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Governor's Awards go to three NC State staffers

Three NC State employees have been awarded the highest honor that a state employee may receive for noteworthy service to state government and the people of North Carolina.

Tonya Jones, housekeeping supervisor for the Facilities Operations division; Jason A. Young, a project manager for the Information Technology/Computing Services division; and Howard B. Glasgow Jr., a laboratory research specialist in the Department of Botany, have been selected to receive the Governor's Award for Excellence. The Award was created by Governor B. Hunt in 1982 to recognize outstanding accomplishments made by state employees.

The Award recognizes five categories of excellence - outstanding state service, innovations, public service, safety/heroism and human relations.

This year, the panel selected 10 award winners from a field of 76 nominees from across the state. Three of the 10 winners are from NC State. This is the first year NC State has had multiple winners of the Governor's Award for Excellence.

NATIONAL

U.S. Arrests Scores In Drug Raids In 11 Cities

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Federal agents conducted early morning drug raids in 11 U.S. cities Tuesday, arresting scores and seizing cocaine, marijuana and about \$1.2 million in cash, the FBI announced.

At a news conference at Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters, Thomas Pickard, assistant director of the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division, said agents seized the money, 6,011 pounds of cocaine and 4,158 pounds of marijuana.

Officials did not provide the street value of the drugs seized.

Pickard said the raids called Operation Southwest Express "resulted in the disruption of a major drug trafficking organization from its distribution system to its retail sales."

More than 70 people were arrested in 11 cities during the one-year investigation, which involved the FBI, U.S. Customs Service, the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Internal Revenue Service. Officials said they were expecting to arrest about 30 others in the on-going investigation.

The raids also were conducted in New York City, Boston, Cleveland, Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Albany, New York and Nashville, Tennessee.

WORLD

No Charges In Diana Case, Chauffeur Blamed

PARIS (Reuters) - A French state prosecutor has laid sole blame on chauffeur Henri Paul for the Paris road crash that killed Britain's Princess Diana almost two years ago and said the case should be closed without charges.

The prosecutor's office said Tuesday there was no evidence to charge press photographers who were on suspicion that they may have contributed to the crash by chasing Diana's car and failing to help the crash victims.

"Loss of control by the vehicle's driver appears to be the determining cause of the crash," it said in a statement summarizing official recommendations sent to chief investigating magistrate Hervé Stephan.

Investigators have said driver Paul, who died in the crash, was drunk and driving too fast.

The prosecutor said there was no evidence to press charges against the nine photographers, and a photo agency motorcyclist suspected of chasing the princess's car and taking pictures rather than assisting the victims.

The photographers, who have denied any responsibility, were briefly held after the crash and were formally placed under investigation for suspected manslaughter and failure to help the victims. They would have faced up to five years in prison if convicted.

"QUOTABLE"



Hooky religions and ancient weapons are no match for a good blaster at your side, kid.

- Han Solo

"I'm glad the academic year has gotten started. I'm also eager to see the bigger life of the university. The bigger life is not necessarily Brent Road, but the bigger life of the university in music and theatre and athletics."

Kermit Hall

North Carolina State University Provost



Kermit the Provost

◆ New Provost Kermit Hall plans on restructuring the office to make things more efficient.

JACK DALY
Staff Writer

N.C. State's new provost Kermit Hall plans on spending the beginning of his first year in office restructuring the provost's office and reviewing many of the larger issues the university faces.

Hall replaced interim provost Charles Moreland on July 6 and was former executive dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and dean of the College of Humanities at The Ohio State University. At NCSU, one of his pressing issues is to make the provost's office more efficient.

"We intend to do the small things well, in order that there will be confidence in us to do the large things that are necessary," Hall said in an interview with Technician. His reworking of the provost's office is aimed at bringing about that goal.

"We have restructured the office, subject, of course, to the Board of Trustees," Hall said. "What it's aimed at doing is giving much greater visibility to undergraduate academic matters."

The plan is to consolidate all the undergraduate academic affairs into one office, which would then fall under the leadership of James Anderson, who is the current vice provost for undergraduate studies, Hall said. Among other things, Hall also wants to bring together all the programs dealing with diversity and gender equity, and have Joanne Woodard, Assistant Provost for Equal Opportunity, lead that.

"I'm very eager to see us make progress in this area and I believe this new organization, or scheme, will help to that end," Hall said.

The new structure should make communication easier within the provost's office and will hopefully impress upon the university that the provost's office is accessible and that it works together.

"The situation that I inherited was one in which there were really two groups of provost staff," Hall said. "A so-called

large group and a small group. I've consolidated those into one and then I've upgraded the status of several of areas of responsibility."

The Board of Trustees will make a final decision on Hall's proposals at its September meeting, but Hall doesn't think it will have a problem getting accepted. The new provost also has many other plans in the works. Hall has created a committee to look at the new structure of the provost's office and see if there are ways to fine-tune it.

"I've asked the committee as well to review all the personnel who are in the offices, that they presently hold, whether those individuals are in fact appropriate to the task before them."

Hall also plans on asking his colleagues to take a careful look at the tenure promotion process. With all this, there is the possibility that some employees will find themselves at new jobs, Hall said. "It potentially could involve moving people around," Hall said. "It could involve asking colleagues to go onto other endeavors. But, what it's really meant to do is fine tune the operation."

Hall said his restructuring has more to do with a different approach than any sort of neglect from his predecessors. "One of the reasons that new people come along in administrative settings is they may have some different ideas about how to approach persistent problems," Hall said. "I think my predecessors did a fine job of trying to move the university along. But, we're here now, so we're going to try and do things a bit differently."

Besides his duties as provost, Hall plans on teaching a senior level history course in the Spring semester on the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, he has been happy with what he's seen so far at NCSU, and is looking forward to things kicking into high gear.

"I'm glad the academic year has gotten started," Hall said. "I'm also eager to see the bigger life of the university. The bigger life is not necessarily Brent Road, but the bigger life of the university in music and theatre and athletics."

Pope's vision of heaven

HANNA ROSIN
The Washington Post

Pope John Paul II has just revealed what the tabloids are calling a "shocking truth" about heaven and hell, and his revelation is turning into a serious theological sore point between Roman Catholics and American Protestant evangelicals.

In several recent public appearances, the pope took a few minutes to muse on the nature of heaven, hell and purgatory for the audience of some 7,000 tourists who gather every Wednesday afternoon at the Vatican. Forget the popular notion of actual physical places—fluffy clouds above, an inky inferno below—he told the audience. Think of hell as a state of mind, a self-willed exile from God.

Heaven, he said in late July, "is neither an abstraction nor a physical place in the clouds but a living and personal relationship with the Holy Trinity." Better to think of hell, he explained the next week, as "more than a physical place," as "the state of those who freely and definitely separate themselves from God, the source of all life and joy."

The pope's discourse reflected more his tendency toward philosophical abstraction than new Catholic "discovery." Catholic teaching does not deny that hell may be a

geographical spot where God will banish sinners but considers that concept merely a visual aid based on scant biblical references.

The pope was describing instead what Catholics consider the core essence of hell: knowledge that you failed to choose salvation in God. But to Protestant fundamentalists in the United States, who prefer the physical burning pit described in the Bible, any suggestion that hell is simply an abstraction is a dangerous, even blasphemous notion.

Copies of the pope's speeches began circulating last week among evangelical leaders, who accused the pontiff of "soft selling hell," said R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

"My concern here is the temptation to make hell a state of mind, to psychologize hell," said Mohler. "As attractive as that may be to the modern mind, that is not the hell of the Bible. Jesus himself spoke of hell as a lake of fire, where the worms would not die and the fire would not be quenched. It's all very graphic."

From Hieronymus Bosch to the creators of the animated TV series "South Park," artists, writers and theologians have tried to mentally transport Christians to a miserable

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CHASS recieves endowed chairs

◆ The C.D. Spangler Foundation matches gifts from alumni and corporations given to CHASS in order to establish distinguished professorships in the liberal arts.

DANIELLE STANFIELD
News Editor

The university's first chairs to qualify for support from the C.D. Spangler Foundation matching grant program belong to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS).

According to Heather Craddock, interim director of development for CHASS, C.D. Spangler, former president of the UNC System, established an initiative in 1997 to help endow distinguished professorships in traditional arts at all 16

campuses.

Thanks to gifts from N.C. State alumni, Ann B. Goodnight and the Glaxo-Wellcome Foundation, the C.D. Spangler Foundation matched their gifts and helped establish a distinguished professorship in Social Sciences for NCSU earlier this year. According to Craddock, \$125,000 each from Goodnight and Glaxo-Wellcome, \$100,000 from Spangler and \$167,000 from the state finances the Goodnight-Glaxo Wellcome professorship.

At the end of last semester, Goodnight and her husband, James, gave another large gift of \$250,000 to create a distinguished professorship in Humanities in honor of William T. Kretzer, a history alumnus and member of the CHASS Dean's advisory board

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TCT takes over Wolfline



◆ A new year, a new Wolfline provider and lots of new busses are gracing N.C. State's campus.

ZACK MAZER
News Editor

It's been two days. Two hectic days, according to Claire Kane of the transportation department, but two days none the less as N.C. State's Wolfline bus service enters the TCT era, new busses and all.

"This is traditionally a very crowded time on campus, but we're happy with the service and we're happy with how hard the company is trying," Kane said. "With a new service provider there will be some kinks to work out...and we're having the usual challenging times for the first two weeks."

Among other things, Kane pointed out that there have been the usual traffic difficulties that cause busses

to pile up and travel in groups. Also, the volume of riders has increased dramatically this year as people try to figure out what busses to ride when and where, and whether they need the bus at all.

But if they do need it, they will be cruising in style, according to Kane.

TCT Transit Services, the Tennessee-based transportation company which won the right to provide Wolfline last spring, is near completion of an entirely new fleet of busses equipped with better air conditioning and spruced-up interior and, in fact, has hired most of the drivers from last year's crew, according to Peter Murphy of TCT.

"Whoever wanted to stay with the Wolfline did, and a lot of them even got promotions," said Kane.

As well, the busses now sport their respective route names on the back of the bus to help riders recognize their routes easier.

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Got the munchies?



The Atrium becomes a blur in between classes as students stop by for a bite to eat at one of the many fast food restaurants.

Photo: Curtis Naft

Things to know

Places you need to know around campus.

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Men's track team aims for a win in the ACC.

CHASS

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who died in April at age 52. Kretzer was also the CEO of Unifi Inc. of Greensboro. Craddock said Spangler matched the Goodnight's gift with \$100,000 and the state contributed \$160,000.

According to Craddock, Ann Goodnight, also a member of the advisory board, knew Kretzer and

his dedication to his alma mater. Those in CHASS also knew his contributions to the NCSU community and felt the tribute was appropriate.

"We are pleased that the Goodnights chose to pay such a meaningful tribute to a remarkable man," she said. "Bill Kretzer was a great advocate of our college, one who understood the importance of educating the whole person," said Margaret Zahn, dean of CHASS. "Our college plays a vital role in preparing students to communi-

cate fluently, write effectively, behave ethically and understand the ways in which the past influences the present."

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox commented on the importance of endowed professorships at NCSU. "Distinguished professors enrich the educational environment of the entire university by raising the bar of excellence," Fox said in a written statement. "It is a fitting memorial to a loyal N.C. State graduate who so significantly appreciated the value of the

humanities and social sciences and benchmarked personal and professional excellence."

According to Craddock, newly recruited faculty in the humanities, including English, foreign languages, communication, history or philosophy and religion must fill the endowed chair. Craddock added that Zahn plans to have faculty selected to fill the professorships the following year. She added that the professorships are for 5-year terms with an optional 5-year renewal.

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The new fleet is two buses short, though, as Avenet Ferry route passengers may have noticed, and the two different buses are being driven by temporary Capital Area Transit drivers (Raleigh's CAT buses), not actual Wolfline drivers.

Overall, though, changes to routes have been minimal, with only the

Crest Rd. and the Centennial Express routes getting a tune up.

The Crest Rd. route, now the Gorman St. route, runs down Avenet Drive after crossing Western Blvd., and the Centennial Express, from 11 a.m. 'til 2 p.m., will aid students in working off those Atrium lunches providing a stop at Michael's Gym during typical lunch break hours.

"That is definitely the goal, to get people to the gym during their lunch hours," Kane said.

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Pope

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place called hell as a sure deterrent to sin. Early Christians tried to locate hell as a spot on the sun or a comet, but most used their imagination to keep alive the image of a Gothic torture chamber.

Lately though, that image is fading, say evangelicals, as modern Americans focus less on the wages of sin and more on the uplifting message of self-help. While 70 percent of Americans say they believe in heaven, only 50 percent believe in hell, and very few think they might be headed there.

Recycle
TECHNICIAN

Farm aid bill passed

♦ Farmers begin to think globally in price crisis

WILLIAM CLAIBORNE
The Washington Post

GRIDLEY, Ill. — The corn growing outside Doug Wilson's kitchen window is tall and robust, the soybeans are lush and green, and the U.S. Senate has passed a massive \$7.4 billion farm aid package to protect farmers from nature's fickle forces and wildly swinging commodities markets.

Yet like many farmers, Wilson, whose family has tilled the fields here in central Illinois for four generations, is worried.

Wilson, 41, says he's grateful for the record-high rescue package of price supports, crop insurance payments and other safety nets that the Senate passed Aug. 4.

But like a growing number of farmers nationwide, he believes the

causes of the current farm crisis — which reduced farm income nationally by nearly 17 percent in the past three years and forced thousands of farmers into bankruptcy — are more systemic than cyclical, and more global than national.

Wilson spends more time on his computer, checking world agricultural markets, than on his tractor, he says.

Farmers have always lived by the law of supply and demand, and by the ratio of market price to bushel yield per acre. There's never been a way to control those equations because neither the weather nor crop disease can be managed.

For decades, a system of government regulations that guaranteed farm income through cash subsidies and price supports, in exchange for a measure of control over production, sought to even out supply fluctuations and the corresponding price declines in bumper crop years.

In 1996, the Republican Congress overhauled that agricultural policy with the Freedom to Farm Act, a market-oriented measure that introduced the risk of higher highs and lower lows in commodity prices but promised shorter recovery times at the bottom end of the cycles.

A key element was the combined assurance by Congress and the Clinton administration that the government would develop new markets for agricultural exports through various means, including new trade agreements and the lifting of U.S. trade sanctions against six countries that farmers regard as huge potential markets.

But in the past three years, say Wilson and other farmers who supported the act and now feel betrayed by it, overproduction at home and abroad has sent farm prices into a free fall. They say the government has failed to develop the new export markets it promised, while existing export markets are shrinking because of foreign competition.

So American farmers increasingly look to new foreign markets for their salvation.

Wilson's corn is barged down the Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico for shipment around the world. More than half of Illinois' corn crop is exported, a 10 percent increase from just a few years ago.

"When I go to the (grain) elevator in town and pull that lever, as the corn goes down the chute, I've got to be aware where that product is going," Wilson said. "Farmers need to think globally — who their customers are, what they want and what our competitors will provide if we don't."

While he won't go out of business yet, Wilson said, he would if he can't find new markets and higher prices for his crops. And he did the math:

Small- or medium-sized farmers like him with home mortgages, \$300,000 or more invested in farm machinery and \$60,000 invested in crops in the ground would like to get \$400 per acre, Wilson said. That means yields of 200 bushels of corn an acre sold at \$2 a bushel or, failing that, yields of 150 bushels an acre selling at \$2.65.

The recent Midwest heat wave damaged some of his crop, he said, and he expects a maximum of 130 bushels an acre this September.

Variables also must be factored into production costs: \$95 an acre for seeds, fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides; \$150 an acre for renting tillable land; and \$20 an acre for depreciation of farm machinery — adding up to \$265 an acre.

If Wilson gets a yield of 130 bushels an acre and sells it for the current \$1.85 a bushel, he'll end up with \$240.50 an acre — a loss of nearly \$25 per acre.

The aid package, a version of which must be approved by the House when Congress returns next month, is largely intended to help family farms. But corporate agribusinesses and absentee landlords would receive a large portion of the \$5.5 billion in supplemental payments for marketing losses, said Bill Christison, president of the National Family Farm Coalition.

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Brokedown Palace- It was supposed to be the time of their lives. Alice (Claire Danes) and Darlene (Kate Beckinsale), newly liberated from high school life, have told their parents they are going to Hawaii and jumped ship in Thailand. It only gets better when the two run into the devastatingly handsome Nick Parks (Daniel Lapine).

When Nick proposes a quick trip to Hong Kong, the two get in over their heads. Set up by their new friend to smuggle drugs into the country, the two are arrested by rather unfriendly Thai police and DEA officers. All of a sudden facing a 33-year sentence in prison, the two must figure out how to find their way out.

Dramas



Eyeswide Shut- The released lifted a veil of incredible secrecy about the movie, acclaimed late director Stanley Kubrick's final. Starring real-life husband and wife duo Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman in their third collaboration, Eyeswide Shut explores just how far a husband and wife will take their own explorations in the bedroom.

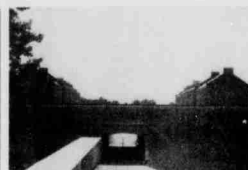
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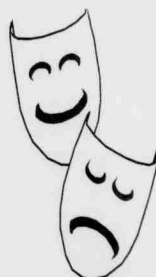
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Technician's View

Election kicks off

Last Saturday's Iowa straw poll marks the beginning of another presidential cycle.

In case you hadn't noticed, this past weekend marked the official start of the 2000 presidential election.

Approximately 24,000 registered Iowa voters who paid \$25 to attend last Saturday's Iowa straw poll ate dinner, listened to country music, heard speeches from the GOP's ten candidates and cast votes. The Iowa Republican Party-sponsored straw poll has no direct bearing on the results of the Iowa caucus, much less the November 2000 election, but it still marks the beginning of campaigning in earnest.

George W. Bush won the largely symbolic survey, with Steve Forbes and Elizabeth Dole finishing second and third, respectively. But that's not the point.

The point is that campaigning is a never-ending process for our legislators. Excluding those who have either served their terms, announced their retirements or been involved in some scandal

that has sullied them beyond reelection, public officials spend a good portion of their time trying to get back into public office.

That leaves the public being beaten about the head with advertising and speeches, public appearances and vigorous hand-shaking. And all of this more than a year before the November 2 election day.

Something needs to change in order for lawmakers to get back to the task of actually making laws, rather than courting votes. While limiting campaign spending and by extension, campaign time, may make some difference, limiting the number of terms served is a better answer. Since politicians seem to be so concerned with reelection, why not eliminate it as an option?

Maybe there is some good news for the voting public coming out of the straw poll. After the festivities ended, one candidate, Lamar Alexander, dropped out...that's one less campaign's worth of advertising and mud-slinging that we won't have to endure.

CAMPUS FORUM

First Amendment misinterpreted

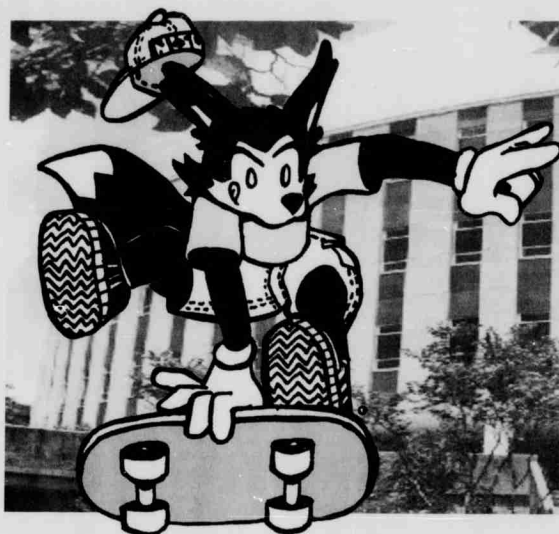
In the August 17 edition of the Technician, there was an article that I felt misinterpreted the intention and actual meaning of the First Amendment. The article accused a prayer during a high school graduation ceremony of violating the First Amendment and also considered it to be forcing religion on others.

The article cited the following excerpt from the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The article accused the school that had prayer during the graduation ceremony of violating the amendment. The fundamental problem with this argument is the first ten amendments, or the Bill of Rights, were designed to limit the federal government's power. The First Amendment even specifies that it is only talking about Congress. "Congress shall make

no...." The Founding Fathers specifically left the issue of religion to the states to decide. Many had come from England, where the Church of England was dominant and took away freedom of religion. The First Amendment was set up to solely prevent a national church from being established. The states were allowed to decide for themselves about issues concerning religion. Thomas Jefferson was one of the least religious of the Founding Fathers, governor of Virginia, author and signer of the Declaration of Independence and third President of the United States, probably understood the First Amendment. Jefferson said, "Power to prescribe any religious exercise...must rest with the States."

Because the First Amendment was referring solely to the state, then, to say that prayer during a high school graduation ceremony is a violation of the First Amendment must be a misinterpretation of the amendment.

Clifton Smith
Sophomore



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NAACP file suit

STEVEN F. LeBOEUF
Staff Columnist

I find it sadly ironic that the NAACP is filing a federal suit against gun manufacturers for "dumping guns into black communities." It seems as though the NAACP is pulling the same racist maneuver used by the KKK and like-minded government officials during the post-Civil War era in an attempt to disarm blacks. (Perhaps the NAACP should be counter-sued for "dumping dangerous lawsuits into African courts.")

I've heard the standard argument many times before: Gun manufacturers are selling guns to "underprivileged" African Americans who will then mindlessly use these weapons against peaceful citizens. But despite the fact that most black Americans are neither uneducated nor mindless, the NAACP has taken this lawsuit seriously. And sadly, if won, this lawsuit would

surrender peaceful black Americans to their degenerate counterparts who will have access to firearms with or without litigation.

According to Don B. Kates, an author who has studied post-Civil War gun laws, a slew of Southern states passed laws designed to ban or excessively tax handguns so that poor blacks couldn't afford them, including Tennessee (1870), Arkansas (1881) and Alabama (1893). Unfortunately, this trend lasted long past Reconstruction—Carolina banned the sale of handguns to everyone except "sherrifs and their special deputies; i.e., company goons and the KKK." And In 1911, New York City passed the Sullivan Law, which allowed police to screen handgun applicants—so they could reject blacks, eastern Europeans, and Jews.

Because black communities are often deprived of sufficient police protection, the right to own firearms is of particular importance to law-abiding African Americans who simply want to protect their life and

property. Nonetheless, our government has not been afraid to deny blacks their natural human right to self-defense, their right to keep and bear arms. And at the same time, politicians have managed to convince many African Americans that government is disarming them for their own good, despite the countless examples where black Americans have protected their life and limb with firearms.

This is why the NAACP's plan to disarm blacks is quite baffling. Especially considering that the NAACP has a history of using firearms to protect the rights of African Americans. In our very own city of Monroe, North Carolina, for example, sixty armed blacks from the local NAACP chapter were able to repel an attack from a KKK motorcycle after the Klansmen shot at the house of Dr. Albert E. Perry, the NAACP vice president (1957).

So, has the NAACP become as dangerous to individual liberty as

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More advice for new freshmen

RICHARD MORGAN
Staff Columnist

NOTE: THIS COLUMN IS DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY TOWARD FRESHMEN. To all you freshmen out there (sorry, chicks, I meant to say first-year students), hopefully by now you have discovered that this here university is fancy-schmancy enough to have its own student newspaper. If you have a friend who has not yet made this discovery, please enlighten them.

And now, on to the column: I don't know how high school was for you freshmen out there, but I know how it is: over. You all need to get over it, too. It'll make your

freshman year—especially this first semester—much easier for you. I'm not heartless, though; I was once a freshman. And so, I'll teach you what I know. There are basically four main ways to move beyond K-12:

What you say Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but even though this is a school of nearly 30,000 students, not one of them cares that you were valedictorian or president of the Spanish Club. This school is full of NHS members and sports team captains.

So, it's not that your accomplishments are trivial or unimportant; it's just that they're frankly not special. So what's the use of talking about them? Sure, there may be a five-minute conversation based on "hey, I'm from near there" novelty, but ultimately, you're here now.

The past has passed. Constantly talking about how things used to be instead of talking about how things are and how they're going to be is just going to make it that much easier to get homesick and lonely.

What you wear Gone is the high school mentality of clothes making the man. Peer perception no longer revolves around the battle of the Abercrombie haves vs. the Abercrombie have-nots; it's about personal style—which, yeah, is gauged by dress somewhat, but more importantly by your actions.

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Sprinting backwards for political correctness

CHRIS RELVER
The Dartmouth

Recently Alpha Chi Alpha fraternity and Delta Delta Delta sorority wanted to have a party with a Luau theme at Dartmouth College. Someone was offended, so now it's off and the Greek houses involved must "make amends to all of us." I never knew that Luau were a painful part of Hawaiian history. They weren't when I went there as a little kid. Then they were heavily promoted by the tourism board as an attraction and it was something cool to attend—I had a good time. I could recreate the party, albeit somewhat inaccurately, from memory.

Hawaii is part of America and its history whether we like it or not. We could have a Pearl Harbor event, and it would be valid, except Pearl Harbor was a tragedy and it sucked. Luau, and it may be a regretted decision, were part of the attraction package for American tourists for decades. They became part of our society, a happy one, an import bash, like everything else.

My ancestors came up with Halloween, pre-Lent parties like Mardi Gras, the Christmas tree and all kinds of holiday fun for the world to enjoy.

If you want to talk about a bastardized holiday, Halloween is the party to choose. That was our day of the dead. It was serious stuff. We wore freaky masks to blend with the demons that were out and about. I don't like and won't tolerate people exploiting my ancestors' pagan history for teeth-rotting freebies. Most little kids go out dressed up like pirates and witches, etc., and those teenagers out in black to avoid the cops after vandalism spree have no idea where the holiday came from; though they are scared of the graveyard, so at least we kept something of the spirit. I'm not actually kidding when I say it was an important day for my ancestors.

I think we should cancel Halloween, it offends me, and in the new climate of "if it offends someone don't do it," I get to cancel parties too.

It's the same school of thought that led my ancestors again to write personal morality into law, so four unrelated women can't legally live together in our fine state, as that leads to sin and prostitution. This and other fine laws like no gay sex in 20 plus states, no beer past 12 a.m., no "killer weed," no simultaneous living together outside of marriage in approximately 10 states—these all exist because something offended someone once.

That's it, no other reason. Gays offend the religious right, so you "sinners" can't file joint tax returns or those other nice economic perks of marriage. Now if I see more people out in costume this October, I am going to have a conniption, because they likely didn't clear it with the soon to be formed "Descendant of

European Pagans League." Just wait until I am a senator. Everything will be right in the world, for me anyway, as I'll legislate your offensiveness out of existence. No Mardi Gras for heathens, no more Christmas trees for anyone but northern Europeans.

There is of course that other school of thought, which says since we are Americans, or more importantly, human beings, and that human history is your history and it's all there for the taking. We trade—everyone gets office Christmas parties, Thanksgiving and even much against my ridiculous wishes, Snickers in late October.

Everyone also gets Luau and every other cool party in the world's bag. It's part of the nasty reciprocity issue—everyone likes "our" parties and we like "yours." No disrespect intended. Maybe some day we can all share the wealth, even if it occasionally means something someone

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does offend us, and live as generally happy and free people with an amazing communal history as people — not peoples.

Alternatively, we can keep up the self-segregation and try to prevent other people from offending us and our 'values' with personal morality laws and social boycotting.

"It offends me, so you can't do it" has been the rationale for racially segregated water fountains, discrimination against gays, the murders of heretics, dissidents, and nonconformists; and every step backward

this world has ever taken in that direction. When anyone defends this imaginary right not to be offended, they repeat verbatim the line used by tyrants to control and destroy everyone else since the dawn of man, "for the good of us all."

It makes no difference at all who says it. It doesn't matter if you think the speaker is a nice person or has the "best interests" at heart. No matter who the person, the "it offends me, so you can't do it" mentality cannot be ignored or tolerated.

If anyone thinks I am sniping at other "peoples" here, go listen to the "Old Time Gospel Hour" with the reactionary evangelist Jerry Falwell. "My people" if you take it in racial/religious terms are the most egregious and worst example I can think of. However, in spite of all of

history, we can, and some of us seem determined to, pursue this trail back into the dark. I can't say it's not an option.

Back on the local front, if the Hawaiian kids were offended because other people were going to throw a luau party and mess up the spirit of the event, why not simply offer to join in and help them do it for real? Open it up, meet some kids, hell, maybe learn something new you like. That would have been awesome. Their participation would have made it stronger and we would all have benefited. Instead, chalk another one up for the self-segregationists and the closing of doors in the name of the offended. Falwell and all the wrong people will be pleased.

Advice

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your personality and your intelligence and not much else.

So, what this means (and this is VERY, VERY IMPORTANT) is that, no matter how many times you got in your varsity letter jacket or how cool your senior T-shirt looks, wearing either is going to tell people that you're still living in high school and that you haven't really let yourself come to college yet.

What you do. It might be fun to have instant-message chat sessions with old prom dates or senior-year English buddies, but you'll enjoy college a lot more the more you actually do college-things as simple as eating with suitmates in the dining hall (which, unfortunately, hasn't changed much from high school) or things as involved as joining student organizations and pledging Greek groups. The longer you wait by the edge of the pool testing the waters with your toes, the more you're going to wish you had just dove in at the beginning.

What you are. The most beneficial thing you can do during your freshman year is be yourself. And, remember that you don't have to worry about being yourself, either: there's no one to please here (well, actually, sadly enough, there are people like that here; but, really, what's the point of pleasing them?). Don't work so hard at fitting in that you don't stand out. Add to this university something that only you can add to it. And, above all, make it a goal to end the first year, this first semester or even this first week able to say that you have grown beyond high school, changed beyond high school and lived beyond high school.

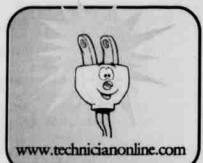
Of course, this advice isn't meant to encourage you to abandon high school or the life lessons and friends that those four years brought you. But you shouldn't dwell there, either: living in the past means being dead to the present and future. Rather than thinking about what you've lost in ending high school, think about what you're gaining in starting college. Get excited, because those last four years were just a way of preparing you for these next four (or more).

NAACP

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the KKK?

It would appear so. I just hope that North Carolina's NAACP chapter will be more professional and responsible than their national counterparts and not file a ridiculous lawsuit that helps destroy the freedoms they have worked so hard to secure. The NAACP's lawsuit against gun manufacturers may have been filed with good intentions, but in the end it will only prevent peaceful, law-abiding black citizens from using firearms to protect their hard-won liberties.



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Five Tech golfers tee it up at US amateur

ATLANTA - Georgia Tech's golf team will have more than half of its team playing in the 1999 U.S. Amateur Championship, which started Monday at the Pebble Beach Golf Links in Pebble Beach, Calif. Five of the nine Yellow Jacket golfers will be competing: Matt Kuchar, Bryce Molder, Carlton Forrester, Wes Latimer and Matt Weibring.

Kuchar, the 1997 champion, and Molder each had automatic entry by virtue of being quarterfinalists a year ago, while Forrester, Latimer and Weibring all played their way in at regional qualifiers. Tech is again one of the nation's leading four-year institutes in number of qualifiers. Tech had six players in the event a year ago.

Monday and Tuesday's rounds consist of stroke play as 312 qualifiers are reduced to the lowest 64 scorers, who will advance to match play. The competition will be held on the par 71, 6,828-yard Pebble Beach Golf Links and the par 72, 6,828-yard Spyglass Hill Golf Club the first two days, with match play being contested solely on the famed Pebble Beach course during the remainder of the week. Match play will begin Wednesday with the opening round, with second and third rounds following Thursday and the quarterfinals through finals being played Friday-Sunday.

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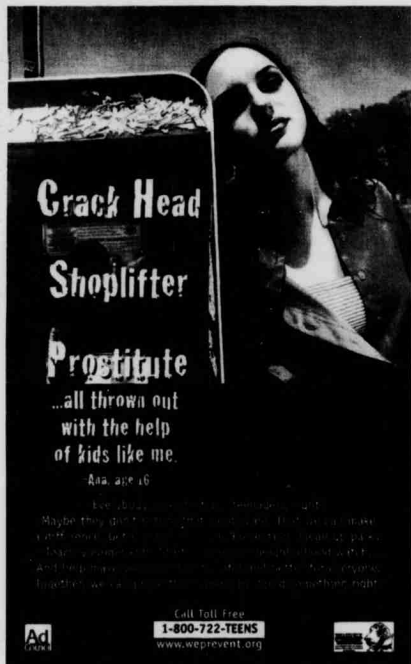
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Turkish Quake Kills Over 2,000, More Buried

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IZMIT, Turkey (Reuters) - An earthquake devastated northwest Turkey Tuesday killing more than 2,000 people and injuring thousands as apartment blocks and houses collapsed and crushed them as they slept.

Frantic survivors tore at mangled steel and concrete to free loved ones, and officials asked the international community to send sniffer dogs and lifting equipment to help in the rescue. Thousands more people were left homeless as their houses and apartments vanished in clouds of dust and rubble while buildings left standing were weakened and made unsafe.

In Istanbul, residents rushed into blacked-out streets to escape falling concrete after the quake, measured by Turkish seismologists at 6.7 on the Richter scale.

"Tell me my children are alive," pleaded Muzaffer Yara, grabbing the arm of a Reuters reporter.

Minutes later a pair of bare feet, clearly lifeless, poked through the tangle of steel and concrete and the search halted briefly before neighbors struck up a loud wail.

Crisis center officials in Ankara told

Reuters the death toll stood at 2,033 at 2000 GMT as desperate efforts to find survivors continued.

The officials said more than 11,000 people had been injured in the quake which struck at 3:02 a.m. (0002 GMT) and was the most powerful ever recorded in the region.

It was centered on the northwestern industrial city of Izmit, some 90 km (55 miles) east of Istanbul, Turkey's biggest city which links Europe and Asia.

Reports of flattened buildings across the area suggested the toll would rise further as rescuers struggled through rubble blocking streets filled with choking dust.

Among the first foreign rescue teams, Swiss specialists led by three golden Labradors started to comb the wreckage on the outskirts of Izmit.

Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit held out hope that survivors would be found. "There are many living people who still have not been rescued from under collapsed buildings," he said.

In Golcuk town, along the southern coast of the Izmit Gulf, Turkish rescue teams dug at the ruins of a naval base building searching for some 200 sailors, including admirals and other senior officers. The officers had visited

the base for a ceremony Monday and stayed over.

An exhausted naval guard, his light brown uniform covered with dust, said rescuers had been struggling to find 248 sailors who were initially buried under the rubble.

He said 20 had so far been brought out dead. Another 23 were rescued injured. "We heard a great noise and ran toward the building where our friends were," the guard told a Reuters Television correspondent. "We struggled to dig them out with our bare hands."

Similar scenes were being repeated in the rubble of countless buildings. The mayor of Golcuk, speaking on state radio, said he feared the death toll would rise, because so many buildings - thousands - had been hit.

The force of the quake ripped out electric pylons and tore power cables apart, leaving the region without electricity. It also toppled the minarets of dozens of mosques.

A huge fire broke out at a Turkey's biggest oil refinery and the general manager Husamettin Danis said later it was blazing out of control. Fears of an explosion forced the evacuation of the plant in Izmit, which is operated by

the state-owned petroleum company Tupras.

The government declared a disaster zone in its northwest, taking on wide powers to bring help to the region.

The air force and Red Crescent flew in thousands of tents and crisis center manager Ahmet Sagur told Reuters that Turkey had enough food and tents for the survivors.

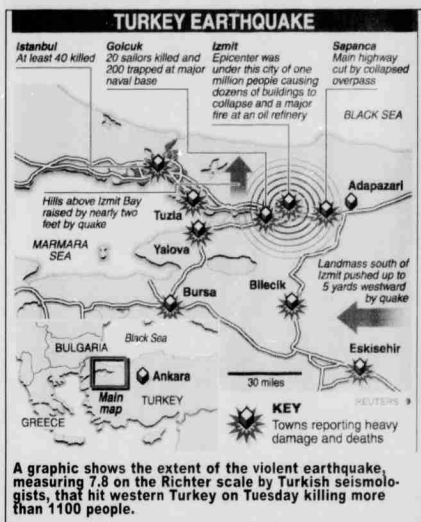
Ecevit called the quake the worst natural disaster he had ever seen which would require gargantuan efforts to rebuild.

"The loss is huge," state television showed the 73-year-old premier saying. "It is the biggest natural disaster I have witnessed... May Allah help our state and our people."

Officials said they needed dogs and technical support to rescue those trapped. International aid agencies said they were ready to assist but awaited a government request to step in.

The United States offered military help and sent a 70-member search and rescue team Tuesday. "On behalf of all Americans, our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families," said President Clinton.

Traditional rival Greece offered aid and condolences, and planned to send a military plane with medical supplies.



Germany, home to the largest Turkish population outside Turkey, has already sent salvage teams with dogs. Israel said it was sending a 120-strong mercy mission. Britain, Italy, France, Iran and other nations also pledged quick aid.

U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson was in Istanbul on an official visit during the quake. "Everyone was shook up," Richardson said. "Literally, the walls and floors were moving, and you're not moving."

At least 40 people died in Istanbul. Hundreds of others were injured there by falling masonry or by jumping from balconies.

There were no immediate reports of damage to the city's architectural treasures such as the Blue Mosque.

Turkey registered the quake, which was followed by some 300 aftershocks, at 6.7 on the Richter scale. But the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colorado, rated it at 7.8 on the Richter scale, the same level as the 1976 quake that killed at least 240,000 in

Tangshan, China. Bill Smith, a geophysicist at Golden, said the reading was an average of many instruments that monitored the quake. He said the tremor was the biggest in northwest Turkey since records began.

In Izmit, rescue teams struggled to reach residents buried under dozens of collapsed buildings. Witnesses said in one place the earth had shifted five meters (16 feet) to the west.

Minarets from mosques toppled and roads to the town were blocked by hundreds of people fleeing. Television pictures showed a dazed mother cradling the lifeless body of her son.

In the town of Tuzla, east of Istanbul, a construction worker stood beside the ruins of an apartment house, as residents pulled bricks away from the rubble and twisted metal. "Until recently we were hearing sounds. My friend Saban was calling out: 'Help me.' But for a while now there has been no sound," said Birol Laik, a builder in his 30s.

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Race

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championships.

There is a fifth senior that has played a pivotal role in shaping the dynasty that the Wolfpack program has become.

Aaron Saft finished just four spots away from All-ACC honors in 1999.

Another top-caliber athlete with experience against the best in the world is Chris Dugan. A junior from Pennsylvania, Dugan finished fifth two summers in the steeplechase at the Junior World Championships. After two top-ten finishes in his freshman campaign, Dugan was one of the Pack's best down the stretch in 1998. Dugan was third at the ACC Championships and 37th at the NCAA meet in Kansas,

earning All-American honors for the first time in his career.

"I see us as a program with four front-runners in Chan, Brendan, Abdul and Chris," said Geiger. "On any given day any one of those four can be our No. 1 athlete." "I don't know who our top people are going to be, but if you look at our top group, we have a very solid line-up."

Solid as a rock in fact. If the group stays healthy, the Pack's might not have to look any further to find the key to the national championship. While each team that has qualified for the season's last meet can race seven athletes, only the top five runners contribute to the team score.

"The battles to be won in the program are on the backside of the front seven," said Geiger. "We have four front runners, and I see Corby and

maybe Aaron Saft fitting in with those four, but we are very senior oriented, and the fight will be to find a spot in the race everyday in practice."

In just one season with the Wolfpack, David Patterson has already made major waves. Patterson, out of Cary, N.C., was the Pack's fourth runner to cross the finish line at the ACC Championships a season ago, taking seventh overall. Patterson ran in the top 20 at the District III meet to help qualify the Pack for the NCAA meet and was 116th at the National meet. In the spring, Patterson took the ACC outdoor title in the 10,000 meters. Junior Mike Fitzula, and sophomore Aaron Keller will also figure into the mix. Fitzula finished 31st at the ACC meet last fall, while Keller posted a top-40 finish at the qualifying meet.

But perhaps the biggest bonus for the Wolfpack is the untested talent of what will be the freshman class of 1999. Dean Bowker, Brad Einboden, Patrick Helland and Joe Lion are four runners with a year's worth of work-under their belts and four years of eligibility remaining. "That is the mark of a very good team," said Chan Pons of the quality of the Pack's roster. "The other side of that is that no spot is guaranteed, not even (the seniors) spots are set."

With a squad like that, on paper heads and shoulders above any other in the ACC and probably any others save three or four in the nation, one would think that life in Wolfpack country would be pretty fun, but as it always is with Geiger's crew, there is serious business at hand, and not all of it includes trophies.

The quintet of seniors will hold between them 24 years of collective work under Geiger, every minute of which went into building the Wolfpack program.

"When we first got here, the program was no where near what it is, but when (the freshman) come in, they see a team that is trying to contend for a national title, and we need to teach them that that isn't always guaranteed. It came with a lot of tenacity, it came with a lot of diligence, and unity and comradery most of all."

For the five seniors that will most likely end their collegiate cross country careers in Indiana this November, disappointment would be failing to uphold the legacy that they have helped create.

"We don't want to win it," said Corby Pons of the ACC Championship, where a win would mean five in a row for

the Pack program. "We want to win it in style."

In two of the past three seasons, the Wolfpack has won the conference championship by the largest margin of victory in the history of the event, making the challenge increasingly difficult year-to-year.

"This is our last one," said Alzindani. "The goal, at least for the five seniors, is to do it right, and leave our mark. A perfect score would be a nice way to end up."

And while the speculation remains that the Wolfpack program could split into two teams and still win the ACC title, the leaders of this pack know that it will take a lot more than reputation.

"If we want to get the job done, we have to run well at the last three meets," said Corby Pons. "If we want to bring three more trophies home, we have to work."

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Title race begins for Wolfpack

♦ Wolfpack men's cross country teams looks to contend for national title.

K. GRIFFNEY
Sports Editor

The lesson goes like this: even when you have the best of the best, don't expect to win.

Heading into last season's District III Championship, the N.C. State men's cross country team had a legitimate claim on being far and away the best team in the south. They were coming off of their fourth straight Atlantic Coast Conference title, and were looking to pick up their third straight District III Championship.

But something happened and the plan fell apart. They only finished second.

Second was good enough to qualify for the National Championship meet, but a devastating reality for the seven athletes who ran in the race and their teammates watching from the sidelines.

"When you've won district twice in a row, you almost go

into the race with this attitude that you are not really thinking about getting beat. You kind of fall asleep in the race, and you can't make mistakes like that," said Brendan Rodgers.

And while a strong showing offered some redemption just a week later at the NCAA meet, the message is still a constant reminder.

"Always be humble, or

"Always be humble, or somebody is going to do it for you"

Corby Pons

somebody is going to do it for you," said Corby Pons recently, sitting one of the lounges at Weisiger-Brown Athletic Facility, surrounded by his agreeing teammates.

Better known as the epicenter of the chaos that is the Wolfpack football program, in 1999 Weisiger-Brown is the headquarters

of the Wolfpack's run at the university's first national championship in 16 years.

"This year we are legitimately a top four club, and any time that you are in the top four, you certainly have chance to win (the national championship)," said Wolfpack head Coach Rollie Geiger. "This is definitely a year that we can do it."

At the heart of the Pack line-up in 1999 is a group of talented, experienced runners that are complemented by the top-rated rookies which the upperclassmen can be held directly responsible for bringing into the program.

Seniors Brendan Rodgers and Chan Corby Pons look to become the only Wolfpack runners to earn All-ACC honors four times in over 25 years. Despite the long list of achievements that have accompanied the runners who preceded the triumvirate, only Jim Wilkins has earned all-conference recognition in each of his four seasons running with the Wolfpack.

Both of the Pons finished in the conference's top ten in 1995, '96 and '97 and red-shirted the 1998 season. Chan qualified for the NCAA meet in outdoor track and field last spring, but Corby missed the season due to injury.

Rodgers, who red-shirted the 1995 season, has earned honors the past three seasons, highlighted by his first-place finish at the last ACC Championship meet.

On hand to see Rodgers win the 1998 race was then-recruit Bradsher Wilkins, son of the aforementioned Jim, who signed with the Wolfpack soon after and will make his debut in red and white in 1999, if he makes the starting squad. And despite Wilkins' impressive credentials, that "if" is a big one.

Wilkins and his classmates, all of whom carry some hefty qualifications, will have a tougher time than most incoming freshmen on teams around the nation earning a spot in the line-up. "This year we have more



From left: Corby Pons, Chan Pons, Brendan Rodgers, Aaron Saff, and Abdul Alizindani are the five Wolfpack seniors looking to lead the men's cross country team to the National Championship.



The men's cross country trophy case in Weisiger-Brown Athletic Center is packed with awards commemorating Atlantic Coast Conference and District III Championships, but the one thing missing is the National Championship plaque. Led by five seniors, the Wolfpack returns six all-conference honorees and three runners that have collectively been recognized five times as All-Americans.

depth and experience than we have ever had before, and that is going to be instrumental in deciding who lines up," said Corby Pons.

For the past few seasons, the Wolfpack team has red-shirted most of its freshmen class, because the upper-class talent has been so deep. This year is no exception. Looking past the mountain of achievements that the Pons and Rodgers

have accumulated, which includes All-American honors for Rodgers and Chan Pons, three other All-Conference and another All-American will be vying for a spot on the line in 1999 as well. Senior Abdul Alizindani, who came from dead last at the 1998 conference meet to finish 13th is a two-time

all-conference honoree. Alizindani won the 1995 Foot Locker national cham-

ampionship, regarded by many as the most prestigious events in high school distance running, and represented the United States in Junior

World Championships that same year, leading the US team.

This past spring, the Michigan native qualified for and competed in the NCAA outdoor track and field

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Wolfpack head coach Rollie Geiger directs his runners during a recent team meeting at Weisiger-Brown.

N.C. State football running backs

Rahshon Spikes

Sr
5-11
204

Meriden, CT

N.C. State: Set a Micron PC Bowl and N.C. State bowl record with 176 rushing yards at the end of the 1998 season against Miami. Ran for 87 yards in the Pack's win over No. 11 Syracuse. Prior to injury in 1998 he had seen action in every game in his high school and collegiate career. In 1997, saw action in every game for the Wolfpack and finished the year as State's third-leading rusher.

Carlos Doggett

Fr-RS
5-11
204 lbs.

Greensboro, NC

N.C. State: Red-shirted in 1998, led squad in one scrimmage during spring practice with 104 yards on 19 carries. Prep: rated No. 26 in the state by the Fayetteville Observer-Times, rushed for 2,470 yards on 293 carries and scored 30 touchdowns in his senior season.

K.J. Stone

Fr-RS
6-0
190

Green Level, NC

N.C. State: redshirted the 1998 season. Prep: Set a school record with 4,067 career rushing yards and was honored by having his jersey retired. Averaged 8.2 yards per carry in his career. Finished his senior season with 1,927 rushing yards and 22 touchdowns.

Ray Robinson

So
5-11
199

Hilton Head, S.C.

N.C. State: Member of the 1998 All-ACC Academic team. Was the 1998 Rookie of the Year in the conference. Led the Pack in rushing with 822 yards, the fourth highest total by an N.C. State player in over a decade. Ranked fourth in the ACC with 74.7 yards per game. Started five games, rushed for over 1000 yards in three contests, including a 202 yard performance against Virginia. Collected ten touchdowns.

Eric Leak (No photo available)

Jr-RS
5-9
184 lbs.

Forest Hills, N.C.

N.C. State: played in eight games last season, averaging 15 yards per carry on five carries and adding one touchdown. Leak's 31-yard score came in the Wolfpack's 24-7 win over Florida State.

ACC Notes

Georgia Tech suspends two football players

ATLANTA - Two Georgia Tech football players have been suspended because of conduct "detrimental to the Tech football program," Head Coach George O'Leary said Monday.

O'Leary declined to give specifics, but quarterback Jermaine Crenshaw, a 6-1, 203-pound redshirt freshman, would miss the first three games and defensive back Troy Tolbert, a 6-1, 195-pound junior, will miss the first two games, against Navy and Florida State. The third game is against Central Florida.

Crenshaw was competing for the No. 2 quarterback slot behind Joe Hamilton. Tolbert was competing for a starting cornerback position. O'Leary said the suspensions were not drug-related. Both players will continue to practice with the team, he said.

Montgomery wins ACC showdown

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. - University of Virginia tennis player Huntley Montgomery won the singles championship on Sunday at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Summer Championships at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va. Montgomery defeated Duke's

Andrew Pedrosa in the all-Atlantic Coast Conference men's final, 7-6 (6), 6-3. With the victory, Montgomery receives wild card invitations to the August 24-28 United States Open qualifying tournament and the T. Rowe Price National Intercollegiate Clay Court Championships scheduled for September 23-26 in Baltimore, Md.

The win for Montgomery, who played #2 singles at Uva during the 1998-99 season, is his first national title at the collegiate level. His victory over Pedrosa was his fifth of the week. In the third round, he upset top-seeded Aaron Marchetti, formerly of Virginia Tech.

"I sort of got lucky because I just played those last big points in the tie-breaker really well," said Montgomery, who last played Pedrosa when they were 12-year-olds playing USTA junior tennis. "That was the only difference because it was so close the whole time. Then, in the second set, I was able to get the momentum early on."

Montgomery compiled a 15-13 overall singles record last season for the Cavaliers. In addition, he teamed with Brian Vahaly as Uva's #1 doubles team, as they were ranked 18th nationally in doubles. As a freshman two years ago Montgomery was named to the All-ACC squad with a 27-14 singles mark.

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