GABLER
L.A. Times Columnist

The tragic shooting last week at the North Valley Jewish Community Center in Granada Hills, in which five people, including three children, were wounded, instantly became yet another example of a nation beset with murder and mayhem—or so most media reports would have you believe. Coming after the spring massacre at Columbine High School in Colorado, the bullet spray in a suburban high school outside Atlanta, the murderous July 4 hate spree in the Midwest by a crazed white supremacist and the killing of 12 people by an irate day trader in Georgia, the crime reinforced the image of America as a nation out of control and spattered with blood, a nation living within a culture of violence.

This is the fear that grips us as tightly as Buford O. Furrow's fear-induced hatred gripped him in triggering the day-school shooting and the slaying of a postal carrier. White supremacists like Furrow harbor the notion that the country is being overrun by African Americans, Jews, Latinos, Catholics and immigrants. They believe that the balance of power has shifted from the "Aryans" who reputedly founded and built this country to the "mongrels," as hate literature often calls them, who now exploit it. Supremacists aim for redress by picking off a few here and there as a way, apparently, of instigating others to do the same.

One with an iota of common sense, much less common decency, finds this fear anything but ludicrous. It doesn't take a genius to realize that if minorities ruled America, they wouldn't have to fight as hard as they do for social and economic justice. But the fear that the nation is in thrall to violence is a far more respectable position. There is only one problem with it: It has no more basis in fact than the supremacists' fear of alien hordes.

Yes, America remains one of the most violent societies in the world, and, yes, there have been some high-profile rampages recently, but all statistical evidence points to the indisputable fact that crime, especially violent crime and especially violent crime against whites, has been falling for years and that Americans are less likely to be victimized now than at any time in the last few decades. Even the eruptions of school shootings that have received so much attention obscure the fact that violence in schools has been steadily decreasing. So why do so many Americans seem to want to deny the downsizing in violence and prefer instead to believe in an uprising? The answer may just be that many Americans like to be afraid even when the facts don't warrant it.

This is obviously not the typical explanation. One is more likely to hear that people suffer vague anxieties that they then convert into tangible fears like that of crime or disease or insufficient safety. This enables them to give their malaise a face. Or one may hear that fear gives weight to one's prejudices so that a belief in rampant black crime or teenage drug use or Jewish control of finance, even when directly contradicted by the facts, allows one to justify one's biases more than an overt hatred of blacks, teenagers or Jews would.

USC sociologist Barry Glassner, in his new book "The Culture of Fear," proposes another reason why we seem so enamored with fear even when fear is contradicted by fact. He believes that there are forces in government and industry that have a great deal to gain by making us fearful and that we live, in effect, in a hive of disinformation. In his words, "immense money and power await those who tap into our moral insecurities and supply us with symbolic substitutes."

Charities like the American Cancer Society, which depend on fund-raising, have a stake in creat-

ing a fear of disease. Companies that profit from security devices have a stake in creating a fear of crime, as do conservative politicians trying to cash in on disgust with softhearted liberals. Flight insurers have a stake in creating a fear of airlines. The media, which subsist on drama, have a stake in fear of all shapes and sizes so that they willingly sell themselves be exploited by other fearmongers. Indeed, when it comes to violence, media coverage has increased even as violence itself has decreased, creating the impression of a society gone mad.

Glassner's case seems irrefutable, but it may not be the whole story. It is not just that people are misled into believing things that are not true. It is that people often stoke their own fears even when they suspect these are irrational, which may be the other half of why we live in a culture of fear at a time when there is actually less to fear.

The truth of the matter is that a lot of people like to be scared, which is not the same thing as saying that they like the things that scare them. One can abhor supremacists, cancer, teenage violence, airline accidents and still embrace the fear these engender. Fear sharpens the edges of life. It heightens the senses. It shakes one from complacency. This is the principle on which amusement-park thrill rides, bungee jumping, haunted houses and horror films are all predicated. They all inspire the joy of fear.

One has only to look at the phenomenal success of "The Blair Witch Project" for support. This low-budget "mockumentary" about three young filmmakers who venture into the Maryland woods to investigate the legend of a witch who was said to have abducted children is the hit of the summer. Some audience members faint. Others simply scream. Whether they faint or scream, though, the whole idea is that they go to the theater hoping to be scared out of their wits.

But there is a proviso. The

reason that audiences can indulge and enjoy their terror is that they know they are not really endangered. If it is, after all, only a movie. That consciousness, often willfully subliminal so as not to subvert the immediacy of the terror we want to feel, informs the experience of horror-film watching. If you really thought you were threatened, you wouldn't relish your fear. Half the fun is being scared, the other half knowing you're perfectly safe.

Of course, the difference between "The Blair Witch Project" and the rampage in Granada Hills, the massacre at Columbine High or the killings in Georgia is that the first is fiction, the rest are real, but that doesn't mean that the fear of a tsunami of violence is any more justified than the fear of the Blair Witch.

In fact, it may be precisely because we hear the crime rate is dropping and precisely because Americans, or white Americans, at any rate, feel safer, even if the feeling is subliminal, that they can embrace their fear as if they were watching a horror movie. Put another way, the more secure Americans feel, the more they can enjoy their fears.

This is not an idea most Americans are likely to endorse, because it turns their fear into a kind of entertainment, and no one wants to admit that he might actually find a vein of fun in his dread of real-life violence. But this is a society in which entertainment has become a, if not the, prevailing force.

By indulging our fears in the face of the best evidence, we live not just in a hive of disinformation but in a vast horror film in which we can shiver with the thrill of terror, secure in the knowledge that whatever is out there will not really affect us.

Neal Gabler Is the Author of "An Empire of Their Own: How the Jews Invented Hollywood" and "Life the Movie: How Entertainment Conquered Reality."

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for, to support one religion, when there are so many others that deserve the same respect? And, even still, there are those who have few or no religious beliefs at all. Are they to be simply overlooked?

For some reason, there are many who seem to always confuse religion and morality. People blame many of today's problems on a lack of religious background, while the true problems lie in our lack of moral background. The two do not simply walk hand-in-hand. I feel that the religious people I've met generally have higher morals and values, but I know plenty of non-religious people whose judgments I would trust long before those of some religious people.

While morality may be taught alongside religious beliefs, we could easily teach simple values and morals in schools without

introducing any religious context. Many are simply afraid to admit that it is possible to be a good person without being a religious person.

If religion has any place in schools, it is in private schools. The government runs public schools so that we all may have an opportunity to learn, making no distinction between those who have money and those who don't. Parents can easily encourage religious beliefs in their children if they so desire, and if they want to have a religious atmosphere in schools, they should be just as willing to shell out the money for it.

Religious freedom is one of the basic precepts that this country was founded on, and if we let it slip, then we let go of everything that the United States stands for.

I would be very happy to discuss my views with anyone who has an opinion, just drop me a line at cpandar@unity.ncsu.edu. If you want more info on the separation of church and state, check out <http://homer.louisville.edu/~tmapet/e01/index.htm>.

Ryals

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shootings and dispersed their students to other schools permanently, few, if any, would have blamed them. Returning to the building must have been something like visiting the fresh grave of a loved one.

But the school's teachers and administrators showed incredible courage in taking their school back from fear, from anger and

from the memories of April 20. That sort of makes the reality of hitting the bricks (quite literally) and the books in the heat at State College seem easy, doesn't it?

Those of you who read his last entry of the 1998-1999 year know that this is Jimmy's second straight "me" column. Any topics that you'd like to have the self-absorbed author expound upon in a 400-500 word essay and submit via Technician? Make like a professor and give your assignment at jpryals@unity.ncsu.edu.

Blair

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Blair Hillon." I felt that I should contribute something to the conversation. "Sure, out here in the Chicago suburbs we're all freaked by the movie. Why, just yesterday I saw a bunch of garbage cans arranged in a very suspicious pattern on a curbside..." It sounded hollow, even to me.

Gary wasn't listening anyway. I heard him shouting, "That! What is that? Get the floodlights on! Oh... The pizza guy's here. Where did we order from? Yeah? Well,

they'd probably be willing to pay a lot for the product placement. Come over here, pal, let's get a good shot of your company jacket. I'm sorry, George, I've gotta get going. Talk to you later."

We traded goodbyes. Gary got distracted and forgot to hang up, so I could hear him yelling at someone, "No! These are the stick figures that'll glow with a sinister green light before exploding in a monster fireball. They'll piss off the Park District employees—save them for last. Those are the stick figures that'll start screaming and dripping blood. Can you keep this straight? You're in charge of effects, this is your responsibility—there's no one here to help you..."

A march on gun carnage

Next month Congress is scheduled to consider a proposal to require the same background checks on buyers at gun shows as are required now for buyers at gun stores. That would be a modest but important step toward keeping legally purchased guns out of the hands of people with criminal records. But as usual, given Congress' craven kowtowing to the gun lobby, the measure's fate is uncertain. What would help is some offsetting political pressure on the House and Senate, and the president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors has a good idea about how to apply it. Denver's Wellington

Webb is urging his fellow mayors and the nation's police chiefs to march on Washington next month to insist that Congress enact tougher gun control laws.

Last week's assault rifle attack that wounded four children and an adult at the North Valley Jewish Community Center in Granada Hills and the racially motivated murder almost immediately afterward of a Filipino American postal employee produced the latest victims in a national epidemic of gun violence that persists despite an overall decline in crime. As Los Angeles Police Chief Bernard C. Parks wrote in The Times the other

day, more than 65% of the 217,853 murder victims in the United States between 1987 and 1997 died from gunfire. That's more than 140,000 killed by firearms, many of the victims' children. For the National Rifle Assn. and its political toadies to go on pretending that effective measures to reduce this violence are beyond devising is absurd. Parks Friday used even stronger language, saying assault weapons and "Saturday night special" handguns should be collected and destroyed, then banned.

A march on Washington that expressed the nation's anger and anguish over the failure to achieve

better controls on guns would force members of Congress and presidential candidates who bend their knees to the gun lobby to justify this political cowardice. The mayors represent cities, where most gun violence occurs, the police chiefs represent the forces of law and order, which are steadily undercut by inadequate gun control laws.

We hope the nation will be able to see a massed rank of uniformed chiefs calling on Congress to act. It would be a healthy reminder that what stands between the public and armed lunatics is not the NRA but the nation's cops.

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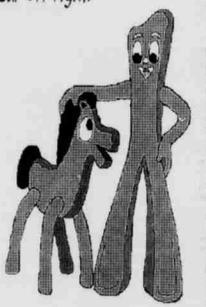
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ment in an incident that led to two arrests.

"I think he's looking to transfer right now, which would probably be in his best interest," Spurrer said. He said Graddy wants to transfer to a school, probably in Division I-AA, where he could play this season.

Taylor was charged with strong-armed robbery and aggravated battery. Welch with a misdemeanor count of accessory after the fact.

Gophers increase ticket prices despite scandal

MINNEAPOLIS - It will cost University of Minnesota basketball fans a couple of dollars more to catch

the Golden Gophers in action this season.

The university has raised ticket prices for the first time in two years. Seats priced at \$22.50 this year will cost \$25 next year for the 1999-2000 season.

"That's a 1/2 percent increase over two years," men's athletics director Mark Diehrhart said Thursday. "I've had one letter of complaint, and our ticket office has had one phone call of complaint."

Diehrhart said the school budgeted for the increase in February as a way to even out spending for men's and women's sports. He said former coach Clem Haskins' \$1.5 million buyout did not factor into the price hike.

Haskins resigned during an investigation into academic fraud by former and current players. He was replaced by Gonzaga coach Dan Monson.

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Jamie had as a freshman."

Senior defensive back Tony Scott described the six-foot, 171-pound Sanders as smart, confident, and not afraid to take risks, attributing some of his success to his possibly to the fact that he was willing to shed his ego when he arrived in Raleigh this summer.

"I respect him a great deal for the fact that he wasn't afraid to make mistakes," said Scott. "Some guys come out here and are afraid to be put up in the line because they think that we will think they are not as good as they are supposed to be. He made a lot of mistakes, he made a lot of bad passes, but as you can see, it has helped a lot in the long run, adjusting to the college game."

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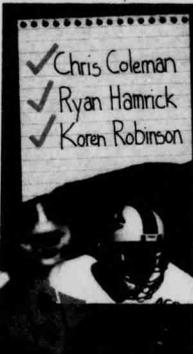
Big question answered

Chris Coleman and Ryan Hamrick plan to end their careers together with a bang.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

Mike O'Cain has little to worry about in the team unity department when it comes to his wide receivers.

Chris Coleman and Ryan Hamrick, the Pack's top two wide receiver depth chart



prospects at the positions heading into the 1999 season know each other pretty well.

The duo has shared time in the shadows of Torry Holt's fame for the last two seasons, they go back even further than that.

When Coleman racked up 49 passes and a school-record 1,003 as a senior, Hamrick was the quarterback that got him the ball. And that bond, forged so many years ago, has carried them far.

"When you go on the field with someone, you have to have confidence in them, you have to feel like you can trust them," said Hamrick.

The duo, hailing from Crest High School in Shelby, N.C., both joined the Wolfpack's program in 1995, after compiling a 15-0 record and winning the State 4A Championship under coach Mike Stewart.

"It is different with both of us being at the wide receiver positions as opposed to him giving me the ball," said Coleman. "We don't rely on each other as much (as in high school), but in a sense we do. If I'm not open, then he has to be, and if he's not, then I have to be."

"We went out with a bang in high school," said Coleman. "Hopefully that will carry over this year, why not go undefeated

out final year in college?"

Why not? Just another line on two already impressive, but considerably different bios.

Coleman is already in the N.C. State record books, ranked third in average yards per catch (17.6), eighth in career yards (1,452), and 11th in career receptions (81). Perhaps more impressive is that Coleman has put up those numbers as the Wolfpack's No. 2 or No. 3 option at wide receiver.

Coleman's 1998 average of 17.6 yards per catch was his worst season in average in his three-year career. Despite collecting considerably fewer receptions, Coleman was consistent in his first two seasons, averaging 18.9 and 18.7 yards per play, respectively.

Hamrick's is quite a different story.

After walking onto the Wolfpack squad in 1995, he worked for three years in the shadows, before making a grand entrance in 1998.

"It really is like a Cinderella story, considering were I started from, and how far I've come, I feel like I've made so much progress," said Hamrick.

Last season, Hamrick was the Pack's third deep at the position, collecting over 320 yards on 16 receptions, averaging 20+ yards per successful play.

His season was highlighted by

an impressive showing in Death Valley, where his four catches garnered 96 yards and helped the Pack pick-up two fourth-quarter touchdowns in the down-to-the-wire win. And all that is failing to mention the crowd-pleasing 52-yard one-handed pull-in under pressure.

And while the duo has faced their share of challenges together, the biggest for right now is a seemingly incessant question from the media-how will they fill Torry Holt's shoes.

But they don't intend to fill anybody else's shoes, simply to shine up their own, and neither has very far to look for support.

"It eases a lot of tension, we did lose a great athlete in Torry Holt, but I feel that we have the talent to replace him," said Coleman.

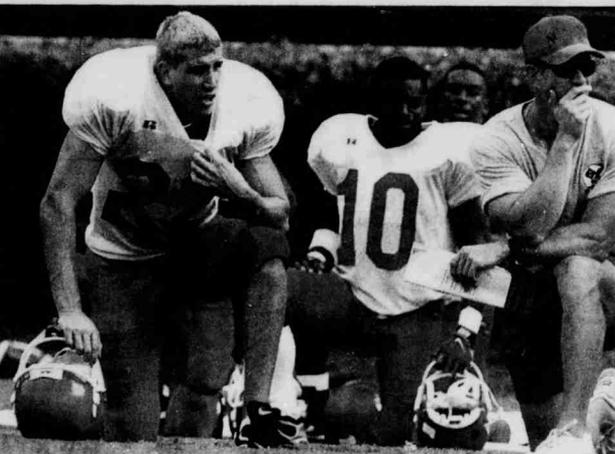
And the people that would know, agree.

Wolfpack defensive back Tony Scott knows how fierce the duo can be. Not only does Scott go against Coleman and Hamrick everyday in practice, but his experience with the pair goes back to their high school days as well.

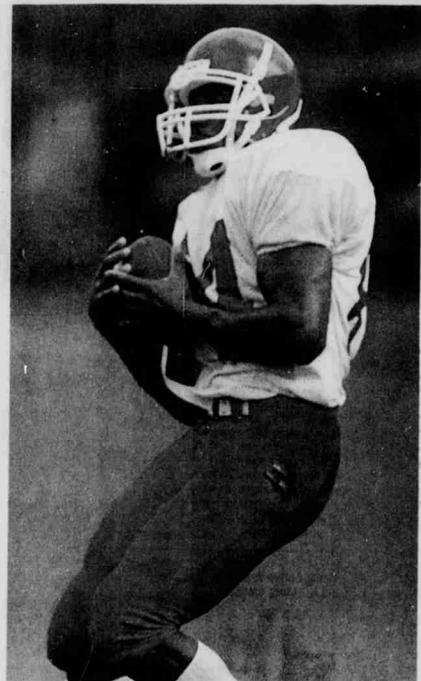
"They were my rivals coming up in high school, and I know the competitiveness that has been instilled in them," said Scott. "I know when they come out here, they are going to go hard. It is a motivational factor for me, I feel like if I can contain them in practice, then I can contain any wide-out in the country."

Why not go undefeated in our final year?

Chris Coleman
N.C. State wide receiver



Hamrick's career with the Wolfpack has been a self-described "Cinderella" story.



Chris Coleman is the Pack's top prospect heading into 1999.

Sanders gets nod at No. 2

I Stone Mountain, Ga., native to backup Barnett.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

They're hoping that they won't need him anytime soon, but Jamie Barnette now officially has a back-up.

After the Wolfpack's afternoon practice on Monday, Head Coach Mike O'Cain announced that freshman Jatavis Sanders will be the second-team quarterback.

"We decided to go with Jatavis, at least at this point in time," said O'Cain of the choice, which came down to Sanders and freshman Toki McCray. "The reasons have nothing to do with their physical abilities. We believe that they both have great physical ability and that they're both going to be great quarterbacks. Jatavis has just grasped the offense a little quicker."

O'Cain added that Sanders has not fully mastered the Wolfpack offense, but that the increased work will help get him ready to play.

Fourth-year starter Barnette, already the holder of a number of Wolfpack records, will get most of the first-team

snaps, according to O'Cain, and Sanders will take most of the snaps with the second team, sharing responsibilities with McCray.

"They are both a long way from where they need to be," said O'Cain. "But they are freshmen, so we expect that."

O'Cain also stated that the decision, announced less than two weeks prior to the Wolfpack's season kickoff against Texas in Austin, is not written in stone. McCray could move into the No. 2 spot, even though the ideal situation for the team could be to redshirt one of the two plays.

Regardless of what happens, both of the underclassmen have earned quite a bit of praise from their veteran counterparts.

"They are unbelievable considering their age," said senior wide receiver Ryan Hamrick. "They both have a tremendous amount of talent, but I think that being up here this summer, Jatavis learned a lot mentally."

"I feel like they are coming along," said Chris Coleman. "Jatavis is wet behind the ears right now, just like Jamie Barnette was coming in as a

freshman. He definitely has the potential, may be even more potential than

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Jatavis Sanders will back-up starter Jamie Barnette.

N.C. State Frisbee team wins ultimate goal

State's men's ultimate frisbee team won the national championship over powerhouse Cal Santa Barbara over the summer.

JACK DALY
Assistant Sports Editor

As Wolfpack fans wonder when the major sports teams at State are going to bring home a national championship, the men's ultimate frisbee team quietly went about its business this summer.

The club sports team went out to Boulder, Colo., in May and beat three-time defending champion Cal Santa Barbara 16-14 in the finals to claim the national championship. With the win, State avenged its loss to Santa Barbara from last year, when Santa Barbara knocked the Wolfpack out in the semi-finals.

Members of the team, however, said the turning point of the tournament may have been the semi-final game against Brown. Brown was one of the two teams to have beaten State in the 98-99 season, and had beaten State the previous year.

In the semi-finals, though, it was all State as the Wolfpack cruised to 15-8 victory. One of the team's three captains, Kris Bass, credited the victory in part to the inspired play of Patrick Head and Brian Lang.

"We beat them bad," Bass said. "That was a real big confidence builder. I think we knew 'e could beat them, but we hadn't done it before."

Before beating Brown and Santa Barbara, State crushed Iowa 15-5, got by Oberlin College, 15-12, and edged Stanford 15-13. Host school Colorado was next in the quarter-finals, but despite strong support from the local fans, they lost 15-10 to State.

In the finals, the decisive moment came just before half-time, said senior Pat McNally, who has been with the team for four years. State was winning 7-6 when Chris Hinkle called a timeout.

Coming out of the break, "Bass ran to the end zone and made this insane catch," McNally said. "He ended up landing on his shoulder and I think he broke his finger, but it was a spectacular catch."

State eventually won the game in overtime after Kevin

Kusy caught a pass from Chris Hinkle.

"It made it pretty sweet for us to go back and beat them," Bass said. "They are a well-known powerhouse. [Winning the national championship] is something we've been working to do since I started playing."

Both team members said that anyone is welcome to come and play on the team. On Aug. 23

and Aug. 24 the team will host a recruiting tournament on the upper intramural fields starting at 6 p.m., McNally said.

The team uses the fall for most of its recruiting and heavy practice before heading to the bulk of its tournaments in the spring. If State fans want to catch the team in action, the closest tournament will probably be in Wilmington.



N.C. State's Ultimate frisbee team won the Wolfpack's first national championship in 16 years over the summer, defeating University of California at Santa Barbara in the final game.

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Seton Hall lands top recruit
PHILADELPHIA - Eddie Griffin, considered by many to be the nation's top high school basketball player, announced Monday that he will attend Seton Hall in 2000-01.

The 6-foot-9, 200-pound power forward made the announcement from Roman Catholic High School in Philadelphia, where he averaged 24 points and 12 rebounds last season. Coming out of the summer, Griffin was ranked as the No. 1 overall prospect by ESPN.com's analysts at FastBreak Recruiting.

Griffin chose the Pirates over North Carolina, Connecticut, Massachusetts and in-state powerhouse Temple.

Griffin becomes the third major recruit to commit to Head Coach Tommy Amaker, who was the former assistant coach at Duke.

Bowl championship series incorporates changes
Year Two of the Bowl Championship Series will bring a few new wrinkles to the process of selecting the teams to play in its national championship game.

This year, the BCS modified its guidelines for selecting teams by adding five new computer ratings and toughened eligibility standards for its four bowl games. Also, a process is now in place that could strip weaker conferences of automatic bids, a move aimed at the Big East.

The BCS standings are determined through four factors: a combined ranking in The Associated Press media poll and USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll; computer surveys; strength of schedule; and won-loss record.

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