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In the NEWS

NCSU Libraries announces first named library position

Susan K. Nutter, vice provost and director of NCSU Libraries, has announced the appointment of Carolyn D. Argentiati of Raleigh as the Donald E. Moreland Associate Director for Public Services at the NCSU Libraries. Argentiati is the first to be recognized by the Moreland Library Faculty Fellows Endowment, established at NCSU by Donald E. Moreland, NCSU U.S.D.A. professor emeritus, and his wife, Verdie S. Moreland.

The Morelands, of Raleigh, set up the endowment in November 1998 to assist the library in attracting and keeping highly skilled librarians.

Argentiati will be key to developing new ways of delivering information to library users. An award-winning librarian with a demonstrated record of success in leadership and innovation, Argentiati is ideally suited for this honor, according to Nutter.

"It is going to make a tremendous difference in the strength of NCSU Libraries," said Nutter.

NATIONAL

A warning sign meant to last 100,000 years

Scientists working on a project to store nuclear waste beneath a Nevada mountain are trying to account for the person they call "the world's unluckiest human," who may one day stumble across the toxic dump on a misguided dig for water or buried gold.

Before building an exploratory tunnel, they first determined that few mineral resources existed near Yucca Mountain to attract such excavators. Scientists conducted geologic surveys, interviewed veteran miners and studied satellite photographs of the area.

"They are even considering the inscription they will place on the mountainside monument that will one day mark the site after the repository is sealed. 'How will people communicate in 100,000 years?'" asked Abe Van Luik, a senior project scientist.

"What language will they speak? Will it be mental telepathy? One thing we assume is that subsequent generations will be smarter than we are."

One government report included notions that a project scientist termed "a cross between a 'Star Trek' episode and a Grimm's fairy tale," including ideas such as a monument featuring a pictograph of universal symbols, much like those used on space probes.

Other proposals include everything from a futuristic skull and crossbones to threatening black spikes, anything connoting extreme danger.

WORLD

Turkish officials decry media attacks

As hundreds of new corpses emerged from the rubble of Turkey's earthquake, officials censured

Tuesday ordered a private television station off the air for a week for what they called "provocative" criticism of government rescue and relief efforts.

The ban against Channel 6, a nationwide station, was the first coercive measure in the government's effort to quiet the public outcry over its faltering response to the Aug. 17 disaster.

With the search for survivors all but abandoned, bulldozers tore into mounds of collapsed apartment buildings across Turkey's industrial heartland, exposing more of the dead. The confirmed death toll soared to 17,997 on Tuesday, and U.N. officials said the final toll could be more than double that number. But the Turkish government early Wednesday dropped the number of deaths by more than 5,000 to 12,514. A government official blamed an error in entering data from Izmit into a computer.

"QUOTABLE"



"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

-- Benjamin Franklin

NCSU scientists invent biodegradable "Band-aid"

◆ Textile researchers have developed a new wound dressing with inner layers that biodegrade and speed the healing process.

ANN HSIEH
Staff Writer

Soon we may not have to suffer the excruciating pain that comes with peeling off a bandage. N.C. State scientists have developed a new wound dressing that can improve the healing process with

inner layers that actually biodegrade and become part of the healed skin.

The new three-layered dressing, developed by NCSU textile researchers, increases the healing rate and protects the wound from bacteria and other infections. Some members of the research team presented their discoveries at the 218th American Chemical Society's national meeting Monday in New Orleans. Researchers include former master's student Allison London Brown and professors Bhupender

Gupta, Sam Hudson and Alan Tonelli.

According to Hudson, a NCSU textile professor who has done research on the topic for over 12 years, the innermost layers of the bandage are metabolized by the body. These layers are composed of chitosan, which is a natural fiber extracted from shellfish and refined. The anti-fungal compound is commonly used in medical fields.

The new dressing incorporates

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Gauze like this will soon become unnecessary.

D'Souza to speak at NCSU

◆ Well-known research fellow on public policy, Dinesh D'Souza, will speak to NCSU students on racism, multiculturalism and affirmative action.

SPRINE STEPHENS
Senior Staff Writer

To those who think they have heard every take on racism, get ready for some fresh ideas.

Dinesh D'Souza, controversial author and internationally known research fellow on public policy, will be at N.C. State next Monday and Tuesday to talk about racial issues on campus.



D'Souza

D'Souza's speeches will cover race, multiculturalism and affirmative action," said Sean Cassidy, associate director of the University Scholars Program.

Sponsored jointly by the University Scholars Program and the Issues and Ideas Committee of the Union Activities Board, D'Souza will speak at 3 p.m. on Monday, August 30, at Stewart Theater. On Tuesday, August 31, he will be in the Witherspoon Student Center Theater, also at 3 p.m. His talks will focus primarily on race relations in the United States, and the future of affirmative action.

Nationally and internationally known, D'Souza served as senior domestic policy analyst for the Reagan Administration in 1987-88. He is the author of four books, including "The End of Racism," which concludes that slavery was not a race-based institution, and "Illiberal Education: The Politics of Race and Sex on Campus."

According to Keppler Associates, Inc., the group that was contracted to make D'Souza's visit to NCSU possible, he has published articles on politics and culture in such publications as The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. He has appeared on various political debate programs including "This Week with David Brinkley" and "Crossfire." D'Souza is currently the John M. Olin Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research in Washington, D.C., and has shared his views with students at such universities as Harvard, Stanford and Duke.

"D'Souza will definitely provide a message that goes against the grain of what we would normally think," said Alex Miller, head of the University Scholars Program. D'Souza believes that the way

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Bookstore Breakdown



◆ Textbooks for students looking to save their money and time is the latest craze in online shopping.

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Senior Staff Writer

Back to school costs include tuition, housing, transportation, parking, food and your checkbook's worst enemy — textbooks.

With the average cost of textbooks at \$275 a semester, students are beginning to look for alternative markets — better, smarter ways to get the books they need as quickly and cheaply as possible.

Internet book buying is the newest craze in the textbook arena and promises up to fifty-percent savings on textbooks.

The newest web-sites each have an attractive marketing strategy, from free price comparisons of textbook merchants to textbooks at cost.

VivaSmart.com is a new site founded by two Stanford graduate students, that Tran and Amir Awadallah, that offers price comparisons from multiple online merchants. The site, launched in Spring 1999, started as a shopper's guide for Stanford students, but went national to cover campuses across the U.S. and Canada last week.

"As a student, I always felt as if I was being ripped off each time I purchased my textbooks," said Awadallah, co-founder of VivaSmart.com. "Why should college students pay even a dollar more than necessary to purchase their required textbooks?"

VivaSmart.com is easy to navigate and pulls up comparison prices from online merchants and bookstores that include 1BookStreet.com, AllBooks, Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, Big Words, BookPool.com, Books.com, Books-a-Million, Borders.com, Buy.com, eFollet.com, Gathrain.com, Textbooks.com and Varsitybooks.com.

The comparison prices for new books and used books are listed, and each price includes sales tax, shipping costs and rebates so that students know the total delivered price of the book and can easily compare this with local bookstores.

*Vivasmart was created to help student con-

sumers live smarter," said Tran, co-founder of VivaSmart.com. "Our textbook comparison shopper offers student consumers more than just the most expensive choices that initially appear to be convenient."

Once students have comparison shopped, a link will connect them to the web-merchant of choice for purchase.

Besides this convenient comparison site, individual online book merchants have several attractive incentives: rebates, discounts, free shipping and no lines.

The U Zone, at www.theuzone.com, was launched by two recent college graduates, Jeffrey Kuperman and Matt Ogden, to offer new and used textbooks online at cost.

An independent retailer with no ties to on-campus bookstores, The U Zone offers textbooks with no profit margin, which translates into significant savings for students. Profits are made through other sources on the web site, like advertising.

Matt Ogden, co-president and CEO of The U Zone, stated, "Our no-margin textbook prices are just one example of the kind of value The U Zone will offer college students from this point forward. We've set up a community that offers a wide range of services designed specifically for university students' needs and interests."

Another feature of The U Zone is the opportunity for students to make money. For each referral made, which are tracked through registration on the web-site, students will receive \$1 plus a cash percentage of textbook sells to the referred customer.

On the other hand, eFollet.com is an online merchant based on partnerships with local campus bookstores nationwide, locally affiliated with Addam's University Bookstore for N.C. State students.

Because of this local connection, eFollet.com boasts the most accurate and up-to-date booklists—meaning students can type in a course number instead of a text's title to search for books—the largest supply of used textbooks, and free in-store pickup.

Other textbook merchants include Ecampus.com, which offers free standard delivery; Varsitybooks.com, which guarantees 1-3 business day delivery; and Textbooks.com, which offers an extra 10%

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CALS could lose 'Nickels'

◆ A statewide November 4 referendum could decide the fate of a tax that funds numerous College of Agriculture and Life Sciences programs.

JIMMY BYRALS
Staff Writer

Thanks to an upcoming referendum on whether the "Nickels for Know-How" program will be allowed to increase a statewide tax, the N.C. State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences stands to lose up to \$700,000 in annual funding.

That money, received in the form of a ten-cent tax on feed and fertilizer products, is crucial to the college, according to CALS Assistant Director Emeritus and Referendum Coordinator D.G. Harwood.

Harwood retired from full-time teaching in the college in 1986. He has seen firsthand the impact the Nickels money has had at NCSU. "Our college of agriculture is one of the top five in the country. Without 'Nickels for Know-How,' I'm sure we would be nowhere near where we are now," he said.

Harwood further said that the Nickels program funds approximately 50 current CALS programs.

Started in 1951 by a group of North Carolina agricultural leaders, the Nickels program was originally a five-cent tax on every ton of feed and fertilizer bought in the Tar Heel State. The tax's originators reasoned that the funds allocated by the state were insufficient to maintain a top-level agricultural college.

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Tae Kwon Do A'tacking



Students use school kiosks to spread the word on clubs and events.

The Rise of Sheba

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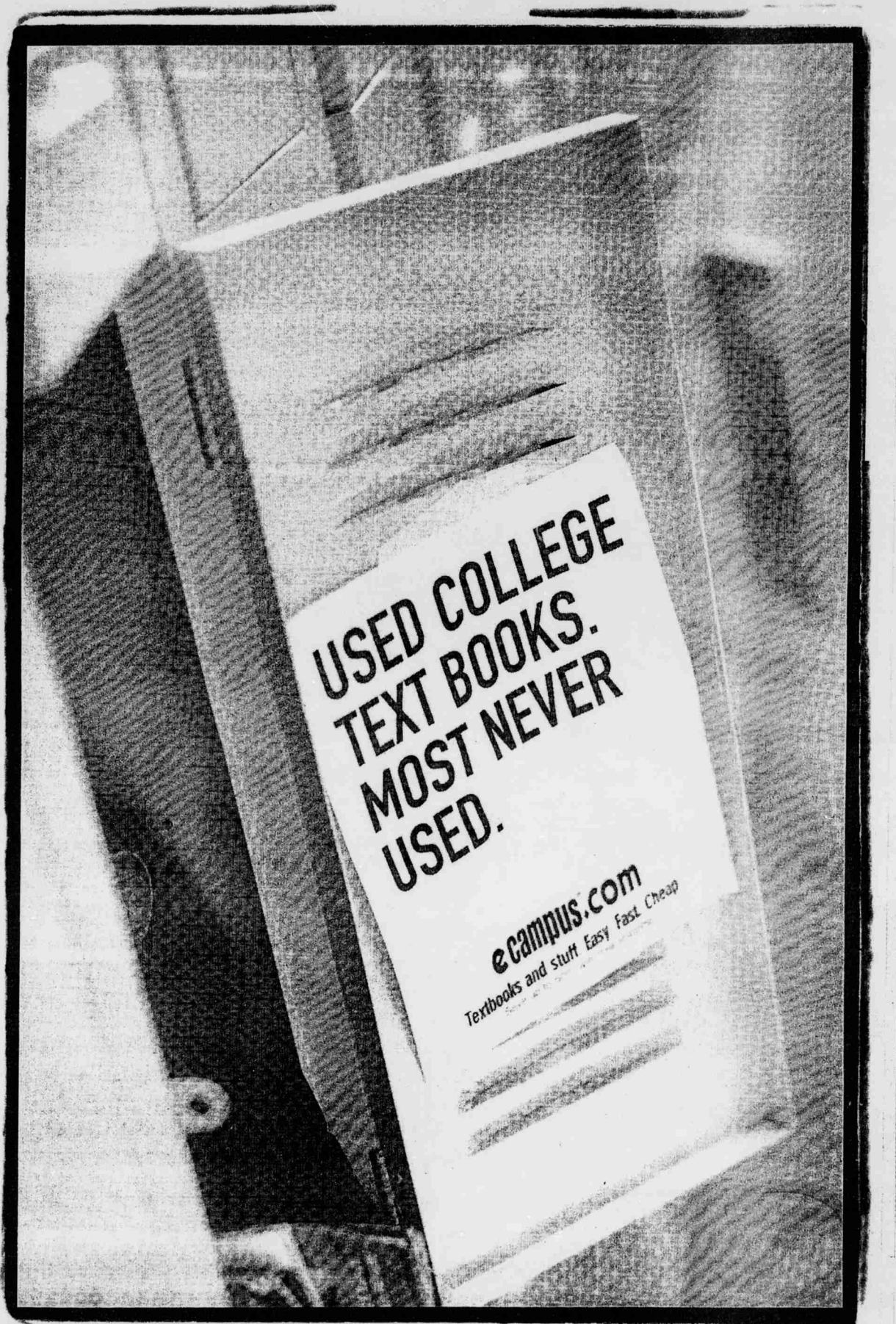


Bush-whacked

Duggins squares off against Republican candidate, George W. Bush.

A look at the

Technician Sports takes a look at N.C. State athletics in



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Bio

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layers of chitosan and synthetic polymers under a gauze layer. The degradation of chitosan is beneficial to the growth of skin cells.

The chitosan film protects the wound from bacteria but allows moisture to pass through, according to Gupta, NCSU textile professor. Regular bandages are made of cotton fibers, which do not break down and therefore cannot assist in the formation of new tissue. In the new dressing, only the outermost layer need be removed and discarded, as the inner layers biodegrade and become part of the healed skin.

"Chitosan has excellent healing properties," Gupta said. The dressing protects the wound from infection and prevents further injury. If the bandage is removed often, as most are, the fibers become embedded in the wound. "The wound dressing is naturally broken down," Hudson said. "There are three components to the dressing. Enzymes break down the innermost chitosan film and metabolize it."

Another advantage of this biodegradable wound dressing is that the film is clear, which allows the wound to be observed without having to remove the bandage, according to Hudson. The dressing can reduce pain and lessen scarring.

The NCSU Veterinary School contributed to the team's findings. Representatives of the vet school and the textiles department agreed that different colleges need to collaborate with each other to be successful. According to Gupta, there is still more developmental work to be done. For instance, said Gupta, the wound dries up too much, and there needs to be a balance of properties.

"The bandage has great promise, but it's expensive and is used only for complex wounds," he said. The study has been so far successful, but there is still much research to be conducted.

D'Souza

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affirmative action is being practiced today in the United States is counter-productive. According to Keppler Associates Inc., D'Souza states that university admissions are no longer based on academic performance, but instead focus on "ethnic representation." He says that faculty and curricula are centered on gender and race, and stresses that university policies on affirmative action are formed to promote fairness and diversity, but instead are causing more racism and ignorance.

D'Souza believes that supporters of multiculturalism have increased race awareness on campuses, causing the universities to divide on moral issues. "D'Souza is very conservative, and his message is in contradiction to policies that campuses currently practice," Miller said. "It is very beneficial for students to hear different viewpoints," he added.

Students and faculty are encouraged to attend D'Souza's talks, after which he will conduct a question-and-answer session. "After hearing D'Souza, I hope that students will think about racial problems and begin to come up with a solution," said Suzanne Burlone, co-chair of the Issues and Ideas Committee.

Books

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Teen Murder Suspect From U.S. to Plead Guilty in Israel

REBECCA THROUSON AND JOHN BALZ
Los Angeles Times

JERUSALEM — An American teenager who fled to Israel after a Maryland slaying and became the focus of an international tug-of-war has agreed to plead guilty to murder here, U.S. and Israeli officials said Tuesday.

Samuel Sheinbein, 19, will enter the plea in a Tel Aviv courtroom next month in connection with the 1997 killing of Alfred Telle Jr., whose body was found dismembered and burned near Sheinbein's home in suburban Maryland. Two days later, Sheinbein

flew to Israel, where he has successfully fought efforts to extradite him.

Under terms of the deal, the officials said, Sheinbein — who pleaded not guilty to the killing last month — will be sentenced Sept. 2 to 24 years in Israeli prison. He will be eligible for parole in 16 years and for weekend furloughs from prison after four years.

The decision was announced by prosecutors in Montgomery County, Md., after they were notified by their counterparts in Israel. The Americans said they were surprised and angered by the deal and described the sentence as too short, given the nature of the

crime.

But Douglas Gansler, Montgomery County state's attorney, noted in a telephone interview that a 24-year sentence could be tougher than what Sheinbein would have received if the case had gone to trial in Israel. Juveniles in Israel typically serve only 20 years of a life sentence, he said.

Gansler said he was notified of the plea bargain through an overnight fax from Israeli prosecutors.

Iddo Baum, a spokesman for Israel's Justice Ministry, confirmed the agreement but said Israel had asked the Maryland prosecutors to hold the matter in confidence until the Sept. 2

court hearing. Baum declined further comment.

Sheinbein's attorney, former Justice Minister David Libai, could not be reached for comment late Tuesday.

Sheinbein, who was 17 at the time of the killing, could have faced life in prison without parole had he been convicted in the United States. Instead, he fled to Israel, where he claimed citizenship through his Israeli-born father, and won a ruling from Israel's Supreme Court that he was technically a citizen and could not be extradited.

An alleged accomplice, Aaron Needle, hanged himself in a

Maryland jail last year.

The Sheinbein case has strained U.S.-Israeli relations and, for a brief period in 1997, prompted Congress to threaten a freeze on financial aid to Israel. It also has embarrassed many Israelis, who are uncomfortable about their nation being used as a haven for crime suspects, and has prompted calls to tighten the criteria for citizenship.

Gansler said that once Sheinbein is free, he could still be arrested and charged with murder if he tries to enter the United States or any country that belongs to the Interpol international police organization.



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Opinion

Technician's View

Dirty dealing at papers

◆ A trio of firings calls into question the credibility of writers at two of the nation's top newspapers.

Last Friday, the Arizona Republic fired one of its leading columnists, Julie Amparano. While the firing of a popular columnist at a major newspaper is certainly interesting, that sort of news wouldn't be particularly eye-catching unless the reason for her dismissal is considered. Amparano's popular tri-weekly column "Conversations" focused on, literally, conversations that she had with everyday people walking the streets. In recent months, however, allegations arose that Amparano was making up many of the conversations and characters in her columns. The Republic hired a private investigator and asked Amparano for a list of names, phone numbers and addresses for the sources in a sampling of her stories. She complied, supplying 65 names. The paper ran 24 of the names through a series of databases. Of the 24 names they did background checks on, they found a paltry total of four to be real people. Amparano's firing came on the heels of the Boston Globe's dismissal last year of two top colum-

nists under similar charges of fabrication. One of the Globe writers fired was Robert Barnicle, their star columnist, who'd been accused of making up an entire story about two children with cancer. These dismissals call into question most of what is accepted about columnists and the way in which their work is written and published. Generally speaking, columnists are not held to the same standards regarding attribution and fact-checking as news, sports and feature writers; their imaginations serve as their editors, assigning stories and creating and distributing facts. Read Dave Barry's weekly if you need proof of that. But, when a columnist is printed under the guise of true-life conversation or real-life hardship, does that revoke the columnist's license to create? If Amparano's firing and those at the Boston Globe offer any evidence, then the answer to that question is a resounding "yes" and columnists must start pressing themselves to maintain the same levels of factuality that their counterparts do. Journalists, be they columnists, sports reporters, feature writers or otherwise, have a responsibility to report facts when they project facts. A story written about conversations with people should come from real conversations with real people. Anything less is unacceptable.

CAMPUS FORUM

Raves for SKS

I have never written to the Technician about anything, but I wanted to tell everyone about the Self-Knowledge Symposium. I'm sure you've seen their posters around campus. I saw these posters everywhere last year and they made me curious, but I never went to one of their weekly meetings. This being a new school year, I decided to go and I am so glad I did. It's hard to explain exactly what goes on, but I'll try. You have a group of people who are completely honest about themselves and what is going on in their life. The big questions are asked and pondered. "Am I living life to the fullest?" "How can I live life to the fullest?" And so forth. Last week's meeting was led by an

incredible guest speaker, David Gold, who, I was told, will return for the next few meetings. A group of strangers opened up and learned from each other. David also gave a lecture at UNC on Tuesday night and I decided that I couldn't pass up the opportunity to hear him speak again. And again, I came away blown away. I just wanted everyone to know about this group and encourage everyone to come out to at least one meeting. It's just one night a week and definitely worth your time. If you think the flyers are cool, you'll love the meetings. The group meets on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Tompkins Hall, usually Room 123. Neeraj Sharma Sophomore Computer Engineering

A serene selection for the midday dinner

MARK B. ANDERSON Staff Columnist

As a bustling center of social meetings, the Atrium serves N.C. State as a central venue for eating and talking with friends. However, you should call ahead for reservations or pitch a tent the night before, because lunchtime at the brickyard eatery is only slightly more organized than a Brent Road party. The maximum occupancy sign must have been looted during the lunch hour riots. For the less gregarious hungry person, head to the serene student center. The food is respectable and the workers are friendly. (Note: Run for the Border at most twice a week.) There are a couple dozen retro chairs on the second floor where you can get away from the crowd. Why is there no crowd at the student center?

The singular 'student' part of the name implies that the building can accommodate one student at a time, who is always asleep. I move to change the name to Talley Naptime Center. People just lounge around. With the annual dorm overflow I think they live there. Sure, Stewart Theater, Ticket Central and the lovely Ballroom are important, but our campus needs a facility, and Talley is the campus's third chin. As 'The Student Center,' it would be a good place to start. I realize that work is being done inside. It deserves more attention, to put it tactfully.

Also, before leaving Talley, what is that fungus dangling on a rope from the ceiling? Art? And the tapestry carpet hanging with three squashed chameleons? Please. Outside the Bell, between Talley and Reynolds, eye-pleasing ivy and moley hues of flowers send you to the boundaries of imagination. Well, maybe not, but the colorful flora does break the monotony of bricks. State has a horticulture program, right? For crying out loud, plant something! The library, the brickyard, the Court of Carolinas, the dorms and the dining hall could use some landscaping. Now, somebody verify my count, but I have noticed about a dozen benches around campus. We have nearly 25,000 people running about. We need to rest. Let's get some benches. That's not too much to ask. However, I might be pushing the envelope on this one, but could everyone kindly throw away your trash like the civilized university students that we should be. Yes, even that pesky inset in your Technician—just toss it back in the bin. Hey, I love State and our campus. I want to see it look the best it can be. As a primary building for visiting prospective freshmen, the student center should be aesthetically attractive with computer labs, spiritual and academic guidance counseling, a cafe, several rooms for quiet study and lots of comfortable seating for just sitting around. Apply to the Athletic

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Political hypocrisy

NATHALIE DUGGINS Staff Columnist

If you were among the 366 people who received citations on Brent Road last weekend, here's a suggestion for what you can do to avoid punishment. When you go in front of the judge, or judicial board as the case may be, just chalk your behavior up to "youthful indiscretion." Oh, wait...that only works if you're a rich white guy whose dad just happens to be the former President of the United States. Sorry, you'll just have to fork over that money and deal with the fine. Numerous allegations of illegal drug use have been made against current Texas Governor and Republican presidential hopeful George W. Bush. Though he has been vague with any information on his prior drug use, Bush maintains that he has held drug-free status since 1974. At that time, he was 28 years old...that's a little more than <youthful indiscretion>. Much has been made about Bush's refusal to answer any questions about drug use. Republicans are scouring to make sure that nothing—drug use or the

fact that Bush has no platform—keeps their boy from getting them back into the White House. The same people who were all-too-ready to air out President Clinton's dirty laundry for the entire world to see are shuddering at the thought of tarnishing the reputation of their golden boy. But, honestly, this isn't about Bush's drug use—or alleged drug use—the issue that concerns me is the continuing cycle of political hypocrisy. As one columnist for the Washington Post said, "The issue, then, is not so much what Bush did in the past but whether he is a hypocrite in the present. After all, he is tough as nails on drugs, having supported state legislation mandating jail for anyone caught with cocaine, even less than a gram." Bush has already acknowledged that he believes that there ought to be limits to freedom—just not his, I suppose. According to statistics from the Texas Department of Public Safety, possession of illegal drugs and drug arrests have increased during Gov. Bush's tenure. Other people are in jail, accepting punishment for their actions...but George Bush may be on his way to the White House. And, despite my disdain for

everything Republican, except Liddy Dole, of course, my scorn is directed at both sides of the political coin. Let's look at North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, a Democrat. On his Web page, Hunt professes, "Of greatest responsibility is to make sure that every North Carolinian gets a good start in life and a good education. For education not only enables us—it enables us." Someone ought to remind the governor that a good education doesn't stop when a person graduates from high school. This summer, the 16 institutions in the UNC system went to the General Assembly asking for a \$5 billion bond (\$983 million was slated to go to N.C. State) for necessary maintenance, repairs and new buildings. After the fiasco that led to Wake County commissioners' essentially overturning the vote of Wake County citizens, members of the General Assembly were weary of giving any money to the struggling system without voter consent (and, of course, it helps that election season is just around the corner). Even when the UNC system pared down the 'wish list' to \$1

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Procrastination and vegetation

KELLY MARKS Staff Columnist

Well, here we sit in week numero two of a new school year, and already I'm quickly becoming an expert in the field of procrastination. I'd been thinking I was a bit of a guru on the subject already, but in these past few days, I've realized I'm only beginning to understand the intricacies of this delicate art. Really, one would think there were only so many ways to waste one's time. But oh no, my friends, don't be convinced. It's amazing what they're doing with technology these days. In fact, with said technology, it's amazing what you can not get done. But I digress. And since I tend to get a bit long-winded when my fingers meet a keyboard, let me state it succinctly: I'm being really slack lately. Embarrassingly slack. So slack that I'm about three days behind my planner. Case in point: I meant to write this dang column Sunday. So what's the problem? I mean, I do own a planner. Slack people don't own planners, right? And slack people don't berate themselves for putting off today what really didn't have to be done until Thursday anyway. The problem is that I'm not normally a slack person. I procrastinate, I mean, I am human, and yet, I don't ever just do things. Except for lately.

Lately, I'm slow to start. I'm late to finish. And I just can't seem to make myself care enough to fix it. Heck, I don't even know what "it" is. But I'm not the only one. It seems that some of my friends have been going through the same thing. Or at least something similar. It's not that we don't want to work. Normally we're a very motivated bunch; they all own planners too. Yet it's almost as if there's something hanging in the air, some invisible impetus that keeps us from diving headfirst into the new semester. Something I couldn't put my finger on until yesterday. Yesterday, my friend told me she felt like a raisin. She stated it very simply, managing to slip it quite smoothly into what had been an almost normal conversation. "I feel like a raisin," she said. Now, she wasn't telling me that she had a hankerin' for a little bit of California sun-dried goodness. She was very explicit about it, she feels dried up and pruned and like all of the juice has been sucked out, leaving her small and hard and well, very much raisin-esque. And I thought about it (when your friend says she's shriveled-up fruit, you sort of have to). If I were produce, what would I be? An apple? An orange? A kiwi? All of the fruits just seemed way too upbeat and productive. A carrot? A cucumber? The vegetables too, they're just too industrious. I needed something sufficiently lacking in motivation and drive. And

then it hit me. I feel like a potato. I feel small and round and plain and brown and like I'm occupying space in the back of some dark drawer. Potatoes don't do anything, they don't blossom or bud or even POP up out of the ground. I feel like a potato, but that isn't even the worst part. I'm afraid that I'm slowly becoming content with just chillin' in the crispier. I'm afraid I'm not even going to dream the big potato dreams, that I won't wish to be waffle fries or aspire to the status of potato skins, that I won't reach for the bacon bits or go for the sour cream. That another day or week or month will go by and find me still sitting in the drawer. That a year will go by and there I'll be, with nothing to show but some sprouts and nothing to do but put down roots in the same sad spot. I'm not sure what's wrong with us, my friend the raisin and I. Maybe we're just a little disjointed, what with it being a new year and all. Everything is different and yet, the same, in that way that makes it difficult to muster up the least little bit of excitement. Classes have changed, and yet it's still a lot of sitting in rooms. Important people seem to be missing, gone across oceans, gone to other schools or just plain gone. Perhaps we're just pining. Maybe with three years of school already under our belts everything just suddenly seems too real. Perhaps we're

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too close to all the things we've supposedly been working toward. Close enough to see that it might not be what we want. Or that it might be exactly what we want and can't have. Maybe we're just older and therefore less excitable.

But I don't want to be old. I don't want to feel this musty or static or stale. I want the big dreams, the cheddar cheese and chives, I just know I do. Because the more I think about the dark depths of the crispier, the more I want to get out and do anything but wait around for someone to come along and make something out of me. And so maybe there's hope yet. Nothing like a good produce amnesty to serve as a swift kick in the seat.

Kelly feels a little better having finished this column. That's one to do item down. Now only 43 to go. As always, the potato may be reached at klmmarks@unity.ncsu.edu.

Duggins

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billion. Republicans wanted to allow a vote on the issue, while Democrats were ready to write out a check. When the General Assembly left downtown Raleigh in July, neither side was willing to compromise and the UNC system was left penniless (and without any alternatives for funding the much-needed repairs, but that's a whole other column).

In an age where a high school degree just isn't enough anymore, higher education is perhaps the most enabling and ennobling thing available in the state. But don't tell Gov. Hunt that. Though he has the power to call the General Assembly back into session to hammer out a deal for the UNC system, Hunt has neglected his "commitment" to education and the state's biggest assets, its colleges and universities.

Political hypocrisy is running rampant...I could go on and on about it for days, but I'll spare you all. Instead, I'll just welcome all new and returning students to N.C. State (especially those from good ol' Garner, N.C.). This is a wonderful university with a wealth of opportunities just waiting to be taken advantage of.

Natalie is a junior in biochemistry who moonlights as a political analyst and music writer. With all her interests, she figures that she'll graduate in about 20 years. Send her e-mail to keep her company until then at SavzLiv@aol.com.

Mark

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Department's theory of building a lure for prospects (i.e. the V Dome, a.k.a. Entertainment and Sports Arena) by remodeling Talley.

For the love of all that's pure and good, respect your campus. If you know what that mushroom-like thing is in Talley, please inform me. Email any and all ideas and suggestions to mbander2@unc1.ncsu.edu.

MATTHEW LARLIN
Cornell Daily Sun (Cornell U)

The 'Natalie' factor

Another year, another round of rankings hoopla. Once again, the editors of U.S. News & World Report have toyed with our collective psyche, bringing Cornell achingly close to the top last year and swiftly demoting us Ivy League also-rans in their most current poll.

From six to eleven. Life is too cruel to bear. But whether Cornell is sixth or eleventh is virtually irrelevant. Our shortcomings as a university are only truly manifested in a perennial inability to crack the collegiate elite. Simply put, our current trajectory indicates that Cornell won't be joining the Harvards, Princetons, Yales and, dare I even suggest it, the Cal Techs of the world anytime soon. Not a chance.

While some pay lip service to oft-cited deficiencies like insufficient alumni giving and excessive acceptance rate, these excuses are just so much smokescreen intended to distract students from the real problem at hand: the administration's continued inability to attract teenage starlets to Cornell.

Or as I like to put it, the Natalie Factor. See, the statistics put forward by U.S. News

Headline: Nomads of the Great American Heartland

Chris Eskine
Los Angeles Times

Scenes from a family car trip:

Day 1: The open road. A full tank of gas. Kids in the backseat. Maps on Mom's lap. I zero out the odometer. I zero out the kids. Out of the garage we roar, as if leaving the Bat Cave. The pace car for summer vacation. "Dad, is it hard to drive?" the little girl asks.

"Not really," I say. "Because you make it look so easy," she says.

"Here, have a dollar," I say. By noon, we are in the land where you pump first, then pay, a small token of trust that encourages us to continue. Gas is 20 cents cheaper. You can see the sky.

In the back seat, it smells like a garden party. I'm pretty sure there are cut flowers.

Day 2: The open road. A full tank of gas. Kids in the back seat. Maps missing. "I think you're sitting on them," my wife says.

"They'll be safe there," I say. In Denver, my wife does that little thing with her hands that she does when she thinks I'm not slowing down soon enough for traffic stopped ahead. Like someone shaking out a match. Like someone

become just meaningless numbers when you look at the real pattern of dominance among American colleges. Top three schools can continually boast of a litany of actresses, singers and models among their alumni and current student bodies. To cite just a few: Princeton; Brooke Shields; Yale; Claire Danes; Jodie Foster; Harvard; Natalie Portman. Cornell: No starlets.

The aforementioned Ms. Portman serves as the inspiration for the moniker of this phenomenon. As she matriculates at Harvard this fall, the lovely star of Star Wars Episode I (Queen Amidala herself) ensures our Cambridge brethren a continued four years of starlet-fueled reign in the U.S. News upper echelon. Her mere presence in Cambridge serves to glamorize even the most mundane tasks that confront a college student.

Just envision this possible exchange between Harvard students: "They want to go to the registrar's office and help me request a transcript?" "Sure... Natalie Portman might be there."

It's not so hard to imagine, is it? But it simply

couldn't occur at Cornell, for we cannot muster the kind of glamour that inevitably accompanies such a student. I, for one, will not sit idly by and tolerate this teenage starlet gap. The Natalie Factor is real and it is viable and, quite simply, it is preventing this University from inheriting its rightful status among the elite. I compel the administration to abandon all other aspects of its work until Cornell's starlet-to-average-student ratio meets or exceeds that of Harvard, Princeton and Yale. The student body deserves no less.

But since I doubt the capacity of the administration to take such swift, comprehensive action, I assume it's up to me to take the mantle of starlet recruiter. So, in the hopes that someone will pass this along, I'll address Ms. Portman herself.

Natalie: Hello. Now, I can understand why a person in your position might choose Harvard. God knows that when I was your age, I wanted to go to Harvard. But I was young and foolish then, and the benefit of experience allows me see the truths you simply cannot: Harvard is not for you.

Nomads of the great heartland

watching a no-bitter.

"Thanks for the help," I say.

"No sweat," she says.

"I spilled Orange Crush in my shoe," the boy says.

"I want Orange Crush in my shoe," the little girl says.

"Huh?" she says.

"Never mind," I say.

Day 4: The open road. A full tank of gas. After breakfast, my wife calls me "Dagwood," then threatens to leave me for the minimatt attendant at the Shell.

"He seemed so nice," my wife says as we pull away.

"Dad, if she goes, we're staying with you," the boy says.

"No, we're not," says the little girl.

"That's your choice," I tell them.

For lunch, we stop in the little Iowa town where Buffalo Bill was born.

"Wanna see the Buffalo Bill museum?" I ask.

"Yes!" the little girl screams.

"Dad, don't let this get any worse," my older daughter says.

"That clerk, he seemed so nice," my wife says.

"My leg is bleeding," says the boy.

another.

By 4 p.m., the back seat smells like boiled socks. And a type of cheese I cannot at first identify.

"Car-trip cheese." I finally say to my wife.

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By 4 p.m., the back seat smells like a zoo. I think there's a monkey loose. And in the nick of time, we arrive in Chicago, proudly wearing the dirt of eight dusty states. The kids tumble from the car, then grunt when their grandmother hugs them hard. For several minutes, they struggle to get their breath back.

"She hugs good," says the little girl, staggering toward the house.

The Midwest is bigger than we remember it. Friendly. The sort of place where presidents are born. For eight days, the children run rampant across northern Illinois, swimming and fishing and throwing rocks in rivers. They chase their cousins. They eat watermelon with their noses and chins. When they run out of things to do, they sit on the back porch and count their mosquito bites, as if comparing souvenirs.

"I've got 12," one says.

"I've got 15," says another.

"That's a nipple," one explains.

"No it's not."

"Let's not talk about nipples," I say.

On the ninth day, we load up the car. The kids climb back aboard.

My recommendation: transfer to Cornell. While Harvard may have the advantage in traditions, faculty, convenience of an urban setting, and maybe even academics, it's a clichéd choice. I mean, Harvard. It's obvious; maybe not as obvious as Yale, but obvious nonetheless. In order to maintain your edge as a young artist with integrity, a more off-beat choice is in order. Cornell is in order.

Although Ithaca might present a few apparent disadvantages, the obstacles you face will only serve to cement your reputation for strength in the face of adversity. I read in Premiere that you were injured by an effects explosion during the making of Star Wars, but you soldiered on. A little inclement weather surely won't hinder you, then. Attending premieres and parties will be a snap: the City is just a five-hour bus ride away.

And, of course, there are the academics: top-notch, I assure you. I think the case against Harvard can be summed up with the wise words of the Cornell capella group Cayuga's Waters, who in their seminal anthem "We Didn't Go To Harvard" blithely assess Harvard students as such: "They're kinda cocky, and they can't play hockey."

We can play hockey. And suddenly I can sense the Natalie Factor swinging in our direction.

three car-trip cosmonauts, ready for another mission.

"My face is bleeding," says the boy.

"That's Grandma's lipstick," says the older sister explains.

"She kisses good," the little girl says.

The car sputters as we pull out of the driveway, as if we left a sparkplug in the garage.

"Bye, Grandma!" they yell, waving out the back window.

Somewhat, the sputtering mini-van keeps going, pointed back across the prairie.

"I can't believe it," my wife says.

"What?" I say.

"It's over," she says sadly.

"Not yet," I say.

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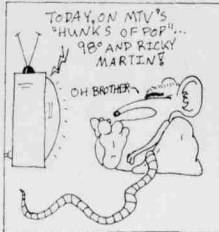
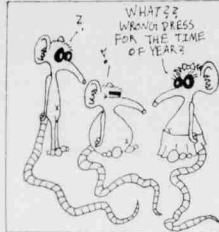
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those dreams. Why the
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CALS

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Harwood said that North Carolina was the first state in the country to institute such a system. Other states have since inquired about the program. Indiana and Connecticut legislators have recently launched similar arrangements.

According to Harwood, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture collects that tax money and turns it over to the Agricultural Foundation, a group of 48 members from around the state. The foundation is made up of one representative from each county in N.C. and 48 at-large businessmen.

The foundation decides what portion of the money raised by the tax NCSU will receive. Traditionally, Harwood said, nearly all of the money has come to NCSU, with some money occasionally going to N.C. A&T. "That money has enabled CALS to take on some projects we wouldn't otherwise be able to," Harwood said.

Nickels money also goes to aid farmers in times of agricultural emergencies. Among these, Harwood cited outbreaks of aflatoxin in corn and field blue mold in tobacco.

This year will mark the first time in 17 years that the foundation has requested an increase in the tax. Voted on in five- or six-year cycles, the last hike in the tax came in 1982, when it was raised from the original five cents.

Having passed a 1993 referendum, that 1982 increase will remain in effect until January 1, 2001. At that point, the results of November's vote will become crucial.

Harwood said that, should the increase not receive the two-thirds majority necessary for passage, the foundation will be able to request another election next year. If the increase fails a second time, the "Nickels for Knowledge" program will be no more.

The referendum will not be open to the general public, only to those who make widespread use of feed and fertilizer and would be affected by the increase.

According to Harwood, in 11 referenda the tax has faced since its inception, it has averaged an approval rating of 90 percent.

"I am hoping we've faced substantial hardship this year, Harwood would not be surprised if the proposed tax increase fails. "Considering the depression we're in right now, I could see it not passing. But I hope it does," he said.

American Airlines staff arrested in airport drug sting

MIAMI — Nearly 60 American Airlines baggage handlers and food contractors were charged Wednesday with smuggling what they believed to be cocaine, grenades and guns onto passenger planes at the Miami airport in a sting that federal agents said turned up glaring security lapses.

"We were convinced we could bust anything on the planes," said U.S. Attorney Tom Scott, whose office led the sting. "The procedures that do exist were breached and the security procedures at that airport are obviously insufficient to do the job."

No real weapons or drugs made it onto the planes during the two sting operations, agents said. One, "Operation Ramp Rats," targeted ramp workers employed by American and was prompted by tips that employees were selling their security access to pilfer drugs on planes.

The other targeted food workers employed by Lufthansa Service Sky Chefs, a catering service under contract with American. It was prompted by the discovery of a load of genuine heroin that had been smuggled onto a plane in coffee packets, Assistant U.S. Attorney Ann Taylor said.

Officials at Sky Chefs were unavailable for comment. The heroin-coffee mixture was accidentally brewed up and served to the pilot, who reported that his coffee had a strange flavor and "tasted weak," Scott and Taylor said.

Fifty-eight people were indicted, including 13 Sky Chefs workers, 30 American Airlines workers, a federal agriculture inspector, an Immigration and Naturalization Service agent and a Broward County, Florida, sheriff's employee. The rest were described by prosecutors as street-level drug dealers. Federal agents fanned out at 4 a.m.

Feds raise short term interest rates

JOHN M. BERRY
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve, concerned that the U.S. economy is still growing too fast for inflation to stay low, Tuesday raised its target for overnight interest rates by a quarter-percentage point to 5.25 percent. But federal officials also signaled that they are not likely to raise rates again between now and the end of the year.

The action followed a similar quarter-point increase at the end of June and was widely anticipated by investors and financial analysts. However, they were uncertain about the meeting over whether the federal policymakers were likely to raise rates a third time this year, at their next meeting in October. The

wording of the announcement by the policymaking group, the Federal Open Market Committee, made it clear they are not.

"Today's increase... together with the policy action in June and the firming of conditions more generally in U.S. financial markets over recent months, should markedly diminish the rise of rising inflation going forward," the announcement said.

The statement added that the policy directive adopted by the FOMC was "symmetrical," which means the group made no presumption about whether its next policy move would be a rate increase or a rate cut.

The federal action affected the federal funds rate, the interest rate financial institutions charge each other on overnight loans. But mil-

lions of consumers and businesses are likely to see their borrowing costs rise quickly as banks follow by boosting their prime lending rate by a similar quarter point, to 8.25 percent from 8 percent. The prime rate is a key benchmark for the rates, including on many types of lending, charged on credit-card balances, home-equity loans, some personal loans and a variety of business loans.

That increase in borrowing costs would be expected to dampen consumer and business spending, and thus slow the nation's economic growth.

Federal Chairman Alan Greenspan and other policymakers have acknowledged that there are few, if any, signs that inflation pressures are about to get worse. But with the nation's unemployment rate at 4.3

percent, nearly a three-decade low, and spending by both businesses and consumers increasing rapidly, officials fear that eventually the combination of tight labor markets and strong economic growth will cause inflation to accelerate.

However, a number of federal officials believe growth is slowing enough that, with the further restraint from somewhat higher interest rates, it will gradually drop to a pace less likely to spur inflation.

Federal policymakers adopted a wait-and-see stance regarding future moves because inflation currently is under control — consumer prices were up 2.1 percent over the last 12 months and at an annual rate of only 1.2 percent in the May-July period — and growth appears to be slowing modestly.



Greenspan

The Federal Reserve Board separately increased the discount rate from 4.5 percent to 4.75 percent. The discount rate is the interest rate financial institutions pay when they borrow money directly from their district Federal Reserve Bank, and the rate usually is kept about half a percentage point lower than the federal funds rate.

Thai elephant to receive prosthetic limb after explosion

SAKHAI LALIT
Associated Press Writer

Land mine victims rarely receive much attention in Thailand, but Motola the elephant has received an outpouring of public support since her crippling accident last week.

Veterinarians prepared Tuesday to amputate the 38-year-old elephant's shattered limb, moving a crane into place to support her huge bulk during and after surgery at an elephant hospital in northern Thailand.

Motola's left front leg was

shredded when she stepped on a land mine while foraging for food during a break from her work at a logging camp near the Thai-Myanmar border — the site of decades of conflict between rebels and Myanmar's government.

The wound became badly infected during her hobbling, three-day trek to the Hang Chat Elephant Hospital in Lampang province, 317 miles north of Bangkok. Weeping when she arrived, Motola has been receiving huge doses of painkillers.

Surgery was scheduled for Wednesday, when veterinarians

plan to remove the destroyed parts of her leg, possibly as high as the knee.

Veterinarian Preecha Paungkam told the ITV television network Motola had received about four gallons of saline solution overnight in preparation for surgery, and her condition was improving.

A crane with a long cable and harness system will be used to suspend Motola above the ground to prevent her from putting weight on the leg and make it easier to treat for infection.

Vets hope to eventually fit

Motola with an artificial leg.

Soraida Salvalva of the Friends of the Asian Elephants Foundation said nearly \$27,000 had been raised to pay for the operation, although the cost of Motola's care could go much higher.

Such an outpouring of public support for a land mine victim is remarkable in Thailand, where thousands of amputees have taken refuge from wars in neighboring Myanmar, also known as Burma, and Cambodia.

Soraida criticized the practice of using elephants in logging, which she said has robbed wild elephants

of grazing territory and has subjected the working animals to mistreatment.

Thailand is home to about 2,000 wild elephants, while another 2,100 have been domesticated for work in tourism or the timber industry.

The Hang Chat Elephant Hospital has years of experience caring for wounded and malnourished pachyderms. Some have been fed upharmatines to make them work faster while others have been hit by vehicles on Thailand's highways.

Disney apologizes for 'Black Hoe' gag on radio station

CHUCK PHILLIPS
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Capitulating to the demands of civil rights organizations, the Walt Disney Co. publicly apologized Tuesday for its role in an "inappropriate and unacceptable" radio promotion called "The Black Hoe."

The apology came moments after African-American groups assembled in Los Angeles to denounce the entertainment giant for allowing one of its L.A. radio stations last year to broadcast plastic garbage items called "Black Hoers" as gag prizes to listeners and advertisers.

Leaders of the Congress for Racial Equality had said they

would call for a national boycott of the corporation unless it publicly apologized and promised to revamp its syndicated "Mark & Brian" show, which broadcast the "Black Hoe" promotion — a double-entendre for black prostitute — to millions of listeners around the nation.

Steven M. Bornstein, president of Disney's ABC division, released a statement Tuesday that said: "We would like to say publicly what employees involved were told then: This incident was inappropriate and unacceptable. The promotion could be viewed as offensive and derogatory. We sincerely apologize to our employees and anyone else for any offense that has been taken."

CORE's vice chairwoman,

Sandra Moore, said she is glad Disney has admitted that the "Black Hoe" promotion was a mistake but said the corporation needs to do much more to police the "insensitive antics" of KLOS-FM disc jockeys Mark Thompson and Brian Phelps.

"This is much too little and much too late. We still intend to boycott," said Moore, who was joined at a news conference in Los Angeles by representatives from the Brotherhood Crusade and the Black Defense League. "ABC has admitted publicly that the Black Hoe promotion ran for six weeks before management at the radio station did anything to stop it."

"The company needs to realize that these are public airwaves that Mark and Brian are contaminating

with their racist slurs and bigoted jokes. Disney has a real problem on its hands here with Mark and Brian, and I think what they have to do is force these guys to undergo some sensitivity and diversity training. They need to stop the hate."

Thompson and Phelps were unavailable on Tuesday, but ABC's Bornstein said the company required all staff members at the station to take diversity training after several employees complained about the "Black Hoe" promotion. Bornstein also said that station management already apologized to every employee who complained and disciplined those who were directly responsible for the "Black Hoe" promotion. ABC did not say how the

employees were disciplined.

KLOS employee Judy Goodwin, however, says that's not how her bosses handled the matter.

Goodwin, who filed a racial discrimination and sexual harassment lawsuit three weeks ago against Disney, ABC and KLOS, contends that she never received an apology from anyone in the corporation. In her suit, Goodwin maintains that she became the target of harassment and retaliation after she complained about the "Black Hoe" promotion.

Goodwin's suit also names several of KLOS executives as defendants in her harassment suit and alleges that each has since been promoted in the Disney organization.

East coast eyes storms

RHEENA DOMINANDS
Reuters

NASSAU, Bahamas — The far-flung islands of the Bahamas were under storm warnings Wednesday as Tropical Storm Dennis gained strength and forecasters warned the system — one of three tropical storms in the Atlantic — could reach the U.S. east coast as a hurricane this weekend.

Dennis prompted warnings for the tiny islands of the northern Bahamas and the neighboring British colony of Turks and Caicos Islands as it remained nearby stationary during the day, but was expected to resume a slow west-northwest track edging it toward the United States Wednesday night. Dennis top winds were near 65 mph as of 5 p.m. EDT, up from 45 mph Wednesday morning. And the storm was likely to reach hurricane strength with winds exceeding 74 mph Wednesday night or Thursday, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

The Bahamian government issued a hurricane watch and tropical storm warning for the central Bahamas, and a hurricane watch for the northwest. Warnings alert residents to imminent storm conditions, while watches indicate the possibility of storm conditions within 36 hours.

A tropical storm warning remained in effect for the southeastern Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands.

At 5 p.m. EDT, the center of Dennis was at latitude 25.1 north, longitude 72.1 west, about 365 miles east-southeast of Nassau, capital of the chain of some 700 islands stretching from just off the Florida coast to north of Haiti.



T.S. Dennis

by the weekend. "Anyone from north Florida up to the Cape Hatteras area ought to be paying fairly close attention and taking the appropriate steps," National Hurricane Center forecaster Stephen Baig said.

While Dennis posed the most immediate threat to land, forecasters Wednesday also kept a close watch on two other tropical storms: Emily and Cindy.

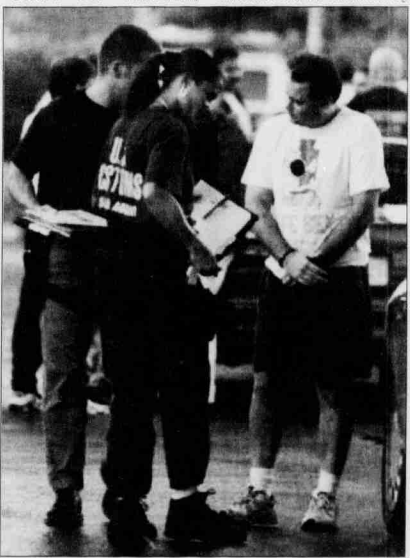
Emily formed Tuesday east of the southern Caribbean islands. At 5 p.m. EDT, its center was about 285 miles east of Barbados at latitude 13.4 north, longitude 55.7 west, the hurricane center said.

Forecasters said the storm is moving northwest at about 7 mph, a track that could force storm watches or warnings for some of the Leeward Islands of the eastern Caribbean by Thursday morning.

Its maximum sustained winds of about 45 mph and forecasters said its future could depend on how close it moved to Dennis and Cindy.

Cindy, which gained hurricane strength briefly on the weekend, continued to move through the Atlantic for from land, and was expected to grow to hurricane strength again, the National Hurricane Center said.

At 5 p.m. EDT, its center was about 1,330 miles southeast of Bermuda at latitude 20.6 north, longitude 47.7 west, the National Hurricane Center said.



A U.S. Customs agent, center, and a drug enforcement agent, rear left, talk with a suspect, right, in handcuffs, at the DEA Headquarters in Miami, early Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1999.

International Airport and by the public," said Vincent Mazzilli, acting special agent for the Drug Enforcement Administration's Miami office. "They let us all down."

American Airlines, a unit of AMR Corp. (NYSE:AAR — news), said it cooperated with federal authorities throughout the two-year probe.

"While we are disturbed that a small group of employees were part of this smuggling ring, their activities have been under federal government and company surveillance for quite

some time," the airline said in a statement. Scott disputed that a "small group" was involved, saying "This is not a case of one or two rogues." He said investigators documented more than 38 drug and weapons transactions by some 30 American workers.

DEA spokesman Brent Eaton said there were so many suspects arrested that the DEA had to borrow a bus from federal marshals to hold them all while they were booked and fingerprinted.

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will also be intercepted but State will get the ball back for a final drive. The Wolfpack will get to FSU's 11-yard line until Barnette floats a pass to a wide-open Rashoun Spikes in the end zone. Yet, a Seminoles defender will appear from nowhere (at least, that is what it looked like to me. Jamie, look out for Bradley Jennings) and intercept the pass. Off to overtime, where FSU is able to score a touchdown against State's field goal.

FSU 23, NCSU 20 in OT.

September 25 at Wake Forest.

The Wolfpack will avoid the week-after letdown and dominate the Deacs in total yardage.

NCSU 28, Wake 14.

October 9 vs. Clemson.

The game will be played in a driving rainstorm, which will make holding onto the ball a dicey proposition. Despite the turnovers, State won't have much of a problem.

NCSU 38, Clemson 17.

October 16 vs. Virginia.

Ouch. While it pains me to predict this, it looks like State is going to get rocked. Virginia always seems to have State's number and after State takes an early 3-0 lead, this year will

be no different. It will be all Cavaliers. Five Wolfpack turnovers won't help either.

UVA 41, NCSU 10.

October 23 at Duke.

It seems Carl Franks will have Duke playing better this season. Not only that, State will come in dejected from the previous week's drubbing by Virginia. Duke will take an early lead and they will be able to maintain it until the fourth quarter. Luckily for the Pack, Lloyd Harrison will save the day with a 35-yard interception return for a touchdown midway through the fourth. State hangs on.

NCSU 20, Duke 19.

October 30 at Georgia Tech.

Strangely enough, the Yellow Jackets will come into the game fourth in the country. They will play like it in the first half too, taking a 17-7 lead before Barnette and the offense snap out of their mini-slump. Chris Coleman will have a terrific game and catch just about anything that is thrown his way, including a touchdown in the fourth quarter that ties the game at 24. The game will go to overtime and after two touchdowns in the first, State's defense will hold the Yellow Jackets and Passingham will kick a 38-yarder to win the game.

NCSU 34, Tech 31 in 2OT.

November 6 vs. Maryland.

The Terrapins will never beat State in Raleigh.

NCSU 27, Maryland 7.

November 11 vs. UNC in Charlotte.

State enters the game with a 7-3 overall record and a 5-2 conference mark. The Thursday night game will be played in light rain and State will take an early 14-0 lead on a Spikes run and a Coleman catch set up by a Harrison interception. The opposite of last year, State will take a 21-7 lead into the fourth before Carolina kicks into high gear and scores three straight touchdowns, thanks to some heroics by Ronald Curry. In the rain, however, Carolina misses the last extra point and leads 27-21 late. Barnette and the offense will be up to the challenge, though, and an eight-yard touchdown run by Ray Robinson will exercise any demons left over from last year.

NCSU 28, UNC 27.

November 20 at East Carolina.

State will be a bit tired and flat after the emotional victory over their fiercest rivals. While it is nice playing ECU, the weekend of playing them right after Carolina can be questioned. The Pirates will be up for this game and State won't be able to match their intensity.

ECU 20, NCSU 13.

And that's the way I see the season for the Pack, 8-4, 6-2 in the ACC. A split against the two biggest rivals and a great upset against the Yellow-Jackets. To me and all my omniscience, the future doesn't look bad.

Former UNC-CH star suffers back injury

Associated Press

Former UNC track star Marion Jones' bid for a sprint double ended in agony Wednesday when she pulled up with a back injury during the semifinals of the 200 meters at the World Championships.

Jones, who won the 100 meters on Sunday, clutched her lower back about 50 meters from the finish line on the track. She was carried off on a stretcher.

The sprinter's husband, shot put champion C.J. Hunter, rushed down from the stands and walked beside the stretcher as it was wheeled to the medical station inside the stadium, where she was attended to by two doctors.

"It's her back," said Jones' agent, Charlie Wells.

Meanwhile, Colin Jackson won Britain's first gold medal of the championships by capturing the men's 110-meter hurdles.

Jackson, the world record-holder and 1993 world champion, dipped across the line in 13.04 seconds, ahead of Cuba's Anier Garcia in 13.07 and American Duane Ross in 13.12.

The race was so tight that Jackson wasn't sure he had won it. He and the other hurdlers sat on the track, waiting for the official result. When Jackson's name was announced, he jumped up, clapped, waved to the crowd and took off on a victory lap with the Union Jack flag.

The hurdles field had been weakened by the earlier injury withdrawal of two-time defending champion Allen Johnson, the false-start disqualification of U.S. champion Mark Cear and the absence of Larry Wade and Tony Jarrett.

Jones was trailing badly as the runners headed into the straight. Grimacing in pain, she slowed down, grasped her back and eased to the ground.

The American was the heavy favorite in the event in her bid for a 100-200 double. She was also due to run in one of the relays. Her bid for an unprecedented four gold medals evaporated Monday when she settled for the bronze in the long jump.

Jones has said she will attempt to win five gold medals at next year's Sydney Olympics.

Maurice Greene, the men's 100 champion bidding for the sprint double, won his semifinal heat in the 200 in 20.10 seconds. He ran a controlled race, easing up slightly in the final five meters.

But the big surprise came in the second semifinal, where Nigeria's Francis Obikwelu clocked a sparkling 19.84 seconds, the fastest time in the world this year. Obikwelu held his head in disbelief when he saw the time on the scoreboard.

Frankie Fredericks of Namibia, the former 200 champion and one

of the favorites, finished only fourth in his semifinal in 20.10 seconds but still qualified for Friday's final.

In the women's 200, American Inger Miller—silver medalist in the 100—comfortably won her semifinal in 22.17 seconds. With Jones out, she will now be the favorite for the 200 gold.

The other semifinal was won by Jamaica's Merlene Frazer in 22.18 seconds.

Cuba's Daimi Pernia edged defending champion Nezha Bidouane of Morocco at the line to win the women's 400-meter hurdles in 52.89 seconds, the best time in the world this year and sixth fastest of all time.

Bidouane was clocked in 52.90, an African record and just 0.01 behind.

Jamaica's Deon Hemmings was third.

In the women's shot put, German Olympic champion Astrid Kumbernuss—who missed last season after having a baby—won her third straight world title with a season's best throw of 65-11.2.

Another German, Nadine Kleinert, took silver and Russia's Svetlana Krivolyova was third.

In the men's 400 hurdles, defending champion Stephane Diagana of France (48.18) and Joey Woody of the United States (48.51) won their semifinals.

Earlier, Sweden's Ludmila Engquist, competing in between chemotherapy treatments for breast cancer, had the fastest time in the first-round heats of the women's 100-meter hurdles.

The 35-year-old Engquist, the defending world champion and 1996 Olympic gold medalist, skinned over the hurdles in 12.62 seconds and advanced to Thursday's quarterfinals.

American Gail Devers, the 1993 and 1995 champion, also zipped through her first-round heat, winning in 12.80.

Tomás Dvorak of the Czech Republic fell farther off his world record pace in the decathlon while holding his overall lead.

The defending champion and Olympic bronze medalist began the day 64 points behind the record after the first five events and 36 points in front of runner-up Dean Macey of Britain.

Dvorak opened the second five-event session by running the fastest time in the 110-meter hurdles, 13.75, and throwing the discus 151 feet, 9 inches, and clearing 15-1 in the pole vault.

That gave him an eight-event total of 7,172 points, 24 points ahead of American Chris Huffins, but 199 points off world record pace. After eight events during his record performance in July, Dvorak had 7,371 points.

Two more events—the javelin and 1,500 meters—remained in the grueling two-day decathlon competition in sweltering heat.



Marion Jones (L) grimaces in pain next to Natalya Vinogradova before falling injured on track during 200 meter semifinal at the 7th IAAF world championships in athletics in Seville, Spain, Wednesday.

Sosa Hits 52nd Homer, Leads McGwire

CHICAGO (AP) — Sammy Sosa hit his 52nd homer Wednesday night, breaking a tie with Mark McGwire for the major league lead.

Sosa sent a 2-1 pitch from San Francisco's Kirk Rueter high and far over the left-field fence in the sixth inning of the second game of a doubleheader.

Giants left fielder Barry Bonds, who had three homers in the doubleheader, hardly moved. He just turned his head and watched the flight of the ball as it went through an 8 mph wind and landed on Waveland Ave., an estimated 480 feet from the plate.

Sosa's 52nd homer came in the Cubs' 125th game and kept him well ahead of his pace last year. Sosa hit his 52nd in Chicago's 133rd game last season and fin-



Sosa finished with 66, four short of McGwire's record.

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Horns

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backfield early. "We have a policy of not losing your starting position to injury, but that doesn't mean that K.J. won't get a shot," said O'Keefe. One of the concerns amongst the Wolfpack coaching staff is that even if the duo is recovered fully from their respective injuries, will, after missing so much practice time, their conditioning be at the level necessary come game time. In the absence of All-American

receiver Torry Holt, some teams might be quick to think that the Pack might not throw as much, but with offensive threats like Coleman, Ryan Hamrick, and relative unknown Ken Robinson, collecting the ball from a seasoned vet like Barnette, don't be surprised.

Hometime ties

The games will be a homecoming for just for Wolfpack players Rod Johnson and George Anderson, but also for one of the Pack's biggest fans- Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. The University's 17th Chancellor came to Raleigh directly from her post as the vice

president for research at the University of Texas at Austin, and she knows a thing or two about football tradition.

"N.C. State has moved from a place of being "also rans" to being regarded among the top programs in the nation," said Fox last Saturday, after posing with the players and coaches for the Wolfpack's team picture.

"The two teams appear to be matched equally, both teams are in building years, it is a question of which has been built faster," said Fox. "These men are conditioned, and well coached. I am quite confident that I will be pleased with the outcome."

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State Stat:

N.C. State's volleyball team only has one player from the state of North Carolina: Rebecca Anderson.

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The Scouting Report

COLUMN

JACK DALY
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State's football season last year was a prognosticator's worst nightmare.

The Wolfpack dominated its toughest two regular season opponents but found a way to lose to Baylor and needed last minute heroics to avoid a similar fate against lowly Ohio.

Indeed, not too many people would have thought State could have dominated Florida State and kept Donovan McNabb and Syracuse under wraps. About the only thing you could count on last year was Torry Holt to work his magic (see every game, but especially the Clemson contest) and for opponents to run with relative ease through the Wolfpack (see the Ohio game or especially Edgerrin James in the Micron PC Bowl).

With the unpredictability of last season in mind, I set out to forecast this season about as accurately as possible. I rented EA Sports' NCAA Football 2000 for the PlayStation and found out how the season shapes up.

Below is what my research yielded.

August 28 at Texas.

If nothing else, it seems State will be better at stopping the run. Texas will only run for 12 yards rushing, but they will still top the Pack, thanks in large part to their defense. I see one particular play especially key in the game. With Texas leading 17-7 in the fourth quarter, but State driving, Jamie Barnette will throw a short pass over the middle that magically goes through Ray Robinson (not his hands mind you, directly through him) and into the arms of a Texas defender. Game over. Chancellor Fox's old school beats Chancellor Fox's new school.

Texas 20, NCSU 7.

September 4 vs. South Carolina.

This game will be a tale of two halves. The Gamecocks will come out fired up for Lou Holtz's first game and their defense will be superb. But, somehow, State will be able to switch the momentum. Just before the half, with South Carolina leading 20-7, Barnette will find Torry Holt's brother Terrell open in the back of the end zone and State will carry the momentum into the second half.

NCSU 42, South Carolina 20.

September 11 vs. William and Mary.

Not much to say here. The score is 21-0 at the half before the second and third stringers get their chance to shine.

NCSU 31, William and Mary 12.

September 18 at Florida State.

First, my research indicates that Georgia Tech will in fact defeat Florida St. 31-21 the week before. So, the Seminoles will come into the game a bit peeved. Second, Bobby Bowden will spend the entire week talking about last year and what happened in Raleigh. The Seminole fans will express the opinion that last year was a fluke while State fans will politely ask them about the misdeeds of Laveranues Coles.

Aside from all that, the game will be outstanding. Much like last year, the Seminoles will score on their first drive, but State will answer with a touchdown of their own. In fact, Barnette will have a superhuman game. At half, the score will be 14-14 and Barnette will have completed 17 of 18 passes for 185 yards and two touchdowns.

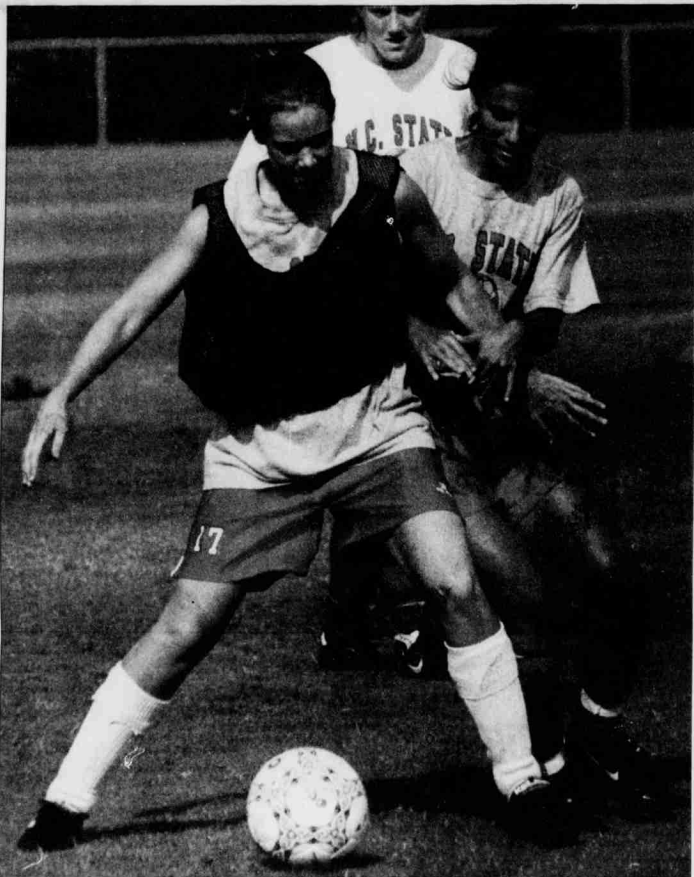
In the second half, it will all come down to the last two minutes. FSU will have a 17-14 lead before a 30-yard field goal from Kent Passingham ties the score with 1:50 to go. After the kickoff, Chris Weinke will throw his next pass to State's Brian Williams for the interception. Unfortunately, Barnette

Looking for a kick start against Campbell

In the Trenches

◆ The Wolfpack's play on the line of scrimmage will be critical to its success this season.

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The N.C. State women's soccer team gets into gear Saturday. The Pack kicks off the season on the road against Campbell. N.C. State, in its second year under head coach and former Wolfpack student Laura Kerrington, will be led by a quartet of seniors and 10 freshman. The game is slated to start at 4p.m. in Buies Creek.



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State faces old nemesis Mack Brown Saturday.

N.C. State vs. Texas

August 28, 1999
8:30 p.m.
ESPN2

Bring on the Texas Longhorns

◆ N.C. State gets down to its final preparations for its season-opener with Texas.

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The Wolfpack has just two days to put the finishing touches on its final preparations for the 1999 season opener against Texas, and the Pack looks to be using every second of that time to prepare.

The Wolfpack has made its way through the last three weeks of pre-season drills without all of its key operatives on the field at once.

Running backs Ray Robinson and Rahshon Spikes have been hampered by injury, starting quarterback Jamie Barnette caught the flu, Cecil McCarty, slated to be a key factor in the offensive line, suffered a season and career-ending injury, and you get the point.

"We don't know quite where we are at," said Wolfpack Head Coach Mike O' Cain in his weekly press conference this past Monday.

O' Cain commented that the defensive core of the team was at or beyond where the coaching staff thought they needed to be, but that there was no way to tell until the Pack hits the field on Saturday.

"It is hard to tell until you get into the game situation."



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Wolfpack receivers look to help State haul in another upset.

Part of the Pack's defensive scheme, as always, will be concentrating on stopping the running game, and while the Longhorns' ground-game is completely overhauled from the 1998 season, there are still some big concerns.

Specifically, the readiness of the Wolfpack defense. With Spikes and Robinson out of action for a relatively considerable period of time so close to the opening game, the Pack's D didn't get the best look it could have at its No. 1 rushers in game-type situations.

But, matched-up against Barnette and receiver Chris Coleman, the secondary did get a good look at what might be coming their way in the air. Texas quarterback Major Applewhite's tendency to go deep with the pass has defensive backs like Lloyd Harrison and Tony Scott drooling. The duo was part of the Wolfpack starting secondary in 1998 that helped lead the team to the second-highest interception total in the nation. Harrison, the team's defensive captain, accounted for seven himself, tying for the national individual lead.

On the offensive side of the ball, Spikes and Robinson should be ready to go come kickoff, but don't be surprised if redshirt freshman K.J. Stone finds his way into the

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Tech Stats:

* The Wolfpack is undefeated in the month of August, dating back to 1950.

* Jamie Barnette (right) is 2-0 as a starter in season openers.



* The Wolfpack's last loss to a non-conference opponent in a season opener was in 1987, when the Pack fell to ECU, 32-14.

* N.C. State has never played the University of Texas at Austin.

* Five of the Wolfpack's six leading tacklers return for the 1999 season.