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In the NEWS

Faculty Members Needed for Training Program

The Service-Learning Faculty Associates Program at N.C. State is seeking eight faculty members from across the university to participate in a training program in the upcoming academic year.

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NATIONAL

Microsoft Says It Will Publish Instant-Messaging Code

Microsoft Corp. turned up the heat yesterday in its instant-messaging battle with America Online Inc., pledging to release software code this month in a step toward establishing a widely accepted Internet standard. Microsoft's decision to publish its MSN Messenger protocol was welcomed by a leader of the independent committee that has been working for two years to agree on a universal standard for the hugely popular way to communicate over the Internet.

Testy Bush Says He Will Not Answer Drug Questions

A testy Texas Gov. George W. Bush said Wednesday he will not answer questions about whether he has used illegal drugs and believes rumors that he did are being "planted." Bush, the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination, became visibly irritated in a brief news conference at the Texas capitol before leaving on a campaign trip to Louisiana. The governor chastised a reporter for asking about drugs, an issue, which has begun to dog his run for the White House.

WORLD

Yugoslavia Offers Early Elections

President Slobodan Milosevic's party offered Wednesday to hold early elections—a last-minute concession aimed at defusing Yugoslavia's political crisis one day before an anti-government rally was to sweep through Belgrade. The offer fell far short, however, of opposition demands that Milosevic step down and allow a transitional government before any elections.

Milosevic was believed to be seeking early elections before a popular uprising topples him.

On the eve of the Belgrade protest, 20,000 people rallied in the country's third-largest city of Nis, chanting "Resignations, resignations!" the independent news agency Beta said.

Turkey Quake Toll Near 3,900

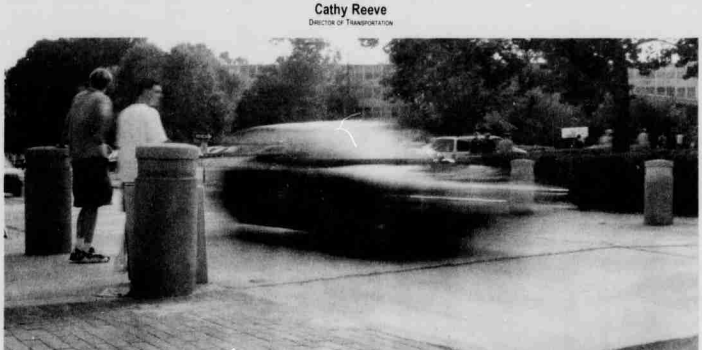
Ink-black smoke from a blazing oil refinery soared into the sky like a funeral pyre Wednesday, the result of a devastating earthquake that has claimed nearly 3,900 lives, left wide sections of western Turkey in ruins and threatens to derail its already-struggling economy. The inferno at the Tupras refinery was the latest disaster linked to the 7.4-magnitude earthquake that struck the highly populated region before dawn Tuesday. So far, 3,839 people have died and nearly 18,500 were injured in Tuesday's 7.4 magnitude quake, according to a special Turkish crisis unit. But many people—perhaps more than 10,000—were still missing, officials estimated.

"QUOTABLE"

"Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace."
- Amelia Earhart



"Our campus is like a small downtown. A lot of small cities are doing things like this."



A \$45,000 facelift to Dan Allen Dr. was just completed before freshmen move-in.

'Concrete funding'

◆ NCSU's department of transportation recently sprang for a new "pedestrian speed table," costing them \$45,000.

SARAH E. MIANO
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

If you're a freshman at N.C. State, you might have been walking or driving on Dan Allen Drive this week and not have noticed anything in particular. But those students returning to NCSU for another school year have been seeing something unique. It's the new Dan Allen Drive speed bump, also known as a "pedestrian crossing table," on the corner of Cates Avenue.

The newly installed crossing table raises walkers at a higher level so they are even with the road, giving them the right of way. It is also handicap accessible. With 8,000 cars traveling Dan Allen Drive per day, the street is considered a major thoroughfare where most drivers tend to exceed the 20MPH speed limit. Dan Allen's first speed bump was installed two years ago.

"Our campus is like a small downtown," said Cathy Reeve, director of transportation (DOT). "A lot of small cities are doing things like this."

"The intention is to slow traffic down," said a representative of Zehra Company, the Raleigh-based contracting company responsible for the construction of the bump.

While the NCSU DOT's original budget plan, developed five years ago, allowed \$60,000 for the speed table, its final cost will run approximately \$45,000 when complete.

"Concrete's not cheap," said Reeve. Other factors, including utilities and drainage, are included in the substantial price, according to Reeve. "We were happy it came in at less," she said concerning the \$15,000 difference.

One might wonder about the importance of having a \$45,000 speed bump in light of recent news regarding Engineering's obstacle to starting a science and technology center, which will have to divert about \$60,000 a year from its programs to pay rent.

Well, the good news is that the university doesn't pay for the DOT's construction project, according to Reeve. "We

don't receive any appropriated funds," said Reeve. "If we did," she said, "there would be a question of where are your priorities."

All of the funds allocated for the pedestrian table were acquired from the DOT through revenues from such things as parking fines, parking fees and meters. Each year, the department develops a "plan-based budget" in order to prepare ahead for transit and parking services for the university. It adjusts fees accordingly.

"It's amazing to me that we still don't get the word out," mentioned Reeve. "Our money goes right back into the university. We save the taxpayer from having to pay infrastructure service," she said.

According to Reeve, NCSU was not completely satisfied with the finishing work or "aesthetics," although structurally the job was "fine."

Zehra Company, who also turned out to be the lowest bidder, denied any particular problem. But a representative of Zehra said, "We have to finish putting the reflective tape on the bollards. We're going to do that."

School officials speak out

◆ At the faculty senate's first meeting of the academic year, the discussion covered everything from the improvement of Hillsborough Street to Provost Kermit Hall's plans to develop a more competitive campus culture.

ASHLEY B. PERRY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The NCSU Faculty Senate met Tuesday, August 17 to receive remarks from several school officials, including the new university provost.

The meeting, the first of the new academic year, was called to order by new senate chairman Fred Corbin. Corbin welcomed many new and old senators to the forum. He then presented former chairman George Wahl, Jr. a gilded gavel for exceptional service in his previous position.

Recently named to the position of provost, Kermit L. Hall presented an overview of his agenda for the coming years. Among Hall's plans is the formation of a "sound provost staff."

"Currently, we have two staffs, one small and one a little bigger. I would like to consolidate these two into one to improve communication within the office," elaborated Hall. Hall also wishes to enhance the undergraduate experience and develop a more competitive campus culture.

"We are attracting better students [to

NCSU] now more than ever. We need to evaluate what we think is our top priority for our undergrads. Do we want them to be more skilled, more analytical, more cosmopolitan? How do we best address our goals?" said Hall.

Former Staff Senate Chairman, Bill Padgett, commented further on improving undergraduate life.

"Campus life extends beyond the property lines of the university. We need to make improvements, not necessarily capital investments, to Hillsborough Street. The street has been in a state of decline for several years now, and we need to help make it a positive center for our students," Padgett told the group.

Some of the options discussed by Padgett included developing plans to relieve traffic congestion and improving personal safety along the Hillsborough Street thoroughfare.

Student Body President Raj Mirchandani introduced himself to the senate members and listed his goals for the coming years. Mirchandani hopes to simplify the process of retaking courses.

"Now, if you do poorly in a course and wish to take it over, there are forms that have to be filled out, and this costs time and money. It seems that we could just simply sign up for the course again, take it over, and let the new grade take place of the old one," Mirchandani spoke.

Mirchandani also hopes to improve and increase the presentation of college telecourses.

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Cops aim to control the ritual Brent Road block-party.

Public Safety gears up for Brent

JIMMY BYRALS
STAFF WRITER

Every year, the massive party at Brent Road serves to usher in the new school year. Students from every class designation go to the party to loosen up from the first week or two of classes.

But celebrants at this Saturday night's party at Brent Road will find a heavy law enforcement presence seeking to decrease the amount of damage and underage drinking that have marred the party in recent years.

The Raleigh Police Department

and N.C. State Public Safety taking measures to maintain order for this year's incarnation of the annual rite of fall.

Mindful of the risk of compromising security, Public Safety Assistant Director Terry Wright did offer some information on the department's efforts to patrol Brent Rd. this year.

Public Safety officers will be out patrolling the Brent Rd. area. "The essential aim of our work is to protect the law and the property of those neighbors who will not be tak-

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Man admits to illegal gun sale

JUDITH CROSSON
Reuters News Service

GOLDEN, Colo. (Reuters) - A 22-year-old computer programmer pleaded guilty Wednesday to providing two teen-agers with the assault weapon they used to shoot up Columbine high school last April, killing 13 people before taking their own lives.

In the first guilty plea connected to the massacre, Mark Manes also admitted to selling one of the gunmen, Eric Harris, 100 rounds of 9 mm ammunition for \$25 the night before the April 20 shooting. He swore he never knew about the attack in advance.

Manes's attorney Robert Ransome said his client asked Harris if he was going to go shooting that night and he said Harris answered no, but that he was going shooting the next day.

Manes also pleaded guilty to handling two sawed-off shotguns that he used at a shooting range with the two gunmen several weeks before the attack. He will be sentenced on Oct. 14.

Harris, who turned 18 just before the shooting and his friend Dylan Klebold, 17, killed 12 fellow students and a teacher at the school in Littleton, Colo. before turning their guns on themselves.

According to court records, Manes sold the gunman the assault weapon used in the rampage for \$500.

Ransome said his client had no idea the TEK-DC9 assault pistol would be used in the attack and that Manes pleaded guilty because he wanted to spare the community a trial.

Even though Mark had no idea about what was going to happen at Columbine -- just the fact that he played a part in the chain of events and was involved with the handgun -- the entire family felt strongly that he needed to take responsibility, Ransome said after the hearing.

Brent

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ing part," said Wright. Providing personnel at the party will not be a departure for the department. According to Wright, Public Safety officers have been on-site for the last three to five years.

"Basically, what we've done is work with ALE, the Raleigh Police Department and other agencies," Wright said.

After issuing 449 citations at last year's Brent Rd. bash, the Raleigh police will also make efforts to patrol the area: there will be a Friday license check of cars in the neighborhood and the posting of officers on Brent Rd. during the party are among RPD plans.

In addition to the law enforcement departments' works, other activities have been undertaken to tone down some of the damage done on Brent Rd. According to a recent News and Observer report, there will be an alcohol-free concert designed to oppose the party.

The concert, sponsored by Cathy Cahall, an area Christian night club owner, featuring Christian bands at Pullen Park on Saturday from 1-8 p.m.

When the concert's organizers went to the Raleigh City Council to obtain the proper permits and came up \$600 short, Raleigh Mayor Tom Fetzer privately raised the needed funding.

Speak

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es, as well as continue to develop a late night bussing system for the university and surrounding areas which would run as late as 3 a.m.

Student Senate President Seth Whitaker spoke briefly to the faculty senate explaining his goals to have the student body become more active in actual academic policy-making.

"These are rules that govern our lives on campus," Whitaker said. "We should be a part of the decision making process. But it is our obligation to stay on top things."

SGA

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Reeve. "We could afford a 'demonstration project' to extend evening service to test later hours," Reeve said.

Public Safety is also actively involved in the project. The department has donated money to pick up the cost of getting the project started, and they are expecting to print pocket-size schedules that students can conveniently carry. Mirchandani, Reeve and Kane acknowledged the "good faith effort" made by Public Safety to support the project.

Justin McCurry, special assistant to the president, is devoting much of his time to this effort. McCurry noted that the new system would run on a similar route as the current night service route. Tentative hours are Monday through Wednesday until 2 a.m., Thursday through Friday until 3 a.m., Saturday from 7 p.m. until three a.m., and Sunday from 7 p.m. until 2 a.m. No Wolfline transit is currently available on weekends. The trial run may begin around September 27, which, according to Kane, is a very tentative date. "If this is found to be a worthwhile service, Student Government will have to fund it after this," said Reeve.

Mirchandani noted that one way to finance the new hours, if they go into effect after the trial, would be to raise student fees by five dollars.

"I talked to students personally and by email, and about 85% to 90% said they were willing to pay an increase for this service," Mirchandani said.

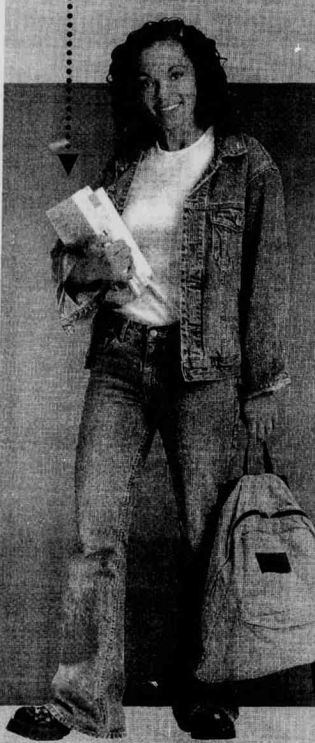
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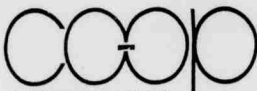
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After months of speculation, organizers for the multinational NetAid concerts have finally announced who will perform at the October 9 event. Fugees leader Wyclef Jean and U2 singer Bono, who have already collaborated on a song to benefit NetAid and the Wyclef Jean Foundation (see "Wyclef Records Charity Single With Bono," Preps For Woodstock"), have signed on to the extravaganza, which is

set to take place at Giants Stadium in New Jersey, Wembley Stadium in London, and the Palais des Nations in Geneva. Bush, the Corrs, Counting Crows, Celine Dion, the recently reunited Eurythmics, Jewel, George Michael, and Robbie Williams have also been tapped to perform, as well as former Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page and the Who's Pete Townshend.

The benefit has been organized in conjunction with the United Nations Development Program to help refugees in Africa and Kosovo, and proceeds will also establish a NetAid Foundation for long-term relief. A total of 110,000 tickets for the London and New York area concerts will be available to the public. Tickets for Wembley go on sale August 24, and tickets for Giants Stadium go on sale September 8, the same day that NetAid's Web site is launched.

The Geneva concert is by invitation only. Concert organizers have said that a limited number of artists will be added to the shows, with no hint of whom these artists may be. When word of the concert first leaked out in April, it was said that organizers were interested in Sting, Lauryn Hill, and U2 (see "Net Aid Looks To Lauryn Hill, U2, Sting To End Poverty").

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Technician's View

Fox, Raj on Brent Road

◆ An Open Letter from Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and Student Body President Raj Mirchandani to N.C. State Students and Residents of Brent Road

We welcome our students back to N.C. State for the 1999-2000 academic year and understand that they want to celebrate the start of a new year. While celebration is a natural part of college life, we expect our students to be good neighbors at all times and obey all laws.

Again this year, N.C. State is continuing its collaboration with the City of Raleigh to prevent celebrations from escalating into destructive events on Brent Road or any other location. We are writing to inform you that the following policies will be in effect:

—City of Raleigh Police will provide high-density patrols to control the size of block parties and enforce the law. They have full arrest authority. The

University is grateful for the city's actions and supports its efforts.

—N.C. State students who are cited or arrested as a result of these celebrations will also face charges through the campus judicial system for violating laws or the code of student conduct in our surrounding neighborhoods. Last year, 75 N.C. State students were cited as a direct result of activities on Brent Road, and faced consequences in both district court and the N.C. State Judicial system.

—It is unlawful in the City of Raleigh for a pedestrian on a city street or sidewalk to possess or consume an alcoholic beverage in an open container.

—Attendance at N.C. State is an honor and a privilege and with it comes the responsibility to adhere to the student code of conduct and the policies of the University. We expect our students to be considerate citizens and obey the law. Please join us in preventing celebrations from having unwanted and harmful effects on you, the University and our neighbors.



Sense of change

MARK B. ANDERSON
Staff Columnist

Let's reminisce. As the wonderful and unpleasant images of the passing summer find their way into your memory, sit back and relax one last time. Well, until this weekend anyway. As for today you are probably starting at some professor and pondering the goings-on of the past week. What happened?

A few days ago we were getting paid for our labor, enjoying the summer life, and watching television. Fast forward to day four of "summer session III" and we find ourselves laboring to get paid, recalling the summer life, and watching television—already fine tuning procrastination techniques for later.

Last Thursday I completed my demanding summer responsibilities on a home repair ministry staff in the mountains of Appalachia. I have moved off

campus to a new apartment. I hold a leadership position in a large student organization. I am scheduled for 19 hours. I will be in a very close friend's wedding in two weeks. That's my story.

Whether you are a freshman, a new graduate student, a pledge, or just experiencing unique episodes that come with age, surely you can empathize with me. Regardless of your place or position in life, you are undergoing some kind of change. Physical changes are most noticeable, but emotional and spiritual changes are more important. Understanding and analyzing what happened, what was said, and the feelings are crucial. The processing of the experiences is maturing and necessary, but simultaneously reflective and uncomfortable.

Of course, you may wish to forget all that took place these past couple months. Forget that accident, the ticket you shouldn't have received, and the conflict faced. Hmm, that sounds strangely

familiar...Before all the unpleasant memories of the summer of '99 fade away, learn something from each experience. If your brains are not on quite yet, like mine, make a note that accidents, tickets, and conflict should be avoided. If, perchance, you are feeling introspective, think about the days of work, travel, partying, or studying in which you indulged. Remember what you did well, places you liked, and those things that could use a little work. Let your summer make you a better person.

All right, enough of the heavy stuff. We're all back on campus and seeing our friends again. Share your summer tales with your friends (they will want to know...tell them!). Allow them to help you transition back to being in college. It can be hard to believe that we are one more year along. Shall we practice? Let's say it out loud. I am a ()

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Driving under influence...of age

MATT CAIL
The Daily (U. Washington)

When we hear about dangerous drivers, young people are often the topic of the hour. After all, those between the ages of 16 and 24 have the unfortunate honor of the highest rate of citations and accidents. Yet there is another age group of Americans with nearly as dangerous a record: the elderly (those over age 65).

Most of us have experienced problems with elderly drivers on the road. The problem sometimes takes the innocent shape of an elderly driver simply driving too slowly in a car the size of a schooner. On average, elderly drivers travel at 10

miles per hour less than the speed limit and tend to buy big cars to protect themselves from injury.

While this can be aggravating (especially when in a rush), it's not a serious problem. But elderly drivers also have the second highest incidence of accidents (just behind those 16-to-24-year-olds). Unlike young people, whose crashes mostly result from foolish risk-taking, accidents involving the elderly often result from the debilitating effects of aging.

According to a 1990 national personal transportation study, there are more than 22.8 million elderly drivers on the road in the United States alone. A vast majority of those drivers are competent and safe when behind the wheel. But a dangerous

minority of elderly drivers drive so hazardingly that more two-car accidents are caused by the elderly than by teenagers.

Nothing can be said about blame. We all age, and there's nothing to be done about it. Doctors and scientists can only diminish and stave off aging so much. Medicine can't alter certain changes, such as a 60-year-old requiring three times as much light to see properly as opposed to a 20-year-old. Because of this, stricter licensing laws need to be implemented for those 65 and older. It would be grossly unfair to take away the licenses of all senior citizens, but to do nothing would also be a mistake. Many elderly people

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Flags and anthems don't inspire national patriotism

AMY DRITLER
The Post (Ohio U.)

Her name is Anthem Annie, and she loves to sing. Especially "The Star Spangled Banner."

This mother of three is a regular at the opening of baseball games nationwide. In fact, she is close to making history by singing at all 30 baseball stadiums in the country.

Why does she do it? Certainly not for the money. Most of the time, she sings for free.

Anthem Annie also doesn't sing for the beauty of the anthem. Goodness knows there are easier tunes out there. Annie sings for the larger message behind the anthem - she sings to inspire patriotism, especially in young people. I don't believe in being patriotic. I do not sing "The Star Spangled Banner" at sporting events. I do not put my hand over my heart

when the anthem is played. I believe in flag burning, but I do think wearing the flag is a greater desecration than setting it on fire. And I do not pledge allegiance to the flag.

Not anymore. I remember my elementary school days, when saying the "Pledge of Allegiance" was standard operating procedure. It was as if recess and Crayolas would disappear if the Pledge was not said.

In ninth grade, the Pledge suddenly was thrust in my face once again.

One of my all-time favorite English teachers made us say the Pledge every morning before we tackled "Romeo and Juliet." I had become older and more of a wisecracker and began to hate that piece of paper tacked over the dime store flag above the chalkboard.

My obsession got worse. I didn't

mind playing the national anthem in the band, because at least I didn't have to display public support for the flag flying above the football field. But at other events, I would stand unemotionally while others participated in patriotism.

Some people do not bow their heads at community prayers. I do not cover my heart at the raising of the flag. But I am forever the object of scorn because it appears I do not properly love and appreciate my country.

The point of my apparent anti-patriotism is that I DO properly love and appreciate my country. Being American means having the privilege to adhere to your own beliefs and not having to follow the crowd.

The flag means nothing to me. It is a symbol, not the manifestation of the country itself. If the flag becomes the most important visualization of the country, what

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fill in appropriate classification here (Freshman, etc.). Go on, don't be afraid to talk to yourself, right there in the middle of the brickyard.

Since there is no option to turn the clock back to our relaxed or hectic summers, learning from them and enjoying our great school and friends seems like a reasonable alternative. OK, wake up from your remissent daze! Get some 'Li Dimo's or Taco Bell. Stop bumping into people. Take some notes in class. Make some sense of this madness.

Phew. First week back, I feel like I wrote a book. Thanks for helping me transition back to school. I'll do my best to help you. Check me next week for something yet to be decided. Any suggestions? Email me at mbander2@unity.ncsu.edu with ideas.

Hello to Franchesca, Tenielle Harper, Louis Giron, Shannon Cherry, Deisha Banner and the Zoo Crew!

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do not realize or will not admit how much their abilities have declined. Many college students have stories

of stubborn grandparents dropping heavy dishes or grudgingly yielding to help. Such obstinance is harmless in the home, but on the roads it can prove to be lethal.

Take the sad example that occurred in June, when a Bon Marche employee was crushed and killed while sitting on a bench outside Northgate Mall. An elderly woman

was attempting to park when the car zoomed out of control, eventually slamming into the bench. While police could not confirm that the elderly woman had grown confused and placed her foot on the accelerator instead of the brake, they did say that age was a factor in the tragedy. A solution to aging and driving is to have an annual licensing test.

Vital driving abilities, such as eyesight and reflexes, could be checked and tested once a year. Those unfit to drive would be taken off of roadways, and those who pass would know they are fit to drive.

Considering that the elderly are subject to mental deterioration, visual impairments, muscular and skeletal conditions, and harmful side-

effects of potent medication, it is surprising there is no test already in place. Naturally, those who do not pass an annual test would suffer from not being able to drive. But they should not be on the road endangering others and themselves—not out of choice, but because they can't handle a vehicle.

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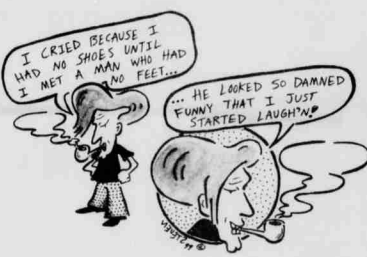
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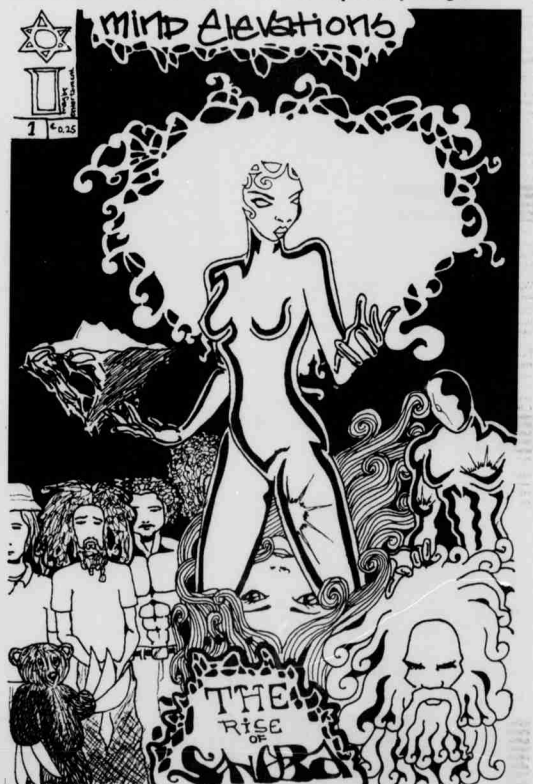


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Accepting the challenge

◆ N.C. State's volleyball team puts pride on the line in 1999.

K. GRIFFIN
Sports Editor

It IS all about attitude. The Wolfpack volleyball team was 0-16 in the Atlantic Coast Conference, but don't look for it to happen again.

Coming into the 1999 season, the returning players under Coach Kim Hall remember all too well that the 1998 season was like, and are imparting that knowledge on their younger counterparts.

Under Hall for the sixth season, success in 1999 could come from a very unorthodox source—the winless conference season in 1998 and the loss of two outstanding seniors.

After starting the 1998 season on a tear through non-conference teams, the pack hit a road bump—the ACC. State was 0-16 in the conference and lost all but five of the matches in three games.

"The girls have taken last year, learned from it, and put it behind them," said Hall during the summer. "I can already see a difference."

And so do the players. "Going from 0-16 in the ACC, there is nowhere to go but up," said Erin Vesey. "Everyone is working hard in practice, kicking butt in the weight room."

"We came in early, we all took second summer session so that we could workout together, and we are all in shape, and ready to play," said Keri Bridenback. "We are more aware of what it takes, and what we need to do to be ready to win."

While the Wolfpack upperclassmen have the memory of last season fresh on their minds, there is the business of preparing the largest freshmen class that Hall has brought in during her time at State.

"I don't think that they could possibly know, because you sort of have to live through that to be able to feel it," said Vesey. "It was an experience that we needed to go through, it was a reality check. They may not know, but the rest of us do."

Missing from the line-up will be Kaitlin Robinson, who has gone on to take over the role as the Pack's Graduate Assistant, and Laura Kimbrell, who left N.C. State as the conference's all-time leader in kills.

"Kaitlin and Laura have definitely left their thumbprint on N.C. State volleyball. Any success we have this year will be partly due to them," said Hall. "Most importantly, the young kids got to learn how to be excellent without seeing results."

"On the court we will miss Laura, but the good part is that everyone else has to step up, we will have to spread it around. Everyone in the gym won't know where the ball is going now."

1999 Leading the return in 1999 is lone senior Keri Bridenback. A back-row player in 1998, Bridenback's role on the floor will be as a defensive specialist and as the team's emotional leader.

"Keri just has a great competitive edge to her, and she can hold her own in the front row too, if she has to," said Hall.

Bridenback played in 107 games for the Pack in 31 contests, collecting 27 assists and 209 digs. Bridenback and the eight other sophomores and juniors returning will have the compliment of eight freshmen lining up along side of them in 1999. If there is a focal point of this Wolfpack squad, it

will most likely be sophomore Erin Vesey, a fierce competitor, as described by Hall, who, it appears, will own the role for the season.

"She knows that we want her setting for us. She is our floor leader, she is our quarterback," said Hall.

Despite having only a year under her belt, Vesey says that she feels no pressure taking on the role.

"You have to be the one that doesn't complain," said Vesey. "You can't make excuses, you have to have a smile on your face, even if the workout is hard."

"With the position that I have on the team, I have to lead by example," said Vesey.

At the middle hitter position, Hall has a number of options. Junior Stephanie Stambaugh and sophomore Allison Kreager have both proven themselves.

"Steph is in the best shape of her life and she is going to be a very dominant player come this fall," said Hall. "With Allison, she will be playing a little bit different position than she did last year. We are going to change her rotation on the floor. She will be in the same position, but at a different place on the floor. Her biggest contribution to our team is her blocking, and we need to use that."

The duo of incoming freshmen Katie Kost and Allison Magner could also see time at the position. Sophomore Charcee Williams and freshman Tara Green will see time in the strong-side hitter position, speculates Hall.

"We are looking for big things out of Charcee," said Hall. "His conditioning level has just skyrocketed, and she is really beginning to pick up on a lot."

Williams came on strong in the middle of last season for the Wolfpack and finished 1998 with 112 digs and the team's sixth best hitting percentage. Green should infuse into the team the die-hard attitude that has been missing for a few seasons, according to Hall.

"She is the most competitive person I've seen play," said Hall. "She is going to be in your face and we need that type of attitude. She will probably be an impact player right away."

On the right side, Nikki Stemer and Meredith Price will find themselves in their true positions.

"Nikki just has a hammer for an arm," said Hall of the sophomore who saw action in just 19 games last season. "She didn't start playing until her junior year of high school, but once she puts it all together, she is going to be good."

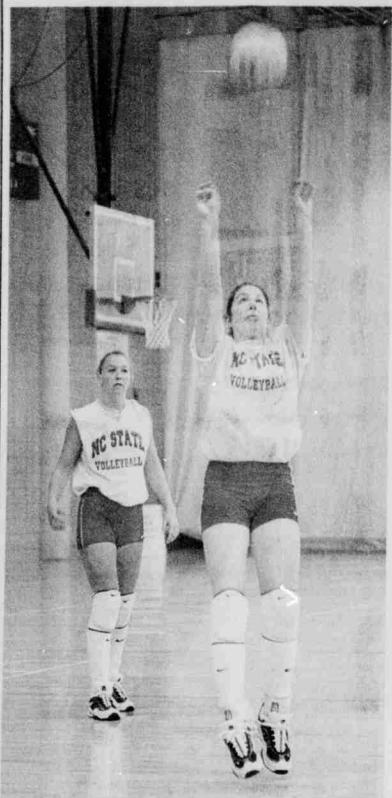
Price, a junior who finished 1998 with nine assists, 131 digs and 18 blocks in 31 matches, has been selected as the team's captain for the 1999 season.

"Meredith is just so steady, she just has an incredible head for the game," said Hall.

Another new addition will be sporting the red and white in Reynolds Coliseum this fall. Li Xiao-Feng has joined the Wolfpack program as Hall's top assistant. Heading and impressive resume is a three-year stint as the coach of the Chinese National Women's Volleyball team from 1993-95.

Despite all of the new faces, one fact remains for sure, for the Wolfpack to be successful in 1999, conference wins are a must. But Hall and the Pack team appear to have the right attitude about it.

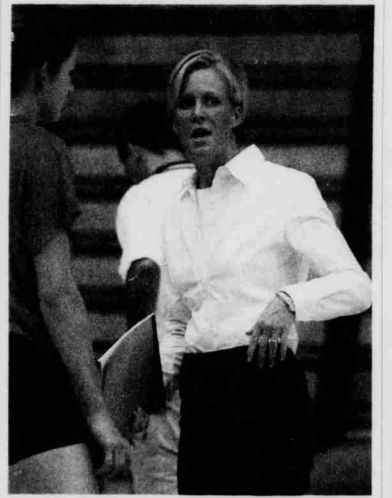
"Every match is going to have to be a battle, every game that we go into is going to have to be an upset," said Hall. "But we are ready for it. 'Last to first' that's what we want."



The Wolfpack volleyball team kicks off the 1999 season on September 1 against Appalachian State in Reynolds Coliseum. N.C. State's schedule includes three tournaments, with one in Raleigh.

"The girls have taken last year, learned from it."

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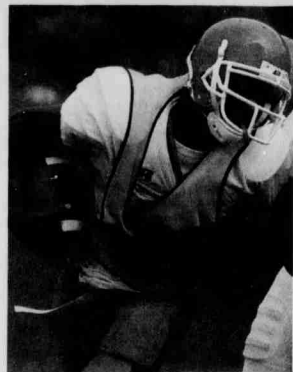


1999 Pre-Season Poll

1. Clemson
2. Virginia
3. Georgia Tech
4. Florida State
5. North Carolina
6. Wake Forest
7. Duke
8. Maryland
9. NC State



Sophomore setter (8) Erin Vesey is just one of four starters returning to a lineup loaded with freshmen and sophomores.



1999 Football Kickoff

The Wolfpack will host Meet the Pack Day at Carter-Finley Stadium on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. Players and coaches will be available for autographs.

ACC Notes

N.C. STATE SWIMMERS SWIM WELL AT NATIONALS

RALEIGH — Some Wolfpack swimmers turned in excellent performances this summer at their respective national competitions. Junior Braden Holloway (USA), sophomore Suha Akman (Turkey), junior Mark Eberle (Canada) and freshman Katie Sheridan (Canada) swam in competitions that will figure into the selection process for the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Holloway was an honorable mention for All-American for State and placed 15th this summer in the 100 backstroke at the U.S. National Championships in Minneapolis, Minn.

Eberle and Sheridan both participated in the Canadian Summer Nationals, which were held Aug. 11-14 at the Claude-Robillard Center in Montreal, Que. Eberle had a top 10 time in the 1,500 freestyle.

Akman will participate for his native Turkey in the European Nationals.

All four of these swimmers have a good chance of making their respective national teams at the 2000 Summer Olympics. In all, State athletes have won six swimming medals at Olympic Games.

SOCCER AMERICA TABS TERPS PRESEASON NO. 2

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The Maryland men's soccer team has been picked second in the Soccer America Preseason Top 20 which was released Tuesday. Defending champion Indiana comes in at No. 1 in the poll while UCLA starts the year in third. ACC rival Clemson is fourth.

Maryland begins action on August 27 against Connecticut as part of the University of Maryland/Fila Preseason College Kick-off. The Terps play Rutgers the next evening with the team's regular-season opener against top-ranked Indiana on Sept. 3 in the first round of the adidas Classic at Indiana. Maryland squares off against No. 4 Clemson to end its ACC season on Oct. 30 at Clemson.

Early last week, the Terps finished third in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's preseason poll. That poll also picked the Indiana Hoosiers first, with Stanford capturing the No. 2 spot. Clemson also took fourth in the coaches poll, but managed to squeeze out the top spot in the ACC coaches poll by two points to be the conference favorite ahead of the Terps.

KUCCHAR MISSES CUT IN U.S. AMATEUR

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Matt Kuchar stood on the edge of the 18th green, his back to the Pacific Ocean, and looked skyward. Then he let out a sigh.

Kuchar, the 1997 U.S. Amateur champion and a favorite in this year's event, had just been ousted before reaching match play. He shot a 10-over-par 81 Tuesday on the Pebble Beach course, giving him a two-day total of 154 and missing the cut by two strokes.

Kuchar, one of the rising stars in golf, was among the leaders after shooting a 73 Monday on the Spyglass Hill course in the first round of stroke play. But he was unable to work out of several tough situations Tuesday.

"It was more unlucky than bad today. All the breaks that could go wrong went wrong," he said. "The lack of knowledge of the course really hurt. Each time I made a little bit of a mistake multiplied itself and became a big mistake. I kept being in places you couldn't be."

Kuchar, who on Monday said he enjoyed amateur golf so much he might never turn pro, talked in recent weeks of how much he was looking forward to competing for another amateur title. Now he'll be watching as 64 others move on to match play.

"It's disappointing. This is a tournament I really wanted to re-prove myself," he said. "The putting was poor today. It's usually my strong point, but they seemed to spin out today."

Gene Elliott, president of a heavy machinery company in West Des Moines, Iowa, had the best two-day score, even-par 143. He's a former pro who was reinstated as an amateur in 1995 after six undistinguished years on the American and European tours.

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