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In the NEWS

BET talk show host comes to N.C. State

Be Smith, host of the popular talk show "Our Voices" on Black Entertainment Television, will give a lecture for the N.C. State Kwanzaa 1999 program at 6 p.m. this Friday in Room 126 in the Watherspoon Student Center.

The event is free and open to the public. The lecture is sponsored by the N.C. State Black Student Board, the African American Cultural Center and the Student Mentor Association.

For more information, call the Office of African American Student Affairs at 515-3125.

Turinsky to Serve Second Term as Head of Nuclear Engineering

Paul J. Turinsky of Raleigh, professor of nuclear engineering at North Carolina State University, has been appointed head of the university's Department of Nuclear Engineering. He previously held the post from 1980 to 1988.

His appointment was announced by Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and Nino A. Masani, dean of the College of Engineering, following approval by the N.C. State Board of Trustees.

Turinsky succeeds Dr. Donald J. Dudzick, who has served as department head since May 1990. Dudzick will return to teaching and research in the department.

Turinsky joined the N.C. State faculty in 1980 as head of the Department of Nuclear Engineering and held that position until June 30, 1988, when he returned to full-time teaching and research. He was director of the Electric Power Research Center in 1989-90 and currently is director of the center's nuclear program area. Since 1990, he has been a faculty coordinator in the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Computational Engineering and Sciences. His research interests center around nuclear core modeling with applications to nuclear fuel management optimization and space-time reactor kinetics. His teaching interests focus on computational reactor physics, nuclear power plant design and accident analysis.

Tuition forum with the Board of Governors

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors will host an open forum on tuition this Thursday in the Toy Lounge in Dey Hall at UNC-Chapel Hill at 7:30. This session will provide students the opportunity to share their concerns about tuition increases being considered by the Board of Governors.

For more information, call Ellen Klingler at (919) 962-4628.

NATIONAL

Pressure builds to open submarines to women

NORFOLK, Va. — Inside the attack submarine Oklaoma City, sailors share bathrooms with 32 other men, sleep atop torpedoes and attend Sunday services in a space that also functions as the officers' dining room, reading room and surgical theater.

Spending months at a time inside a 360-foot vessel with 145 men, a nuclear reactor and dozens of torpedoes and cruise missiles is like living inside a Swiss watch, crew members say.

And in the view of some submariners and their superiors, it's no place for a woman.

The elite and insular submarine service is the last all-male bastion of the Navy. But it is under growing pressure to open the hatchets of its 76 subs to women, despite warnings that doing so could cause toxicity-related problems, increase acquisition costs, and diminish the speed and fighting power of these vessels.

NCSU outreach aids science teachers

◆ The Science House, an outreach project of N.C. State's College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, aids students and teachers across North Carolina in the pursuit of a better, hands-on science education.

TONYA COFFEY
Special To Technician

An 11-year-old girl peered into the eyepiece of an 8-inch telescope focused on Jupiter and its moons. "Oh my God," she blurted. "That's so cool!" At a nearby telescope, a seventh grade boy saw Saturn and its rings. "It looks fake!" he said. "Like one of those glow in the dark stickers."

The other students from West Cary Middle School's Science Club scuffled around in the lines, waiting to see the moon, Saturn, and Jupiter.

Thanks to the Science House, an outreach project of the college of physical and mathematical sciences at N.C. State, these children — like so many before them — learned about the sciences in a fun, hands-on way. The Science House began in 1991 in order to improve the science education of North Carolina public school students and to increase student enthusiasm for the sciences. This is accomplished by direct instruction of North Carolina students in the physical sciences and by "teaching the teachers" new and better ways to include science in their curriculum.

Brenda Wojnowski, assistant director of Science House, feels that the Science House best serves North Carolina in interaction with teachers. "For the students that we have direct contact with, we have a dramatic impact on their learning of the sciences. But since we're such a small staff, I really think that our greatest student impact is through training the teachers and providing equipment [to the schools]," said Wojnowski.

Barbara Niffenegger, a teacher at West Cary Middle School and faculty sponsor of the Science Club, is a perfect example of the Science House's impact on teaching. She has taken a workshop in astronomy and a workshop on developing web pages from the Science House, and often uses the

Science House as a resource. "It's made me much more willing to arrange things like an astronomy night and physics demonstrations for my students, because I feel like I have people to contact," she said. "There's a possibility that I wouldn't have even continued the Science Club this year if it hadn't been for the Science House. They've offered me a resource for exciting things to do with the kids."

Wojnowski cites many reasons teachers need instruction from organizations like the Science House. For example, elementary school teachers are not required to take many science courses in college to become certified. "Although the level of instruction is low for elementary school students,

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Director David Haase receiving an award for The Science House.

Robinson requests student aid

NATALIE DUGGINS
Senior Staff Writer

Just a little more than a week after the university fired Head Football Coach Mike O' Cain, the university is making a concerted effort to find a replacement and is promising student involvement as the search continues.

Athletics Director Les Robinson and Provost Kermit Hall spoke before the Student Senate Wednesday night, explaining the reasons behind O' Cain's dismissal and describing the prerequisites for the new leader of the burgeoning football program. Hall and Robinson are co-chairs of the Advisory Committee to assist the search for a head football coach.

"We want to make an effort to communicate more than one set of values," Hall said.

In addition to Hall and Robinson, the advisory committee members include Board of Trustees member Butch Wilson; current Student Aid Association president Jim King and President Emeritus Ray Rouse. Also serving on the committee are John Griggs and Dwayne Greene from the Faculty Athletics Council, and Mary Beth Kurz and George Worsley from the Chancellor's Executive Officers Cabinet.

Hall, who was active in the

search to find Steve Spurrier at the University of Florida, outlined a few requirements that should be sought after in a new coach.

"We need someone who understands and appreciates that the athletes are student athletes," Hall said.

Hall, the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, also stressed the importance of a head coach being able to "relate to and become a part of the academic community."

"It is critical that we have someone to lift the student-athlete academic support program," Hall said.

One of Hall's reasons for coming to N.C. State was for the university to gain admittance into the American Association of Universities (AAU). Hall stressed that the improvement of the football team academically would aid the university's hopes of accessing the AAU.

"The number one goal of the university when I was hired was that they wanted to get into Phi Beta Kappa," Robinson added, referring to the society that was equivalent to the AAU in the early '90s. During his tenure as head coach, Robinson helped raise the academic performance of the men's basketball team.

"We can win in the classroom and we can win on the field or



Les Robinson and Kermit Hall addressed the Student Senate Wednesday on the pursuit of a new football head coach.

court," Robinson said. "It is possible to be excellent in both athletics and academics," Hall added.

The problem in the game against Carolina wasn't coaching or a lack of effort by the players; instead, Robinson attributed the loss to the players trying too hard to win the game. Robinson, who addressed players prior to the game, said that the players were "too upright and too worried."

"Having coached myself and knowing the business, it gets to a certain point when it becomes difficult to perform," Robinson said.

The Athletics Director went on to say that when he talked to O' Cain, he was "a very, very happy man."

Robinson said that he had been on the phone since Thanksgiving morning talking to national football experts. Though Robinson admitted that "the timetable is not exact," he hopes to have a decision by January.

"We are willing to sacrifice recurring time because we are interested in getting the right person," Robinson said.

Medical use of aborted fetus causes stir

◆ The use of aborted fetuses for medical research raises serious ethical questions amongst students, faculty and the surrounding community at the University of Nebraska.

DANE STICKNEY
Daily Nebraskan

(U-WIRE) LINCOLN, Neb. — The recent findings revealing the University of Nebraska's involvement in the use of aborted fetuses for medical research is stirring up the abortion debate.

On Sunday, the Omaha World-Herald reported that the University of Nebraska Medical Center used brain cells of aborted fetuses in the study of Alzheimer's disease.

The fetal tissue was provided free of charge to the university by

Wrapping up the semester...



Nathan Fisher (left) and Jameka Autry, members of Kappa Tau Beta Textile Leadership Fraternity wrap gifts for their third annual "Be An Angel" program that sponsors foster children.

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Look homeward?



Marks gives some thought to the words of Thomas Wolfe. Check out Opinion for more.



Separations suck.

John Carr says see Serious.



Pack pulls off upset

A late three by Justin Gainey gave the Wolfpack a 61-59 win over No. 19 Purdue.

Medical

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Dr. LeRoy Carhart, Federal law prohibits the sale of any human body parts.

Carhart operates an abortion clinic in Bellevue and has been a leader in the pro-abortion rights movement.

Gov. Mike Johanns will prepare a letter asking the University of Nebraska to stop the research, said Chris Peterson, spokesman for the governor.

"The governor hopes at minimum to establish dialogue between the university, the regents, the Legislature and himself on the future of the research," Peterson said. "He will formally ask (the university) to stop later on this week."

Anti-abortion rights activists see the research as a victory for abortion, while pro-abortion rights supporters don't see the research as an issue at all.

Anti-abortion groups have been talking to state senators about the possibility of stopping the testing.

said Dan Parsons, director of Family First in Lincoln and an anti-abortion rights activist.

"It's very disturbing to think that people are harvesting organs of unborn children for medical research," he said. "We've wondered aloud if this were going on in Nebraska, and it deeply troubles us to know that it is."

Chris Funk, executive director of Planned Parenthood of Lincoln and pro-abortion rights supporter, said her organization approves of the university's actions.

"We support the right of women to donate fetal tissue, and we support medical research to help fight debilitating diseases," she said. "As long as the tissue is not sold, there is no incentive to have abortions. It's just like any other organ donation."

Parsons said the research could fuel incentive for doctors to create a black market for fetal tissue.

"It would not surprise me at all if someone who aborts babies for a living would try to sell baby parts," he said. "Some organizations have been known to lease office space or provide overhead payments in return for fetal tissue."

Funk said Parson's comments were frivolous.

"People are getting the impression that fetal tissue is being sold, and it is not," she said. "We're totally against the sale of human body parts for any reason. Women must present information and written consent to donate tissue. It's completely up to the woman."

Funk said she was appalled that radical anti-abortion rights activists were using the research issue as a means for further debates on abortion.

"It is really outrageous that anti-abortion extremists are trying to intertwine abortion with medical research," she said. "It's outrageous that they look for any place to make a scene. This is a scene that doesn't need to be a platform for them to stomp around on."

Parsons said the research issue is more than another abortion debate - it is a public policy question that must be answered.

"Science is encouraging abortions," he said. "Anyone who has any sense of what is right or wrong should see that this is something that our culture shouldn't be doing."

"Where will we draw the line?"

Ericsson

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Centennial Campus has been its research and education mission, commercial applications give students further opportunities and enhance research to these ends."

There is currently open space for commercial use on Centennial Campus, and more is under construction by a private developer.

"Development is continuing to allow for increased government and corporate involvement, though space is offered by invitation only... Ericsson, through its long support of research, was an obvious fit," Geolas said.

This increase of corporate activity should also make it easier for students to become involved with industry. "An increased commercial presence can only increase student involvement, as it gives students and faculty a chance to work one-on-one with industry. While we've always been willing to go to New York for this involvement, it's much easier to be able to walk over to Centennial," Snyder said.

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the teachers may never have had any training in the physical sciences, although most have had courses in biology," said Wojnowski. Older teachers may have had courses in the physical sciences, but graduated from college before some of the new technology came out.

Finally, some teachers are called upon to teach classes for which they are not certified.

"Most schools only have one physics course," said Wojnowski. "Each teacher teaches five courses, so you have to have teachers not certified to teach some classes."

The Science House sponsors several projects designed to make North Carolina educators better teachers of the physical sciences. Wojnowski, in conjunction with the Department of Public Instruction, is currently working on a project called the K-8 Infrastructure Initiative. Every year, the textbook commission decides on a list of recommended instructional materials. Most schools will buy

materials only from this list. For the year 2000, however, the textbook commission failed to put any hands-on instructional materials on the list of recommended materials. The K-8 Infrastructure Initiative is making new hands-on science kits available for study by area teachers prior to state curricular materials adoption, in hopes that these teachers will encourage the schools to include these kits in their curriculum.

Other programs, like Empower and Team Science, give teachers direct 'how-to' instruction in the sciences in addition to making instructional materials available. The teachers participate in one or two summers of training in how to use calculator-based or computer-based laboratory equipment in teaching science and math. During the academic year, the Science House provides equipment to their schools.

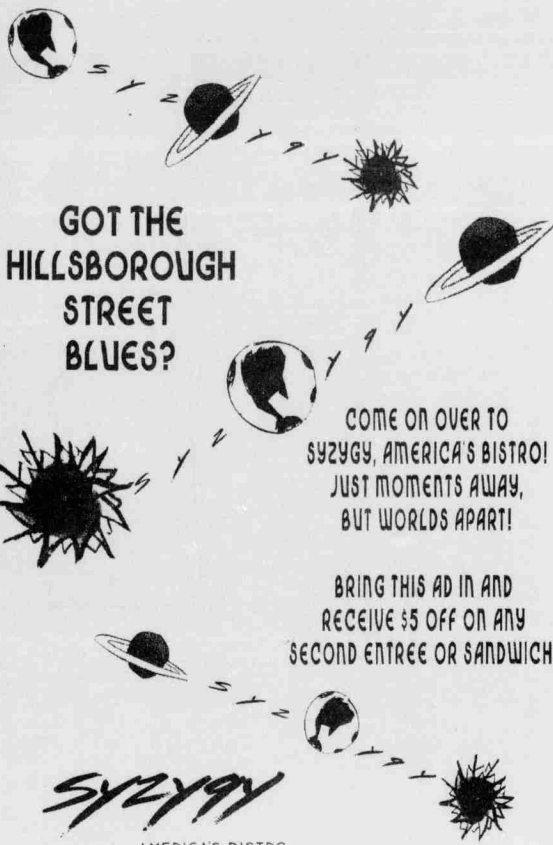
"We have seen real change in the teachers and their teaching styles in these programs," said David Haase, director of Science House.

In a report to the National Science Foundation, evaluations of Team Science support Haase's statement. The report details the results of a survey sent to nearly 1,300 students of participating teachers in the Team

Science project. Of the sampled students, 34 percent replied that they intend to take more science courses as a result of Team Science intervention in their school. Eight percent said they participated in special science competitions as a result of Team Science, and 35 percent said they wanted to be involved in some special science competitions if given the opportunity, also as a result of the Team Science project. Twenty-two percent of the students stated that they were thinking about choosing a career in science due to their experience in the Team Science classroom that year.

Through the efforts of Wojnowski and everyone else at the Science House, North Carolina's teachers are slowly becoming better at educating and motivating students in the physical sciences.

"You see people come in [to the Science House] scared of technology, and becoming advocates of technology. We see people doing a lot more hands-on [science instruction] after we work with them. But we have to work with them. It takes long term commitment to get attitude changes," said Wojnowski.



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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

WTO talks stalling out

National headlines have been dominated by the World Trade Organization's meeting in Seattle, Washington, this week.

Those headlines, however, have not centered on the opening of

power away from elected governments and citizens, giving it to multinational corporations.

Protesters also cite, however, possible environmental repercussions that a strong WTO would create:

already, some animal-rights legislation is in danger of being stricken down as barriers to trade. United States labor protesters, in particular, have cited the likelihood that com-

The WTO talks in Seattle have been marred by protests that were turned ugly and violent.

trade barriers or the development of Third World economies.

Rather, the headline sabbers of the historic WTO talks have been the acts of protesters in Seattle. They have come from all over the world: French farmers, U.S. college students and animal-rights activists and labor activists.

The demonstrations are many, but they are not all peaceful; broken windows of looted stores and empty tear gas cans offer powerful evidence of the violence that has broken out since before the meetings opened on Tuesday.

Those who are simply marching peacefully outside the Westin Hotel in Seattle, where the WTO meetings are being held, are simply exercising their constitutional right to demonstrate their opinions.

Those who have turned to violence in an effort to be heard, however, are killing the causes of their fellow protesters.

The primary charge against the WTO is that its success will take

panies would, given free reign, take their business from the U.S. to cheaper labor markets overseas, driving up unemployment.

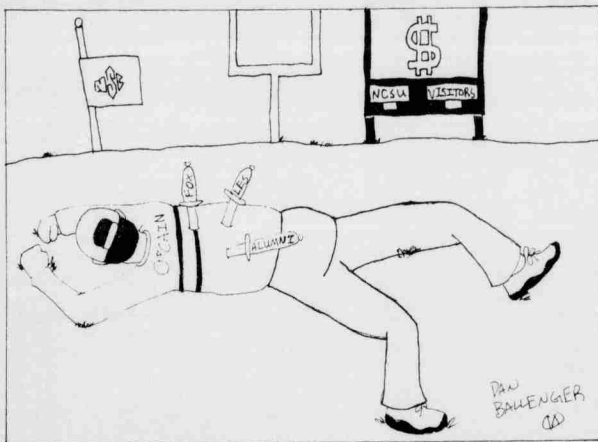
Those charges do have some credibility, particularly the ones centering on the animal-rights issue. The idea that the opening of markets will give multinational unchecked power is preposterous.

A greater concern should be the fact that a successful WTO would further shrink a dwindling world. Already, American culture, via American business, has overtaken the cultures of other countries, turning their cherished traditions into quaint additions to the Nike- and McDonalds-laden landscapes.

The overall impression that the WTO meetings leaves, however, is this: both convention organizers and protesters have dropped the ball. What could have been a round of late millennium talks leading to an era of worldwide prosperity has fallen apart, thanks to the unpredictability of the Seattle police and the unskillfulness of the demonstrators.

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You can never go home again



KELLY MARKS

In Praise of Cheese, or You Can Never Go Home Again: For some reason, these two titles have been stuck in my head and I can't seem to write more than a paragraph about

either of them.

Usually, I don't have a lot of trouble writing these columns — I just pick something that's bugged me all week and ramble on about it for 900 words or so until the thing is resolved in a big cathartic burst of pounding upon my keyboard. It's sort of my own personal breed of bingeing and purging; I absorb stuff — ideas, observations and the everyday annoying crap — I chew on it a while, and then I open my head and go "Bleh!" and spit it all back out at the end of the week.

And so, having been at home last week, home is on my mind. I've been thinking about it a bit. But whenever I try to write about it, I have the literary equivalent of the dry heaves. I go bleh, but nothing really comes out.

And so I thought — cheese.

One part of my brain was all set to go a more lighthearted route and expound upon the glories

of cheese. I was willing to devote an entire column to the many virtues of my favorite milky-baked product. I had paragraphs in my head extolling the merits of Monterey Jack and documenting my scandalous love affair with that wanton hussy of the dairy world — Easy Cheese.

But then, somehow, the idea of writing about nothing but cheese seemed both silly and trivial. Not to mention somewhat...well, odd. I mean, I like cheese, but it's not my life. Though I love its creamy texture and its wide variety of flavors and kinds, I can wrench myself free from its cheesy tempting clutches. It's not like, say, Dr. Pepper.

And so, that leaves me back with home and the dry heaves. Yet, I'm resolved to try and at least gag out something of some merit, so here it goes.

I once read somewhere that someone said you can never go home again. The remark has stuck in my brain for a long, long time, even if the source or the source of the source have not. There's something poignant in the phrase and powerful, and I remember when I first read it that the words were like electricity. They turned a light on in my brain and illuminated a simple fact about life. And so, consequently, they rattle about in my noggin from time to time.

This past weekend was one of those times. They were jangling about in my brain the entire drive back toward N.C. State, and I guess it's because,

for Thanksgiving, I went home again. Only, I didn't.

The idea seems so silly at first — never go home again? My foot. I have a car. I can drive myself there. I can unlock the door and march right in and throw my stuff in a room I still claim mine. And yeah, I did all of these things. But there comes a point when it's not the same anymore.

I'm coming to terms with the fact that I don't live the same life I once did.

My home address hasn't changed, but that doesn't mean that home is really there in that house on the same spot in the street as it was four years ago. And I'm realizing that there are many things in my life that have a possessive adjective in front of them without good reason — my room isn't really my room. I've been away from home just long enough to see that there are all sorts of things preceded with the word "my" that aren't really mine anymore. Things change.

People change, too. There were several times this holiday when I just looked at my family and thought, "Who are these people?" My parents and younger sister swapped dirty jokes across the table, my sister was wearing blue eyeliner and we now have a dog that eats remote controls, a fact

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Appreciating our unity

I am writing this in response to an article by Rachael Overcash entitled "Appreciating our diversity" in the Nov. 30 edition of Technician. Having lived in the south all of my life, I was annoyed to see another columnist whining about my apparently "inadequate" upbringing and enlightening my poor little country mind to my ignorance. But before I defend my southern heritage, I wanted to quickly note that her whole point was misguided. It is not our division but our unity that has made America great. When the first colonists broke with Britain, they made a choice to become Americans and break with their old British heritage in order to form a new nation based on new ideals. Every group since then has made the same choice; they stop being Irish or Chinese or French and all become Americans. They assimilate

into this culture. It is all these people putting aside their own agendas and coming together to defend American ideals that has made this country great, not our diversity. This has nothing to do with race, it's about what being an American is.

As for us southerners, we are as nice and understanding as any group in this nation. I like my culture just fine, and I stand firmly behind the values and beliefs under which I was raised. Some day I hope my children will be raised under the same culture I was and I truly hope that the leadership of the future will not make "diversity" a paramount issue in the American agenda. This is college, if you want to "explore other cultures" you have ample opportunities, just please don't try to force us poor unenlightened southerners to be exactly as you would like us to be.

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MIKE PITTMAN

It's finally here. Let's all give one great sigh of relief and a "hip-hip-hooray!" It's the last Technician of the Millennium. I'm pumped up, how about you readers, you guys pumped

up?

Of all the things that have happened in the last millennium, where does one begin to top it all off in 400 (give or take 2,000) words or less? Should I tell of the great things that have happened at N.C. State since it's founding? Maybe I should hit the major technological revolutions of the past millennium. My Technology in History professor sure would like that! I could tell all about how the world will (or won't) blow up in a month minus one day.

No, I think I shall move in a different direction. At this time, I don't feel right looking back at the past. A friend of mine once said, "History is good for only one thing. Jeopardy." Alex Trebek, read no further, no more history in this column! Instead, let's look to the future.

There has been much talk about what needs to be done to make this

Bringing the dead to life with the onset of Christmas

Upon a midnight clear it came to me. Half past 12 Wednesday morning and I'm freezing my tail off in Sullivan computer lab. Well kids, Christmas is only three weeks and change from today, December 2. (Only 13 more months until the millennium!)

Nearing the shores of this fall semester ocean, and while I battled the unexpected undercurrent of "Alive Week," I saw three ships come sailing in.

OK, I might have imagined that, but I have seen enough sales to propel me to the mall three times this past week. I am welcoming the get-away-from-school ships — a break from studying, the New Year approaching and Christmas — into my harbor of elation. I am ready to board for the special one-month, three-boat cruise. Don't call me Gilligan.

Ahh, yes...like any vacation, our academic faculties may be at ease for a time and the pressure of e15's (those things we have to look forward to next week) is lifted. We can bask in the warm beaches of relief, rest and relaxation.



MARK ANDERSON

After the semester-long academic storm, a rain-bow will shine, at the end of which we will find the pot of gold. But, we do not have to wait until exams (oops! it slipped) come to a close to find that pot of gold. We can be joyous now. How? O, do tell.

Forget about the elusive pot of gold. Earthly treasures and worldly success will pass, leaving you empty again, without a lasting sense of joy. God is the joy and He wants you to be a part of Him, so look and listen for Him. Start looking and listening for God in your life. First of all, Jesus was born. That's the crucial part. Christians celebrate His birth on December 25(No kidding). You can experience that awesome eternal joy by simply celebrating His

of campus buildings.

Help Create a Better Hillsborough Street Students say that Western Boulevard is one of the hardest roads on campus to cross. Hillsborough Street is beginning to rank right up there. The road has turned into a major thoroughfare for traffic of all types.

Working on Hillsborough Street, I see that, nearly every day, someone gets caught off-guard and nearly run over. In order to safely traverse the street, both up and down, you must be fully alert. You can't cross driveways, roads or the street itself without fearing, at least minimally, for your life.

How about taking the two outside lanes and creating diagonal parking spaces? This solves part of the parking problem, as well as helping slow down traffic.

The street needs to be cleaned up and returned to a place where students want to be, not fear to be.

Don't Raise Tuition Like it or not, this university was founded as a land-grant university. Land, because for years we have been agriculturally based.

Only recently has our engineering school risen to national prominence. Before that, we still had textiles, the Vet School and our forestry programs.

We are a university largely comprised of stu-

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Life and accepting Him as the son of God.

Jesus is the antidote for all sicknesses; the cure-all for every disease, the nighttime, daytime, anytime, stuffy head, upset stomach, heartache, so you can have a great life medicine. For any and all of your interpersonal troubles, woes, academic difficulties, life dilemmas, addictions, bad habits or otherwise sinful lifestyles, Jesus is the cure for your condition.

The relief from finishing exams (doh!) will bring you and me a temporary happiness. Accepting Jesus Christ will bring you that eternal joy. As the New Year and all of its hoopla draw near, remember the real meaning of Christmas a week before. I learned recently that even Santa Claus bows to Jesus. Santa is commerce's Jesus figure. Even in all his benevolence, Santa is nothing compared to Jesus. Santa gives toys; Jesus gave Himself.

Businesses during Christmastime especially

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Home

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that everyone seems perfectly okay with.

When I was growing up, the word fart was taboo, pets stayed outside and my sister was for all intents and purposes, a boy.

But, like I said, things change. And I'm guessing that that's basically what whoever it was, was saying whenever he said what he said. You can go back to your childhood residence, but you can't go back to the time in your life when you lived there.

I have a tendency toward nostalgia, and sometimes I'm awfully bad about idealizing the past. I know that you can never go back, but occasionally I have to remind

myself, "Hey stupid, you don't want to." Then, of course, I realize how very right I am and thank goodness that some part of me was blessed with such good sense.

Perhaps home isn't so much a place, but rather the people you're comfortable with. After all, I didn't return to the tiny town from whence I came to visit a building — it was to see the people inside it. My friends and family are, for the most part, all the home I need.

And yes, they change, but so do I. And sometimes we change together. I felt disjointed a bit this Thanksgiving; there were times when I felt like a guest or an outsider. There were times when I felt like I didn't really know the people that I call my family. I couldn't help but remember ways that things were and ways people had been.

I remember my sister when she

was little, and all of the little-girl conspiracies that we shared together and there were moments when the realization struck me this weekend — like a hot iron sometimes — that my sister is not that little girl anymore.

But as we giggled while we died her hair red in the kitchen sink Thanksgiving eve, I thought "so what?" I might not feel like I always know the person who my sister is now, but I'd like to get to know her. And that's pretty important.

So, okay, you can't ever go home again. But sometimes that just means you go to a better place.

With that said, I have to confess I wasn't going to write this column. At least not about this. I figured it would mean launching into yet one more self-absorbed meandering through my head and sometimes I get tired of constantly going bleh

about me and my life. I figure that people have to get tired of reading it, too. And, sometimes, I think it just borders on too personal, too strange, too self-serving, or just too much information.

But then, the alternative was cheesy.

So I don't know if it made much sense, but this is what I spit out today. Home and a love of lactose—perhaps somewhere in all of it I made a point.

Kelly wishes everyone a happy holiday season and a nice time at home, wherever that may be. Enjoy a cheese log in her honor. Comments? Hit her at kmnarks@unity.ncsu.edu with an E-mail, the preferred response method of all Technician columnists (as opposed to say, calls at 3 a.m.).

Dead

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try to create a similar theme, but you have to buy in order to give. Such is not the case with God. He gives the greatest gift, Jesus. He is free to you, your friends and your family. The real theme of Christmas is giving — sacrificially.

So, whether you open presents, doors, a book or the refrigerator, consider opening your heart and accepting Jesus Christ as your savior.

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denents coming from farms and rural areas. Often, these students do all they can to afford the current tuition. Raising tuition would go against our background and our founding fathers, who created this university. We would then ascend to the ranks of more "uppity" universities who cater only to those who have money now, denying an education to those who want to learn and help later.

Increase Campus Safety Students should have no fear of walking across campus.

I personally will never forget a midnight stroll across Duke's campus on a weeknight, through some quite dark areas, on which I never felt threatened. I have done the same thing on this campus and felt as though the boogey man was behind me the whole way.

What is the difference in these two schools? At Duke, I saw their public safety officers on foot, walking around. Here, I saw a blue light standing in the Brickyard. Those are great ideas, but if you've just been shot, what good does that blue light do to help you? Officers on campus may not be able to stop a shooting, but they will be able to get there quicker if they are already on patrol and not in a car sleeping in a dark parking lot.

Erase the Hate It's been said hundreds of times, and I'm going to say it again. Before we can be a place where people enjoy being, we must make our students feel

When you give answers on those exams, or you give yourself more time to sleep, or you give money to the sales clerk, or you give yourself another hour to relax, consider giving your life to Jesus.

Well, that's all folks! No more Technician this year! Check us out when you get back. Have a great break! Have fun opening and giving.

Please don't freak out about the New Year. And, please do not drink and drive over the holiday. Be safe and come back to N.C. State! E-mail me holiday salutations at mbander2@unity.ncsu.edu.

safe.

This goes to the administration as well as the students! We should all know, being educated citizens, that black or white, male or female, gay or straight, Baptist or Mormon, we are all people. Until the day comes when we all look inside and not outside, NCSU will not be a comfortable homestead for our students.

These ideas may seem hard and far-fetched, but they are doable. In order to make NCSU the greatest university in the world, we as students, staff and faculty must pull together and do the job. There is no group on campus that can single-handedly do the job. The job is not "someone else's," it is ours. If you want student cards to do more than pay for meals, write the administration. If you want bricks routed, write! We are 27,000 students strong, and we have a voice.

Administration, if you want this done, research it. Believe it or not, the 27,000 students will listen if you speak. The job can be done and must be done. If you love this place as much as I do, we must come together and make State Great!

And that, my friends, is Mike Pittman's last gasp in Technician for this millennium.

Mike Pittman is a firm believer that, despite what some would say, we will all have classes Monday, Jan. 10, 2000. If you disagree with this or anything else the looney believes, E-mail him at mike_pittman@ncsu.edu.

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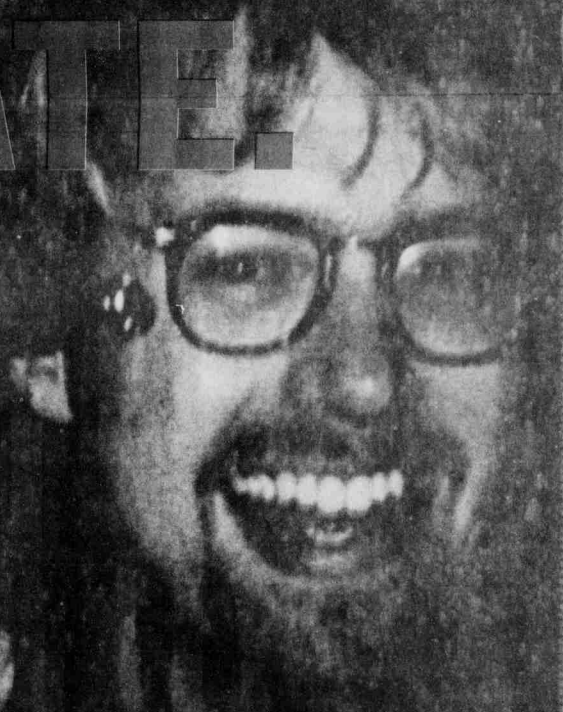
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Lack of WTO coverage

I am disappointed by the lack of coverage in Technician concerning the WTO protests in Seattle. In a rare display of cooperation, many organizations joined together to protest — the World Trade Organization (WTO) and big businesses' disregard for the working classes around the world. Labor unions, environmentalists, hippies, students and those concerned with workers' rights around the globe have put differences aside to come together for a common cause. This level of cooperation demonstrates what can be achieved if we all work together. The protesters effectively shut down the first day of WTO meetings.

Sadly, the National Guard was called in to enforce a curfew, and the police removed peaceful protesters with pepper spray, rubber bullets and tear gas. On Wednesday, the streets of Seattle were full of armed soldiers. This is an image we should see in a war zone, not in the United States in response to peaceful protests.

I have long believed the saying "If you are not outraged, you are not paying attention." I must scold

Technician for failing in its duty as a newspaper. You have been caught not paying attention. The students of NCSU deserve to be made aware of the attempts being made to stifle the voice of the people.

Kevin Blair
Senior
Food Science

Racist overtones

I hope that I'm not the only Technician reader that found Jessica Wetherhold's letter regarding the safety of our campus ("NCSU safety lacking," Campus Forum, Nov. 29) somewhere in between disturbingly prejudiced and overtly racist.

Being a victim of crime erodes our trust in the people around us, but being a victim of an unfair stereotype erodes our faith in humanity.

Raj Bharati
Junior
Environmental Engineering

Directionless NCSU sports

First, let me say that I absolutely love N.C. State sports. I try to attend as many NCSU sporting events as I can, and I usually lose my voice before the first intermission. However, the recent firing of Mike O'Can has pushed the athlet-

ic program into the spotlight and revealed serious problems surrounding Wolfpack athletics.

Firing Mike O'Can won't solve the team's "problems," but the firing itself is only part of a bigger issue. What will we sacrifice for a possible shot at glory?

Even if we become great, there is no guarantee of a title. The basketball team has attracted some recruits and maybe increased its chances by moving to the ESA, but at what cost? The ESA is much more inconvenient for most students, doesn't have our name on it (and probably never will) and doesn't really belong to us.

This is absurd, considering that it cost \$150 million and NCSU paid a lot of that. NCSU claims to be "the university of the people," but as students fight tuition increases, we struggle for more wins, but we spend money that could have been used on a student who can't afford college.

I love sports, but it sickens me to see us spending money so wastefully. The principles of this university are worth far more than a distant shot at a shiny new trophy.

Marty Smith
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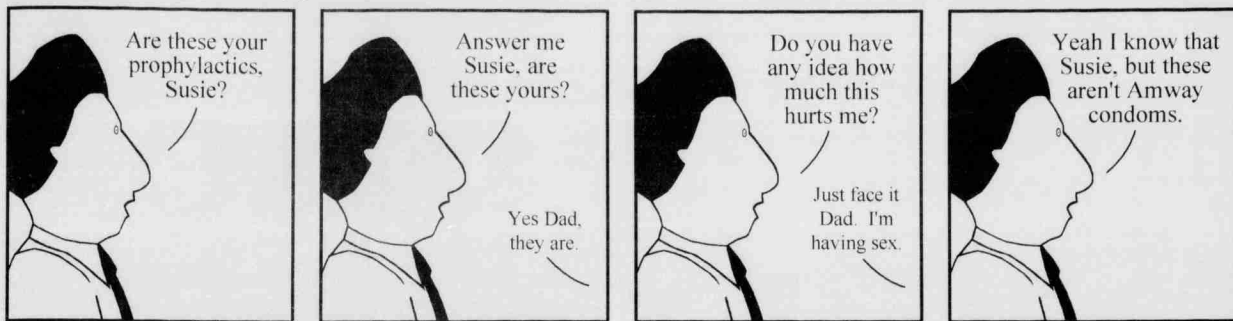
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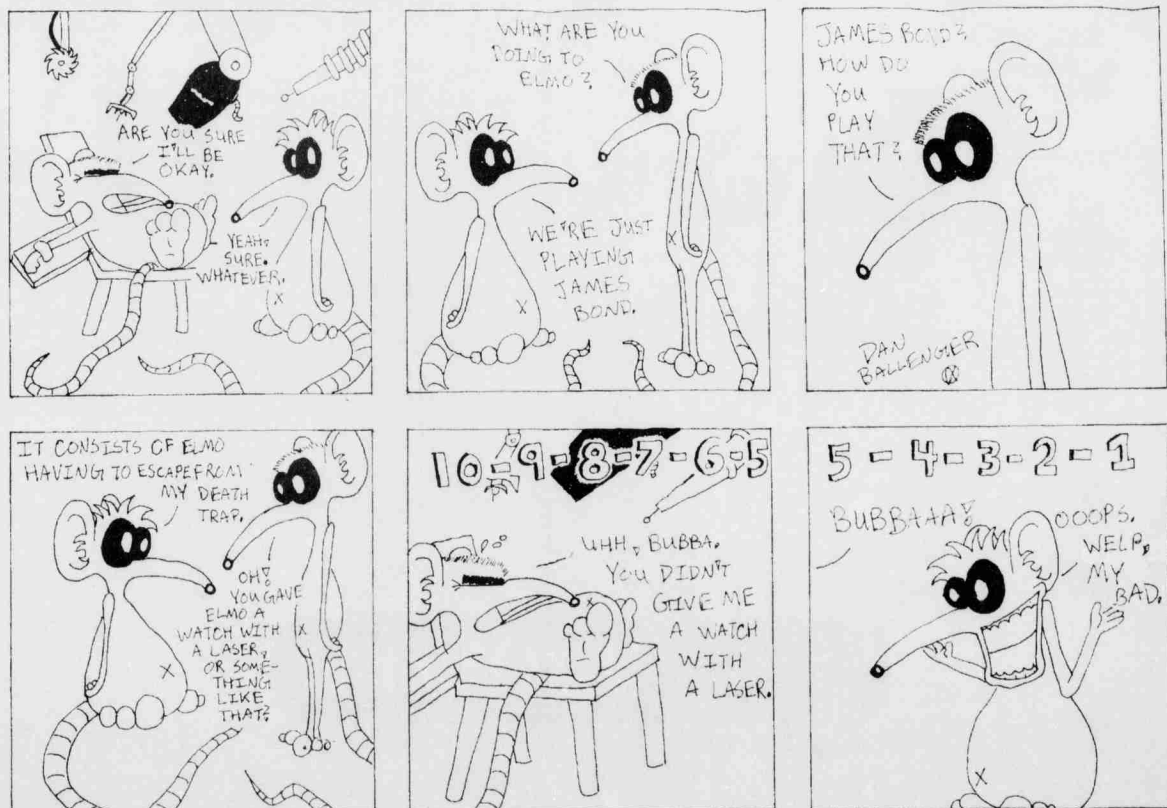
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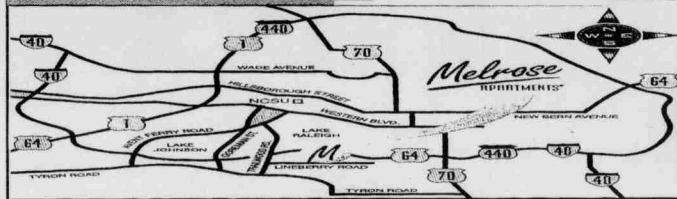
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Peace & Tranquility, Natalie Duggins

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Wrist

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the country at 149, is out of action.

"Although the loss of these key wrestlers hurts, Guzzo sees it as an opportunity to give some of the Pack's younger talent a chance to get involved in national-caliber tournaments.

"These tournaments will give some of these other guys a real good opportunity to test themselves," said Guzzo.

"Whatever the outcome this weekend, the experience that the NSU wrestlers gain will only help when the NCAA tournament arrives in March.

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rebounds per game. Chones is also shooting an impressive 61.5 percent from the field. Senior Summer Erb has remained a constant in the post scoring 11.3 points and grabbing 7.7 rebounds per game. And the final major piece to the puzzle is James, who is averaging 8.8 points per game and distributing the ball well with an effective 2.25 to 1 assist-to-turnover ratio.

Considering that there are only five teams ranked higher than the Pack at this point in the season, the Deacs really aren't in an ideal situation if they are trying to get off the snide with a much-needed victory.

National respect, Fiesta Bowl berth on line for Texas

ROBBY NISENFELD

Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas -- Defensive end Aaron Humphrey feels that it would take at least 75 wins out of 100 games.

Quarterback Major Applewhite joked that Texas would have to capture a cool C-note's worth of consecutive victories -- an even 100.

And wideout Kwame Cavil said the Horns might need to beat Nebraska somewhere close to, oh, say an infinite number of times before they convince a few people that they may actually have a shot at topping the Cornhuskers.

"I think we're going to have to

beat them every time," Cavil said.

Cavil's reasoning? Thanks to three national titles in the 1990s and an NCAA record 30 consecutive bowl appearances, Nebraska possesses something known simply as the "Royal Airness" factor.

"It's kind of like Jordan," Cavil said. "He may hit 30 [points] all the time and then he'll hit 20 in one game and people will say 'He'll hit 30 the next time.' They've just been good for so long, they get the respect."

And recently, Big Red has also gotten a big red 'L' in the loss column whenever the Huskers have matched up with the Horns.

Texas upset Nebraska in the Big 12 Championship game in 1996, Texas upset Nebraska last year in

Lincoln to end the Huskers' 47-game home win streak. Texas upset Nebraska earlier this season in Austin to hand the Huskers their only loss of the 1999 campaign. Eventually, a Texas victory will no longer be an upset. Just not yet.

"Everyone in America outside of the state of Texas thinks that Nebraska is going to win," head coach Mack Brown said of this weekend's Big 12 Title game in which the No. 3 Huskers (10-1 overall, 7-1 Big 12) are favored to beat No. 12 Texas (9-3, 6-2) by eight points.

"The TV networks already have them in the Fiesta Bowl. I had to check a couple of times to see if we're still playing the game."

Saturday at 2:30, coach. And another Texas victory would mean that a few Longhorns will go down in history with all people, former Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer.

The last time Nebraska lost four consecutive games to the same squad was back during the Reagan administration, when Switzer's Sooners stripped the Big Red Machine down to its nuts and bolts from 1984 to 1987.

Therefore, if Texas downs Nebraska for a fourth straight time in the past four years, then-starters Humphrey, Ricky Brown, Roger Roessler, Cedric Woodard, Anthony Hicks and every other senior will end their Texas careers undefeated with a 4-0 mark against what most people consider the dominant program of the 1990s.

That would make Humphrey a world rarity, which he says has a nice ring to it. But he still doesn't think that a Texas victory will alter the fact that college football's religious followers hold the Huskers up to an altar and that they will probably be favored to

beat Texas in the foreseeable future.

"Nebraska is a hell of a team," Humphrey said. "Any time you beat Nebraska, you know you've accomplished something. No one is picking us to win the game. If we do, I don't think it will change anyone's mind."

If it doesn't, that just means Texas will be the underdog next time it battles Nebraska, just like it is this year and every year. But the Horns are happy that way, and so is Vegas.

"When the underdog wins, that makes it so much better," safety Greg Brown said. "Everyone is betting against them and they win, and it makes the few guys that bet on them a lot of money."

That would be the cue to mention the fat wad of dollars that Texas would gain by capturing the Big 12 Championship. If Texas trips up Nebraska for the second time this season, the Horns are headed for the Fiesta Bowl, which means a payday worth a few million more George Washingtons than they would receive going to the Holiday, Alamo or Cotton Bowl -- their possible destinations if they were to lose the title game.

The Horns could care less about the monetary ramifications of their bowl game. But a New Year's Eve in Tempe, Ariz., sounds like a party to defensive tackle Casey Hampton.

"We want to go to the Fiesta Bowl," Hampton said. "Anyone would rather go to an alliance bowl."

And anyone would love to get a little national recognition as well.

"People just don't give Texas the respect we deserve," Roessler said. "But that's because we've been too inconsistent over the past few years."

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Michigan claw Yellow Jackets in ACC/Big Ten

ATLANTA (AP) - Freshman Gavin Groninger scored all 18 of his points on 3-pointers, including a key basket with 1:20 remaining, and Michigan slipped off Georgia Tech 80-77 Tuesday night.

The Yellow Jackets (3-2), who trailed by 16 midway through the second half, had a couple of chances to tie in the final six seconds. But Alvin Jones was called for a foul while trying to set a pick and Tony Akins slipped down while scrambling for a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

The youthful Wolverines (4-0) remained unbeaten with a lineup that includes three freshmen and a sophomore.

Michigan took control late in the first half, building a 48-38 lead at the break, and pushed the margin to 70-54 on Chris Young's follow with 10:22 remaining.

Georgia Tech began pressing, taking advantage of Michigan's inexperience and foul trouble. Leon Jones and Young both fouled out with over eight minutes remaining, but the Yellow Jackets were doomed by three straight turnovers.

They finally got within a basket when Jon Babul hit a 3-pointer with 1:35 left to cut the deficit to 76-73. But Groninger worked behind a double screen to hit six feet of the night, pushing the margin back to 79-73. Michigan missed its last three free throws to give the Yellow Jackets a chance at the end. They couldn't take advantage, failing to get off a shot on their last two possessions.

Georgia Tech had a miserable night shooting - hitting only 23-of-60 (38.3 percent) from the field and 25-of-41 (61 percent) at the foul line, prompting coach Bobby Cremins to collapse on the bench in disgust.

Another freshman, LaVell Edwards, had 18 points and 13 rebounds for the Wolverines. Tech was led by Akins, who had 19 points, and Jones, who added 17 points and 16 rebounds before fouling out.

The first college game at Philips Arena, which is about a mile from the Georgia Tech campus, was part of the ACC-Big 10 Challenge.

Advisory Committee Formed

N.C. State Athletics Director Les Robinson

announced today that he has formed an advisory committee to assist in the search for a new head football coach. Robinson and university provost Kermit Hall will serve as co-chairman of the committee that will provide input into the final recommendation that is given to Chancellor Marye Anne Fox.

Members include Board of Trustees member Butch Wilson; current Student Aid Association president Jim King and past president Ray Rouse; John Griggs and Dwayne Greene from the Faculty Athletics Council; and Mary Beth Kurz and George Worsley from the Chancellor's Executive Officers Cabinet.

Robinson and Hall will also meet with the Faculty Athletics Council and the Student Senate, as well as with Student Body president Raj Mirchandani and Student Senate president Seth Whitaker to gain input.

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Pack grapplers battle wrist injuries

◆ The Wolfpack wrestling team makes the journey to Lehigh this weekend for the Sheridan Invitational.

JEREMY ASHTON
Assistant Sports Editor

For the second time in three weeks, the N.C. State wrestling team finds itself traveling north for a tournament against some of the top competition in the country.

The Wolfpack heads to Bethlehem, Pa., Saturday to participate in the Sheridan Invitational. The 11-team event includes several big-name schools such as Nebraska and host Lehigh.

"We're looking forward to going up to Lehigh, which is another very, very strong tournament. It's a national-cal-

iber event, and it's one of the best tournaments in the country," said Head Coach Bob Guzzo.

The Pack enters the tournament after a strong third-place finish in the Navy Invitational on Nov. 20. NCSU finished just four points behind second-place Navy and placed seven wrestlers among the top six in their respective weight classes.

"We had some upsetting matches, but we've got to improve, we've got to work harder, we've got to get better. That goes for the guys who took first all the way down," said junior Kevin Boross. "You can't just relax in this sport or you'll get beat no matter what. You've got to constantly work harder."

Boross was one of two N.C. State wrestlers who won his weight class two weeks ago. He swept through the 174-pound division, sealing the first-place finish with a huge 12-3 decision over

Justin Haskins of Rutgers in the finals.

Meanwhile, junior Pierre Pryor took the 157-pound weight class and the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler Award by pinning three of his four opponents in the first round. The victory did not come without a price, however, as Pryor suffered a broken wrist that will put him out of action for at least six weeks.

"I think God has a plan for everything. I really want to wrestle bad, but I know it happened for a reason," said Pryor of his injury.

Pryor is not the only major contributor for the Pack who is sidelined with an injury. Highly touted freshman Dustin Kawa and sophomore Phil Davanzo are also out indefinitely with broken wrists. In addition, junior Tommy Davis, who came into this season ranked No. 11 in

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N.C. State's wrestling team travels to the Sheridan Invitational this weekend. The Pack have a couple of key wrestlers with wrists injuries.

A.C.C. BIG TEN CHALLENGE

Gainey's three knocks off Purdue

Sports Staff Report

WEST LAFAYETTE, IND. — Justin Gainey hit the game-winning three-pointer with 15 seconds left to lift N.C. State's men's basketball team to a 61-59 victory over the 19th-ranked Purdue Boilermakers Wednesday.

The Wolfpack trailed nearly the entire game and fell behind by as many as 13 points in the second half. Aside from the last 15 seconds, the only other time the Pack led was when it was 16-15 early in the first half.

Purdue was leading 59-57 with 38 seconds to go when freshman Damien Wilkins forced a Boilermaker turnover. On the ensuing possession, Gainey nearly turned the ball over, but it deflected off a Boilermaker.

Captain Herb Sendek called a timeout and Gainey was able to use a Ron Kelley screen to knock down the three to give NCSU a 60-59 lead. Purdue had a chance to take the lead back, but John Allison missed a turnaround jumper. Kelley added an additional free-throw with 5.6 seconds left.

Anthony Grundy led the Wolfpack with 18 points, while Kelley added 17. Wilkins had eight points, but added 13 rebounds while blocking three shots.

The inside duo of Damon Thornton and Kelley were effective against Purdue's Brian Cardinal who finished with two points before fouling out.

For the game, NCSU shot 38 percent from the field and only

20 percent (4 for 20) from behind the arc. The team struggled from the charity stripe as well, shooting 56.5 (13 for 23) percent.

NCSU (4-0) came out lethargic, falling behind early like it had done in the Georgia and Old Dominion games. The Pack went seven minutes without a field goal and Purdue (2-2) built a 14-3 lead.

It was then Purdue's turn to go cold from the field, as they went five minutes without a field goal. NCSU scored 11 points during this time to tie the score at 14. Purdue led 27-23 at halftime and stretched their lead to 13 with 9:49 remaining. After this point, the Boilermakers managed just two field goals.

Jaraan Cornell led Purdue with 16 points and Cunningham had all 15 of his points in the second half for the Boilermakers. Robinson had a career-high 14 rebounds.

The game was part of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

For the season, Purdue has lost to both NCSU and North Carolina. The loss against NCSU was the first at home in a non-conference game for Purdue since Nov. 30, 1996. The Boilermakers had won 42 of their previous 43 non-conference home games at Mackey Arena.

NCSU's next game is Saturday against Purdue at the Entertainment and Sports Arena. Tip-off is set for 2:00 p.m.



Scores
Michigan 80, Georgia Tech 77
NC State 61, Purdue 59
Penn State 85, Clemson 75
Michigan State 86, North Carolina 76
Florida State at Northwestern, late

Swimming and diving sweeps Ohio



The men's swim team routed the Ohio Bobcats Wednesday at the Willis Casey Aquatics Center. The Pack's next meet will be Jan. 7 against Denison.

Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State men's and women's swimming and diving teams swept visiting Ohio University Wednesday night at the Willis Casey Aquatics Center.

The Wolfpack men downed the Bobcats 141-93 while the women were victorious by a 126-116 margin. The wins pushed the men to 6-0 for the year and the women to 5-2. The Ohio men dropped to 2-3 while the women took their first loss of the season to fall to 6-1.

The women's meet came right down to the end and was decided in the final event when NCSU's 400 freestyle relay team of Mandy Horn, Brandi Stergion, Mary Mittendorf and Karen Cone won with a time of 3:33.52. Mittendorf and Beth Bohnsack were also individual winners as they took the 200 IM and 200 fly, respectively. Diver Shelly Cavaliere had a big meet for the Pack, as well, as she won both the one and three-meter boards.

Meanwhile, Ohio's Kim van Selm had a dominating performance as she placed first in the 1,000 freestyle, 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle.

The outcome of the men's meet was a little more predictable, as the NCSU men took nine of the 13 events they participated in Wednesday. Diver Andy Johnson came up big for the Pack with first-place finishes on the one and three-meter boards. Walter Magnusson also had a solid meet,

winning the 50 freestyle in a time of 49.54. Other individual winners for the Pack were Mauricio Cavalcante, Greg Solt, Ed Hall, Richard Culberson and Tim Haley.

Ohio's key performers were Nick Melillo and Joe Grigas. Melillo placed first in the 200 freestyle, with a time of 1:43.70, while Grigas won the 100 freestyle, in a



The women's swim team edged the Bobcats by 10 points Wednesday. The 400 freestyle relay team provided the final margin of victory.

time of 48.01.

The Pack will not see action again until the New Year when it takes on Denison on Jan. 7 and UNC-Wilmington on Jan. 8 in the Willis Casey Aquatics Center.

Women host first ACC game

◆ The Wolfpack looks to continue its impressive play against Wake Forest.

DAVID HOBGOOD
Staff Writer

This is not the medicine that Wake Forest needs. The struggling Demon Deacons are off to anemic 1-3 start this season, and they have to face the undefeated, sixth-ranked Wolfpack in Reynolds Coliseum on Friday night at 7:00 p.m.

The Pack has come out of the gates in the 1999-2000 season looking virtually untouchable. Whether it was knocking off then third-ranked Rutgers or beating conference foe Georgia Tech in Atlanta, the Pack has not skipped a beat.

One of the factors in the Pack's early-season success has been its outstanding depth. An example of this came in Tuesday night's game against Georgia Tech. The Yellow Jackets held the Pack's three leading scorers, Summer Erb, Tynesha Lewis, and Kayla Chones, to only 29 points. That caused big problems, right? Not a chance.

The Pack received impressive contributions from a pair of freshmen guards. While totally eclipsing her previous career high of five points, freshman guard Ivy Gardner sparked the Pack with 19 points shooting eight of 11 from the floor in only 16 minutes. Also, freshman point guard Terah James contributed 15 points and six assists to help lead the Pack to victory.

The Demon Deacons are desperately in need of more scoring if they want to turn things around. Currently, they are receiving minimal contributions from anyone other than forward Kristen Shaffer and



Wake Forest hopes it can slow down the Wolfpack women's basketball team Friday as they battle at 7:00 p.m. in Reynolds.

guard Alisha Mosley. They are each averaging 12.3 points per game for the Deacs.

Looking at the statistics of the Pack's top contributors so far this season leaves no mystery why they have been so successful.

Junior guard Tynesha Lewis is leading the team with 13.7 points and 2.8 steals per game. There have been no letdowns for freshman forward Kayla Chones, who is averaging 12.8 points and 7.8

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Volleyball looks forward to next season

◆ The Wolfpack feels that next year could be its breakthrough season.

DAVID HOBGOOD
Staff Writer

After two seasons of hard work and maturation, the feeling throughout the N.C. State volleyball team's locker room is it is on the brink of success. These high expectations, however, didn't come without great dedication and a rigorous work ethic.

The Pack struggled through the 1998 season going 0-16 in the conference, but it persevered and continued to work hard in practice and the off-season in order to prepare itself for this season.

"In our 1998 season when we went 0-16 our returners knew that we weren't going to win many matches because of our inexperience, however they kept preparing themselves and working like we were going to win the conference championship," said Head Coach Kim Hall. "Because of our outstanding work ethic, our eight returners this season became a unit and set a high bar for the six incoming freshmen."

The Pack took significant strides forward this season by improving its conference record to 5-11. Relying on a youthful rotation that

consisted of three freshmen, three sophomores, three juniors and only one senior, the Pack showed gradual improvement with every match it played.

Considering they are losing only one senior, Kerry Bredenback, to graduation, the Pack will have lots of familiar faces on the court next season. This should help its communication and chemistry on the court.

Needless to say, Hall is very optimistic with the direction the team is headed in.

"In our 0-16 season we lost most of our matches in the beginning of the season in three games. At the end of the season we became more competitive and started losing them in four or five games," said Hall.

"Then this year we started out losing matches in four or five games and at the end we began winning them in four or five games," she added. "Hopefully that trend can continue next season and we can start winning our easier matches in three games and start beating teams like Clemson and North Carolina in four or five games."

The Pack will look toward several different people next season for production and leadership. Hall also reiterated the fact that everyone on the team will need to understand that they have a key role in the team's success. Regardless of what their role is, Coach Hall feels



The volleyball team will return all but one of its players next season.

that everyone will have a great significance to the team.

"Everyone's role will be different," said Hall. "Tara Green will be our go-to player. Stephanie Stambaugh will bring us lots of excitement, Charece Williams will give us a powerful outside hitter, Alison Kreager will provide us with steady performances every match, and Meredith Price will do all of the dirty work that isn't quite as glorified."