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Taking back the Night

On the evening of Thursday, Oct. 28, the annual Take Back the Night March will commence at 7:00 p.m. Participants can meet at either Harris Field (in front of the Witherspoon student center) or the quad between Berry, Becton and Bagwell residence halls. From there, groups will depart and meet up on the south end of the Free Expression Tunnel where they will march to the Brickyard to hear from faculty and student speakers at 8:00 p.m.

Also at the Brickyard rally information will be provided about Interact, health promotions and the 24-hour advocate line.

Singer/songwriter Kyle England, an NCSU alum, will perform at the Brickyard following the speeches and information sessions. Following her performance the Brickyard portion of the event will close with a candlelight vigil.

Following the events at the Brickyard, a speakout will be held for survivors and secondary survivors (those who are close to a survivor of a sexual crime) to discuss their situations with each other and counselors for support.

Memorial planned for Dr. Richard Porter

The College of Engineering will host a celebration of the life of Richard L. "Rie" Porter at 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, in the Stewart Theatre. The memorial event will begin with music by the Triangle Folk Singers, a group to which Porter belonged. At 3:30, there will be a program of recollections about Porter, with an opportunity for comments from the audience. At about 4:30, as a special tribute to Porter, everyone will be asked to join in an academic event that will emphasize creative thinking and small-group interaction. At approximately 5:30, light refreshments will be available.

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-- Dan Quayle, former U.S. Vice President

N.C. State opens doors for annual Open House

◆ More than 25,000 high school students from around the southeastern U.S. are invited to attend the Open House.

JIMMY RYALS
Staff Writer

After a year of planning, the N.C. State campus will welcome more than 8,000 high school students, their parents and teachers to the Annual Open House this Saturday.

An NCSU tradition, the Open House has been a part of the university for more than 25 years, according to Director of

Admissions and Open House Committee Co-chair George Dixon.

"During its early years, however, the Open House had a completely different goal. 'It started out as, basically, an opportunity to invite the local community to come in,'" said Dixon.

"Now, it's largely a prospective student recruitment function where we very much target invitations to students from all over North Carolina and the southeastern United States," Dixon added.

The shift, according to Dixon, has occurred in the last 10 to 15 years.

The Open House will begin at 9 a.m. From then until 1 p.m.

Reynolds Coliseum and Talley Student Center will be the centers of the event.

At Reynolds, each of the university's 11 colleges will have informational displays. Members of the Admissions Office will also be on hand at Reynolds answering questions.

Talley will house exhibits by a number of university departments. Among them will be: the African American Cultural Center, Arts N.C. State, Financial Aid, Greek Life, ResNet, NCSU Libraries, Public Safety, Student Media, University Dining, the University Scholars Program and University Student Legal Services.

Various locations around campus will also host Open House activities.

The Design School, the College of Engineering, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the College of Management, the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences and the College of Textiles will all hold exhibits independent of their Reynolds Coliseum displays.

The African American Cultural Center, Air Force ROTC, Arts N.C. State, NCSU Libraries, Student Health Services, University Dining and University Housing will also offer extra information opportunities to

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Academic College Open Houses

College	Location	Activity/Times
Design	Brooks & Leazar Hall	Tours of studios
Engineering	Riddick Hall Room 242	Info sessions 9:30am-10:30am 11:30am
	Lorlington Labs	Nuclear Reactor Tours every 20 minutes starting at 9:30am
	Computer Science Multimedia Lab EGRC, Centennial Campus	Tours 9:30am-1:30pm
CHASS	Talley Student Center, 4th floor Blue Room	Departmental Displays
Management	Talley Student Center, 4th floor Walnut Room	Info sessions 10:30am & 11:30am
Physical & Mathematical Sciences	Cox & Dabney	Displays, Demos & Shows 9:30-noon
Textiles	Textile Building Centennial Campus	Tours, displays

"[The increase] will financially cripple some of the fraternities, a lot of the chapters are barely making ends meet right now."

Tom Frantz
N.C. President



Residents of Fraternity Court may be facing a significant rise in the cost of living.

Rent on the rise for Greeks

◆ The restructured rental plan would include individual leases and common area fees in an effort to raise more money for renovations and maintenance.

NATALIE DUGGINS AND ZACK MAZER
Staff Writers

Through the last three years, N.C. State students have seen the cost of on-campus living increase by an average of 7.3 percent. Members of the student body residing on Fraternity Court have incurred the same increase, but during the 2000-01 session, they may face a dramatic increase in the cost of living.

"It's a dramatic raise in rent without a dramatic raise in the services provided to us," Tom Frantz, president of the Inter-fraternity Council and member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, said of the proposed changes to the structure of Fraternity Court leases.

Currently, fraternities who live in the court rent the house as a whole from

the university and divide the various expenses as they see fit. The proposed plan, according to Emerson Teer, the chairman of the presidents board, is based on a program at Virginia Tech, which would make living on Fraternity Court much more like living in a dorm.

The university would provide individual leases for the residents of each room, who would then be responsible for any damages incurred on the room, just like a resident in a dorm room, so the whole fraternity would not have to bear the cost of one person's damage.

This year, fraternity residents on fraternity court pay between \$950.15 and \$1,000.15 depending on the number of residents; sorority residents pay \$911 as compared to on-campus dorm residents who pay \$1,135 for base rooms and \$1,450 for premium dorm rooms.

Under the proposed plan the fraternities would also have to pay a \$10,000 per year (\$5,000 per semester) common space fee for non-room areas. That fee can be split between the entire fraternity, however, not just the in-house residents. As well, the fraternity

would be responsible for the electric bill.

The changes, said Mindy Sopher, NCSU's director of Greek Life, are intended to let the university take measures towards "preventative maintenance."

"It is the goal of Greek Life to provide a safe, healthy and comfortable living on Fraternity Court," Sopher said, noting that the proposed changes do not govern off-campus houses. "In order to have safe, healthy and comfortable buildings that will last, we will have to invest more money."

According to Sopher, re-roofing the houses on Fraternity Court is a priority in Greek Life's plans — a project that will cost \$1.32 million, or \$110,000 for every house.

"Our group is trying to plan ahead for things that after 33 years tend to give out," Sopher said, adding that Greek Life gets no money from the state, so the added revenue is of utmost importance.

Sopher pointed out another benefit of

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Faculty Senate talks promotion, tenure

ASHLEY B. PERRY
Senior Staff Writer

NCSU Faculty Senate met Tues., Oct. 26, to continue discussion of reappointment, promotion and tenure review policy. The group also received reports and comments on issues such as the Athletics Committee.

Senator Robert Botcher read a resolution concerning modifications to the university's reappointment, promotion and tenure procedures. The resolution calls for the Provost to accept current tenure candidate's dossiers under the previous tenure regulations. The resolution also recommends that the Provost periodically share any intended or imminent changes in Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure Procedures with the Faculty Senate and Chair of the Faculty with the purpose of gathering input from faculty before implementing policy.

"This is not meant to be all-inclusive of everyone's concerns or issues," explained Botcher. "This is an attempt to ease frustrations and have something in writing."

Botcher went further to mention, "I have received very few responses on P and T [promotion and tenure] procedures. The number [of responses] would be in the tens. From an informal poll it seems that two or three colleges have more concern over P and T than anyone else."

"I asked for responses from CHASS," said senator Will Kimler. "I had zero complaints from the twenty or so people I spoke with. Most supported the changes saying that they seemed pretty minor."

Senator John Grainger, from the College of Engineering, expressed problems with the new procedures. Grainger told the group, "The university's haste to implement this [set of procedures] is creating concern since some don't even know about it."

Grainger supports forming a P and T Committee to investigate all proposed changes and report to the Faculty Senate with recommendations by February 29, 2000.

Provost Kermit Hall continued to advocate the new policy. "This is a substantial moment in the university's history. This will shape the way the university does business in the future."

Senator George Wahl then presented a brief report on the Athletics Committee. Wahl informed the senators that, "Academically, there is a continuing division between the incoming freshman and incoming student athletes. We will continue to look into this and look for new ways to solve the problem."

Wahl went on to explain that women's golf will be reinstated after a lapse of several years. He also explained that the Wolfpack Basketball team may not have the expected home-court advantage in the new Entertainment and Sports Arena.

"We had originally been granted thirty or more days of practice in the new arena," Wahl explained. "This has been dropped to twenty or more, and it may actually be less to allow for revenue generating events."

School of Design builds at N.C. Zoological Park

◆ NCSU and the state zoo team up to build a \$80 million Earth Resources Center.

LAUREN PRESSLEY
Staff Writer

N.C. State is making an impact at the North Carolina Zoological Park in Asheboro. The zoo is developing a plan for an Earth Resources Center with the help of NCSU's School of Design.

"Given that modern lifestyles, particularly in North America, have tended to separate people from the natural environment and

the very resources on which life on this planet depends," said Peter Batchelor, the professor who is overseeing the project. "The Earth Resources Center is an effort to reacquaint its visitors with their home planet. Toward that end, visitors will be encouraged to explore their connection to the earth's resources through a variety of innovative methods."

The Earth Resources Center will attract visitors from all over the Eastern United States and will hold conferences that draw people from all over the world. Batchelor explained in a recent news release. He went on to say that the 12,000

square foot Earth Resources Center will be operating in conjunction with a hotel and conference center, dining and catering facilities and an IMAX theater.

Patrons of the Earth Resources Center will have the opportunity to use the elaborate pedestrian walkway system, connecting all buildings. It is described as attractive and has many resting points along the way, in the description of the proposed Center. It also mentions a tram system similar to the one already in existence at the zoo. The buildings are designed to fit

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Members of the design team working to create a model of the proposed Zoological Park plans.

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Open House participants. In addition to their Reynolds Coliseum presentation, the Admissions Office will also hold Admissions Information Sessions in Stewart Theater at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The significance of a smoothly run Open House is not lost on Dixon. "I think it's incredibly important to a student and the university to have a successful visit to a college campus. We know from surveys that we con-

duct that a successful on-campus visit is a very important part of a student's decision-making," he said. Future NCSU students and their companions are not the only people taking part in the Open House, however. According to Dixon, several hundred current State students will be involved with the event. That figure includes more than 50 student ambassadors who will act as tour guides and the campus's ROTC groups who, in addition to greeting at Reynolds, will direct traffic. Individual colleges will also have students at their information booths. Currently enrolled students, Dixon stressed, may also find the Open House to be useful. "It may be inter-

esting for some currently enrolled students who may be considering a major change. It's a great opportunity to see all the colleges and schools," Dixon said. The NCSU Open House, Dixon said, is the largest event of its kind in the state. More than 25,000 high school students from around the southeastern U.S. received invitations. Those invitations, according to Dixon, accounted for the bulk of the relatively modest \$20,000 price tag the Open House carries with it. Most of the money spent went to pay for printing and mailing the invitations. "We get a lot of bang for our buck," he said. Having most of the Open House exhibits indoors cancels out a lot of possible obstacles. But Dixon is still hoping for good weather. "Having a beautiful day just enhances the experience," he said.

Rent

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the new rent plan, it would allow for students who start the year in an on-campus residence hall to move to Fraternity Court without incurring the cost of breaking their lease with University Housing. However, Teer said that though fraternities and sororities in Fraternity Court want renovations, "we would rather take an increase in chapter rent than see individual leases." "The increase will financially cripple some of the fraternities," Frantz said. "A lot of the chapters are barely making ends meet right now."



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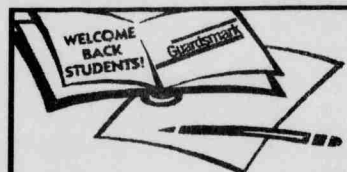
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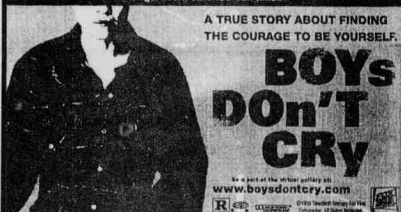
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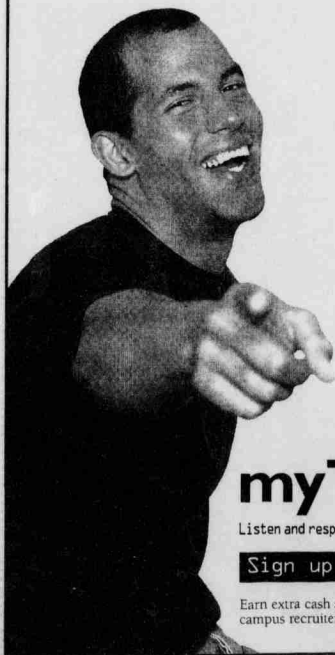
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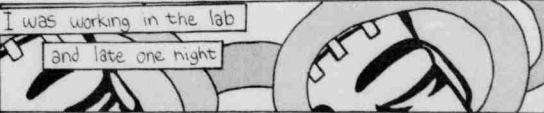
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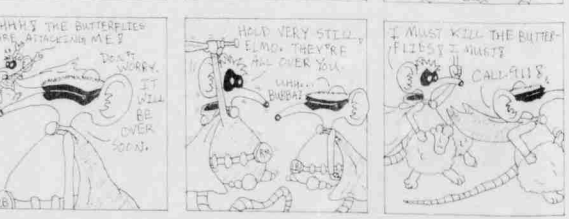


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Opinion

Technician's View

Fraternity rent increase

University Housing is proposing an increase in rent for fraternity houses that would level out the discrepancy between what dorm dwellers and fraternity and sorority members pay for housing.

It is generally Technician's position that any and all increases in the amount of money paid by students to attend N.C. State University are wrong. But, occasionally, the university hands down an increase that just plain makes sense. One such increase is discussed in an article in today's news section.

University Housing is proposing an increase, starting with the 2000-2001 school year, in the amount of money paid by fraternity and sorority members to live in fraternities and sorority houses. Currently, the going rate for living in a fraternity house lies between \$950.15 and \$1,000.15 for fraternity members and \$911 for sorority members.

Under the proposal, fraternity house rent would be raised to a level more in line with the typical dormitory rate: \$1,135 for base rooms and \$1,450 for premium dorm rooms. Fraternities would also

be charged a \$10,000 annual fee for common areas inside the houses and would become responsible, on an individual basis, for electricity.

Insisting the new rent plan on Fraternity Court would send a clear statement: a person living on-campus is living on-campus, regardless of whether one is living in an on-campus E.S. King apartment, an on-campus dorm or an on-campus fraternity house; he stands to pay the same thing. Bottom line.

The increases will serve two purposes. One, it will take rent control out of the hands of fraternities, who currently take a total rent fee charged by the university and divide among members and standardize it for fraternity members. Fraternity members will have leases with the universities, rather than rental agreements with the fraternity.

Secondly, the money earned will improve the houses themselves. Revenue will pay for re-roofing the houses.

The rent increase would place those dwelling in on-campus fraternity houses on a par with those living in other on-campus housing, and the money would, in the end, benefit the fraternities and sororities themselves. That's as worthwhile an increase as you can find.

Athletics' oversight leaves band at home



MIKE PITTMAN

"Come early, wear red, cheer loud!" It's the new slogan of N.C. State Football.

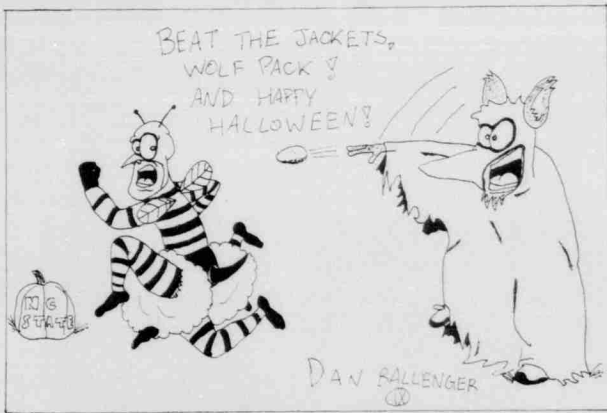
Maybe the band should change their slogan to "Come early, wear red, cheer from home!" Many of you may have noticed the conspicuous lack of an NCSU band at many recent football games. In fact, you didn't see or hear the band at Texas, FSU or Duke. Fans were lucky to be treated with the appearance of the band at the Wake Forest game, but only because of the contribution of a generous Wolfpack Club member. Oh, and this same member generously donated \$50,000 toward the \$70,000 total for buying the band new uniforms. Athletics hasn't helped buy

new uniforms since the early 1980's.

As for the rest of the football games, you'll see the band at the Georgia Tech game, but only because they saved money by not going to other games. You'll also get to see them at either the UNC-CH or ECU games, but not both. The general feeling is that they will appear at the ECU game, since it looks to be a better game.

I fear that happening. Imagine playing UNC-CH, one of our biggest rivals, in a game we very well could win, at Ericsson Stadium, in front of a national television audience on ESPN and not having a band. How embarrassing.

Athletics apparently neglected to increase band funding for this year. No one noticed that many of our football games are on the road. No monies



Incorrectly Political



MARK ANDERSON

N.B. Historical references taken from www.world-book.com. Also, I am using the Black population as a representation of all of America's racial minorities, saving me the trouble of naming every minority. Thanks for understanding.

After the Civil Rights Act of 1964, America's minorities were to be granted legal, social and political equality. Ten years earlier, the Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka (KS) case declared racial segregation in public schools to be unconstitutional. The delay from the desegregation of schools to the legal enfranchisement of blacks a decade later demonstrates the sluggish maturation of a nation. Today,

<[5] a year and<[6] two months until the new millennium, blacks and whites are, ironically, equal, but separate.

Prior to 1950, blacks were deemed inferior to whites, even subhuman. That foolish belief is eroding from America's collective mind, but the remnants of segregation remain. These not-so-distant ancestors, having suffered through the restriction and

degradation of slavery, still face a hidden adversary that is the subtle prejudice of "racial comfort." People socialize with those who have backgrounds and beliefs common to their own. The accepted division of our nation by race wrongly separates whites and blacks.

That racial gap can be bridged. However, politicians cannot force such a union via legal requirements or executive mandates. The white man of the post-Civil Rights Act period is healing from the mental sickness of racism. Programs like affirmative action are like diet pills for the obese. They won't help. These programs lead you and others to believe that action has been taken. They only temporarily suppress the underlying symptoms of that distorted perception, racism.

Despite the threat of prejudice that continues to weave into the fabric of our society, mixed-race relationships are plentiful. You probably cannot even count all of your friends or acquaintances of other races. These associations are not the crux of the cancer that plagues America still, nearly 40 years after constitutional acknowledgement of minorities; indeed, these mixed race relations are the cure for that cancer.

Starting with you and me, a one-by-one elimination of individual prejudices will begin to cure America's silent cancer. However, you are responsible for controlling your own racial prejudice. I am responsible for mine. After you have purified your mind from inherent and society-influenced preconceptions, you can join the movement for perceptual racial equality.

The tools for success in that movement are logical, persuasive and poignant arguments, as well as non-violence and the provision of conspicuous models of racial tolerance and acceptance.

As Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech forced Americans to examine their very souls, so, too, must people today assess stereotypes they accept. No longer does "minority" equate with inferiority. "Majority" no longer implies superiority. These terms infer numbers, and not the worth of individuals.

Forced political assimilation to a standardized acceptance of blacks and other minorities will never uproot racism. What is left of racism — the subtle thoughts of prejudice — will be eradicated by the giving of due respect to every person, regardless of race. We

would be to simply let the band drive themselves over. That was one thought, but no one will let that happen because of liability issues.

So, basically, the band can't get there by bus. The band can't get there by car. The message that Athletics seems to be sending is, "We want the same atmosphere, but we aren't gonna pay for it." Guess it shows how much money really means to the university.

Then again, this is the digital age

can't pass a bill for that. We have to finish off racism from within.

E-mail your responses to mhanderson2@university.ncsu.edu.

Don't be surprised if, during games this season, you hear C.A. Dillon announce: "Ladies and gentlemen, please stand and turn your attention to the jumbo-tron scoreboard, where the N.C. State pep band performs the NCSU Alma Mater live from Price Music Center."

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into their surroundings.

The written description of the Center describes the buildings composed of recycled materials, using few nonrenewable resources. The plan continues to state that these buildings could be

homes for long term visitors or examples of solar powered houses, recyclable houses, houses made of recycled materials or a "green" house.

Also planned to be featured in the Earth Resources Center, said Batchelor in a written description of the plan, will be many unique exhibits including an electronic zoo; exhibits that visitors can directly interact with that show man's roles in plant and animal ecosystems; and a "world market"

that will show the relationship between the natural environment and industrial economies.

The idea, explained Batchelor in the written proposal, is that the Earth Resources Center would be both educational and recreational, and would use the latest technologies in communication.

"The Earth Resources Center," described Batchelor in the written description, "is a place to explore and celebrate the relationship of humans to the earth and the life

that abounds on it." The proposed project should cost between \$80 million and \$100 million to complete, according to the news release, and the School of

Design has been given \$28,000 to create the master plan and study design development. Batchelor is overseeing eleven graduate students in architecture. They plan to have the project finished by the end of the semester.

Break time...



Patricio Quintance takes a break while working in front of Winston Hall Wednesday.



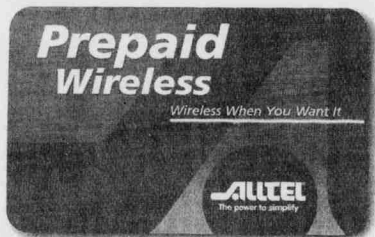
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need to start finishing our matches stronger."

Although the Pack was defeated by nationally ranked Clemson in their last match, there was a feeling that it helped prepare them for the Tar Heels. Both of them are tied for first place in the conference with 9-1 records.

"Obviously we were very disappointed with the loss to Clemson," said sophomore Charce Williams. "However, we were very competitive with them and that gave us confidence heading into a match with another ranked opponent."

Head Coach Kim Hall, acknowledges the great rivalry with the Tar Heels, however, she feels that this is an important match regardless of who the team is playing.

"Every match we play is very big because we were picked to lose all of them, therefore we always have something to prove," said Hall. "Obviously there will be more adrenaline flowing before this one, however they aren't our only rivals in the conference. We have great rivalries with Florida State, Maryland, and Georgia Tech."

Coach Hall points to decreasing their number of errors as a key to leaving Chapel Hill with a victory.

"If you look at most of our matches one thing that really glues out is our locked entry. We've had a lot of matches where we made many errors and it still went to five sets. You can't just wave a magic wand and say 'let's not make any more errors.' Therefore, all I can hope for is that we play aggressive and make fewer errors. Because playing too conservative leaves you vulnerable to get dominated by your opponent."

The team is confident heading into the match. It feels that a victory over the Tar Heels is very realistic.

This time, however, Coach Hall doesn't think that they will be able to surprise the Tar Heels with their abilities.



Boon Horton/Staff The volleyball team battles arch-rival UNC-Chapel Hill this weekend.

"Last time we played it was a five-set battle," said Hall. "Therefore, this time they will be aware of our tendencies and we will not be able to sneak up on them. We just need to play like we practice and we'll stand a great chance to win."

N.C. State men's basketball team will hold an open practice in the ESA on Monday, Nov. 1 from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Fans are invited for a sneak peak at the arena and the 1999-2000 team. Admission is free.

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Rodgers out of ACC lineup

◆ Top athlete's repeat bid called off, teams' chances remain strong.

K. GIFFNEY
Sports Editor

The injury plague in Weisiger-Brown just hit epidemic level and one of N.C. State's top athletes is the latest victim.

Brendan Rodgers, a two-time All-American and defending Atlantic Coast Conference Cross Country Champion will not run in Monday's ACC Championship meet and is likely sidelined until the NCAA Championship Meet in late November.

According to N.C. State cross country athletic trainer Kevin Mahoney, Rodgers has "light SI irritation."

Mahoney says that Rodgers is experiencing tightness in some muscles that are affected by the joint, as well as irritation of the joint, but which is the cause or results is unknown.

"It's one of those chicken vs. the egg things," said Mahoney on Wednesday. "We are not sure which came first, but we'll treat it the same either way."

Mahoney said that the problem likely developed on one of the "long" training runs that the Wolfpack reserves for weekends.

Rodgers is out of the lineup for the ACC meet and almost definitely the District III meet in just over two weeks in Greenville, S.C., but could be back for the Wolfpack's final meet of the year, the NCAA Championships in Indiana.

"He has taken some time off and has worked hard in the pool. I see no reason why he will not be ready for Nationals," said Mahoney. "The problem right now is that for Brendan, it is very painful. The SI is involved in so much of your normal move-

ment." Rodgers injury doesn't hurt the Wolfpack chances at winning a fifth consecutive conference championship this coming Monday in Chapel Hill, but the effect on the team is evident.

"This is where you find out the strength of your program," said senior Chan Pons, a two-time All-American and fifth-year teammate of Rodgers'. "You can't replace a guy like Brendan in the line-up. We can put some one else in, but there is no one that is

country program to its current standing.

"Because of the strength of the program, it is much more difficult on Brendan than it is on us," said Wolfpack coach Rollie Geiger. "It doesn't make it any easier though. The team will carry through, but when I look at Brendan, I just feel bad."

"There are two sides to college athletics, and this is the dark side."

The injury to Rodgers is so devastating, precisely because he has seen the positive side of athletics and handled it so graciously.

Brendan Rodgers career achievements

- 1998 ACC Individual Champ
- All-ACC
- All-District
- All-American
- ACC outdoor 1500m Champ.
- 1997 All-ACC
- All-American
- All-District
- ACC outdoor 1500m Runnerup
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Rodgers has two conference championships under his belt, not only taking the 1998 cross country title, but also earning the 1500 meter crown at the conference outdoor track championships this past spring.

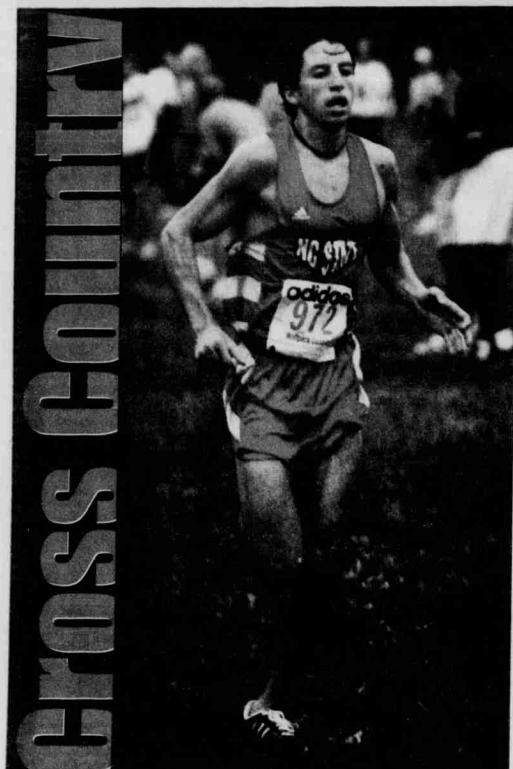
Rodgers, along with long-time teammates Chan and Corby Pons, could have joined only one other runner in the history of the program to earn all-conference honors all four years of their careers.

With both Pons, and fellow seniors Abdul Alzindani and Aaron Saft, as well as junior All-American Chris Dugan leading the eight-man contingent at Monday's Championship race, the Wolfpack appears set for the conference meet, and should get through the District III meet fairly simply. At that meet, the Pack needs to finish in the top two to earn a fifth-straight berth into the NCAA Championships.

Rodgers absence at Nationals could be a different story.

Right now the Pack is ranked No. 3 in the nation and looks to break into the top four in the nation's final meet. Rodgers would be an integral part of that plan.

"If we are going to meet our major goals at Nationals, we definitely need Brendan in our lineup," said Geiger.



N.C. State's football team will look to rack up the points against Georgia Tech Saturday.

Pack readies for Tech, Hamilton

◆ The football team is set for a shootout with Georgia Tech in Atlanta on Saturday.

JEREMY RISHON
Staff Writer

For those college football fans who enjoy classic defensive struggles, Saturday's N.C. State-Georgia Tech game is probably not for you.

The Wolfpack (5-3, 2-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) will be facing one of the nation's most potent offenses this weekend in Atlanta. With Heisman Trophy contender Joe Hamilton at the helm, the 7th-ranked Yellow Jackets (5-1, 3-1 ACC) enter the game averaging 516 yards, tops in Division I-A. As a result, Tech has been able to rack up a staggering 40.5 points per game.

State's defense has the unenviable task of trying to slow this machine down. That is something that no one, including top-ranked Florida State, has been able to do all season.

"We're going to go into this game just like any other game," said senior cornerback Tony Scott. "If we make sure each and every one of us does our job, then we should be all right."

On the other side of the ball, State's offense is finally starting to hit its stride despite the key losses of the past few weeks.

"We've put in a lot of hard work in practice. And, everybody's just stayed together and stayed focused on the goals that we set at the beginning of the year," said quarterback Jamie Barnette of the offense's recent improvement.

Freshman Koren Robinson has stepped up in the wake of Chris Coleman and Ryan Hamrick's injuries

to become Barnette's primary target. Robinson has two consecutive games of 100+ receiving yards since assuming the starting role.

After struggling to begin the season, Barnette has returned to his old form with some help from the offensive line. The lineup on the offensive front has finally stabilized and come together after trying to replace injuries. This has given Barnette more time to work his magic of late, which is a big reason that he is averaging 252 yards in the air over the last three weeks.

"It's helped a whole lot, knowing who my center's going to be and being able to sit back in the pocket and figure out who I want to throw to. And, I've just done my job by completing the pass," said Barnette.

The emergence of senior Rahshon Spikes out of the backfield has been key as well. Over the last three games, Spikes has 310 yards on the ground, including a 146-yard effort at Duke last weekend.

All of this could not have come at a better time for the Pack because while Tech's offense is the class of the conference, its defense has been less than stellar. On numerous occasions this season, the Jackets have allowed teams that they should have blown out to stay in games because of poor defense and the second-worst turnover margin in the country.

This is not necessarily a must-win game for the Pack, but a victory over the Jackets would look very impressive when bowl invitations are handed out next month.

"To win at Georgia Tech against the 7th-ranked team in the country would definitely give us some publicity for a bowl spot," said Scott. So, we just want to go in and make the best out of this opportunity."

On the rebound

◆ This weekend's Big Four Tournament is big for men's soccer NCAA tournament aspirations.

Jack Daly
Assistant Sports Editor

If N.C. State's men's soccer team wants to make this year's NCAA Tournament, then this weekend's Big Four Tournament at Method Road Soccer Stadium is vital.

The Wolfpack (5-4-3, 1-3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) plays UNC-Charlotte Saturday and UNC-Greensboro Sunday. A pair of wins is pretty much a necessity if the team entertains any notion of playing in the tournament.

"We have to win every game," said Head Coach George Tarantini. "We have to win every game, including Duke when we play them November 6th. We need to win all four games and at least one or two games in the [ACC] Tournament."

Aside from worrying about the NCAA's, State will try and rebound from Sunday's game against UNC-Chapel Hill. The Tar Heels dominated play and easily defeated the Pack 3-0. State couldn't get anything going in the midfield, especially, and that could result in some changes for this weekend's games.

"We may have to move people from the back to the middle," Tarantini said. "Maybe even trying to figure out if Jeremy [Ballenger] moves from the sweeper position to the middle of the field, and see if we can get a little more speed with the ball."

Moving co-captain Ballenger up may or may not be the only change for this weekend. Tarantini said he isn't



Shaker Asad and the Pack look for a pair of victories.

sure if there will be others. Tarantini did credit the Tar Heels with playing a great game Sunday, but nonetheless said the team wasn't as aggressive as he'd like.

"Against Carolina, we gave the ball away," Tarantini said. "We made so many mistakes, we gave the ball away so many times, [that] when you turn the ball back, they capitalize."

Looking ahead to the weekend, State will try and exact some revenge against UNC-Charlotte. The 49ers beat the Pack last year with two seconds left in overtime at Method Road Soccer Stadium.

UNC-Charlotte has strong midfield play and is very athletic, Tarantini said. UNC-Greensboro, on the other hand, has strong forward play. State, however, will be focusing more on its own play than its opponents.

"We're not concentrating as much on Charlotte or UNC-Greensboro," Tarantini said. "We're concentrating on why we cannot score."

The No. 1 ranked Duke Blue Devils are the fourth team in the tournament. They play UNC-Greensboro Saturday and UNC-Charlotte Sunday, with both games at 1:00 p.m. Both of State's games are at 3:00 p.m.

Heels on tap for volleyball

◆ The Pack look forward to their matchup with arch-rival Carolina.

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Rival is defined by Webster's Dictionary as one who strives to compete with another.

In all forms of competition, especially sporting events, rivals are formed after years of intense battle. On Thursday night, the women's volleyball team face their most heated adversary, the UNC-Chapel Hill Tar Heels.

With the match just two days away, the Pack is anticipating the showdown.

After losing a very competitive five-set match to the Tar Heels earlier this month, they are confident that they have what it takes to knock off the 25th-ranked team in the nation.

"We're very excited about this match," said junior Meredith Price. "We're going into it with absolutely nothing to lose. It should be a great match."

When discussing what it would take to enhance their chances at victory, senior Kerry Brienback said the team needs to win points consistently.

"We need to clean up our game and stop putting up one point here and one point there," said Brienback. "We also

Home finale for Pack

◆ N.C. State's women's soccer team closes out the regular season at home Sunday against Louisville.

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At WRAL Soccer Stadium, on Sunday, the N.C. State women's soccer team will close out its regular season with a match against Conference USA's University of Louisville.

After four consecutive matches on the road, the Wolfpack will try to improve its 6-8-2 overall record and prepare for the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament that begins November 4. Louisville will search for a second win on the season.

had played 120 minutes on Friday night. And we had a travel squad, not our full squad, which hurt us along with an injury on Friday night, which took another player away from us on Sunday. I think we were tired from two overtime games that week against Clemson."

Last week was not the first time this season the women's soccer team played a three-game week. In September, the team played a Tuesday-Friday-Sunday sequence against UNC-Wilmington, Maryland and Virginia.

And, though the rigors of a packed schedule can tire a team by the week's end, the Pack will face a Thursday-Saturday-Sunday game scenario if the soccer team hopes to make a run at the ACC tournament Championship.



Shannon Blair looks to go out on top in her final home game for N.C. State women's soccer team.

"The game will be a big game for us because it's our last home game and it will lead us into the ACC tournament," Head Coach Laura Kerrigan said. "We look to use it as a springboard into the tournament. We stack up very well against Louisville and it should be a good game because we have been working on possession it should shape up to be an all around good match."

The soccer team wrapped up the conference season at Clemson, depleted and fatigued.

Florida State, the ACC's last place team, relinquished a 2-0 halftime lead over the Pack as the teams duelled to a 2-2 tie. Clemson, ranked No. 14 in the country, then exhausted State's defense, pounding the Wolfpack goalkeeper for four goals, en route to a 4-0 win.

"When we got to Clemson, we were beat up," Kerrigan said. "We

"It's [a three-game week] not something I wanted to do, but it's something that the ACC required us to do this year and it's something that all the coaches voted against doing against next year," Kerrigan said. "But every team has to learn to deal with injuries and every team has to learn to deal with fatigue. And I think it's something that everyone, especially the freshmen, has benefited from."

Regular season ACC women's soccer concludes this weekend with Wake Forest taking on UNC-Chapel Hill and Maryland playing Florida State. The Wolfpack's seeding in the conference tournament is contingent upon the outcome of both games.

While State will take the sixth seed, Maryland and Wake Forest are trying to lock up second seed, whichever team takes the third seed will face State in the tournament's opening round.