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ASG begins search for new president

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Senior Staff Writer

Last summer, student governments from each of the 16 institutions in the UNC system committed themselves to lobbying against a tuition surcharge. This weekend, delegates will convene in Chapel Hill to find someone to head the Association for Student Governments.

Nic Miris, former Student Body President of UNC-Charlotte, replaced Jeff Nieman as the president of the Student Government organization in early July. However, Miris resigned his position after admitting to allegations from Charlotte's student newspaper, the "University Times," that he had plagiarized a paper for one of his classes.

"I copped out and chose the easy way out," Miris told "The News & Observer." The original draft of the paper was called "Lies, Deceit and Hypocrisy," while Miris submitted a seven-page paper titled "How the Media Impacted the Vietnam War" for his "Peace, War and Technology" class.

"I got caught up and put my student body

president responsibilities in front of my academic responsibilities," Miris said.

Miris submitted his resignation to the Board of Governors on July 7, less than a week after he had officially taken office as ASG president.

"I want to ensure the credibility and integrity of this position, and feel my time and academic commitments over this next year will impede this charge," Miris wrote in his letter of resignation to the chairman of the Board of Governors, Ben Ruffin. The former UNC-Charlotte president considered seeking reappointment to the Board of Governors but has since reconsidered.

Jeff Nieman, a former ASG president, assumed the role of president following Miris' resignation. Nieman, a senior at UNC-Chapel Hill in political science, hopes to regain the position that he vacated in early July.

Richard Wheelahan, a sophomore in political science and interdisciplinary studies at Appalachian State University, served his first year on ASG last year, as the organization's parliamentarian. This weekend, Wheelahan

will also vie for the position of ASG president.

"What I bring to ASG is a future," said Wheelahan, a Charlotte native. While Wheelahan acknowledges the experience of ASG's former president, he contends that the organization will not be redefined under the same leadership for two years. If elected, Wheelahan has pledged to continue his association with the organization for his remaining years at ASU.

"If elected," Wheelahan said, "I want to redefine ASG and take it to another level."

When questioned about the detrimental effects of Miris' actions, Wheelahan responded, "I think that it surprised the Board of Governors, but once a new president is elected, it'll be back to business as usual."

Current N.C. State Senator Jonathan Rowell also hopes to contend for the ASG presidential seat. However, according to Rowell, he is not officially considered a candidate because of his non-delegate status.

Elections for the president of the ASG will take place Friday in Chapel Hill.

A friend in need...



Wednesday in the Upper Wood Hall parking lot Tim Gardner, a sophomore in Forestry, helped a friend exchange out her car stereo system.

Clinton Gives Emergency Federal Money to North Carolina for Hurricane Relief

President Clinton announced emergency federal money Wednesday for California, Pennsylvania and North Carolina, all facing expensive cleanup from natural disasters.

The disaster announcements, made in upstate New York where Clinton is vacationing with his family, mean states may apply for a variety of federal relief.

"There is not a specific dollar amount. It will depend on what they need," said White House spokesman Barry Tow.

In California, Clinton ordered federal aid to help with recovery efforts in Butte, Shasta, Tehama and Tuolumne counties, all struck by wildfires this month. Damage surveys are continuing and other areas could qualify for federal aid later on.

In North Carolina, federal money will help make repairs after Hurricane Dennis, which struck this week. Clinton authorized the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate all disaster relief efforts in a nine-county area on or near the state's Atlantic coast.

In Pennsylvania, Clinton will send federal money to help local and state flood cleanup from storms Aug. 20 and Aug. 21. The money for residents of McKean County could include disaster housing, grants and low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses.

As in California, other Pennsylvania areas could qualify for federal help in the future.

NATIONAL

Drunk Driver Who Killed 27 Freed

The man convicted in the nation's deadliest drunken driving accident — a fiery, head-on collision that killed 27 people on a church bus — was released from prison Wednesday after 9 1/2 years and is free to get another driver's license.

Larry Mahoney, 46, was driven away in the back seat of a car, carrying his belongings in two brown paper bags. He said nothing.

"It is my impression that he wants to blend back into society," said state police Lt. Henry "Sonny" Cease, who investigated the 1988 crash that led Kentucky to tighten its standards for school buses. "I think he's done the time that was dealt to him and it's time to move on."

Mahoney, his blood-alcohol level three times the legal limit, was driving his pickup truck the wrong way on an interstate when he smashed into a bus carrying 67 people home from a church outing to an amusement park. The bus' gas tank ruptured, and flames engulfed the front section.

The former chemical plant worker was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 16 years in prison but got time off for good behavior and taking courses.

After the wreck, Kentucky changed its specifications for school buses, requiring them to have flame-retardant seats, fuel tank cages, push-out windows, left-side emergency exits and escape hatches in the roof. Federal law had already required fuel tank cages on buses manufactured after 1977.

Ford also settled a lawsuit with 65 of the families, reportedly for at least \$36 million.

INTERNATIONAL

Scientists Find Extra Gene to Increase Brain Power

Scientists have genetically engineered brainy mice nicknamed "Doozie," pointing the way for research that could lead to human babies with higher IQs as well as drugs to treat Alzheimer's disease and stroke.

Inserting an extra gene, researchers produced a strain of mice that excelled in a range of tasks, like recognizing a Lego piece they'd encountered before, learning the location of a hidden underwater platform and recognizing cues that they were about to receive a mild shock.

"The improved learning and memory came from increased production of a brain protein called NR2B. The mice earned the enhanced abilities into adulthood, when learning ability and memory naturally taper off, and passed their heightened learning abilities on to their offspring."

"This points to the possibility that enhancement of learning and memory or even IQ is feasible through genetic means, through genetic engineering," said Joe Z. Tsien, the assistant professor of molecular biology at Princeton University who led the research team.

The findings, published in Thursday's issue of Nature, indicate a common mechanism lies at the root of all learning, identify the protein NR2B as a key to brain function, and could lead to a drug to treat memory disorders, such as Alzheimer's, by increasing NR2B levels, Tsien said.

Solving the Solvents

◆ The Science and Technology Center, one of only five centers nationwide to receive funding from the National Science Foundation, will be a collaborative effort between N.C. State, UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. A&T State University and the University of Texas at Austin

DR. RUBEN CARBONELL (Right)

Photo by James Carls Staff

ANDREW BUCHERT
Staff Writer

N.C. State announced last Friday that the National Science Board has approved its proposal to establish and operate a new solvent research center in cooperation with chemists and engineers at UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. A&T State University and UT-Austin.

One of only five centers in the U.S. to be funded by the National Science Foundation this year, the main laboratories of the Science and Technology Center for Environmentally Responsible

Carbon Dioxide Processes will be located on NCSU's Centennial Campus.

The new solvent research center will be co-directed by Joseph DeSimone, professor of chemical engineering at NCSU and William R. Kenan, Jr. distinguished professor of chemistry at UNC-CH and by Ruben Carbonell, KOSA professor and chair of the Chemical Engineering Department at NCSU.

About three years ago, Carbonell and DeSimone began the Kenan Center for Utilization of Carbon Dioxide in Manufacturing, currently operated out of NCSU with a laboratory located on Centennial Campus, as a way to collaborate with industry. The Kenan Center is partnered with 16 corporations to work toward the general goal of replacing organic solvents and water with the less-expensive and more accessible carbon dioxide.

"We had been running the Kenan Center for a couple of years, and then we thought of the opportunity to apply to the National Science Foundation for federal money to support the same general goal [research into the utilization of carbon dioxide as a solvent], but also to do more basic research in science and engineering as it applies to this field," said Carbonell.

Science and technology centers are very prestigious and difficult to obtain. Two years ago, Carbonell and DeSimone submitted a pre-proposal to the NSF outlining their plan for collaboration with chemists at UNC-CH and chemical engineers at NCSU, UT-Austin and N.C. A&T.

"They [the NSF] chose approximately 40 of the 300 pre-proposals submitted, and from those 40 they choose 16 finalists," said Carbonell. "We are very fortunate to have been one of the five organizations that the NSF ultimately chose from the 16 finalists to fund this year."

In their decision in choosing the

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Faculty senate talks GPA, patents

◆ Although N.C. State's freshmen this year have a higher GPA than freshmen in years past, NCSU's student-athlete's GPAs have dropped.

ASHLEY B. PERRY
Senior Staff Writer

N.C. State's Faculty Senate members met Tuesday to receive comments from the Chairman of the Athletics Council Art Cooper and Chancellor Marye Anne Fox on the university's academic report card.

One item of concern he addressed was a general decrease in overall GPA among student-athletes from 2.82 the previous year to 2.79 for the spring of 1999.

While the NCAA only requires student-athletes to have a GPA of 1.80 for eligibility, Cooper stated that NCSU urges its students to go beyond this regulation.

"We try to tell our students to always go for 2.0," Cooper explained.

Cooper further requested that the faculty understand the issues of eligibility, including the university's zero-tolerance toward cheating or other academic abuses.

"Faculty with any questions or concerns should contact me directly," said Cooper. "Any mistakes that are made regarding this issue will be borne by me."

Cooper then casted doubt on recent rumors of a possible ACC expansion, saying, "It is doubtful that University of Miami will join."

The senators also received an overall review of university progress from the chancellor.

Fox reported that the incoming freshmen this year had an average GPA of 3.85 and an average SAT score of 1190.

"This is evidence that we are attracting better students now than ever," cheered Fox.

Overall Athlete GPA

1998	2.82
1999	2.79

Fox also described positive events at Centennial Campus, noting that 132 new inventions had been put to patent, and \$7.7 million had been put back into technology education.

"Eleven new start-ups were created, and around 35 new jobs were brought to the area, over and above what Lucent has and will bring to the campus," the chancellor said.

Updating the senators, Fox told the group that the new Entertainment and Sports Arena will be opening November 19. When asked of the arena naming issue, Fox responded that it was not necessary for the facility to have a specific

name to open.

"It is my understanding that Ericsson Stadium in Charlotte was without a name for its first full year of being open," said Fox. "We are still holding the door open for the possibility of a corporate sponsorship."

Fox ended her remarks by expressing her disappointment with the N.C. General Assembly for their failure to pass the university system's bond package.

"I think that our numbers basically scared the legislature," said Fox. "We are still hoping that something will come of all this, though it's unlikely it will take the form that we had originally hoped."

Baylor and USC

What do they have in common? See Anderson's column to find out.



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Engineering to get \$15 million

◆ The estate of a former N.C. State professor has bequeathed \$1.5 million for use by the College of Engineering

JIMMY RYALS

Staff Writer

When former N.C. State Professor N.E.J. "Sy" Matthews passed away on April 18, he left behind \$1.5 million for the College of Engineering. The gift, a deferred payment, will come from Matthews' estate somewhere down the road.

"The gift will be used for student scholarships," said Nino Masnari, dean of engineering.

The scholarships will be a part of the Campaign for N.C. State Students, which has, thus far, raised approximately \$94 million for scholarships and endowments.

Matthews' wife, Betty, announced the gift in mid-June. A trust fund established in her name will fund the award. According to Masnari, the deferred payment will take effect upon her passing.

Matthews received his bachelor

and master's degrees from George Washington University and earned his doctorate at Princeton. He served as a professor of electrical and computer engineering at NCSU for 34 years, joining the faculty in 1964 and retiring in 1998. The money from his gift will fund scholarships in his two departments in which Matthews was taught.

Matthews also occupied a number of other positions in the College of Engineering. He served as director of graduate programs in the department of electrical and computer engineering and chaired the department's Courses and Curricula Committee.

During a distinguished career, Matthews was honored as an Alumni Distinguished Professor in 1992. The focus of his research career was finding a unified field theory. The results of his work were published in April in a monograph titled "Unification of Electromagnetism, Kinematics and Gravitation."

His work could provide further insight into the internal structures of microscopic particles like electrons.

Solvent

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five centers to fund, the NSF looked for evidence of collaborative programs and multidisciplinary activities within the organizations. In addition to the research, the centers must also have components involving K-12 education, outreach to minorities and outreach to companies.

The Kenan Center will be the industrial outreach arm of the new STC. "We will have corporate partners as an integral part of the venture," said Carbonell.

The STC will build on the Kenan Center's current research into utilizing carbon dioxide as a solvent in such processes as painting, cleaning and coating, and the manufacture of polymers such as Teflon and Plexiglas. "Carbon dioxide is not a particularly great solvent by itself, so we've been adding detergents that are soluble in carbon dioxide to help make a lot of things soluble in it that may not have been soluble otherwise," said Carbonell.

Carbon dioxide is a much more

environmentally friendly solvent than the organic and halogenated solvents that are currently used worldwide in manufacturing.

"The approach is to try to take as many industrial processes that utilize water and organic solvents and convert them over to carbon dioxide," said Carbonell.

The STC will also work primarily through the Science House of the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences to develop teaching modules to instruct students on basic principles of physics as they apply to this environmental center. They will also develop modules that deal with the role of emissions on the environment and the effect of carbon dioxide solvents in eliminating these emissions.

"They [the Science House] already have a very good outreach program with workshops for teachers in N.C. and summer academies for K-12 students," said Carbonell. "We'll be explaining basic principles of chemistry and physics to grade school and high school students through these modules while using the opportunity to get the students interested in science as a career and to make them more excited about science

and environmental topics in school," he said.

The five science and technology centers nationwide are funded by the NSF for a five year, one-time renewable increment, officials said. The most that the STC can be funded by the NSF is 10 years.

"We hope in these next 10 years to make the industrial side grow even more so we can move completely to industrial funding or federal funding from sources other than the NSF," said Carbonell. "It [the STC] certainly has a very good 10 year outlook."

The entire program funded by the NSF is \$18 million. Approximately \$7 million are available to NCSU and \$6 million are available to UNC-CH. The remainder of the original fund is equally split between UT-Austin and N.C. A&T.

"This is an area that a lot of companies are interested in," said Carbonell. "They see it as a wonderful opportunity to build up this technology in an academic setting and then study the applications to real life situations over the next 5-10 years."

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GOT IT?

GOOD!



Relatives of passengers comfort each other at Cordoba airport, some 800 kilometers (500 miles) northwest of Buenos Aires, Tuesday, Aug. 31, 1999, as they wait for news of the status of passengers aboard an Argentine airliner carrying at least 90 people which crashed on takeoff from Buenos Aires airport slamming into a nearby golf course and catching fire. Early reports said at least 69 people were killed in the crash of the Boeing 737 operated by LAPSA.

Engineering to get \$15 million

GILBERT LE GRAS

Reuters News Service

BUENOS AIRES - Argentina Wednesday began the grim task of identifying more than 60 people killed when an airliner plowed off a runway into heavy traffic in one of the country's worst air disasters.

Seven of the 62 or 63 bodies transported to a city morgue have been identified, according to officials from Buenos Aires and the province of Cordoba, northeast of the capital, which was the destination of the ill-fated Lineas Aereas Privadas Argentinas (LAPSA) flight.

"So far the number of dead is 62 and the number of injured is 44," said Hector Lombardo, Buenos Aires' city health chief. Olga de la Sota, spokeswoman for Cordoba province, said the morgues had 63 bodies and only seven had been identified.

Doctors said some of the survivors had up to 96 percent of their bodies covered in horrifying burns. Witnesses said severed limbs were strewn throughout the wreckage. The whole area was soaked in jet fuel.

"The survivors suffered amputations, burns, fractures, cuts to the face and hands," said Lombardo, who later said the pilot and co-pilot died.

Among the dead were motorists who were passing along a major road around Jorge Newbery metropolitan airport when an airliner carrying 98 passengers and five crew careened off the runway, across the highway and into a leisure center at 8 p.m. EDT Tuesday. At least 40 people were injured.

Survivors said private Argentine

airline LAPSA's Flight 3142 barely rose off the ground, bounced along the runway, crashed through a perimeter fence and plowed through cars before bursting into a fireball on a golf course by the River Plate.

"The plane passed right in front of us ... the wing must have been a yard away. I could see the passengers through the plane's windows and I thought how horrible it must have been for them," said Guillermo, a motorist who slammed on the brakes of his car as the dual-engine Boeing 737 zigzagged across Costanera Avenue.

Unconfirmed media reports estimated the number of dead to total 80 victims, but work identifying the corpses was hindered by their horrifying burns, which meant most of the motorists would have to be identified by DNA genetic testing.

Families of passengers and crew flew in from Cordoba, the flight's destination some 440 miles northeast of the capital, to face conflicting reports of who had survived and at which of three Buenos Aires hospitals they could be found.

"I'd like to ask you to observe a minute of silence in memory of the victims of this accident," President Carlos Menem told the nation at a press conference. "When I was watching the scenes on TV I was moved, I would say I was moved to tears."

Earlier in the day Menem surveyed the crash site, only two miles northeast of Government House and Buenos Aires' business district, from a police helicopter.

Air Force investigators probed the burned-out hulk of the 29-year-old Boeing 737 and the area around the air strip.

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SAT-score gap between whites, other ethnic groups widens

◆ The disparity may be a result of the increased number of minority test takers.

MARATH GROVES AND RICHARD COOPER
Los Angeles Times

The gap in performance on college entrance exams between whites and other ethnic groups widened this year, but much of the disparity resulted from sharp increases in the number of Latinos and blacks taking the tests, the College Board reported Tuesday.

Still, education advocates said they were alarmed by the pronounced gap in Scholastic Assessment Test scores because it indicates that American schools are failing to provide minority high school students with enough rigorous courses to prepare them for college.

Nationally, math scores on the SAT college entrance exam decreased one point from 1998's 27-year high of 512. The verbal score remained fixed at 505 for the fourth consecutive year.

With affirmative action programs threatened or in tatters throughout the United States, college administrators are seeking ways to identify and recruit talented minority students that will withstand legal challenges.

SAT scores are a closely watched measure of student achievement because they are required by 90 percent of the nation's four-year colleges and universities. Through the years, they have reflected sweeping

social and demographic changes.

In 1941, the standard for the SAT (first known as the Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores was set, based on the results of 10,000 college-bound students, almost all of whom came from privileged backgrounds. Of more than 1.22 million students in the class of 1999 who took the test nationally, one-third were minority students, up from 25 percent a decade ago. The number of Mexican American and other Latinos taking the test has soared by more than 70 percent since 1989, the College Board said.

"The primary reason for the gap in scores is the phenomenal growth in the number of students from those groups taking the tests," said Gretchen Rigol, an official with the College Board, the nonprofit New York-based group that sponsors the college entrance exam. "That is actually the good news behind that bad news."

Gaston Caperton, the College Board's new president and a former governor of West Virginia, posed himself the question that has long been asked by critics of the SAT.

"Is the SAT biased?" he asked at a Washington news conference. "It is a measure of students' readiness for college. It describes what currently exists."

What unfortunately exists, he added, is a system of schools nationwide in which some have far more resources — better teachers, more high-level academic courses, more funding — than others.

He vowed that his group would do its part to go beyond mere test

administration and soon offer new initiatives to help students connect with colleges.

Among planned programs he mentioned were a new SAT online learning center, where students would get tips on how to answer questions, and online discussions with experts on how to interpret scores.

"We want to make sure (students and parents) see the SAT as a gateway, not a gate, to the future," he said.

But far too often, critics say, minority students stumble over the SAT.

As a high-stakes measure, said Eugene Garcia, dean of the Graduate School of Education at the University of California, Berkeley, the SAT "is disproportionately putting some students at risk for not meeting the measure." Minority students, particularly Latinos, are disadvantaged, he said, because their schools have "less high levels of instruction."

In 1997, Garcia proposed dropping SAT scores as a criterion for UC admissions. That proposal was rejected, but many campuses are relying less on the SAT in selecting their students.

His research shows that neither SAT scores nor grade-point average predicts well whether a student at UC Berkeley will graduate.

"I'd say they're not a good predictor at an elite university like Berkeley, so they're probably even less so at other UC schools," he said.

Israelis, Palestinians enter key stage of talks

◆ Israeli and Palestinian authorities resumed discussions relating to land transfers and prisoner releases.

TRACY WILKINSON
Los Angeles Times

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1 — Israel and the Palestinians early Wednesday entered a final make-or-break round of negotiations aimed at setting in motion land transfers, prisoner releases and other long-frozen steps called for in a U.S.-brokered peace plan.

The talks were expected to conclude in time for a ceremony Thursday in Alexandria, Egypt, with Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright. But Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak could take some of the pledged steps as early as Wednesday, his aides said.

Attempts to revive last October's Wye Plantation accord continued even as the slaying of a Jewish couple inflamed anxieties over a key component of the accord: the release of Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails.

Citing the slayings, Israeli opposition politicians called for an end to the talks between Palestinian and Israeli negotiators. Barak expressed "deep shock" over the killings. But officials on both sides seemed determined not to let them derail the pursuit of peace.

Since taking office in July, Barak has sought ways to carry out the Wye agreement, which calls for Israel to withdraw its troops from 13 percent of the West Bank in exchange for

Palestinian measures to combat terrorism. The deal was frozen by Barak's hard-line predecessor, Benjamin Netanyahu, after a little more than 2 percent of the land was ceded to Palestinian control.

Barak has attempted to change the terms of the accord by extending to new February the timetable for completing the troop pullback.

Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, by contrast, has insisted on swift fulfillment of the current agreement, which would have the troops out by the end of the year.

If the Palestinians do not agree to Barak's terms, the Israeli leader will implement the original Wye agreement unilaterally, as early as Wednesday, his spokesmen said. Orders would go out to the army to draft plans for troop movements, and 5 percent of the West Bank would be transferred to Palestinian control within four weeks. Transfer of a similar-sized parcel would follow.

Barak also wants a commitment from Arafat to undertake the so-called final-status talks that will seek a permanent settlement of the most difficult outstanding issues — including the fate of millions of Palestinian refugees and the status of the contested holy city, Jerusalem.

Israeli officials believe they have devised a package that is more attractive to the Palestinians than the original

Wye agreement. Among other advantages, the new package would give the Palestinians almost immedi-

ately a safe-passage route between their territories in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, officials said.

Arafat spent several hours Tuesday in behind-the-scenes talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Alexandria. He departed without comment and traveled to the Netherlands. He is not expected home until Wednesday night.

Albright, who leaves for the Middle East on Wednesday, has indicated that she does not want to be drawn into the details of implementing the Wye agreement and instead hopes to propel the two sides toward a final-status settlement.

Despite progress between Israelis and Palestinians during 13 sessions in the last 21 weeks, one of the most contentious points continues to be the release of hundreds of prisoners. This week's slayings only underscored the raw emotions that the divisive issue invokes in Israel, where memories of political violence are fresh.

Israeli police said the bodies of Yehiel Shai Fuenfter, 26, and Sharon Steinmetz, 21, were discovered

Monday in the Megiddo forest, a popular nature reserve bordering the Palestinian-controlled West Bank.

Police said they suspected Palestinian militants but released few details. The bodies showed signs of violence inflicted probably by more than one killer, police said.

The victims were observant Jews, and Fuenfter wore a skullcap that would have clearly identified him as such.

Study shows decline in sex between teenagers

LYNN SMITH
Los Angeles Times

As the age gap between puberty and marriage has grown over the years, most sex educators have come to see sexual activity among young people as inevitable.

Recent surveys, however, report that previously unprecedented rates of sexual activity among teen-agers have started to drop. Now, less than half of all high school students have

had sex. In 1998, the average age of first intercourse was 16.3, up from 15.8 in 1997, according to the Durex Global Survey. Teen pregnancies, abortions and births also have declined.

On the other hand, 3 million new cases of sexually transmitted diseases are diagnosed among teenagers each year, and half of all new HIV cases occur among those under age 25.

"In general," says sex educator

Lynda Madaras, "kids today who have it together, have it a lot more together. But a lot more kids are slipping through the cracks than ever before."

Contrary to popular images, teen sex is rarely sexy, Madaras says. Some have sex to be popular, to achieve status, or to prove they're not gay. "For most kids," Madaras says, "having sex is like holding their nose and jumping into an ice cold pool."

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Technicians View

Waco still burns, six years later

◆ The FBI faced off against Branch Davidians at their Texas compound in 1993. But the events of that stand-off are dredging up questions about the credibility of federal Law Enforcement officials.

On April 19, 1993, a federal raid of the Waco, Texas, compound that housed David Koresh and his Branch Davidian cult went horribly wrong. The compound went up in flames, killing 80 people, including 25 children.

That the FBI agents present, and, indirectly, Attorney General Janet Reno, FBI Director Louis Freeh, dropped the ball has never been in question; the death toll alone establishes that fact.

However, recent evidence has risen that points to a possible cover-up of the actual events of the attack.

Former FBI Deputy Director Danny Coulson stated in an August 24 *Dallas Morning News* report that the FBI used incendiary devices in the raid. Further investigation verified Coulson's claim, although the devices in question were actually tear gas canisters that were fired off in a distant field, six hours before

the seige-ending blaze was ignited. More disturbing news came to light as an offshoot of the pyrotechnic revelation: Newsweek reported this week that Texas Public Safety Commissioner James Francis ordered his Texas Rangers to reopen their vaults holding the Waco evidence. Some of his Rangers reported that members of the top secret Delta Force, who were present at the raid as "supervisors," had actually taken part in the attack. If true, that would be a violation of the Delta Force's mandatory passive role in domestic affairs.

The Waco incident occurred six and a half years ago. It is now fodder for the country's conspiracy theorists, militia leaders and media scandal mongers. It is true that the FBI used pyrotechnic devices; however, exhaustive arson investigations and infra-red photographs from the compound have cleared them of responsibility for fire. And even if the reports of Delta Force intervention are true, there is nothing to do to change that now.

This is the bottom line: Exhuming Waco now only serves to feed fanatical militias and antigovernment groups and reopen wounds that have been more than six years in healing. It's time to put the raid to rest and move on to more substantive issues.

CAMPUS FORUM

Merit already a key value

I would like to comment on Inesh D'Souza's presentation during Tuesday's joint meeting with the Union Activities Board and the Scholars Program. One remark he presented was, "Few would argue the idea that merit and merit alone should be considered in the professional and educational arenas." That is true in most cases, except the one case that is the foundation of this country: the concept of competition. Erase completely the concept of race and let's look at money. Microsoft is the largest software company in the world. It has provided a service that most people are content with. Unfortunately, Microsoft is being metaphorically assaulted in court because other smaller companies perceive that they have a monopoly over the industry. Could it be that the companies are mad because they are not making as much money as Microsoft or that they are just unhappy with the concept that merit yields a prosperous company? My point is that if America did eliminate Affirmative Action, then most people will be satisfied because merit is the true decisive decision for all. So, why is Microsoft being punished?

My point is that Microsoft will eventually go away despite what I feel or say to anyone. As a result, I was already disgruntled at being overcharged by the company simply

earth proposes. The only true way for everyone to be on an equal playing field is for all races to start over, but that could only be done by a higher source. Finally, I would like to quote two men who both change their respective eras. Martin Luther King said, "An unjust law is out of harmony with moral law." Albert Einstein said, "If the facts don't fit the theory, change the facts." The fact is that we all need to strive to do our best in life, and that will harmonize to a moral law.

Conen Morgan
Freshman
Computer Science

More on the new ticket policy

Maybe to an alumni (who is unaffected by it) this new ticket policy would sound good. Stadiums filled on game days, everyone there for kickoff, we have heard the University's sales pitch enough by now. But alumni, on the other hand, will still have a ticket to prove their right to that seat on game day. Isn't that convenient? Meanwhile, the student section will be fighting it out for the best seats. So, I guess the student section will be "rowdier" this year, when the, as Austin Adams put it, "Billy Bad A#5@% of the school are fighting it out for those good seats."

How do we think the players feel? If I was a player, I would

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The power of journalism

Donnie Lassiter
Staff Columnist

Ah, the power of journalism. Today folks, I intend to do as much disgrace and damage to one company as any person can possibly muster. If you aren't concerned about being ripped off, taken advantage of, and lied to, flip the page. This is not meant to be entertaining; on the contrary, it is meant to enlighten others about the bad experiences I have suffered with a particular long-distance telephone provider.

That being said, AT&T really, really sucks. For years, my family and I have been using this company to reach out and touch someone. And apparently, for years, that company has been reaching out and sucking every last drop of human life from us.

When I moved into my apartment in May, I signed up for long distance service with AT&T. This was done against my better judgement, because I was already disgruntled at being overcharged by the company simply

because, for living on campus, students in NC State dormitories can only sign up for one plan, charging them 15 cents per minute on all long-distance calls.

Nevertheless, AT&T's "One Rate Online" plan appealed to me, because it offered 9 cents per minute on state-to-state calls (which encompasses the majority of my usage) and 10 cents per minute on in-state calls. Both of these rates were 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I was out of the state for the summer, and didn't have a chance to peruse my bills until I returned home a few weeks ago. Part of the plan's stipulations were online statements and credit card billing.

So the calls made before I left and my roommates' calls throughout the summer were directly charged to my credit card. I made the mistake of assuming that those charges would be fair and accurate according to the plan I was under.

When I got back to Raleigh, I had a pile of bills and statements waiting for

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Longhorn lesson learned

Mark B. Anderson
Staff Columnist

Do you recall the awesome victory the N.C. State football team earned last year against Florida State? I hope so. I had goose bumps for hours afterward and I celebrated for a week. Until we lost to Baylor. Our team dominated a top-ranked Seminole squad, then played mediocre ball against the lowly Bears.

We find ourselves in a similar situation this week. After blocking our way to a triumph in Texas over a Longhorn team that boasts the most talented freshmen class in the country, State football faces a deceptive opponent this Saturday. The South Carolina Gamecocks notched a measly one win last season.

BUT, enter ex-NCSU coach and new USC sideline general Lou Holtz. Barnett and Co. will have a game on their hands. The victories over FSU and Texas hardly resemble each other. Last year's defense built

a barricade at the Seminoles' goal line. This year's offense lost the keys to the scoring machine, netting a single offensive touchdown against UT.

Nevertheless, the players are riding the adrenaline of a comeback win on the road in front of 90,000 fanatics. Returning home to the welcoming confines of Carter-Finley Stadium, the men in red and white must focus that energy totally on Holtz and his boys. After any "mountain-top experience," a new appreciation is gained and a lesson is learned. We appreciate special teams' winning the game. Secondly, we witnessed the sports adage, "offense wins games, defense wins championships," in action. We must be the champions, because our D kept us close. State fans cannot expect a repeat performance from the special teams. (Yes, Specialists! Encore!) The team must apply those lessons learned from last weekend's match-up to the next game.

Here's what I learned from last Saturday's game: passing without

#81 makes passing look tough, as it is, to raise expectations for the defense after years of futility, when all three backs get healthy we will have a great running game and, finally, special teams are "playa haters," as ESPN's Stuart Scott would say.

We all experience times of high emotion where intense concentration and hours of practice determine our fortune. I respect our athletes for performing skillfully at such a great level of competition under their fans' expectations. I just hope that the team forgets last week's celebration, remembers the things that could be improved upon, then corrects those mistakes against South Carolina.

"Big timers" recall the sweet emotion of an upset win, but work doubly hard to feel it again. I am sure that the team had reviewed the tapes, critiqued the strategy, and adjusted the problem areas. The Red and

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Ending race-based traffic stops

Rob Schofield
Special to Technician

Editor's Note: Rob Schofield is a Raleigh attorney and vice president of the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina.

I don't know about you, but I hate getting stopped by the police. It's only happened five or six times in the nearly quarter century since my parents turned me loose in the family clunker, but I always find the whole experience to be frightening and embarrassing and aggravating. It usually ruins my day and a couple of the stops still tick me off a decade or more after they took place.

Maybe I'm a little too thin-skinned, but I have the idea of losing control, of having passing motorists witness my humiliation and of trying to rummage through my glove compartment while

I mumble nervous apologies to a tough-looking guy wearing a gun.

And, in most of these experiences, the police officer was absolutely right! Now, there was the one time I'm convinced that a Maryland sheriff stopped me just because my '68 Ford was big and dark and had those mean-looking black California license plates, but, generally speaking, I usually agree with and respect the officer who stops me.

And still, the whole experience is almost always a rotten one. I can only imagine how I'd feel if being stopped was a regular or semi-regular occurrence and the officer had no real reason to pull me over—much less to frisk me and my passengers and search my car—other than my skin color or the fact that my looks coincided with some "criminal profile." Intense anger, frustration and disillusionment are among the emotions that come to mind.

It is this perspective that makes me an ardent supporter of efforts in North Carolina and around the nation to put an end to what are referred to by some as "race-based traffic stops." Others refer to the issue as "driving while black or brown." What it boils down to is that many law enforcement agencies around the nation have engaged in the outrageous practice of stopping cars because the drivers fit a "profile" that has been adopted for some category of lawbreaker like "drug couriers" or "gang members." Often, the stop turns into a search of the entire car and a public, humiliating frisk of every occupant.

Tens of thousands of innocent motorists on highways across the country have been victims of racial profiling. And, while I'm sure many African-Americans and Latinos would say "Yeah, and so what else is new,"

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Back to school yields new shoes, abusive behavior

Kelly Marks
Staff Columnist

I have new shoes.

Now normally this wouldn't be a big deal, but ever since my mom and I stopped those mandatory, back-to-school shoe shopping trips in the tenth grade, for me to actually get new shoes is something of an occasion. It means that I actually paid for the darn things and so it follows that I probably really needed them. Thus, when I speak of new footwear, the excitement is, understandably, tangible.

I like these new shoes. They're white mostly, not counting some gray accents and a maroon swoosh, with these bumpy wave patterns sewn down the sides and two little arrows pointing at my toes (In case I forget which way to insert my foot in, I guess. Oh so helpful, that Nike company is).

I worry though. I'm so enamored with my feet right now. All pristine and shiny, winking up at me

from under my desk. I'm dreading that inevitable day when I get the first smear of dirt along the side or trip over my toes and scuff up the front. Because I know it's going to happen. It's only a matter of time.

See, the thing is, I'm messy. I mess things up. I wear them down. I wear them out. Not on purpose and usually not through carelessness, I just use them. And in the act of using them, I use them up. Tennis shoes turn brown, jeans wear through at the knee, books become dog-eared and faded, and my car gets a little bit louder and wobbles more at certain speeds.

Recently, it occurred to me that there are some things with which I should be more careful. Things like me. I wear me down all the time, from the everyday bumps and bruises to the eyes strained from staring at computer monitors and the body forced to run only on caffeine and bread. But that's not where it stops.

It seems I wear my heart out on

my sleeve. I admit, it's not fashionable. I thought about sporting it on my lapel or letting it dangle from a keychain on my backpack, but somehow it ended up right smack dab on my wrist. It's no wonder that "Vogue" is notouting it as the new must-have fall accessory.

For one, it's not practical. It's in the way. I can't push it up my arm, always there, catching on my cuff, slowing me down and squelching productivity. It's distracting and cumbersome and doesn't seem to match a thing I own.

There's a fair deal of risk in it, too; it's almost like the slap she socked her thumb. It's now gray and holey and hardly recognizable as a blanket. Mine is folded neatly and stashed in the closet, not much different than from the day it was received.

Which one means more now? It upsets me to think how badly I

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seem to abuse my stuff. I want things to be clean and tidy especially when it seems that everyone else is more than capable of keeping their shoes white and their hearts inside. Yet, I'm at odds with myself too because I've never seen much sense in storing

things away? That good-china, company-room, save-it-for-a-special-occasion mentality kills me. Usage gives a thing meaning and importance. It makes it familiar and comfortable, it makes it fit us, that's why everyone loves their nappiest pair of jeans though they might be embarrassed to wear them out in public.

Besides, life is not like an egg drop. I just can't take my heart and swaddle it in gauze, trying to build a box that'll keep it from

going to pieces if it's ever dropped. And I don't really want to try. I can't be that sterile or that contained.

So as much as it's in the way, sitting out there on my sleeve in all its glory, I like to see that I use it. I like to be reminded that I use it and that I'm lucky enough to have chances to. I won't say I'm not afraid of what might happen to it or that I hate the thought of it getting picked at and lint-balled and faded out. It might one day get

worn out too. But then again, five days of consecutive extended wear and my new shoes are still white. Perhaps there's hope yet.

Kelly's new shoes are like little mini gods. She even tried to build them a little altar, but it made walking too difficult. Want to send her new Nikes words of worship and adoration? Email kinnmarks@unity.ncsu.edu and Kelly will lovingly read to them from her computer screen.

Rob

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it's fairly clear that this problem has really gotten out of hand in recent years as our nation has pursued its "war on drugs." This is an unacceptable state of affairs and it's time to end these un-American practices.

This does not mean that we should hamstring or unfairly restrict law enforcement officers. These public servants perform a critical and often thankless job. Most deserve our undying gratitude for putting their lives on the line and enduring tough working conditions and low pay.

Racial profiling is, in fact, a symptom of a system that does not adequately support its law enforcement officials. It is an example of poorly funded agencies turning to cheap and easy tactics rather than employing the more costly and time-consuming approach of relying upon detailed, individualized suspicion to identify

suspects. North Carolinians and all Americans should recognize that we must put an end to race-based stops. Our state has taken an important first step with the passage of legislation this year that requires state law enforcement agencies to compile data on the race of those who are stopped and searched, but there is much more to do. We must tell our local, state and national public officials that we want these practices to end and that we want adequate funding for law enforcement so that our officers are not forced to fall back on shoddy tactics.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which helped secure passage of the North Carolina legislation, has also launched a national campaign to end these practices. Those who are interested can obtain more information by visiting the organization's Web site at www.aclu.org. Everyone who cares about creating a freer and fairer society should join the fight.

Donnie

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me on my desk. After wading through the majority of them, I came to 4 statements from AT&T, one each for May through August. I set them aside for later, because as far as I knew, the bills had already been paid with my credit card. A few days later I went to make a long-distance phone call and I received one of those beeping messages in my ear telling me that my access to the AT&T long-distance network had been denied.

I immediately called the company's customer service department, explained that my service had been disconnected, and was told that I had an outstanding balance of \$349.18. I almost fell out of my chair, because I had predicted a bill of around \$120.00, which would have fit nicely on my credit card. I hung up the phone and tore into the statements that had been mailed to me. To my surprise, they were not statements at all, instead, they were letters notifying me that if my bill was not paid soon, that I would be disconnected. What a news flash. I logged on to check my online account and printed out the bills for each month.

I spent three hours that afternoon going over my bill, accounting for each discrepancy and each instance of overcharging. First of all, since my plan called for straight 9 or 10 cents per minute billing, I added up all of the total minutes talked in-state and likewise for the minutes talked state-to-state. After arriving at a figure, I multiplied that by the respective rate and came up with the amount that I was supposed to have been charged.

In total, AT&T overcharged me \$168.24. That is one hundred, sixty-eight dollars and twenty-four cents. I was outraged. I took an even closer

look at my invoices and noticed a very disturbing trend. There were numerous instances of incorrect time classification, which means that calls made at a certain time were classified as other times. For instance, a call placed at 3:54 AM should have been considered "night," but was instead considered "day," which resulted in an increased per-minute rate. This didn't really apply to me, because of my standardized, 24-hour-per-day rates. But I began to think about the thousands of AT&T customers out there who were on the regular rates, sometimes upwards of 33 cents per minute.

Out of 85 calls made over 4 months, 28 were incorrectly classified. That is nearly a 33% error in the way my calls were classified. How could AT&T be so negligent and irresponsible as to let this happen? I was sure that there were other customers out there who, like me, were being billed incorrectly.

Once I gathered all my information, I called AT&T and asked to speak directly with a supervisor in customer service. After 15 or so minutes of being put on hold, a man came on the phone who sounded very annoyed from the beginning. I began my story and told him of my findings. Becoming even more annoyed with me, he punched numbers into his calculator and came up with the same figure that I did—\$168.24—and told me that he would credit my account immediately for those charges.

When I told him about the extremely high rate of error I found in classifying call times, he responded, word for word, with "I honestly don't have any idea why that happened. I am not a computer programmer. I just help people when they call me." I could not believe his answer! First of all, to be a manager in customer service, one should be equipped with the skills and tact necessary to handle unhappy customers.

This man had a gross lack of those skills, and what's more he insulted me down to my very core by telling me

that he "isn't a computer programmer." It is every employee's job to make certain that errors and discrepancies are brought to the attention of those who can correct them. The man did tell me that he would forward my comments to another department, but I have serious doubts that he did so.

So then, what's the take-home message I'm trying to deliver? AT&T overcharged me nearly 60% on my bill, and that overcharging is also what led to my service being suspended. Had I received a correct bill with my long-distance usage (which ultimately was four dollars under my projected figure), my credit card would have smiled on them and they would have been on their way to defrauding some other unsuspecting customer.

I urge all of you out there who subscribe to AT&T for telephone service to scrutinize your bills and be on the lookout for errors. You shouldn't have to look too far to find that you have been paying much more than you should have been. When you do find those errors, call customer service and demand that the charges be removed from your bill. The only way that we can insure fair and correct billing practices is to maintain a constant vigil over these people and to nail them when they do try to overcharge.

In fact, if you can avoid AT&T all the way around, I strongly suggest that you do so. I have determined that I am going to start using pre-paid phone cards in place of AT&T's service. I hope that others out there will do the same, and that for once we can turn the tables a little on the fraudulent entity known as AT&T.

Donnie hopes that this article blows the whistle on AT&T and that they crumble to their knees begging for his mercy. He knows that probably won't happen, however, and would like to apologize if he sounded a bit too much like Steven LeBeouf in this one. jldavis@unity.ncsu.edu.

Mark

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White will storm out—hungry for a chance to show their power and talent. Like savage salivating wolves, NC State must crave another helping of victory. The team will come out ready to pounce, not waiting for a provocation from the prey.

I get a little carried away. Really, the message from that mountain top experience is important—don't dismiss it—it can help in later situations...By the way, what is the quintessence of a tongsue? Help me out here, 'cause I ain't got no answers! Good luck to the Pack Saturday. Let's whip some Gumeck, eh? Boo-yeah!! Send email to mblander2@unity.ncsu.edu.

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sure as hell rather hear the crowd make some noise when it counts, during a critical drive in the game. That noise, my friend, is the student section. We are the heart of the motivation for the players, and what do we get in return for that? THE SHAFT. So, if you want to help out the cause, try motivating that alumni who is sitting down beside you (and they are SITTING) to get up out of their plush stadium chair pad thingle and make some noise at the next game. While you're at it, call the ticket office as well and tell them the new policy sucks, you use to be students once too.

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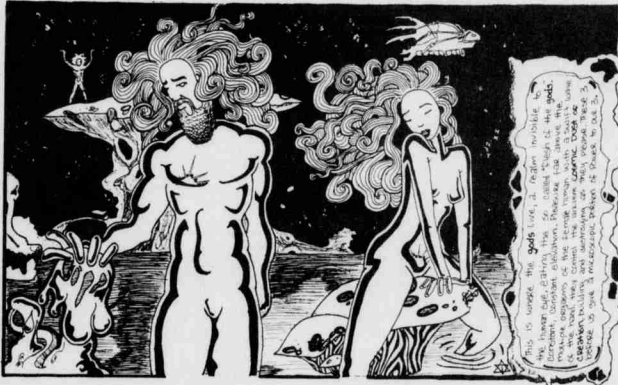
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While South Carolina may not have a prolific passer like Major Applewhite, or any big threats in the running game, coming off of a 1-10 season in 1998, N.C. State isn't sure what the Gamecocks will throw at them.

Helmsman Lou Holtz is in his first year leading the South Carolina team after a two year hiatus from coaching.

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school around the nation handle student tickets, was to bring fans into the stadium earlier, rather than have fans outside tailgating as the game is getting underway.

"Numerous other schools have tried this plan, and it has worked successfully, that was the reason for doing it," N.C. State Athletics

Holtz is best known nationally for leading Notre Dame, but also led the Wolfpack to three straight bowl appearances in the 1970's.

Skip Holtz is the new Gamecock offensive coordinator, going to USC from a head position at the University of Connecticut.

Defensive coordinator Charlie Strong led the South Carolina game, rejoining Holtz from South Bend.

Needless to say, the Wolfpack has been watching a lot of film in preparing for this game.

But unlike the usual schedule, a lot of the preparation that the Pack does

will be from the sideline.

"We have a lot of unknowns, we probably won't know until the first snap, or the first half," said O'Conn. "It will take us a quarter or a half to figure out what they are doing."

The Wolfpack will have to go without Texas-game starter Keegan Vier, who broke his leg in the first half of last weekend's game.

Also absent for the Pack will be Edrick Smith, who, it was announced on Wednesday, tore both his ACL and his MCL in his right knee against the Longhorns.

Empty, that is not what we want," O'Conn said. "At the beginning of the game and at the beginning of the third quarter, those are the most important part of the football game."

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First Grade

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"I tried, at most times, not to have more than two freshmen on the court, but they played really well," said Hall. "They were a few jitters, but they don't have to do the way that last year's freshmen did."

But a win over Appalachian State doesn't necessarily mean smooth sailing for the rest of the season.

"It will be different when we go against a team that is really better than us, which on paper is everybody in the ACC," said Hall. "This weekend should definitely show us where we stand."

The Wolfpack will travel to Texas this weekend to compete in the Four Points Classic Tournament in Lubbock, T.X. Friday, the Pack will take on Wright State at 1 p.m. and host Texas Tech at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, N.C. State faces off against Utah and SMU, at 1 and 6:30 p.m., respectively.

Policy Statement

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Achieving excellence in a college classroom while playing a varsity sport is no easy task. But, it takes an amazing amount of dedication to be as good as the Pack was last season and still succeed academically. State won its first East Atlantic Gymnastics League title in the spring and ended the year as the 13th-ranked team in the country.

"We're getting the right kind of kid at Catawbas academics and gymnastics," said Head Coach Mark Stevenson. "A lot of our kids have really stepped up academically because we sort of ask them to have a 3.0 or higher as a team. That's our goal every year."

The Pack's achievement in the classroom is no mere coincidence. Stevenson said that academics are a major consideration when it is recruiting.

"If we have two kids who are relatively the same in gymnastics, meaning one could be a little bit better or a

little bit worse than the other one, we'll take the better grades and not the better gymnast," he commented.

Maintaining that level of success often requires extra effort. During the season, the team has to find time to take care of school while spending 20 hours a week in the gym and competing on weekends.

"It's hard [to keep up]," said junior Amy Langendorf, one of the Pack's 10 Scholastic All-Americans. "We have tutors. And I get a lot of help during the day, like I see my teachers and I go to help sessions. You just have to balance your time." Last year, Langendorf also became just the second State gymnast ever to qualify individually for the national championship meet.

"Sometimes, teachers will give us tests that we can take on the bus, and [Coach Stevenson] will watch us," added Haney. "Monica [Berry] and I took a test one time on the beach in Florida."

All the hard work seems to be paying off, however, as the Pack has quickly turned itself into one of the best all-around programs in the country.

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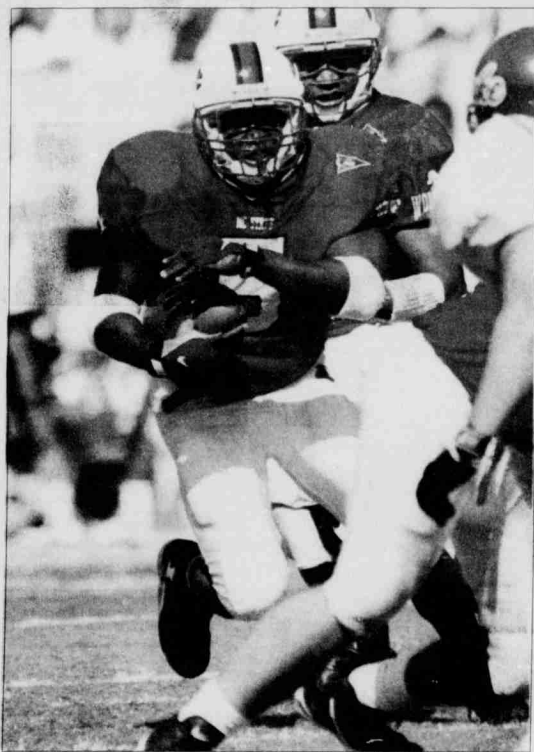
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The Wolfpack football team is 25-25-4 all-time against the Gamecocks from the University of South Carolina. State is 15-7-3 at home.

Thursday Sports

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Wolfpack sophomore Ray Robinson was the Pack's leading rusher against Texas. N.C. State will take on the University of South Carolina at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

USC invades Carter-Finley

◆ USC invades Carter-Finley on Saturday in Wolfpack's home-opener.

K. GRIFFNEY
Sports Editor

There is so much hype. The home-opener. Coming off a big win over Texas. Ranked in the National Top 25. Mike O'Cain coaching against his collegiate rival. Lou Holtz coaching against his former team. The renewal of a historic rivalry. A battle pitting the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Southeastern Conference.

But Saturday is just another football game. Or at least that is how the Wolfpack is approaching it. How the Wolfpack needs to approach it. N.C. State pulled off its fourth upset win over a ranked opponent in the last three seasons last weekend with a 23-20 victory over Texas despite a lackluster offensive performance.

But the win seemingly hasn't sparked the same response from Wolfpack fans as State's two wins over Syracuse and comeback over Florida State. Possibly because of what happened to the Wolfpack after those wins.

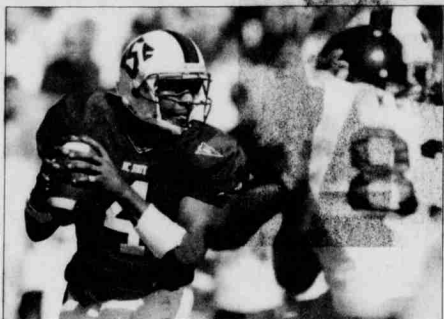
"We know from the past years that not to let down," said senior offensive tackle Todd Boyle said. "We've learned from our experiences."

And the Pack has apparently done a lot of studying, too much maybe. Coming off one of the biggest upsets in the history of the Atlantic Coast Conference, beating Florida State in Raleigh, the Wolfpack lost to Baylor, 33-30 after being held scoreless for the entire first half.

The Wolfpack responded with a 38-17 win over Syracuse, in a game that was over by halftime, but then fell to conference-foe Georgia Tech, 47-24 at home. Translation—the Wolfpack seems to have a tough time with big wins.

"The more of those games that you win, the more you learn from it," said O'Cain. "I know that is one of the things that the seniors have talked about. You have to handle success as well as you handle adversity. Not handling success is just a bad."

There is always a possibility that you are going to lose a game, but we have learned, from our experience that you have to play at the same level every week.



The Wolfpack, with 12 freshmen on this year's squad, will open its season today at , will open its season

it doesn't matter who you are playing," Boyle said.

Or maybe the Wolfpack just plays better coming off of a poor performance. In which case, the Wolfpack should have no problem.

Holt Returns



Terrence Holt's older brother Torry will be returning to Carter-Finley Stadium this weekend. Holt will be honored again for becoming the fifth Wolfpack player to have his jersey, No. 81, retired. Holt left State as the all-time career leader in receptions, receiving yards and touchdown receptions.

To say that the Wolfpack's offense struggled against Texas would be a stretch.

N.C. State, which averaged close to 450 total offensive yards per game in 1999 collected a dismal 172 yards against the Longhorns.

And in 16 offensive possessions, the Wolfpack ran just 52 plays, averaging less than three plays per series.

While the offensive meltdown was a result of just about everything falling down at the same time, the glaring stat comes from quarterback Jamie Barnette's game totals.

Barnette, the Wolfpack's starting quarterback since mid-way through the 1996 season, had his worst game, on paper, since taking over the leading role.

The senior was nine for 26 with one interception, one fumble and just one touchdown.

"Jamie didn't play well. He misses some throws, but at the same time, if we protect him early, if we give him a chance early to stay in the pocket and make some throws, he may play better."

"He got a little impatient, he threw the ball a little early a few times," said O'Cain. "I've played the position, and I know what you go through, it's tough."

"There were a lot of positives, we just have to correct the things that we can correct and get better," said O'Cain.

And the Wolfpack defense appears to have an event though test slated for this weekend.

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Ticket Distribution for USC: Friday Morning, 7 a.m.

K. GRIFFNEY
Sports Editor

After concerns from the student body, the N.C. State administration and athletic department has announced that ticket distribution for all home football games will be handled in the same fashion as

in the past.

At 7 a.m. on Friday morning individual student tickets for the N.C. State/South Carolina game will be made available to students with valid IDs at the exterior ticket booths at the north end of Reynolds Coliseum.

Earlier this week, it was announced that the athletic

department has instituted, and Student Senate had approved, a new ticket policy that would distribute tickets to students on the day of the game, at Carter-Finley Stadium.

One of the central purposes of the plan, which mirrors the way that several other

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First game goes to Pack

◆ N.C. State volleyball opens with win over Appalachian.

K. GRIFFNEY
Sports Editor

A collective sigh of relief would have probably been heard when the whistle blew, but there was too much crowd noise.

With 3-0 win over the Appalachian State Mountaineers, the Wolfpack volleyball team finally had proof that 1998 was behind them.

"It is more of a relief than anything," said Wolfpack Coach Kim Hall. "Last season saw a lot of black hours last year. It is nice to have the first one over."

The Wolfpack picked up the first game, 15-7.

After a slow, State took control of the game behind the front-line play of Stephanie Stambaugh.

The junior, out of Maryland, after a Mountaineers timeout, Stambaugh served three straight points to give State a 13-6 lead.

Appropriately, it was Stambaugh that

put the final exclamation mark on the first game.

In game two, the Wolfpack came out full-speed ahead, winning back the serve on the first ball of the game, and killing and blocking its way to an 11-3 lead.

The Wolfpack lost the serve at 12-3, but junior Lisa Liberi came up with a strong kill from the left side to put the ball back in the Wolfpack's hands.

The Wolfpack served for game point three times, but pulled out the 15-5 win. The Pack won game three, 15-5, ending on an ace from freshman Tara Green.

"Everybody was ready to play," said Hall. "I was impressed with how calm they were, they showed a lot of poise."

For most of the game, Hall went with the power and experience of her upperclassmen. The starting line-up was comprised of three sophomores and all three of the Wolfpack's juniors.

"Experience is irreplaceable," said Hall. "These girls have been through so much, and they have earned their spots."

Hall did work three of the six freshman into the mix.

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N.C. State picked up its first win of the 1999 season, 15-7, 15-5, 15-5 over Appalachian State.

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Duke Blue Devils
1998 Record: 18-4
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 4-2 (3rd)

Key Returnees: Troy Garner, Ali Curtis, Dwayne Harris
Record against N.C. State: 38-17-5



Charleston Southern Buccaneers
1998 Record: 9-7-2
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 1-3-2 (5th)

Key Returnees: Sami Ojaja, Rob Tilley
Has Never Played N.C. State

Colgate Red Raiders

1998 Record: 9-7-2
1998 Conference Record (Finish) 3-2-1 (3rd)

Key Returnees: Chad Calderono, Brendan Skonieczki
Record against N.C. State: 0-1



N.C. State Wolfpack
1998 Record: 5-13
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 0-6 (7th)

Key Returnees: Jeremy Ballenger, Shaker Asad, Eric Kauffman

State gymnasts make the grade

Headline: Making the Grade
Summary Bulletin: The N.C. State gymnastics team is leading the way in the classroom as well as in the gym.

Jeremy Ashton
Staff Writer

Apparently, the N.C. State gymnastics team is not satisfied with being among the nation's elite in the gym.

When the National Coaches Association released its Scholastic All-American team rankings for gymnastics last week, State's name was near the head of the class. The Wolfpack finished 16th in the country with a team GPA of 3.35.

Ten State gymnasts ended the 1998-99 academic year with GPAs of 3.5 or higher. Southeast Missouri and Brown were the only schools in the country that had as many gymnasts with grades that high.

"We're a very well-rounded team," said Maggie Hancy, one of the three seniors on this year's roster. "We all came to college to get an education, and we're doing that along with doing really well in gymnastics."

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Ten State gymnasts earned honors.



2-0 to start season

Freshman forward Laura Scott scored an unassisted goal early in the second half to lead N.C. State's women's soccer team to a 2-0 win over Davidson Wednesday at the Method Road Soccer Stadium. Rachel Durr added an insurance marker later in the half off a feed from Shannon Tully. State controlled most of the play in the first half, but was unable to score. Gretchen Lear, the Pack's freshman goalkeeper, made the key play of the first half by stopping the best scoring chance for either side, allowing State to maintain the momentum. With the win, State improves to 2-0 for the year, while Davidson falls to 0-2.