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In the NEWS

Symposium to address issue of violence and its causes

The North Carolina Medical Society (NCMS) and the NCMS Alliance will seek to address the issue of violence, which threatens our classrooms, workplaces and churches, at a symposium on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park. Keynote speaker, Lt. Col. Dave Grossman will speak on "Violence in the Media: Teaching Our Children to Kill."

Grossman is the author of the book "On Killing: The Psychological Cost of Learning to Kill in War and Society," which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for non-fiction in 1995, and has spent years studying how people learn to kill. A former assistant professor at the West Point Academy, Grossman believes that violence portrayed in the media is a major source of "training" that leads to the violence that has become so pervasive in society today.

Edward Donnerstein, professor at the University of California at Santa Barbara, is among a group of experts who will discuss various issues related to violence. Donnerstein is the principal investigator for the National Television Violence Study.

The symposium is part of the 150th and 76th Annual Meetings of the NCMS and Alliance, and will draw physicians, physician assistants, residents, medical students, and allied professionals from across the state. Persons interested in attending should call the NCMS Alliance for reservations, 1-800-722-1350. There is a \$40 fee for non-members.

Traveling exhibition on "Pollution Solutions" visits NCSU

The Pollution Solutions Tour, a traveling exhibition featuring new, energy-efficient consumer products, vehicles and ideas for reducing pollution will occur from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15, at the N.C. Solar Center at N.C. State.

Exhibits include a low-pollution "dual-fuel truck" that runs on both gasoline and compressed natural gas, other alternative energy vehicles, and an array of energy-saving appliances, power sources and heating systems.

Sponsored by the National Environmental Trust, the exhibition is free and open to the public. The Solar Center is located in the NCSU McKimmon Center. Call (919) 515-3480 for more information.

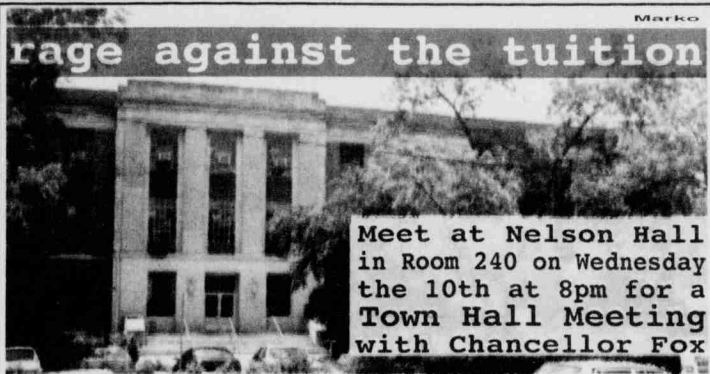
World

Fossils believed oldest remains of vertebrates

Scientists have unearthed two new fossils of fish-like creatures that appear to be the oldest known remains of vertebrates. The fossils, discovered at the Chengjiang site in Yunnan, China, indicate that primitive spines evolved earlier than previously believed. The fossils date back 530 million years, which would put them in the middle of the Cambrian period and make them significantly older than the previous oldest known specimens, which date back about 480 million years.

"The two new fossils ... are the most convincing Early Cambrian vertebrates ever found," writes Philippe Janvier of the Museum of Natural History in Paris in a commentary accompanying the report in the Nov. 5 issue of Science.

The creatures appear to be related to modern-day lampreys and hagfish.



rage against the tuition Meet at Nelson Hall in Room 240 on Wednesday the 10th at 8pm for a Town Hall Meeting with Chancellor Fox

Fight the increase

◆ In response to the proposal passed at UNC-CH two weeks ago, NCSU student leaders and university administration have started coordinating efforts to gather student opinion on tuition.

The first thing that came to her mind was student input," said Student Body President Raj Mirchandani of the chancellor's intentions behind holding the forum.

Dr. Tom Stafford, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs concurred, saying that the chancellor "wants students to know about what is going to happen."

"The best way," said Stafford, for the university to gauge student opinion was to have an open forum.

Stafford and Chancellor Fox will be two of the administration representatives at Wednesday's town hall meeting. In addition, Mirchandani said, Provost Kermit Hall and Claire Kristofoco, executive assistant to the Chancellor and university secretary will be in attendance. In addition, Julie Mallette, director of Financial Aid, will also sit on the panel.

Student representatives will also be seated on the panel, including Mirchandani, Student Senate President Seth Whittaker, Graduate Student Association President Billy Chism and a Graduate Student Senator.

According to Mirchandani, the first hour



Nic Heinke, UNC-CH student body president, and Raj Mirchandani discussed tuition raises at last week's Student Senate meeting.

of the town hall meeting will provide time for Chancellor Fox to present the options facing NCSU. Soon thereafter, students will be able to ask questions of the Chancellor and the other members of the panel. Questions directed to the panel must not exceed more than two minutes.

Mirchandani said. Then, from 9-10 p.m. students will get the opportunity to express their opinions on any of the options proposed by Chancellor Fox.

"The purpose of this forum is not to be confrontational. This is not a debate," Mirchandani said.

"This is just an opportunity for the administration to provide information and to receive student feedback."

Both Mirchandani and Stafford stressed the importance of student participation in Wednesday night's town hall meeting.

According to Mirchandani, Kristofoco will compile a report of what students say to present to the Board of Trustees during their meeting on November 19.

"Student input could be a deciding factor," Mirchandani said.

Stafford said, "the information from the Town Hall meeting will be given in some format to the Board of Trustees."

According to Stafford, the timeline facing the Board of Trustees limits the time that the board can take to address issues concerning tuition. In order to propose an increase for Fall 2000, as was recommended by the UNC-CH Board of Trustees, Stafford said, the trustees would have to act soon.

"The town hall meeting should be packed — there should be no empty seats," Mirchandani said. "This is the opportunity that we've all been waiting for."

Regardless of whether or not students are opposed to or in favor of a tuition increase, Mirchandani hopes that students will come out and participate in the forum.

"No better way to do it than face-to-face," he said.

JammSingles earns national recognition

◆ Graduate food science students recently earned an honorable mention at a development competition for their innovative spin on jelly.

ANDREW BUCHERT
Staff Writer

Recently, seven graduate students from N.C. State's Department of Food Science enjoyed national recognition when their JammSingles product earned them a finalist position at the Institute of Food Technologists' 1999 Student Product Development Competition in Chicago this summer. The students were awarded an honorable mention for their product idea.

The JammSingles product is analogous to processed cheese slices. The jam slice is scaled in a sheet of thin plastic, and it softens to the consistency of jam when applied to a warm slice of bread. "Having the jam in the form of a single enables users who don't like much jelly to use a thin slice, while those who do enjoy a lot can use a thick slice," said team leader Nickola Stagg.

The path to the Food Technologists' Student Product Development Competition began with a proposal that was submitted while the development of the product was still in the planning stages. "The Food Technologists' Competition committee choose six teams nationwide to invite to the competition," said Stagg.

Upon being selected to bring their product to the Chicago competition this past summer, Stagg's team was not only faced with the actual development of their product, but they also were required to do extensive research into strategies for marketing JammSingles. "Our ideas eventually evolved into a user-friendly product that targets the convenience market," she said.

After this summer's competition, several jam and jelly-producing companies met with the team to discuss possible marketing strategies and patent rights. "We are at the point where we haven't pursued a patent any further, because there are similar products that are already patented," said Stagg. "But we do have some interest in either marketing the product or selling it to jelly companies."

Besides the recognition for the product, the JammSingles team learned and developed valuable industry skills. "A graduate degree in food science is really geared towards research and development," said Stagg. "But there is rarely the opportunity to develop a new product, which is what industry is all about."

"This really gave us the opportunity to go through all the steps that it takes to develop a product, as if we were in a company working on a research and development team," she said.

"We really learned about how to deal with, and also anticipate, those problems and questions that come up in product development. Those are the important details that we cannot learn from simply taking classes," said Christina Moore, a graduate student on the JammSingles development team.

Slowing down



Audrey Mungal, far, takes a break from working in the library by reading a little science fiction.

Agromeck finishing in style

◆ The Fall 1999 issue of the Agromeck was released on-time two weeks ago, with a circulation of over 1,200 copies and a CD-ROM version.

ANN HSIEH
Senior Staff Writer

It was just a few years ago that the fate of the Agromeck, N.C. State's yearbook, was doomed. However, with a new staff and business and marketing plan, the Agromeck has not only survived, but has prospered heavily.

According to Fran Dickenson, coordinator of Student Media advising, there were discussions about completely doing away with the Agromeck. Under the leadership of Jason Bostic, editor-in-chief, things began to turn around.

"The staff has made leaps and bounds in getting organized," said Dickenson. "The credit goes to the students who have really turned things around."

This is the first year the Agromeck has been published and distributed on time. The fall 1999 issue came out approximately two weeks ago, with circulation in greater numbers than the previous years. According to Bostic, over 1,200 copies were sold, with even more being distributed. It was only five or six years ago that a total of 80 copies of the yearbook were sold.

Along with the hardcopy version, the yearbook will also be on CD-ROM. The CD-ROM version is a supplement to the yearbook, adding things that are unable to be printed form.

In the past, the Agromeck was more of a photo album. Now, it is a journalistic publication, said Bostic. There are 448 pages in the current fall issue, 80 more pages than the year before.

"It is the only printed history book of a year of memories," said Bostic. "It truly covers a comprehensive year."

A broader section of campus is now covered by the yearbook. Agromeck covers all sports and organizations' events, with photographers and journalists present at each event. Not only does the Agromeck cover events on campus, but also news and entertainment in the rest of the world.

By restructuring the staff, new ideas and talents appeared. The staff has greater control of the look by making their own film. NCSU is one of only three schools in the country that does this, Agromeck officials said. This method gives the yearbook a much better quality, and ensures that the yearbook is printed exactly the way it is planned.

According to Dickenson, the staff has attended many conferences and even won an award for their business plan with Taylor Publishing. She added that Agromeck is the longest run-

ning publication on the NCSU campus. "I hope the tradition continues," said Dickenson.

The Agromeck is a fall publication, so the May graduation may be covered as well. To order a yearbook, or to share your talents with the Agromeck staff, check out their web page at <http://agromeck.ncsu.edu>



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Tech recommends



One Technician staffer gives you his picks.



Truth stranger than fiction?
Riddick offers a little of both in today's Opinion.

Making a splash

Wolfpack men, women swim against Duke.



Family undergoes a trial in wrong man's arrest for sexual assault.

◆ The Brocco family of Reston, Va. got run through the mill by local police, who eventually found that their victim was innocent.

TOM JACKMAN
The Washington Post

After midnight on the day he was going to be arrested, Jay Brocco wandered around Dupont Circle in a sleepless daze. A short while earlier, he knew, Fairfax County police had scoured his

Reston, Va., home in his absence, removed his computer and some family photos and accused him of being a sex pervert. In a few hours, Brocco was going to surrender, get fingerprinted and be charged with indecent exposure.

Walking the streets of Washington, he was a fugitive of sorts, aware that Fairfax police held an arrest warrant for him. His wife was home alone, bewildered. Earlier, Brocco had called her from his lawyers' office, the first of many emotional conversations the two would have in the ensuing weeks.

"I didn't do this," he recalls telling her. Olga Brocco assured him she already knew that.

What neither of them knew — then or now, really — was how Jay Brocco, the quintessential middle-aged, solid-citizen kind of guy, with a good job and a loving family, got caught up in a Kafkaesque drama opposite a dogged detective intent on nailing him with a crime — a sex crime, at that — that Brocco didn't commit.

In his 34 years, he'd had virtually no run-ins with the law. He'd lived a quietly successful life in the Virginia suburbs, chief financial officer for a major defense firm, married 28 years, a father, a grandfather. Family and friends describe him the same way: a private person, a Christian, respected. Now, Brocco desperately sensed his

good name vanishing. After his arrest, he'd have to tell at least his closest friends and his boss of his humiliation. Once the newspapers got wind of it, everywhere he went he'd feel that people were staring at him, whispering.

In the Dupont Circle hotel room where his lawyers arranged for him to spend his last hours of anonymity, wanting to spare him a middle-of-the-night arrest, Brocco couldn't sit still, much less sleep, as he pictured a squad of investigators rooting through his belongings.

"Your husband's got a secret life you're not aware of," the detective had told his wife, showing her an affidavit accusing Brocco of flashing a nude photo of himself to a 16-year-old male lifeguard at his Reston health club.

"The loneliest feeling in the world" is how Brocco now recalls the long night he spent waiting for his public degradation. "You're the only person in the world, other than the actual perpetrator, who knows you didn't do this."

Remarkably, within two weeks Brocco's lawyers had convinced Fairfax prosecutors that, in fact, he didn't do it, that police had the wrong guy. The charge of indecent exposure was dismissed.

But while it's relatively easy to erase an arrest from court records, blotting it from the psyche is an entirely different matter. And that is where things stand

now. "I don't think it's ever going to be the same," said Ed Bartko, Brocco's friend of more than 20 years. "This is a scar. And these scars, you just can't get rid of 'em."

To this day, nearly 11 weeks after police first knocked on his door, Brocco has not told his aging parents, retired and living in Florida, what happened. Why turn their world upside down, too?

The ordeal that Brocco later would compare with being cast in a Hitchcock horror film didn't begin with the search of his house Oct. 4 or his arrest the following day.

It started more than a month earlier, on the afternoon of Aug. 24, when Fairfax police Detective Ricky Savage visited the Broccos' house in the North Point area of Reston. Brocco was at his job at TRW, where he is chief financial officer for a company subsidiary.

Savage asked Olga Brocco to have her husband call him. She asked why. "I can't tell you," she recalled Savage saying, "but he knows what it's about."

She figured it was something related to her husband's security clearance. That night, Brocco left a message for the detective; the next day, Savage called back, again while Brocco was at work. "What is this about?" Olga asked a second time.

"We know what he's doing," she said Savage told her, "and we're watching him."

In these and several subsequent contacts, the Broccos say, Savage never explained why he was calling, and he always seemed to phone when only Olga was home.

The calls were unerving. What were the police after? Your husband knows...

Only, he didn't know.

The couple hired a lawyer. For several weeks, there was an unexplained lull. With no contact from Savage, the Broccos turned their attention to a family member who was seriously ill. Their trepidation about the police inquiry diminished.

"I was anxious," Brocco said, "but each week that went by, it was less and less. We assumed they were no longer interested in talking to me."

Then, without warning, came the Oct. 4 search of their home.

Savage and six other officers showed up. One of them handed Olga Brocco — Jay was at work — a search warrant as the officers fanned out through the

house. An affidavit filed to obtain the warrant outlined the July 9 incident at the health club and said police were searching for child pornography or evidence of child sexual abuse — items to "substantiate the victim's report of indecent exposure." The officers also had an arrest warrant for Brocco.

Olga called her husband, who was in a meeting, and left a frantic message: "She was very distraught," he recalled. "I probably went into a state of shock."

Brocco contacted William B. Moffitt, one of his attorneys, who immediately called the house but says Savage refused to speak with him.

Moffitt advised Brocco to come to his office and make arrangements to surrender him the next morning, putting him up at the Doyle Washington Hotel in the interim.

"I didn't sleep, eat or drink," Brocco said, describing the hours he spent wandering the city's dark streets, haunted by thoughts that, with his pending arrest, "this will be with me the rest of my life."

The next morning, lawyers at his side, Brocco turned himself in to Savage and was booked, handcuffed and taken to the Fairfax jail. "You go through the fear, the paranoia and anger," he said. "You feel totally helpless."

But with his release on bond a few hours later came a new worry: "You pray it's not publicized. Is this going to be in the press? Is another devastating thought."

The Broccos went home and tried to collect themselves. They called a few family members and friends, and Brocco notified his boss — "painful calls to make. I assure you."

A strange and numbing fog descended that night. "My mind went blank. I said to my wife, 'What floor do I work on?' What building? What happened today, what was I charged with?"

The next morning, Paula Sroka, a close friend, dropped by. "They weren't doing too well at all. Jay was in a state of shock," she said. Wanting to do something, anything, to help, Sroka went out and picked up some food.

Later that day, Brocco had his first appearance in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. "They announce your name over the loudspeaker, and everybody's looking at you like you've abused a juvenile," he recalled.

The next morning, his picture appeared in the Fairfax Journal with a story quoting from the police affidavit. At work, someone approached and said, "Sorry about the article," Brocco asked, "What article?" The co-worker showed him. "My heart just sank," he said. "I left work. I couldn't function."

Soon, someone faxed the story to his boss, and the Reston Connection, delivered to all homes in the community, ran its own story.

Now everyone knew. Never mind that it was completely untrue. It was out there.

"You just want to run out and collect all the papers off everyone's front yard," he said. "You can't do it fast enough."

Olga Brocco called some of their neighbors to explain, but how do you explain the unexplainable? Some friends called them. "They were outraged. They couldn't believe it," she said. Others didn't know what to say. "I put them in an uncomfortable position."

Meanwhile, Brocco felt that every person he met was judging him. "At a restaurant, getting gas, you want to say, 'I didn't do it.' You think every single person has read the article."

That weekend, former neighbors of the Broccos, Ed and Ann Bartko, flew in from South Carolina. At dinner the first night, Ed Bartko immediately noticed "something not right" with his longtime friends, but the Broccos kept mum. "They tried real hard not to make it a bad evening," Bartko recalled last week.

When the couples got together the next night, the men went off to talk quietly and Jay Brocco confided what had happened. "He was stressed. He was really down," Bartko said. "He's a very private person. He keeps it inside."

Within days of Brocco's arrest, his attorneys, Moffitt and Henry W. Ashbill, had determined several key facts, chief among them: Brocco wasn't even at the health club the day of the incident. The club has a poolside surveillance camera, but police never looked at the tape for July 9, nor does Brocco's name appear on the computerized attendance log for that date.

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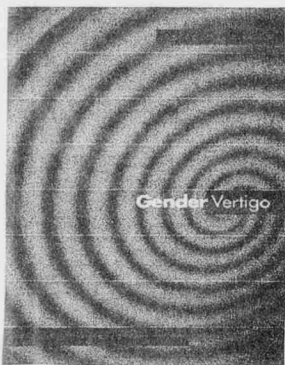
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SOMETIMES
life is messy
BUT
that can be
GOOD

◆ One writer weighs in on Company's latest effort.

CARISTA HOGAN
Staff Writer

Every fall the NCSU Dance Company gives a concert composed mostly of student choreographed work. Last Friday and Saturday night they presented four pieces by students and two pieces by Director Robin Harris.

My husband and I were among those in the intimate audience. He sat fidgeting next to me waiting for the lights to go down before gesturing at the stage and asking, "What is this stuff?" I tried to explain to him that the Company is a class of State students that perform modern artistic pieces centered around props like the large folding screen that was illuminated before us. He looked at me hopefully, "Modern. You mean like at the football games?"

Although their fellow students don't immediately recognize who and what they are, the Company has been performing in the American College Dance Festival Association since 1990 and has been selected to perform at several regional and national gala concerts. Director Robin Harris has been recognized for her choreographic work by the NC Arts Council and the American Dance Festival.

The concert opened with a piece by senior Lindsey Greene called "Door Variations," in which Greene worked with the folding screen made of four old doors.

"It's about the importance of entrances," she said of her work. "Not just of entrances into rooms but relationships as well. When do we reveal ourselves to people and how much do we allow them to see?"

Sophomore Natalie Rockwell, who choreographed and performed in the work, "Literally," used crimson covered tomes in all four sections of her dance to explore romance novels, encyclopedias, detective stories and diaries.

"My inspiration really came from two books I read over

the summer," said Rockwell.

Through the two book's characters and circumstances Rockwell came to believe in the importance of keeping a journal. The passing of her grandmother heightened her desire to maintain that connection with future generations and helped inspire the fourth section on diaries.

The concert itself was as diversified as the dancers. Rockwell, an environmental science and economic policy major, used music by Frank Sinatra and Stone Temple Pilots to tell the tale of unrequited love and murder, while Katie Spencer, a junior in mathematics, choreographed and performed "Punkichen" in a star-shaped sandbox (complete with sand). Megan Marvel portrayed card-playing "ballerinas" in her dance "The Art of Playing Tastefully."

The props used (the sandbox, a deck of cards, books) were intriguing and original but made for awkward and lengthy scene changes that broke the spell between each performance. Just when the audience felt it was entering into the concert, the lights would come up and the waiting would begin. After Marvel's piece, the stage technicians played 52 pick-up in the dark for 5 minutes and it took half the crew to carry off Greene's door screen. I have to admit that I am a bit of a clean freak, but watching the dancers pour

sand all over the stage during "Punkichen" made me want to grab a broom and help those poor people afterwards. Oh the things we do for art.

But let's not miss the point of the performances. Each dance displayed another facet of our lives-childhood, romance and personal growth.

After all, life is messy.

By the way, I asked my husband which performance he enjoyed the most when we got home. I was amazed when he told me that "The Art of Playing Tastefully" was his favorite. It was a wonderful performance, but I would have thought it too classical for him. When I asked him why, he said that it was more the traditional ballet-style and he could understand that. Go figure.



The force is coming...



Due to the length of the film being shown for the Latin American Film Festival on Friday Nov. 12, "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace" will start at 9:30 p.m. and midnight. Also, on Sat., there will be three shows of "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace" -- at 6:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m., and 11:30p.m. Thursday night's performance will be as scheduled: 6:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

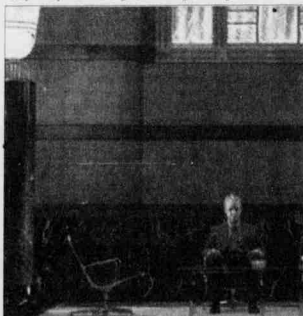
Protecting "The Gilded Leaf"

◆ Pacino's latest effort hits real close to home.

RYAN HILL
Staff Writer

Cigarettes are harmful to your health. Sure, we all know this. We have been taught since grade school that nicotine is addictive and that smoking will give you lung cancer. Even though the tobacco companies denied it, most people knew this to be true. Michael Mann's new film "The Insider" tells the story of tobacco executive Dr. Jeffrey Wigand (Crowe) and his attempts to tell the truth about cigarettes with the help of "60 Minutes" producer Lowell Bergman (Pacino).

After being fired from Brown & Williamson, Wigand is asked by Bergman to translate some Philip Morris papers on the statistics of people falling asleep while smoking and the fires that are caused by this. When they finally meet Bergman discovers that Wigand wants to tell him about what he knows from his previous job, but he is unable to because he signed a confidentiality agreement. The only way for Bergman to get Wigand on "60



"The Insider" takes a look deep inside the controversial tobacco industry trials and hearings that have rocked the country for the past few years and continue today. Can you say art imitating reality imitating art?

Minutes" is to have him testify first and then the interview can be aired without Wigand losing his severance package. Once word of this reaches his former employers, they

begin to dig up dirt against Wigand. Their intention is to destroy his reputation and possibly have him arrested if need be. Fortunately for him Bergman has many connections and uses them to help keep his reputation in tact, even though he has lost his family because of this. Fearful of a multi billion dollar lawsuit, CBS decides to pull the interview and leave Wigand alone to fend for himself against the tobacco

The Insider



Director:
Michael Mann
Starring:
Al Pacino
Russell Crowe

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Garner Towne Square
Pleasant Valley Promenade

co industry.

Even though this film is a starring vehicle for Pacino, it's Crowe who steals the show. Looking like he is in his mid fifties, Crowe gives a powerful, layered performance, showing not only the flaws of Wigand but also his struggle to do the right thing in the face of extreme adversity.

Christopher Plummer is Mike Wallace, and Wallace is not painted in the kindest of lights here. He is self absorbed, egotistical, and refuses to go against the grain. Or you could just say your typical celebrity.

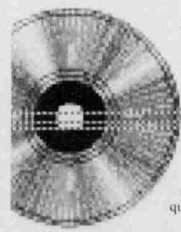
Michael Mann, making his first movie since the new age cops and robbers classic "Heat," loses focus too easily on the story. The film constantly shifts between preaching cigarettes are bad for you to how awful is it that the Tobacco Company is destroying Wigand's life to actual plot. At a running time of over two and a half-hours, the constant preaching tends to get old. I guess after focusing on a three-hour epic with several subplots merging into the big picture Mann wanted to kind of tone it down and try to send a message. The subplots are still there, but there are not as many and they only detract from the film.

"The Insider" is a fascinating story told in a manner that is trying to be pleasing to both the viewer and Academy voters. Unfortunately this is not a way of story telling that really works, and what we end up with is a movie that is entirely too long and preachy. There are moments of greatness, but

they are few and far between. The only thing that makes sitting through it worthwhile and enjoyable is the performance of Russell Crowe, who shows that "L.A. Confidential" was no fluke and that he is one of the best actors working today. It is almost feasible to say he would get a Best Actor nomination for his performance, which would be a huge step up from his days of trying to break into the business with movies like "Virtuosity."

AGE
recommends
by William Redd

In the realm of films I would like to recommend Empire Records. This movie is a wonderful teen angst comedy that deals with a group of teens working in a record store. These kids; Liv Tyler (Armageddon), Ethan Embry (Can't Hardly Wait, That Thing You Do), Renee Zellweger (Jerry Maguire), and Rory Cochrane (Dazed and Confused), are all in some kind of dilemma, which must resolve itself over the course of the film. The basic premise runs like this: Joe (Anthony LaPaglia) is the manager of a record store about to become a part of a huge chain. Joe, with the help of his wild staff, must now come up with a way to save the store and their jobs from a fate worse than death, incorporation. This is a very enjoyable movie with an incredible cast. The story is very amusing. This is a great movie that I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys a good comedy.



If you are the kind of person who is searching for answers in your life I would like to recommend Zen and the Art Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert Pirsig. This book gives a profound insight to the human experience. This is a remarkable book based on the factual occurrences of the author. The author's note reads as follows: "What follows is based on actual occurrences. Although much has been changed for rhetorical purposes, it must be regarded in its essence as fact. However, it should in no way be associated with that great body of factual information relating to orthodox Zen Buddhist practice. It's not very factual on motorcycles, either." This is a book of life. It describes the moments of Robert Pirsig's life that he has found truly educational in the respect of the Zen. I would recommend this book to anyone who finds himself or herself searching for the meaning to the question, "why are we here?"

Opinion

Technician's View

Talk about the increase

◆ NCSU students must take part in tomorrow night's tuition-increase town hall meeting or risk being roadkill on the superhighway to an increase.

Tomorrow night is put-up-or-shut-up time for the N.C. State community.

In response to the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees' decision to increase tuition and the NCSU response to that decision, Chancellor Marie Anne Fox will hold a town hall meeting tomorrow from 8-10 p.m. in Nelson 240.

During the first hour of the town hall, questions will direct tuition-related questions to a panel made up of Chancellor Fox, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Tom Stafford, Provost Kermit Hall, Director of Financial Aid Julie Mallette, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor and University Secretary Claire Kristofco. Student representatives on the panel include Student Body President Raj Mirchandani, Student Senate President Seth Whitaker and Graduate Student Association President Billy Chism.

Student body members at large will take the floor during the second hour, an opportunity for them to share their opinions on the information discussed from 8-9 p.m. Kristofco will submit a report on the meeting to the NCSU Board of Trustees at its meeting on

November 19.

The meeting will not be an opportunity for students to blast the administration for even considering such an increase, nor will it necessarily be the ceremonial first step in the hike's implementation (hopefully).

What the meeting will be, however, is a chance for the NCSU student body to get more information on the increase and to give meaning to the sound and fury that body has created since the UNC-CH decision.

Mirchandani was the last practitioner of a town hall format for gauging student response, on Program Bill 05, which would have allotted money to the Delta Sigma Phi Lawn Party. That meeting was sparsely attended, and the majority of those who did show up were members of student government or the fraternity itself.

Such a tepid turnout will not work this time. The administration is showing its willingness to listen by giving the students a forum. While members of student government are rather effective lobbyists for student interests, they are the lobbyists on nearly every major issue; the administration needs to see some new student faces.

And, in order for that to happen, more members of that student body must take action. So, whether you are for or against a tuition increase, make your voice heard tomorrow night. Put pressure on the administration to respect your opinions—our opinions.

CAMPUS FORUM

Paper or plastic in C-stores?

Being a sophomore who lives on campus, the convenience stores are almost necessities for me. Be it a quick stop to pick up a Stouffer's lasagna or a long one to stock up on supplies, the C-store comes in handy. But there is one thing that has bothered me ever since I started going to the C-store as a freshman. Why don't they bag your groceries?

I can still remember my first trip to the Brugaw C-store to pick up a few items as a freshman. The cashier took my ID card, rang up my items and handed back my ID card. I stood there waiting for her to bag my groceries, but instead, I saw her whip her head back around to the magazine she was reading. It was only then that I noticed that the grocery bags were on my side and not hers. I then proceeded to bag up my groceries and walked out of the store, dumfounded.

This same act happens each and every time I go to a C-store. Instead of bagging your groceries after scanning them, the clerks just stand there as you juggle, handing them your money/ID card and scrambling to bag your items as the line behind you grumbles impatiently.

This simple act of bagging your groceries not only speeds the transaction time as people flow through the C-store, but it would make for happier customers. I have put up with this for about as long as I can take, and I'd like to see some action. I don't think it is too much to ask. When our money is being put on the line, I think that we deserve better service.

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Sophomore Mechanical Engineering MS monopoly

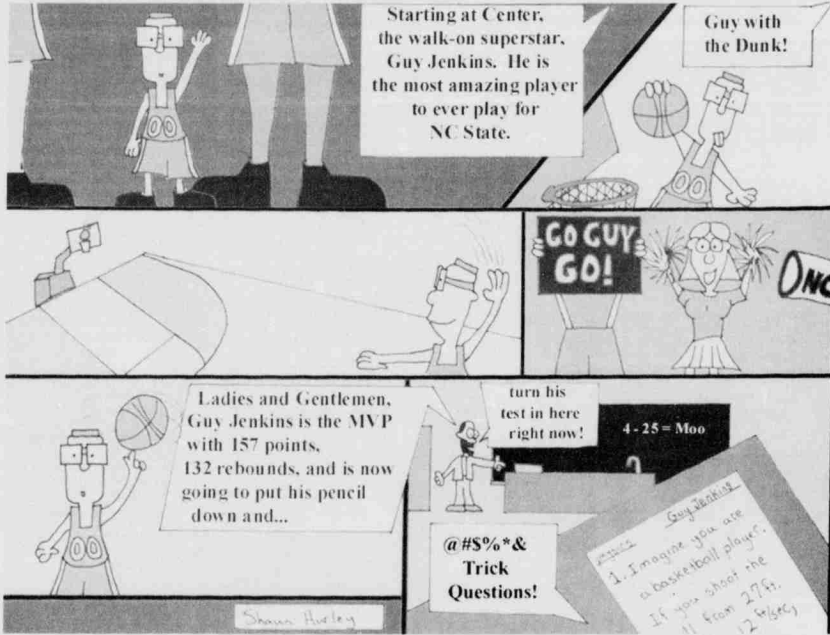
While I essentially agree with Mike Halbert's (November 8, "Microsoft; money-maker, not monopoly") ideas about the government's intervention into Microsoft's business practices, I believe that he missed the point. It's no mystery that Microsoft operating systems run on 90 percent of the world's computers.

Microsoft decides where it would be most beneficial and profitable to direct the industry and then uses its clout to do just that. I believe that the government is not "out to get Microsoft." I believe that Microsoft does indeed use its clout to stifle competition. In the free market, this is completely legal, but perhaps not morally right.

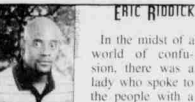
I won't say that Microsoft products aren't innovative, because they are. But there is a whole lot of innovation out there that is being stifled by Microsoft's corporate machine. No one is trying to put MS out of business, but the government believes that taking action against Microsoft is the only way to let other innovations come out of the woodwork in front of the consumers so they can make an informed choice about which operating systems they would like to run.

Many people don't know there's an alternative to Microsoft, and I believe that constitutes a monopoly on Microsoft's part. Monopolies are illegal, not successful business practices.

Drew McMillen
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The story of Lady Truth



ERIC ERVIDICK

In the midst of a world of confusion, there was a lady who spoke to the people with a silent voice. She tried to speak to the hearts of the people, but they resisted.

For some reason, no one wanted to hear what she had to say. The people were afraid of what she might reveal. They tried to run from her as they sought a hiding place, but there was nowhere to run or hide, because she would eventually reach them out.

One day, reality presented itself to the people and they did not understand it. Their hearts were troubled after they found that most of them were living a lie. The people began to search for the truth, but it was too late. People began to run and to in search of the truth, but no one could find her. Eventually, they found Lady Truth. But, in actuality, Lady Truth had found them.

She said to them, "In the state of confusion, I cried out to the people, but no one listened." She was speaking of the silent voice. For, the voice was never silent; the people just refused to listen.

In fact, she cried out against the ignorance of the people. There were

a few who heard a faint cry, even though she was screaming. They were the people who heard but didn't listen to what Lady Truth had to say.

They were afraid she would reveal the truth about them. They were afraid she would reveal some dark secret or expose their true hidden identities. They were afraid of being embarrassed or talked about. They were afraid of how people would look at them.

The people had become comfortable with living a lie and did not welcome Lady Truth, because she represented a change in the way they believed, thought and acted. They had replaced doing right and wrong with doing what was acceptable in their own eyes.

The fear of truth caused the people to run and hide. Out of love, she even pursued the people in an attempt to show them the error of their ways.

Yet, they ran to drugs to get a temporary high that took their minds off reality for a short while. They ran to alcohol with every intention of getting drunk in order to forget reality. They ran to sex in hopes of receiving satisfaction from their dissatisfied lives.

They hid behind their families and friends in order to find their identities, but, in reality, none of them had

a real identity.

They hid behind their money, thinking they could buy reality, but she was not for sale. They even hid in the churches in an attempt to use the word of God to feel good about themselves, but the conviction was not in their hearts because they were not truthful with themselves.

When they found out that all the things they had put their faith and trust in had no real substance, they diligently searched for the truth.

During everyone's search for the truth, she found them, because they had finally realized what she was trying to tell them from the beginning.

At that point, reality had made the once-silent voice seem loud. Reality had softened the hardest of hearts. Reality had forced those who heard to listen and understand. Reality had made those who ran from the truth, run to the truth.

Reality had made those who hid from the truth, face the truth. Reality had made those whom truth searched out, search out the truth.

I challenge everyone who reads this story to ask the question, "Am I a person who waits for the truth to find me, or am I a person who searches for the truth?"

The goal of this analogy or parable is to provoke people to think about being honest with themselves. I

wrote it in such a way that no one is exempt, myself included. Although the story is fictional, it has realistic values. Hopefully, you can receive some enlightenment from it.

In my walk with God, He is teaching me to be honest with myself, because no one can help others unless they help themselves first. The first step to helping oneself is realizing there is a need for help. I honestly believe we all need help with being truthful, because much of society is based on a lie, and we are the ones who make up society.

Hopefully, this story can help bring us into the light concerning the way we live our lives. One thing that life has taught me: What is done in the dark will come to light. So, when people try to discourage you from making an attempt to come out of the dark (seek God), be encouraged, because that shows you that you are on the right path.

People don't like it when you walk in the light of truth, because you expose the darkness in them.

I leave you with this statement to think about: Most people criticize you for the things they wouldn't do or can't do themselves!

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Generation X's present, future, legacy

RACHAEL OBERASH
Staff Columnist

GENERATION X...my question is, what exactly does that mean? In these times, we have been labeled by society's think tanks as X. I guess I struggle with the idea that people think our generation is unproductive and will bring about the demise of our society.

They ask how a generation molded by MTV and immediate gratification can be productive. The answer is that we can. If we seek out the basic knowledge necessary to develop our generation.

I think there is definite merit in calling us Generation X. We are controlled by computers, the Internet, E-mail and cellular phones, and we always seek immediate gratification in situations. However, I really don't think that having a generation molded by all those things is necessarily bad.

Yet, one thing that we do struggle with as a generation is a lack of general knowledge. A typical member of our generation could easily tell you how the Internet and E-mail work, but he probably could not tell you who the current United States Secretary of State is.

Last night, while writing this column I took a mini-survey and I asked about 15 students some basic questions about our country's current leaders and events. I asked them

to name four presidential candidates for the year 2000, and what major world event occurred 10 years ago (in 1989, that is) last week.

Unfortunately, as I predicted, only about 25 percent knew the answer to those questions.

I truly believe that at this stage in our education, the average college student should know such basic facts. I think, in fact, that the general college student is not very well-informed about what is happening in the world. I mean, how many of you truly knew that Elections Day was Nov. 2, and, if you did know, how many of you actually made an effort to go and vote?

A lack of information not only pertains to national and international events, but it is also relevant to our own campus, N.C. State. How many students knew about the Homecoming festivities this past Friday night? How many of the students at NCSU really care that the leaders on this campus are fighting for your tuition? How many actually know that tuition is going to go up?

If we continue to live in this pristine world and go about our everyday business, oblivious to our surroundings, then we should be labeled with an X. Yet, in order to prove ourselves and to be successful, our generation cannot continue this apathetic trend to general knowledge.

Right about now, you are probably

saying, "Well, there are people in our generation who will lead us into the next century," and that is true. I am not worried that the wrinkles in our generation will eventually straighten themselves out and that incredible leaders will develop and will take control of our society. I have no worries that we will come to an end.

But, what I do worry about is the average citizen. Our generation's culture has fostered laziness and stupidity. The average college student doesn't know basic facts about basic world events. We cannot accept ignorance among our peers.

College is a time when we must take charge and recommit ourselves to developing a good basic platform of knowledge. We cannot allow the intelligence of the average American slip any more than it has. Education and knowledge are what will bring our society to the forefront of the world.

I am not saying that every student should be deeply knowledgeable about politics, but I think that, as American citizens, it is our "duty" to know about our leaders and what is going on. Our government was established for the people.

However, if the people do not know what is going on in our government, then the government is not going to work effectively. You should not just blow this off and say, "Oh, I am just a smaller player in the scheme of things, my representative

doesn't represent me, he represents interest groups."

If we really go on thinking like that, then politicians will be corrupt and they won't listen to the average citizen. And why should they listen to an uninformed generation?

We will continue to be labeled Generation X if we don't prove ourselves. I know that our generation will take the world into the 21st Century, but we just cannot go blind. You must open your eyes and take your intellectual responsibility. In order to be successful, you have to be knowledgeable. I cannot stress this more.

Just take charge and realize that things happen around you. That you are not the only one in the world, because that is why they see us as Generation X. We are self-conscious by society's inventions and MTV.

Listen for Rachael on the "Andrew Payne Show" on KNC 88.1 this Tuesday night from 7-8 p.m., where the issues between N.C. State and that school down the road (UNC-CH) will be discussed. Also, take some good advice and remember to step out of your shell and do something crazy or scary every day, like getting a cobra tattoo (that's for you Cobra Sister!). E-mail any questions or comments to rovera@unity.ncsu.edu.

USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll

1. Florida St.	9-0
2. Virginia Tech	8-0
3. Tennessee	7-1
4. Florida	8-1
5. Kansas St.	9-0
6. Nebraska	8-1
7. Mississippi St.	8-0
8. Penn St.	9-1
9. Wisconsin	8-2
10. Texas	8-2
11. Marshall	9-0
12. BYU	8-1
13. Alabama	7-2
14. Georgia Tech	6-2
15. Michigan	7-2
16. Georgia	6-2
17. Michigan St.	7-2
18. Mississippi	7-2
19. Miami Fl.	5-3
20. So. Mississippi	6-3
21. Minnesota	7-3
22. Washington	6-3
23. Texas A&M	6-3
24. East Carolina	7-2
25. Boston College	6-2

The N.C. State football team is just one win away from being qualified for a post-season bowl game. The Wolfpack will take on ACC and in-state rival UNC-Chapel Hill this Thursday in Charlotte at 7:30 p.m.

It's all been said

◆ The N.C. State football team proved the skeptics wrong Saturday against Maryland

ROLDAYO R. BANWO
Staff Writer

It's all been said about this Wolfpack football team. They can't win when the pressure's on. They can't put up offensive numbers. The team fought off the comments from the peanut gallery and got the job done against Maryland. The victory salvages hopes of returning to another bowl game. "Obviously we came out and did what we needed to do," said Head Coach Mike O' Cain. The team did a lot more on offense, part of which was due to the play of two returning players; Ray Robinson and Chris Coleman, who played well on Saturday. Robinson got in the game early after

Ralshon Spikes went down with an injury. "I went into the game feeling like I could help this team win," Robinson added. He didn't disappoint with the ball, averaging

over 5 yards a carry, with 166 yards rushing. Coleman wasn't expected back until next week, but strapped up for Saturday's game anyway, catching a touchdown from Jamie Barnette in the first quarter that set the offensive pace for the rest of the day. "Just having him out there gave the rest of the offense some confidence," O' Cain added. Next, is the perennial big game Thursday against the team everybody loves to hate, UNC-Chapel Hill in Charlotte.

"I know how important it is to our players, our fans, and the alumni of this University," O' Cain added. The team has not beaten the Tar Heels in the last five years. They are favored this year against a UNC team that is 1-8 and riddled with injuries and problems on offense and defense. O' Cain expressed optimism about the game on Thursday but still emphasized that the opponent should not be underestimated.

"They've got talent, you don't know what to expect," he added. "This is the type of game anybody, any athlete is going love. You got a chance to show everybody you're talented and how good your team is," added Senior corner Tony Scott.

The team is determined to stay aggressive on defense Thursday. "Last week we played pretty good, it was a big task. I feel like we won the battle. For this next game, we're going to show up as well," added Scott.

One clear advantage that the Pack has over UNC is that the leader of the team is a fifth year senior who is the ACC all-time touchdown passer, Jamie Barnette has thrown more touchdowns than Heisman winner Charlie Ward, and Duke great Ben Bennett, both of which played in the ACC.

"If we had an advantage, it would be that," O' Cain added.

The stadium will be filled with red and that other color as the Wolfpack team looks to pounce on the Tar Heels and become bowl eligible for the second year in a row.



AP TOP 25

1. Florida St.
2. Virginia Tech
3. Tennessee
4. Florida
5. Kansas St.
6. Penn St.
7. Nebraska
8. Mississippi St.
9. Wisconsin
10. Texas
11. Alabama
12. Marshall
13. Georgia Tech
14. Georgia
15. BYU
16. Michigan
17. Michigan St.
18. Mississippi
19. Miami Fl.
20. Minnesota
21. So. Mississippi
22. Purdue
23. Washington
24. East Carolina
25. Ohio St.

Pack looks to swamp Devils

K. GRIFFNEY
Sports Editor

Tuesday night, the Wolfpack men's swimming and diving team look to defend their perfect record in the conference, while the women look to pick up their first victory in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The opponent is the Duke Blue Devils all around, and the home-pool advantage goes to the Wolfpack.

While Duke started its seasons with wins over the College of Charleston, the Wolfpack men and women recently split a contest with Maryland. The women lost, dropping their record to 2-2 overall and 0-2 in the ACC, while the men's win improved them to a perfect 3-0 in the conference through three meets.

A win against the Blue Devils would put the Wolfpack men at 4-0 halfway through their conference schedule.

Last weekend, the Blue Devils men and women lost to the Maryland Terrapins, fresh off their meet with the Pack. The men lost, 164-59, while the women lost 176-63.

Women
400 Medley Relay: Duke could have slight edge, both teams have posted similar scores. First place in this race will likely come down to starts and finishes and any personnel maneuvers from the two coaches.
1000 Freestyle: State has an advantage, the Wolfpack did

n't win the event against Maryland, but finished three swimmers with better times than Duke's top performer.

200 Freestyle: Duke swept Charleston, but the Pack's Mandy Horn has been consistently in the low 1:50's, a time no Blue Devils swimmer could match.

50 Freestyle: Another tight race, look for the two teams to evenly split the top four positions.

200 Individual Medley: Mary Mittendorf is the clear favorite for the Wolfpack, as is Laura Downey for the Blue Devils. If the two go head-to-head, there should be a battle for first. And a battle for third.

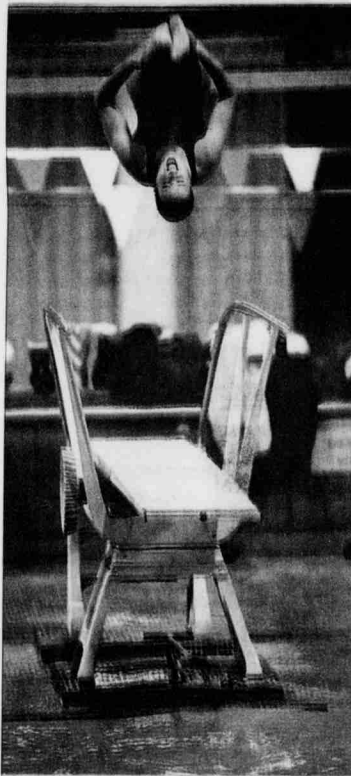
200 Butterfly: Last time out for the Pack, Mittendorf was again the top contender. If she swims both again, the numbers have her and one or two of her teammates beating Duke's No. 1.

100 Freestyle: Like the 50, the race is so short, one miscue could mean the difference between first place and fifth place. Friday, all four of State's swimmers were under 54:35, which could prove difficult for the Blue Devils to break.

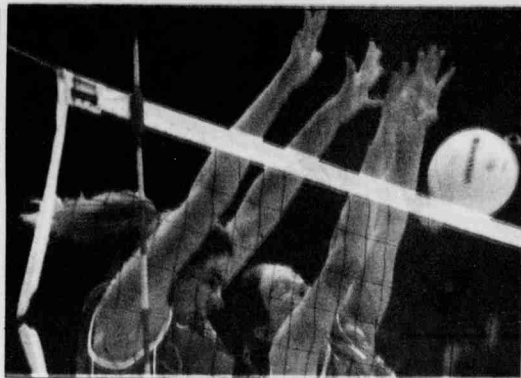
200 Backstroke: Kathleen Tonini, should she swim, should win the race in a wash, no pun intended.

500 Freestyle: Freshman Kate Sheridan has come on extremely strong for the Pack in the early-goings of the season. She was the Pack's top finisher by close to ten seconds.

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The Wolfpack men and women's swimming and diving team face-off against Atlantic Coast Conference foe Duke Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the Willis Casey Aquatics Center.



The Wolfpack will play its final three conference games in Reynolds.

No place like home

◆ The Wolfpack volleyball team kicks off a three-game homestand Tuesday.

K. GRIFFNEY
Sports Editor

The road hasn't been that kind to the Wolfpack women's volleyball team.

All the more reason that Kim Hall and her charges can celebrate being back in the friendly confines of Reynolds Coliseum.

The Pack kicks off a three-game home stand with an Atlantic Coast Conference contest against Virginia at 7:30 p.m.

The Pack lost to the Cavaliers earlier this season in four games at Charlottesville. With a 3-10 record in the conference thus far, the Pack will need to pick up this win, and wins over Maryland and Florida State to avoid the dreaded "play-in" game of the ACC Tournament, on the plate two weekends from now in Orlando, Fla.

It just so happens that Maryland and Florida State, who along with the Wolfpack makes up

the bottom tier of the conference, will be the Pack's opponents in Reynolds this coming weekend.

Leading N.C. State once again will be a youthful charge.

The majority of the Pack's team is made up of freshmen and sophomores, and despite the obvious youth, those same players have been coming through.

Erin Vesey has been the Pack's setter for the past season and a half, and not only owns the position, but plays it well. She currently has 1,399 assists this season, and is third all-time for assists in a career, with 2,673.

Fellow Sophomores Alison Kreager and Charee Williams have also made a strong impact for State in their short time in Raleigh. Williams is currently eighth on Pack's all-time leaders list with 443 kills thus far this season.

Williams also led the Pack against Duke and Wake Forest this past weekend, racking up 30 kills and 23 digs in the two matches.

The Wolfpack's upperclassmen have also

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In the intramural cross country meet, John Haws won the men's open, Mary Winn Killough won the women's open, Emilie Rautus won the residence/sorority crown, David Franklin won the fraternity title and Jeff Boyd won the residence

Club

The rowing club finished 11th in the Head of Tennessee competition. N.C. State finished sixth in the women's collegiate novice 8+, third in the men's lightweight 8+, sixth in the men's championships 8+, and second in the mixed 8+.

The field hockey team blanked Duke 4-0, thanks in large part to a 17 save performance turned in by goalie Lindsay Adkins. Jennifer Willingham scored twice and added an assist for the Wolfpack.

The men's racquetball team defeated Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill in a three-team tourna-

ment. Juan Cagayo won the A-category going undefeated and scoring 12 points while Mike Hammock also went undefeated and won the O-Category.

The men's soccer team won the second annual UNC-Greensboro Tournament by downing UNC-G 5-1 and Liberty 3-0.

The men's lacrosse team lost to Great Atlantic 9-5 but defeated N.C. Wesleyan 5-2.

Finally, the men's rugby team destroyed East Carolina 45-5 in Greenville. Nine members of the team were honored in being named to the all state collegiate rugby team. They are Marcus Bullers, Charles Onko, Dwight Orwell, David Owino, John Papalas, John Schaefer, Kenny Lastowski, John Snyder and Brian Styne.

The women's basketball team is in second place of the East Coast Women's Club Basketball League. The team is 2-1 in league play after beating Richmond 53-19, Maryland 52-46 and losing to UNC-Chapel Hill 62-52.

Sports Staff Report

Three compete for Pack men

Three members of the Wolfpack men's team competed at the 1999 Top of the Hill/ITA South Atlantic Championships last week in Chapel Hill.

The Wolfpack's Eric Jackson and Ryan Boward competed in singles events, while the doubles duo of Jackson and Brian Cowman also competed.

On Wednesday, Boward defeated William and Mary's Chris Erickson, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (5). Boward fell in the second round to Jakob Windage of High Point, 6-5(5), 6-4.

Jackson and Cowman fell to the JMU team of Lux and Stone, 9-8, despite jumping out to a 6-1 lead in the contest.

In the first round of his singles action, Jackson defeated Brad Sullivan of East Carolina, 6-1, 6-1.

In the second round, an injured wrist forced Jackson out of action. East Tennessee State's Marcos Pavlovich was leading Jackson, 6-7, 1-2 before the N.C. State junior defaulted.

Women compete in Winston

The Wolfpack women were also in action, competing in the ITA Southeast Regional Indoor Championships in Winston-Salem, N.C.

In singles action, Loni Worsley and Francie Barragan lost in the first round, each in two set and each to Atlantic Coast Conference opponents.

Marissa Gildemeister won her first round match, defeating Candy Reid of the University of Tennessee, 6-4, 3-3 (ret.). Gildemeister lost in the second round, to Duke's Erica Biro, 6-3, 6-2.

In doubles, Katrina and Marissa Gildemeister teamed up to advance to the second round, where they lost, 8-4 to a team from Wake Forest.

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