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In the NEWS

Students rally for late-night safety

In response to incidents of drunk driving fatalities and late night campus assaults, N.C. State Student Body President Raj Mirchandani has spearheaded a project to implement an after hours transportation option for students. This new system, known as the Werewolf, will begin its campus service on Friday, October 1.

A kick off event is planned to celebrate the new effort to promote campus safety from noon until 1 p.m. on Friday in the NCSU Brickyard. Free pizza, drinks and music will be offered to the students. One of the campus transit buses will be parked in the Brickyard for the event. At 12:10 p.m., Mirchandani is expected to address the use of the Werewolf to help promote personal safety.

The goals of the system are to reduce incidents of crime, remove students' excuses for driving drunk and restore their confidence in Student Government's commitment to public safety.

NCSU sponsor Minority Career Fair

The 1999 Minority Career Fair will be held Thursday, October 7, in Reynolds Coliseum, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and running until 3:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Union Activities Board's Black Students Board, the fair is open to all students. Students will have an opportunity to meet hundreds of impressive fellow students from varied backgrounds and become familiar with their career aspirations. In an effort to present role models for a specific target market of students at NCSU, companies are encouraged to send minority graduates of NC State, when possible, to recruit at the fair. Student volunteers are needed to assist in the set-up and break down of exhibits and being a host in addition to other duties.

Graduate financial support workshop planned

This fall, the Graduate School will sponsor a workshop on "Financial Support for Graduate Education" from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5 in the Talley Student Center Ballroom. (This is a change from the previously announced location.)

Julia Rice-Mallette, director of Financial Aid; Arnold Bell, director of the Cooperative Education Program; Marie Sumner, career development coordinator; University Career Center; Margaret King, associate vice chancellor and associate dean of the graduate school; and David Shaffer, director of Graduate Fellowship Programs for the Graduate School, will provide students with an overview of sources of financial support for graduate education. There also will be time set aside for questions. Graduate students and seniors considering graduate school are invited to attend. Because space is limited, registration is required. To register, students should contact David Shaffer at 515-4462.

Donation party to be held Friday in Harris Field

◆ The culmination of the 35,000 challenge will be a party on Friday, Oct. 1.

ZACK MAZER
News Editor

Students who have missed out on the numerous opportunities to donate the needed supplies or money to the students in

Greenville, N.C., will have a chance Friday to donate and catch one — maybe two bands and DJ J.J. at the Harris Field in front of the Witherspoon Student Center at the final donation drive for the 35,000 challenge.

Donations are requested for attendance, said organizer Bryan Proffitt, and they are accepting checks made out to the ECU Family Relief Fund. They can be mailed to the Student Government

office. "It's the culminating event of everything we've been trying to do," said Luke Perry, the 35,000 challenge's other organizer. "Especially with all the new rain they've gotten the past few days, this is all the more important."

Proffitt pointed out that rivers in the Greenville area are expected to crest again Thursday, and the new flooding may further damage. Cliff Webster, ECU's student body

president, did comment that "things seemed to be going pretty well" Wednesday as students returned and classes resumed.

According to Proffitt, "any organization that has collected stuff or organizations that have done work on their own should bring anything collected to the collection on Friday."

So far, Proffitt and Perry said, their efforts have raised, on the

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"There are now no regulations to the allocation process."



Raj Mirchandani
Student Body President

Student Senate debated Wednesday night and proceeded to overturn President Mirchandani's veto of Program Bill 05.

Photos by Lucy Sawyer/Hall

NATALIE DUGGINS AND ZACK MAZER
Staff Writers

Veto overridden by Senate

Tuesday night, Student Body President Raj Mirchandani lived up to campaign promises by holding the university's first town meeting to discuss the appropriation of \$4,000 from the Student Government Trust Fund to the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity for their once-annual Lawn Party. After hearing nearly two hours of discussion and debate, Mirchandani considered the fate of Program Bill 05 until the late Wednesday afternoon and returned to Student Senate President Seth Whitaker a veto of the bill.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Mark Aldrich, repealed Program Bill 03, which appropriated \$4,000 from the Student Government Trust Fund to "Stepping Stones '99," passed by last year's Student Senate. The bill stipulated that the Delta Sigma Phi would receive the funds if, and only if, the new Lawn Party was held on-campus and was alcohol free. In addition, the Senate added the provision that all proceeds from the event would go to benefit local charities and that the sponsorship by Student Government would be recognized in the event's promotion.

The Senate passed the bill by a relatively decisive margin of 26 to 1.

Mirchandani was allowed to read a letter stating the reasons for his veto before debate began.

"Program Bill 5 would have subverted the full allocation process and set a dangerous precedent that would have made it difficult for student groups to have a fair and equitable access to student funds. If we encourage student groups to subvert our long-held process, our trust fund will

be dangerously depleted," Mirchandani said in the letter. "Do you realize that all students would have to subsidize this event with their fees, but the fraternity has not promised to give any discount or priority to the same students who made it possible?"

At the senate's meeting Wednesday night, however, Mirchandani's veto of Program Bill 5 was unanimously overridden by the Student Senate, meaning Delta Sigma Phi will receive \$4,000 out of the Student Government Trust Fund.

During debate, Sen. Ryan Avent spoke in favor of overturning the veto.

"[I]f the money is going to get spent on something," Avent said. "Would you rather subsidize something we can all enjoy or subsidize these cushy chairs [in the senate chambers] we all enjoy?"

Elam Hall, a representative of Delta Sigma Phi and former student senator, spoke negatively of Mirchandani's veto, and landed the senate for their staunch over-ride.

"I think the senate has made a wholehearted statement on behalf of this event...the senate usually doesn't pass things unanimously. If says something about President Mirchandani's reasoning behind the veto," Hall said. "This is meant to be a campus event. We would like to bring the campus together - Greek and non-Greek."

"I personally challenge any registered student organization to come with a well organized proposal to benefit the university as a whole and expect to get what they asked for," Mirchandani said in response to the decision. "The can not be denied, there are now no regulations to the allocation process."

Students protest senate legislation

◆ Members of the student body and the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity gathered in Student Senate chambers to debate program bill 05.

NATALIE DUGGINS
Senior Staff Writer

Senate Chambers were once again the site for discussion and debate, but this time the participants were not all members of Student Senate. Instead, Student Body President Raj Mirchandani and Executive Branch Chief of Staff Doug Jones hosted the first town hall meeting to discuss Student Senate's appropriation of \$4,000 to the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity for its Lawn Party.

"This is not about how I feel...it's

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Donation Party

Friday, Oct. 1, at Harris Field (the corner of Dan Allen Dr. and Cates Ave.)
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Two charges, one arrested for marijuana

◆ The Department of Public Safety has issued two citations and made one arrest for possession of marijuana on campus the past two weeks.

ANDREW BUCHERT
Staff Writer

The N.C. State Department of Public Safety has issued two citations and made one arrest in connection with two unrelated instances of possession of marijuana on campus in the past two weeks. The two citations were issued at Carter-Finley Stadium on September 25, and one subject was arrested in the Avert Ferry residence complex on September 15.

Danzell Lamont Garrett, an employee at Wardlaw for Life on Hillsborough Street, was taken into custody by Public Safety officers and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell and deliver on the evening of September 25.

The arresting officers were dispatched to a room in Avert Ferry complex in response to a complaint of marijuana smoke. Upon arrival, Garrett turned over several bags of marijuana from a suitcase as well as \$740 cash from his pockets. Garrett and the room occupant, NCSU freshman Teisha Gilliam, also produced a small cooler with five Heinekens. Garrett was turned over to the Wake County Sheriff's Office.

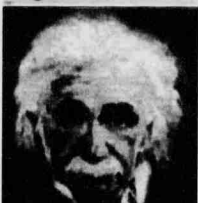
Gilliam was not charged, but the university has undertaken other undisclosed disciplinary actions against her.

Garrett is not a student at NCSU, but according to Public Safety, he claimed to have been a student at the university last year. He is twenty years old and a resident of Enfield, N.C.

According to Public Safety Director Terry Wright, arrests and citations for illegal drugs and alcohol on campus are not exclusive to NCSU students. "We get a good

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"QUOTABLE"



"Common sense is the collection of prejudices acquired by age eighteen."
- Albert Einstein

International festival aims to increase animal rights

EMILY TOWNLEY
Senior Staff Writer

The International Compassionate Living Festival will draw participants interested in protecting animal rights from as far away as Ireland to Wake County for a weekend of book readings, nationally renowned speakers and vegan fare.

Tom Regan, an N.C. State professor of philosophy who began protesting for animal rights with his wife in the early 1970s, started the festival 14 years ago.

According to Regan, he and his wife founded the festival as a way to do something different for the animal rights movement. They "wished to be inside the lecture hall talking," rather than "outside protesting."

"Many people get the wrong idea when animal rights are mentioned," Regan said. "We want to give a life-affirming response to this issue."

The International Compassionate Living Festival is organized by the Culture and Animals Foundation. The Triangle Vegetarian Society and the North Carolina Network for Animals have also helped make the festival possible, according to Regan.

The weekend's events will begin Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. with a book reading and signing at Quail Ridge Books, an event added to the festival for the first time this year, Regan said.

One returning festival speaker, Howard Lyman, famous for standing trial with Oprah Winfrey against the Texas

Cattlemen's Association, will complement five never-before featured speakers during Saturday's program. They include Susan McElroy, author of two New York Times best sellers; Joanne Stepaniak, author of numerous vegan cookbooks; and John Goodwin, executive director of the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade.

Regan will present "The Animal Rights Debate" Saturday morning, a lecture examining some of the most important voices still speaking about this issue.

"I have not been a speaker every year, but the coordinators have gotten on me for it in the past, so I have spoken at the last couple of festivals," Regan said.

A vegan dinner, followed by a raffle and awards ceremony will round out the pro-

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Compassionate Living Festival 1999

Saturday, Oct. 2
9:00-9:50 a.m. Tom Regan, "The Animal Rights Debate"
10:00-10:50 a.m. Richard Ryder, "Animal Rights in Historical Perspective"
11:00-11:50 a.m. JoAnne Stepaniak, "What does Being Vegan Mean?"
1:30-2:20 p.m. Michael Meyer, "Animal Rights: Human Wrong: A Christian Perspective"
2:30-3:20 p.m. John P. Goodwin, "Ending Fur"
3:30-4:20 p.m. Susan McElroy, "Animals as Teachers"
8:00-9:00 p.m. Howard Lyman, "A Mad Cow's Story"

Sunday, Oct. 3
9:00-9:50 a.m. Susan Jones, "Pricing the Priceless Pet: A Study in Animal Value"
10:00-10:50 a.m. Jonathan Balcombe, "Teaching Science Without Harming Others"
11:00-11:50 a.m. Carl Ploce, "Science and Vegetarianism: Poisoning the well with Bad Information"



Student Govt.

The Opinion microscope zeroes in on the Lawn Party.



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Headed to Greensboro

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Protest

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about how the student body feels," said Mirchandani, prior to the Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, citing his campaign promise to seek student input on his decisions.

The Town Hall meeting comes after the circulation of a petition requesting that Mirchandani veto the legislation and individual student responses to the student body president.

Program Bill 05, sponsored by Sen. Mark Aldrich, provides funds for Lawn Party from the Student Government Trust Fund contingent on the Lawn Party being held on-campus and all proceeds, minus start-up funds for next year's event, benefiting local charities. The bill

also stipulates the prohibition of alcohol during Lawn Party and recognition of the sponsorship of Student Government.

At their September 8 meeting, the university's legislative body passed the bill by a decisive margin of 26-1, explained Senate President Seth Whitaker. However, the Student Body President has the ability to veto any legislation passed by Senate. Conversely, the Senate then has the authority to override the veto of the Student Body President by a two-thirds majority vote of the legislative body.

According to Delta Sigma Phi representative Elam Hall, Lawn Party began in the 1960's on the front lawn of the fraternity's Tryon Road house. Later, the event was moved to Trinity Farms and recruited up-and-coming bands to perform. In 1997, the fraternity received citations for 96 counts of underage drinking from the Office of Student

Conduct. Soon thereafter, Delta Sigma Phi reassessed Lawn Party and decided that the "only feasible possibility for having Lawn Party is to hold the event on-campus," Hall said.

"In order to make a non-alcoholic event, on-campus successful, you must have a massive budget," Hall, a former member of Student Senate, said.

Nick Higgins, a senior in Chemical Engineering and a member of Delta Sigma Phi, concurred, saying, "We need money to get bigger names bands and more bands."

Another student voiced her opposition to the appropriation of the \$4,000 to Delta Sigma Phi, saying the money was "way too much for a fraternity party." The student also voiced frustration at the fact that the fraternity had been awarded the money through the use of a program bill, rather than the Finance Packets for Fall Club Allocations.

"This is by no means something that is limited to one group," Whitaker said.

Senate President Whitaker also reminded those in attendance at the Town Hall meeting that the fees allocated to Student Government are strictly for use for student activities, not for the academic enrichment that had been proposed in the petition.

"Supporting on-campus events is a priority," said Sen. Ryan Avent of Senate's intentions when passing the bill. "With \$4,000, we're still supporting the event, but we're also being fiscally responsible."

Avent, the chair of the Senate's Campus Life committee, also said that during his three-year experience with Senate, he had never given "money to any event that has promised to provide something for such a wide group of students."

Avent also pledged to support the efforts of any student organization

willing to put equal amounts of time and effort into creating a program of widespread benefit.

"I'd be happy to lobby on their behalf," Avent said.

Other members of Delta Sigma Phi voiced a concern over the lack of tradition at NCSU and Lawn Party's charitable ties.

"Lawn Party did a lot of good for a lot of people," said Bo Younts, who also reminded the audience that no brother of the fraternity would be enjoying the party. Instead, said Younts, the members of Delta Sigma Phi would be staffing the event.

Dean Powell, a sophomore in Chemical Engineering and a member of Delta Sigma Phi, said, "The event's purpose is for charity." The effort of the fraternity, according to Powell, was to minimize the startup fund and maximize the charitable donation.

Dwight Foster, however, criticized the fraternity for not earmarking enough money for future lawn parties.

Though Mirchandani was impressed by the efforts of the brothers and pledges of Delta Sigma Phi, the Student Body President expressed frustration at the lack of support for the bill from students who were not affiliated with the fraternity or the Student Senate, who had "already been heard."

"My opinion does not reflect the opinion in this room, but it does reflect the opinion on campus," said David Newsome, who proposed that Lawn Party return to the fraternity's front lawn and be free of charge for students.

"Would we even be having a town hall meeting tonight if Delta Sigma Phi's name wasn't on this?" Hall said, citing fraternity bias as a reason for the controversy.

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Brickyard alone, \$450 and more than 100 items, including bedding, school supplies, clothes and food.

"Bedding and money are the two single most important things right now," Perry said, as many ECU students are being taken into homes throughout the city and into temporary trailers.

"They may find themselves with a bed," Proffitt said, "but no sheets, pillows or blankets."

Webster expanded the request, adding that "anything a student would need would be much appreciated."

Arrest

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mixture of students and non-students alike," he said.

On September 25 Public Safety issued two citations for possession of marijuana while checking for alcohol at Carter-Finley stadium. The two subjects are not NCSU students, but both are residents of the Raleigh area. The subjects were also banned from the game and asked to leave the stadium.

The majority of searches by Public Safety officers at Carter-Finley stadium turn up alcohol. The possessors are issued a citation and asked to leave the facility.

Despite the recent citations and arrest, there has not been a trend of illegal drugs on NCSU's campus this year. According to Public Safety Director Terry Wright, "It is not surprising to find illegal substances on any campus, and it is certainly not unusual to issue such citations. But I would not say that [drug possession] is a trend," he said.

Wright stated that although Public Safety may not charge all accessories to instances of illegal drug and alcohol possessions on campus depending on the circumstances of the incident, the university itself will take disciplinary actions against those students.

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gram Saturday evening. According to Regan, event planners anticipate having over 200 people this weekend. Regan said that they expect participants "from Ireland, parts of South America, Washington state, California and then, of course, many from our own backyard."

"Many people come year after year," Regan said. "They come because there is a sense of family in the people who are here." Regan has also been pleased with the response from N.C. State faculty and students to the festival. Because N.C. State is a major research university where many animals are used for educational purposes, a stance for animal rights is something that could be violently opposed, he said. "They have shown a great interest in animal rights, and a great interest in learning more," Regan said. "There has been a definite increase over the past years in the willingness to listen and to simply have a conversation about animal rights."

In fact, N.C. State's Department of Philosophy and Religion gives four annual scholarships of \$1,000 each to students who demonstrate extreme interest in animal rights and have outstanding academic records. The scholarship is the only one of its kind in the nation, according to Regan.

"We have given scholarships in the past to outstanding students who have gone on to achieve real excellence in the classroom," Regan said. "The university should be proud of the fact that it is so tolerant of protecting animal rights."

While reservations to attend the weekend-long festival are required in advance, an admission fee of \$6.00 for each lecture is payable at the door. Students are admitted to all lectures free.

"I encourage students from all colleges to learn first hand what animal rights are all about," Regan said. "It is a great place for people with different beliefs to come and learn."

For more information on the Fourteenth Annual International Compassionate Living Festival or the animal rights scholarship, please contact Tom Regan at tom_regan@ncsu.edu.

Floyd's forgotten victims

◆ Weeks after the hurricane the flooding's effect on the local animal population is still unrealized.

MARIA GLOD
The Washington Post

When Jennifer Roberts spotted him, the brown-and-white Labrador mix was clinging to a chain-link fence in a back yard that had become a lake.

The dog was trembling from fatigue and cold. "You could tell he was ... about to go," she said. "You could see the look in his eyes."

Like hundreds of other pets and farm animals in and around Kinston, N.C., the dog was left behind when the flood waters of Hurricane Floyd came rampaging through the area this month, forcing residents to flee for their lives.

That's when Roberts came to the rescue, literally. The Fairfax County, Va., police animal control officer was one of about 20 trained rescuers who went to North Carolina to search for the "forgotten victims," as Roberts calls them.

Roberts and her colleagues with the American Humane Association plucked more than 300 animals — cats and dogs, bunnies, roosters, cows, a turtle and even a duck — from water polluted by raw sewage, dead livestock and fuel.

"When people are evacuated, usually they aren't allowed to take their animals," said Roberts, 32, who was in North Carolina for eight days. "There's only so much room on a boat, and most shelters don't accept animals. People are getting out with just the clothes on their back."

The group rescued a pit bull that had climbed into a kitchen cabinet to escape high water, cats and dogs perched on window air-conditioning units or floating patio furniture, and chickens that sought safety on a trailer roof.

Many of the animals had gone without food and fresh water for days; even so, they didn't necessarily greet their rescuers warmly.

"The majority of the cats were like a ball of fur and razors," Roberts said, noting that two firefighters and a National Guardsman were bitten during would-be rescues.

The Labrador easily released his hold on the fence when rescuers approached, and was tucked into a crate until he could be examined by a veterinarian. But another dog, which had taken refuge on floating wooden steps, jumped into the water as the rescue boat approached.

Roberts sensed the pooch was fading fast. As a steady current pushed the boat closer, she feared the dog would be swept under. "I knew I only had one chance," she recounted. In one swift movement, she reached out with a wooden catch pole, snared the dog's neck and heaved it into the boat.

Not every story ended happily. Twenty-six piglets the group moved to high ground were washed away later. And the rescuers had to leave behind some frightened dogs that dove off porches into the mucky



Jennifer Roberts

Photo courtesy of The Washington Post

water and seemed unlikely to return.

Roberts, part of a nationwide network of volunteers the Denver-based humane association calls on during disasters, trained for three days in July on the Potomac River, practicing water and cliff rescues. The association, which also rescued pets during recent flooding in Colorado and tornadoes in Oklahoma, started its animal rescue program during World War I to help injured cavalry horses.

Although they go out to save the animals, rescuers say it's the owners that they are really helping. "Some of those people have lost everything, and hopefully knowing that they have their cat or dog will be some comfort," said Roberts, who keeps three dogs, three cats and two rats.

But even though she loves animals, Roberts wasn't prepared to save all creatures great and small that she came across in Kinston.

"There were bugs that looked like mutants," she said. "Grasshoppers the size of your hand, fire ants and spiders. There were water moccasins fighting with each other to get in the boat."

Mysterious West Nile virus headed south from New York

◆ An airborne virus that spreads from birds to mosquitoes may be heading south as birds migrate for winter.

LYNNE DUKE
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — Scientists fear that a bird and mosquito-borne virus that has killed four and sickened 33 in New York state is spreading southward with the season's bird migrations and are warning health officials to be alert for the strange crow deaths and other signs that have heralded the outbreak here.

West Nile fever, a rare and often encephalitic virus that had never before been diagnosed in the Western Hemisphere, is spread from birds to mosquitoes to humans. The first human cases here were diagnosed in mid-August, when birds began their north-south migrations for the fall. In addition to spreading the virus here, birds — known as the virus's reservoir hosts — have probably taken it with them to points farther south, though so far no cases of infection have been reported outside the New York area.

"Our guess is that probably the bird migrations took the virus south with them," said Duane Gubler, director of the vector-borne infectious disease division of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention based in Fort Collins, Colo.

He said the CDC was encouraging "states and local health departments in the southern U.S., as well as in Central and South America, to intensify their surveillance for this virus."

The discovery of West Nile fever here has spawned an epidemiological mystery, for scientists have no clue how the virus got to this hemisphere. The virus is endemic in parts of east Africa, Asia and the Middle East, and it broke out as recently as three years ago in Eastern Europe. But birds generally do not migrate across the Atlantic Ocean, except for the odd occasions when birds are lost and "get up in the air currents and end up in a

different continent," Gubler said. More likely, he said, is that an imported bird brought the virus here, or that a human infected with it traveled to this region. In either case, with the mosquito as the vector, the virus soon spread. The first New York case was reported on Aug. 8.

Originally, state health officials and the CDC thought they were dealing with St. Louis encephalitis, which has broken out before in the eastern United States, including a few cases in New York the late 1970s. In examining this latest strange outbreak, it made sense, virologists say, to look at known strains. And being a strain that was unknown in this hemisphere, the West Nile virus — though very similar to St. Louis — just wasn't considered.

But last week, after matching genetic specimens of the human viral deaths to viral deaths in birds stricken at the Bronx Zoo, the CDC reclassified the virus as the far more rare West Nile fever. West Nile can also lead to encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain, but often does not and thus is less severe than St. Louis. Fever and severe headache are its basic symptoms.

While birds of many kinds are believed to be carriers of the virus, its presence in crows has proved a particularly telling sentinel for the outbreak. "More crows are dying than anything else, possibly because crows are more susceptible to the disease," said Nicholas Komar, a vertebrate ecologist with the CDC. After a 1950 outbreak of West Nile virus in Egypt, studies there showed crows to be particularly susceptible to the virus, Komar said.

By late Tuesday, state health officials reported that 732 dead birds have been found since the viral outbreak began seven weeks ago and 46 percent of them were crows. Tests conducted on a small number of those birds so far have turned up West Nile in five. In New Jersey, state health officials reportedly have sent three dozen dead crows to the CDC for testing. A dead crow has been diagnosed with West Nile in Connecticut.

Kim Gaffney is Britney Spears

The Cookout for Technician Staff has been moved to October 16th. The time will be announced.

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Opinion

Technician's View

Those who make your decisions...

◆Last night, the Student Senate overrode a presidential veto to award \$4,000 to Delta Sigma Phi

Last night's Student Senate meeting brought to an end the protracted debate over whether the senate should give Delta Sigma Phi fraternity \$4,000 from its trust fund to co-sponsor the fraternity's Lawn Party.

However, the senate did not get its hands on the issue before Student Body President Raj Mirchandani took the issue to the students—in the form of a September 28 town meeting. He asked the students' opinion and listened to what those who attended had to say.

And, last night, he vetoed the bill. But the senate, including one member of the 64-person body who thought that a petition signed by 81 N.C. State students—81 senate constituents—were not cause for concern that the bill might be a bit frivolous, overrode the veto with a unanimous decision.

While the money from the Trust Fund should be used to sponsor and help subsidized activities that will benefit the student body, and while there are few activities on- or off-campus that are so widely attended by members of the student body, and the campus community as a whole, the question remains to be answered as to whether there are

ways which the money from the Trust Fund can be used.

Student Government has been pushing efforts the entire week to help out victims of the hurricane—so how does that give with offering money to a group to throw a party?

What about using the money in the Trust Fund to sponsor improvements around campus? Student Government could select one project from its annual Nightwalk and truly make it an SG project.

Use the money to pay for the bus-ing of students to the new arena for basketball games, or to Charlotte for the UNC-Chapel Hill football game.

This year's Student Government should be commended for trying to use the money when so many before them have simply let it alone, but perhaps their enthusiasm is misplaced.

But maybe that is to be expected from a body that has so little respect for the fact that their SBP, the one elected by the same people who elected the senate, took the time to find out what was in the best interest of the students.

Mirroring sena's apparent logic, Technician has come up with what is, in our opinion, a suitable use of the \$4,000: more bricks. Like fraternity parties, we just don't seem to have enough of those around here.

CAMPUS FORUM

Unfair

competition

Conen Morgan recently wrote "Merit already a key value," (September 2) an article in the Technician Forum claiming that "the one case that is the foundation of this country [is] competition." Morgan's claim is false because Morgan neglected to sufficiently qualify the claim with an essential term: "fair" competition. Any cut-throat can be competitive, but only a good citizen can act fairly and justly, while still being competitive. American capitalism has developed from two core concepts of American tradition: liberty and equality, not mere competition alone.

Morgan also failed to recognize the different types of merit value aside from the market value that one firm, Microsoft, developed by producing popular software products. For example, merit value is also awarded to a party or person if it, he, or she contributes to society. Conversely, a party deserves demerit or punishment from the government if it harms society. Morgan's article clearly suggests that Microsoft should not be punished, and the argument is severely flawed, because Morgan assumes that Microsoft's merit of high market value outweighs its fault of allegedly undermining justice.

Morgan's alleged purpose of this article was an assessment of Dinesh D'Souza's position on affirmative action, but the merit comparison with the Microsoft anti-trust case is irrelevant for this purpose. Morgan

said, "Erase completely the concept of race and let's look at money."

Of course, merit is a key value in our society, but Morgan does not recognize the distinct aspects of merit in the grand scheme. A person may earn merit by contributing to the community, making high academic scores or by creating a popular, useful software item, but each of these merits are distinct. Morgan is apparently only associating merit with revenue accumulation, which is not really relevant with Dinesh D'Souza's discussion. Morgan should consider the full meaning of the word merit, and how an entity, like Microsoft, can lose overall merit, while still producing a popular product. America's foundation is built upon a structure of democratic liberty and equality, and that is where fair, constructive competition should flourish.

William J. Terry
1998 N.C. State graduate
Political Science

Support for SG

In response to Matt Beeman's guilt ("Shameful Campaign," September 28), I would like to wholeheartedly applaud Student Government's appeal to the students of N.C. State to help out the victims of Hurricane Floyd. I suggest that the very fact that Mr. Beeman felt the need to write this column shows his guilt.

My family and friends live down east. I personally know too many people who have lost everything. Mr. Beeman, if your family had lost all they had, wouldn't you want

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Packers by Danimal

The student body must be heard

NATALIE DUGGINS
Staff Columnist

Before I jump into today's riveting column topic, I'd like to define two words and one phrase for the general knowledge of N.C. State's student body.

1. Breach of contract: a breaking of a promise. Here, just to make it more apparent for those of you who still fail to understand, let's use it in a sentence:

"The inclusion of burgundy seats in the Entertainment and Sports Arena is a breach of contract by the members of the Centennial Authority."

2. Article: a non-fictional prose composition usually forming a part of a publication.

3. Column: a prose composition based on the opinion of the author, usually forming a part of a publication.

There you go—three new words for you to use in your sentences today. So, if you decide to send me e-mail, write a Campus Forum letter or maintain the philosophy that it really doesn't matter what color the seats are in the ESA, then

please use these terms correctly.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." —Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

Tuesday night I made yet another trip down to Senate Chambers in 201 Witherspoon Student Center for another fun-filled evening of news coverage (yep, you guessed it, that means I'm writing an article). This time, I was covering the first of what is sure to be a series of town hall meetings. Tuesday night's topic of discussion was the appropriation, or misappropriation as some seem to believe, of \$4,000 from the Student Government Trust Fund to the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity for the restoration of their age-old Lawn Party.

The executive branch arranged this Town Hall meeting so that students, both for and against this allocation of money from the Student Government Trust Fund, would have the opportunity to voice their opinions.

Sounds like a good idea, I think. Finally, an opportunity for any stu-

dent who wants to have a voice in where his student fees are going, to stand up, without having to go through any of that parliamentary mumbo jumbo that is employed by Student Government in their other legislative meetings.

But, for this to work, one thing's kind of important — you gotta show up.

That shouldn't imply that no one showed up at Tuesday's Town Hall meeting though...quite the contrary. The Delta Sigma Phi fraternity showed up in full-force to make sure their voices were heard. And, while I appreciate the efforts of the brothers, the Town Hall meeting deteriorated into a one-sided...um, well, not even a debate...more like a lecture.

It's what I like to refer to as "preaching to the choir."

But this isn't a column about fraternities or the Lawn Party — this column is about students who are adamant about a stance taken by Student Government or any other organization on this campus, yet fail to make any effort to take a public stance on the issue.

Let me tell you...your friends are tired of hearing you mean and

grogan about that stuff. Get off your lazy butt and do something. If, for some reason, you don't care about how your tuition and fees are being spent, then write me and let me know...I'll send you more information on the Natalie Duggins Scholarship Fund.

I sincerely despise people who, due to their own cowardice or an overwhelming desire to save their own skin, refuse to take any public stance on an issue of controversy. If you have the means to voice your opinion on a controversial topic and you don't for whatever reason, then, in all actuality, you deserve to get screwed.

I'll leave you with another quote from the late, great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The slain civil rights activist once said, "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

Need help with difficult-to-understand terms and phrases like student media, opinion or "no, I don't want to date you"? Natalie will gladly provide you with the answers to some of the world's most elusive definitions. E-mail her at technician@journalist.com.

'Stone Cold' Anderson lays down the law on wrestling

MARK B. ANDERSON
Staff Columnist

My fellow columnist Tonya Johnson (September 28, "Johnson his rock bottom with pro wrestling") must smell what the Rock is cookin', because she recently has been infatuated with America's new favorite, dare I say it, sport—professional wrestling, or, as it is fondly titled, rasslin'.

Most loyal fans of Nitro and Raw are males, I shall assume, even with the growing number of female viewers.

Well, listen up everybody, 'cause I'm gonna put the smack down on the gender-dividing entertainment industry on television.

Stereotypically speaking—uh, writing—males find entertainment in watching physical competition, while females enjoy the emotional ride of romance and social interaction. It's sports versus sappy. Many

of you ladies cannot understand why we watch baseball, football, soccer, tennis, hockey, billiards, the World's Strongest Man Competition on ESPN2 and anything else where people run around with strange equipment while making \$10,000 per minute.

Likewise, I have trouble grasping this affinity toward drama and feelings as a primary source of entertainment. Not so fast, "professional" wrestling, a.k.a. rasslin', meet the daytime soap opera.

There is no way these two forms of amusement have anything in common, you say? I was one to differ. I watched Raw is War one night, but I just couldn't bring myself to view a "soap." After arduous research of the ABC, CBS, WWF (World Wrestling Federation), WCW (World Championship Wrestling) and NWO (New World Order, a WCW faction) web sites, I see a

myriad of mutual characteristics. I can't believe I actually checked out the ABC Daytime Internet page. There's one similarity already—both have complex and complete web sites.

First of all, the characters' names are unusual. I don't know anyone named Lex, Hulk, Chyna or Sting. Neither do I run into any named Edmund, Reva or Pilar (Guiding Light). The WWF has the Undertaker, Big Show and the Godfather. WWF wrestler Chris Jericho and owner Vince McMahon get spot on "Young and the Restless"; with their extraordinary names, they would fit right in with Victor, Mackenzie, Callie, Trey and Malcolm. Opal from "All My Children" and Skye from "One Life to Live" could easily transition to the WWF—I heard that Mankind has a position open for a bodyguard.

Opal's co-star Erika Kane must

have a soft spot for big, ugly, spandex-wearing, long-haired, savage, brute ogres, because the WWF has its own Kane. Maybe they are married somewhere in the fog at the intersection of the rasslin' world and soap opera space.

Both types of entertainment are rife with misunderstandings. In fact, these squabbles fuel the very plots that fans tune in to scrutinize every day (or night). Rivalries spring up out of nothing, and, suddenly, people are skirmishing. Granted, "pro wrestlers" thump each other with chairs while falling out of the air, elbow extended and grunting; few soap scuffles escalate to such carnage, but, given the opportunity, many of the characters actually might stop slinging mean words and start provoking a fight with clenched fists or extended nails.

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ERIC RIDDLICK
Guest Columnist

Is God not the father of all creation? Before the world and earth were formed, there was nothing and, out of nothing, God created everything.

We as people try to understand God's existence, but He is beyond our comprehension. It is not even plausible to rationalize the power of a spiritual being with a carnal mind.

It is hard for this technological-industrial generation to comprehend God's ability to create life within the breath of His words. We try to understand God in physical, psychological or emotional realms, but we fall short of any legitimate explanation. We are so busy trying to see God with the naked eye, but it is by faith that we may see Him. We try to analyze the way God thinks as if we could know His thoughts. It is

impossible to know the thoughts of our neighbors, yet we attempt to reason God's thoughts. Show me the scribe who can explain "the earth's perfect position in the heavens, relative to the sun, moon and stars."

Compared to all the other planets, earth neither burns nor freezes, it simply exists because God said, "Let it be." The answer to God's creation is simple to a spiritual person. For we search for answers with complexity when the reality is spiritually simple.

Was it not God who formed the foundation of the ground and walking on? The earth is round and, according to man, it spins on an axis. The earth is round, yet we don't fall into what man calls space. The earth is said to continuously spin on its axis, but we can't feel the motion.

That should be enough to make us realize there is a God. In the midst of a circular world spinning on an axis, God created solid ground. We can

walk upright and, when we stumble, we don't fall off the face of the earth. It is by the power of God that we were given solid ground and, by His grace, we were made to stand without falling off the face of the earth.

Man tries to explain it with the conceptualizing of his own thoughts to call it gravity. The dictionary defines gravity as the pull of all bodies in the earth's sphere towards the earth's center. Men explain the law of gravity by stating that what goes up must come down. Why does water evaporate up?

What makes gases and air rise up rather than "down"? Water is a body, yet it descends into the air as mist. Why doesn't this mist fall immediately back down to the earth once it has risen, if the gravity law is constantly pulling down? It is the power of God that does these things and that can never be fully explained through objective reality of a carnally minded man.

The air we breathe, is it not a gift from God? We can't even explain the air we breathe. The same substance that defies the law of gravity enables us to live. We know that air gives us life, but we can't see it.

Is that not faith, yet we can't believe in the God who breathed this gift into our nostrils, filling our lungs so that the body may live. We make things so complex when God's ways are simple. He shows us His existence everyday, but we fail to recognize the signs because we are too busy to realize it. We travel and to fro in a circle, only to return to where we started. We spend our whole lives in search of the truth when it has already been revealed. Within all God's creation, He gives us an example of His completeness. In all things, whether good or bad, there is unity, and they work in unison toward God's plan.

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someone to help? If it took student government making passersby feel guilty, then so be it. If you could walk by and not give and not feel guilty, I would suggest you are a cold, cold person.

The people down east not only have the burden of financial rebuilding, but the more strenuous task of emotional rebuilding. In light of all this, I find it incredibly disheartening that one of our students is so worried about his own guilt for not helping out that they feel the need to reprimand student government for doing the right thing. I say shame on YOU Mr. Beeman.

I would like to thank you for giving both to student government and Red Cross. I am glad you realize your 20 dollars can go to a more needed cause than fast food.

Jason Bowen
Junior
Criminal Justice

ECU backlash uncalled-for

If people judged each student population based on the football celebrations or single incidents, many of the nation's universities would fall under the title of "rednecks." I could spout off many words that would provide an ongoing controversy, but I will simply state a few facts and thoughts:

ECU is the bastard stepchild of the UNC system...once they became large enough to be an actual threat to the UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. State and Duke games, each of those universities began to grumble about ways to stop the series. Those discussions went on for years until the events at Carter-Finley in 1987 provided such an excuse. But, did the details surface that many of the people involved in that melee were not students but fans of both universities?

How many people are aware that ECU had to provide insurance to replace the goalposts in case they were torn down this past weekend? Without this insurance, the game would have been called off. If there was real concern about the goalposts coming down, the police could have simply circled each goal with the announcement that anyone crossing their barrier would be arrested.

If I were to judge NCSU on what I have witnessed in 30-plus years of being an ECU fan, I would say the judgment would not be good. My first memory of Carter-Finley was watching an older balding gentleman's head bloodied and split open when an NCSU student threw a liquor bottle from the upper deck into the ECU crowd seated below. Other memories include the taunts and threats yelled as we walked to and from the stadium (thankfully, for many years I was young enough to not understand).

Another incident, being targeted by three drunk older NCSU fans at the last NCSU-ECU game. In the end, they were escorted out at half-time when they tried more and more vigorously to start a fight, one that we would not participate in. I could continue to state case after case, knowing that there are NCSU fans who could cite examples back at me about ECU fans.

I know not to judge a book by its cover, or a group by a few people's actions that call negative attention to them. As the goalposts came down, the sounds of the fans in the stadium quickly changed to BOO and the chant to "Get off the field!" was almost as loud of as some of the cheers during the game. The NCSU fans angered by the celebration were not here to see and hear the disappointment of the fans watching the goalposts come down. The actions of the few were not an example of the appreciation of the many that had traveled to Raleigh to leave behind the worries and concerns of daily life since Floyd.

The generosity of NCSU to allow ECU to play at Carter-Finley was more than I ever imagined. And to find the field void of Wolfpack paint was an even bigger surprise. This game was a bright ray of sunshine...not only for ECU students, but for down east; therefore, the crowd was excited. Imagine the flood victims gathered in the shelters, crowded around radios and TVs, waiting for the outcome of the game. Granted, not all of them are ECU fans, but I was told that the smiles on some of their faces were the first seen since the floods wiped out many homes, businesses and lives. Plus, the fact that our team had suffered and they were finally going home. Instead of riding a quiet bus on a dark and lonely road home, they prevailed and made that road home a yellow brick road.

And last, how many North Carolina teams would NOT tear down the goal posts after beating the ninth-ranked team in the nation?

I know ECU was a guest in Carter-Finley, and I want to thank my hosts for a visit that was more than I ever expected.

Ann Cox
An ECU fan now living in Raleigh

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Just as quickly as the disgust was formed, soap and rassin' characters alike forge new bonds, forgetting the loathing feelings and apparently forgiving their newly acquired friends.

From fierce enemies to dependent co-conspirators (as often is the reason for the sudden switch), characters of both leagues, if you will, throw their loyalty around blindly. The actors even switch between shows and federations. Wherever the money is, that's where they are.

If you are a regular Nitro man, go check out "Days of Our Lives." And if you haven't missed "All My Children" in two years, take in a night of Raw. Just use your imagination to fill the leftover gaps. For example, "Lookout O'ral, Kane's got a metal chair!" Or, imagine the boys of the ring sitting down in their metal chairs and talking about their recent arguments. Maybe the WWF and "As the World Turns" can merge... "As the World Wrestling Federation Turns" will be a smash hit.

Who would you have star in the new smash hit, *As the WWF Turns*? Did any of this make sense? It doesn't matter if it makes sense. Why? 'Cause I said so. Send emails to mbunder2@unity.ncsu.edu.

Shout-outs to my peeps in Wood: Natalie-what's up girlfriend?

Thanks for the birthday surprise. I love ya!! **Kim & Kristi**-bonjour mes amies! You two are the coolest! **Sar & Mer**-I love you girls, but you (XACK) gotta give that thing a bath sometime! **Matt, Blake, Chris, Ian, Adam**-hey dudes!! **Read Technician Opinion, it'll get you Ryaled.**

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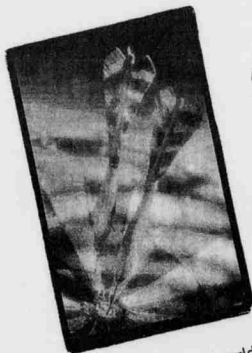


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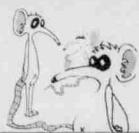
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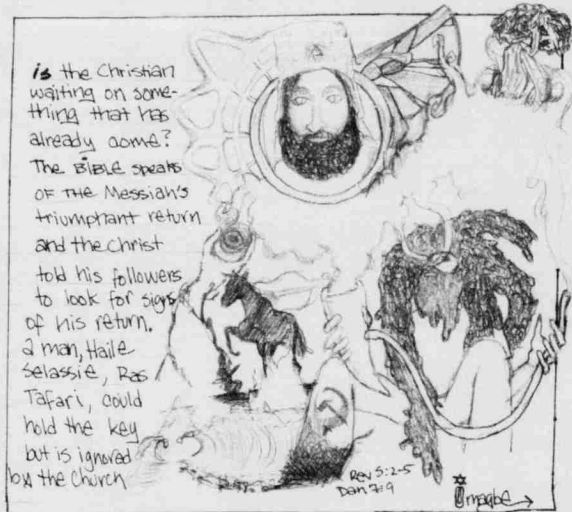
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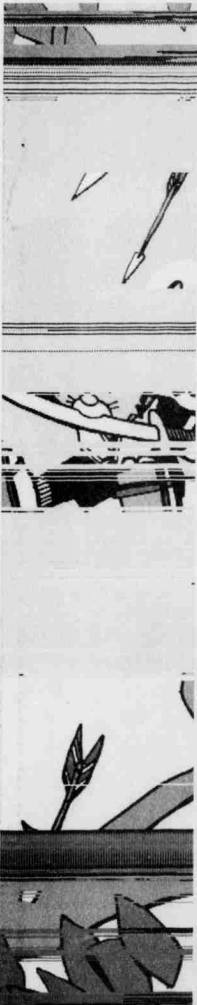
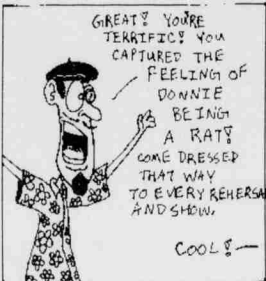
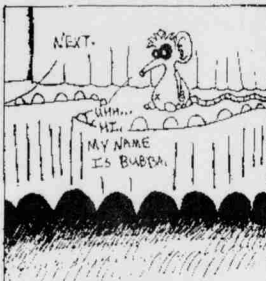
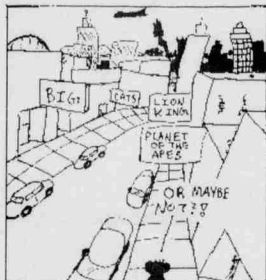
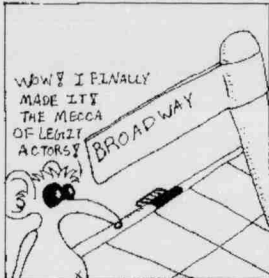


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On the road again

◆ The Wolfpack takes on Greensboro this weekend at the Hagan Stone Cross Country Classic.

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After last week's impressive first-place finish at the Sam Bell Invitational, the N.C. State men's cross-country team heads to Greensboro this Saturday for the Hagan Stone Cross Country Classic.

Wolfpack Head Coach Rollie Geiger will run his "B" team this week, giving a relatively inexperienced group of runners their first competitive opportunities of the year.

"We're giving a chance to those who didn't run in Bloomington [Indiana, site of the Sam Bell]," said Geiger.

Carrying the flag for the men in Greensboro will be a quiet of freshmen and sophomores. Redshirt freshmen Pat Helland, Joe Lion and Brad Einboden and sophomores Scott Wirgau and Ryan Woods will all run in the Wolfpack's second meet of the year.

"I'm excited about this weekend," said Helland, who will be running for the first time this year. Last season, Helland ran in the Wolfpack Invitational and also participated in a pair of track meets after sitting out his first season completely.

"I don't have any special preparations," said Lion, who is also running for the first time. "If

anything, maybe a little less. I'm just going to try to be fresh."

The meet will also be Lion's first competitive run of the year.

The Hagan Stone Classic will give Helland, Lion, Einboden, Wirgau and Woods experience, but it will also give the team's top five a week off before next Saturday's Nittany Lion Invitational, to be held in College Park, Penn.

"We don't want to run the athletes who ran in Bloomington three weeks in a row," said Geiger.

Some of the team's other freshmen will also travel to Greensboro independently to run in the Classic's open division.

Although the use of the "B" team means that this week's meet will not count toward the national rankings, Geiger stressed its importance.

"These are good athletes that we're grooming to be on the A team," said Geiger, who has led the Wolfpack men to four straight Atlantic Coast Conference Championships.

Geiger was uncertain about which other schools will compete in the Hagan Stone, but he did characterize it as a "big" meet.

The Wolfpack men are currently No. 3 in the country in most polls. The top two teams nationally are Arkansas and Stanford, respectively.

Arkansas and Stanford are also the last two national cross-country champions. The top two are also the last two teams to have won national championships: Arkansas won last year and Stanford won the in 1996 and 1997.

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Rollie Geiger,
Cross Country Coach*



Joe Lion, Ryan Woods, Pat Helland, Brad Einboden and Scott Wirgau will run this weekend.

Taking Greensboro by storm

◆ N.C. State looks for first win this weekend.

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Don't call it a "B" team. The Wolfpack women's cross-country team, racing at the Hagan Stone Cross Country Classic in Greensboro, N.C., is giving the runners who competed in last week's Sam Bell Invitational a rest and entering a "B" team.

But the rest of the field this weekend shouldn't get their hopes up.

After all, there is a big difference between this "B" team and your average second squad.

The team will be led by seniors Cassie Messerschmidt and Beth Herrman, who have both played strong supporting roles for the Wolfpack in the last three seasons.

Messerschmidt has twice run at the Atlantic Coast Conference Championships, running in Tallahassee two seasons ago and in Maryland the year before.

Herrman, a four-time all-conference runner in high school, has competed in at least one event each year for the last three seasons.

Underclassmen Melinda Dubose, Sarah Strickland, and Ela Gray will also be suiting up for the Wolfpack.

According to Wolfpack Head Coach Rollie Geiger, the only reason that the Wolfpack is entering the five-person team as a "B" team is because of the National Rankings.

The Wolfpack, which was ranked No. 9 in the nation prior to last week's race in Indiana, dropped to No. 11 in the polls this week after a second-place finish.

In Indiana, State finished behind only

NCAA WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TOP 25

1	Stanford
2	Arkansas (2)
3	Arizona State
4	Virginia Young
5	Wisconsin
6	Colorado
7	Georgetown
8	Kansas State
9	Villanova
10	Washington
11	North Carolina State
12	Minnesota
13	Missouri
14	Notre Dame
15	Nebraska
16	Arizona
17	North Carolina
18	UCLA
19	North Arizona
20	Florida
21	William & Mary
22	James Madison
23	Wake Forest
24	Texas
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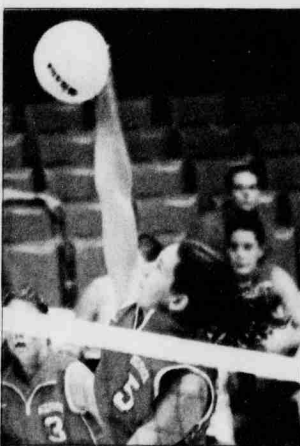
NCAA MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TOP 25

1	Stanford (5)
2	Stanford
3	North Carolina State
4	Wisconsin
5	Colorado
6	UCLA
7	Arizona
8	North Arizona
9	Dartmouth
10	Oregon
11	Webb State
12	Georgia Tech
13	Michigan
14	Dartmouth
15	Portland
16	Southern Mississippi
17	Arizona State
18	Brigham Young
19	Alabama
20	Iowa College
21	William & Mary
22	Michigan State
23	Missouri
24	Oklahoma State
25	Dartmouth



Five will run for State

State gets shot at two more ACC foes



Alison Kreger and company to seek an ACC win.

◆ Despite dropping their first two conference matches, the Wolfpack netters are optimistic about their upcoming matches.

DAVID HOSGOOD
Staff Writer

After losing their first two conference matches this past weekend, the Wolfpack volleyball team seems to have its spirits in check going into its upcoming matches against Wake Forest and Duke.

The Pack was defeated by Maryland (3-2) last Friday and then by Virginia (3-1) the next day. The match versus



N.C. State is not in action this weekend, but everyone else is.

ACC Football Notebook

Heels Hope Clemson is Antidote for Shaky Start

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) - North Carolina hopes Clemson will provide the same antidote for a shaky start for the 1-2 Tar Heels as the Tigers did one year ago.

North Carolina was 0-3 before a 21-14 win last year over Clemson. The win stopped the team's bleeding and helped North Carolina move toward a 7-5 record and a Las Vegas Bowl victory.

"Our young guys understand the importance of this game at Clemson and the next game at Georgia Tech," coach Carl Torbush said at his weekly news conference Tuesday. "These next two games, especially road games against quality opponents, will determine a lot of what we become this year."

Suddenly Successful Terps Prove Popular

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) - For years, the Maryland football team has

encountered indifference or disdain among fans who have tired of one losing season after another.

All that's changed this month. Since defeating West Virginia 33-0 on Sept. 18, the unbeaten Terrapins have learned that the old adage is true: Everyone loves a winner.

"We are getting a lot of love," senior cornerback Renard Cox said Tuesday. "It's like a big family here, and we're helping them out. We're bringing some recognition to his campus."

Wins over Temple, Western Carolina and a surprisingly vulnerable West Virginia certainly created a stir. But the true test for the Terrapins will come Thursday night, when they open their Atlantic Coast Conference season against No. 9 Georgia Tech in a nationally televised game in Atlanta.

"It's a huge challenge, and to compound that challenge we have to do it on the road in a hostile environment," Maryland coach Ron Vanderlinden said. "But I've got a feeling the guys are going to respond well."

Another shot at the ACC



The Wolfpack men's soccer team takes on Virginia.



Time for revenge

N.C. State's women's soccer team looks to avenge a 1998 loss to South Carolina this weekend. Last year the Wolfpack lost to the Gamecocks, 1-0, in the final minutes of the game in Columbia, S.C.