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Stream Watch organization Named

The Graduate Student Association Stream Watch group of N.C. State's Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences has been named an official Stream Watch organization by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

The group took part in the Big Sweep program last fall, and participated in a stream cleanup on Walnut Creek from Lake Johnson Dam to the former Lake Raleigh last spring.

The graduate students will monitor water quality and observe the hydraulics of the stream. They also plan to conduct an outdoor class on water quality monitoring, which will be held by the Stream Watch program coordinator.

Designated Stream Watch groups keep streams and waterways in their areas healthy through cleanups, construction of nature trails, education, water quality monitoring, recreation projects and recording of natural and historic features.

Student Leadership Conference Banquet To Be Held

The 8th annual Southeastern African American Student Leadership Conference Banquet will be held at 6:45 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5 at the McKimmon Center.

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, professor at DePaul University, ordained minister and author of the national best seller "Race Rules: Navigating the Color Line" will give the keynote address.

A book signing will be held prior to the banquet at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the conference banquet, which is open to the public, are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the event. Tickets may be purchased through Ticket Central in Talley Student Center or by phone at 515-1100.

The conference banquet is sponsored by the Office of African American Student Affairs and The Society of African American Culture.

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

LTS offers Instructional Technology Assistant Program

The Instructional Technology Assistant Program (ITAP) provides free, directed training in the technologies and resources used widely on campus to develop online instructional materials.

The program is designed to help address the need for local, college and departmental-level technical support in instructional technology. The pilot class of participants began during the fall semester. A second class will begin in the spring.

The ITAP program is open to all N.C. State students and staff who want to learn how to develop Web-supplemented or Web-based instruction. Faculty are encouraged to send staff and students who would apply these skills to instructional projects in colleges and departments.

Successful ITAP participants will master the suite of software tools currently supported by N.C. State's Learning Technologies Service (LTS) and learn about campus resources available for creating online instruction.

Those who complete all requirements will receive a "recognition of completion" document and will be added to an LTS list of staff resources for online course development.

For more information about ITAP, including registration information for the spring semester, visit the ITAP Web site at <http://lts.ncsu.edu/itap/>, or contact ITAP Director

Donna Petherbridge by phone at 513-3737, or email to donna_petherbridge@ncsu.edu.

BRIDGES program graduates 17 NCSU women

APRIL MORRIS
Staff Writer

Seventeen N.C. State women graduated on Dec. 8 from BRIDGES: Academic Leadership for Women, representing more than half of the 1999 BRIDGES graduates.

BRIDGES is an intensive professional development program for women in higher education that seeks to gain or strengthen their academic leadership capabilities. The program, sponsored by UNC-Chapel Hill, is designed to help women identify, understand and move into leadership

positions in academia.

"The purpose [of BRIDGES] is to provide leadership training for women in the university," said Susan Blanchard, chair of the BRIDGES Advisory Board and associate professor in Biological and Agricultural Engineering. "It gives overall leadership training to prepare women for the next level."

Each BRIDGES session lasts from September to December, with classes each Wednesday evening, some Saturdays and two weekend retreats. Classes focus on leadership, academic institutions, skill building and preparing for the future.

"Some of the programs do have just speakers, but they also have interactive team building exercises," said Blanchard.

According to Blanchard, BRIDGES VII programs included Tom Stafford speaking on risk and crisis management in the university and Rebecca Leonard on benchmarks, an assessment program with feedback from supervisors, peers and people the participant supervises.

BRIDGES gives university women the opportunity to network and develop new skills.

"[BRIDGES] is a wonderful networking opportunity, and it equipped me with some of the essential skills that I will use throughout my

career," said Arnette Ejire, director of budgets and accounting, business manager for University Advancement and a BRIDGES VII graduate.

Even though the program is only for women, BRIDGES does not only address the problems women may face in leadership positions, but how to be a leader in general.

"The program is a safe arena for women to share areas for improvement. It is a supportive environment," stated Ejire.

Christine Grant, associate professor in Chemical Engineering and a BRIDGES VII

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Naming deal may change

◆ N.C. State recently took a step forward in the arduous process of naming the \$156 million, generically named Entertainment and Sports Arena

ZACK MAZEA
News Editor

In a recent exchange of letters between Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and E. Stephen Stroud, the chairman of the Centennial Authority, the chancellor suggested a reworking of the contract governing the rights to name the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

According to Fox, the contract currently governing the naming rights of the ESA states that if NCSU did not receive an appropriate donation (not exceeding \$10 million) for the name during the Wolfpack Pride fundraising campaign, the rights would then be in the hands of the Centennial Authority.

The authority would then allow Gale Force Holdings, the parent company of the Carolina Hurricanes, to seek a corporate buyer for the name.

Under that deal, according to Fox's Jan. 19 letter, the university could receive up to \$10 million of the sale price for the name.

Apparently, however, there was a disagreement on when the Wolfpack Pride Campaign ended. Stroud said he received

a letter "months ago" declaring the campaign was over, but could not recall a specific date. Fox's letter, though, declares Dec. 31, 1999 the end of the campaign.

The issue now is whether or not the Centennial Authority and Gale Force Holdings will renegotiate the contract with NCSU.

Currently, if NCSU went with the unidentified donor, the university would receive his donation and name the building according to his wishes. The partners would get nothing.

Fox is seeking to renegotiate the portion of the deal that puts the \$10 million cap on NCSU's potential share of a corporate name. If NCSU can only get up to \$10 million, the current donor, referred to as "Mr. D" in her letter, will not relinquish his rights to name the ESA.

If NCSU can benefit significantly beyond that cap, however, "Mr. D" will allow the university to pursue a corporate name, according to Fox's letter.

"...If we were pressed at the moment to adopt a name, it would be fully appropriate to name the ESA in accord with [the donor's] wishes," according to Fox's letter.

A sticking point in negotiations has been the percentage of the sale price that each partner would receive. It has been reported that NCSU, as one of three partners, is seeking to divide the sum evenly three ways and get 33 percent.

As of yet, Gale Force and the Centennial Authority have not agreed to a

deal with those numbers.

As Stroud points out in his letter, though, it is imperative to NCSU that Gale Force Holdings is financially successful. Currently, for example, Gale Force handles all the day to day operations and maintenance, which would fall to the university if Gale Force was financially forced to abandon the ESA.

"The sale of naming rights to the building is essential to the viability of Gale Force Sports and Entertainment as a long-term tenant and operator of the building. The retention of the Hurricanes is vitally important to all of the partners..." Stroud's letter reads. "It is not necessary to explain to you why it would be very bad for all of the partners if Gale Force cannot be financially successful in the building."

One option that Fox suggested is a proportional share of the money according to the investments by each partner "towards the total capital construction costs for the ESA."

As for the identity of "Mr. D," rumors have consistently pointed towards Wendell H. Murphy, the former owner of Murphy Family Farms, Inc., one of the largest pork producers in the country, as the donor identified in Fox's letter. However, the university, or anyone else involved with the naming process, has never officially identified the donor.

Student forms 'home grown' company

◆ One N.C. State student turns CEO of a web-security company that puts the power of information on the web in consumers' hands.

LAUREN PRESSLEY
Staff Writer

Schoolwork alone can keep many students busy, while others can balance their work with other tasks. Chris Spencer, or "Spence" as he likes to be called, is majoring in architecture and philosophy at N.C. State in addition to being president and CEO of Sentrissystems.com, a business located on Centennial Campus.

Spencer describes Sentrissystems.com as a company that uses the most recent security and encryption technology for collaboration between businesses and a company that allows consumers to control what information is released and how the information is circulated.

"We're enabling businesses to work together in ways they've never been able to do up to this point," Spencer said, "and we're giving consumers — people like you and me — the control they rightfully deserve over that information."

The company is still rather small, and five out of seven employees are still taking classes at NCSU. Spencer said NCSU has been closely involved and helped make the company a reality.

Centennial Venture Partners have invested in this company as well, providing money, advice and contacts for Sentrissystems.com, Spencer said.

"This new venture is as 'home grown' as it will ever get for N.C. State," said Art Padilla, a professor in the College of Management and informal advisor to Sentrissystems.com. "All of the participants are N.C. State students and faculty, and it is the first company to occupy the Entrepreneurial Development Center at N.C. State...it is an activity in which the entire university can take great pride because it represents a splendid marriage of the university, education, creativity and free enterprise."

"The experience we've all garnered from either working at the university, or working with the people within the university has been highly valuable and appreciated," Spencer said. "In fact, it is something that I will remain aware of as the company grows."

Spencer said there has been great interest from possible customers, and even international companies have showed interest in the technology Sentrissystems.com is developing.

"We've received many comments that the technology we are developing is very cool and timed almost perfectly, in that we are addressing concerns that both business and consumers are increasingly becoming aware of," Spencer said.

"We have the solution for those concerns, and we strongly believe we have the best solution."

While Sentrissystems.com is a business in a serious field, Spencer understands that employees are the ones that make up the company. He said employees get many benefits, and there are "company fun-days" when the employees enjoy time off together. Some of these activities have included Putt-Putt, playing in the snow and a possible trip to "Sling-Thing" on Capital Boulevard. Spencer is even planning on purchasing a Dreamcast for the company.

"So," said Spencer, "If you're a student, and you like a relaxed atmosphere...you want to learn and have fun while we're at it, then give us a call, drop us a resume or swing by — Sentrissystems.com is hiring."

The company's web page can be located at <http://www.Sentrissystems.com>.

The Cates Avenue "Bob and Weave"



Dodging the snow that still plagues campus roads is tough enough for most drivers without the added danger of potholes. This driver found out the hard way.

Shoot the monkey...

Lest ye be shot. Fear in your hearts with a fully armed monkey around. See Opinion



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Aimee Pantan and Angie Welch are having a big impact on the gymnastics team.



Opinion

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

Selling the name

Chancellor Mary Anne Fox is working to reopen negotiations with Gale Force Holdings, managers of the Entertainment and Sports Arena, and the Centennial Authority over the ESA's naming rights.

Chancellor Mary Anne Fox is trying to circumvent NCSU's current deal with our ESA corporate partners in an effort to get more money.

The original contract allocates \$10 million, at best, to N.C. State for the naming rights. NCSU could have earned that much by getting an equal bid during the recently completed Wolfpack Pride campaign.

Two major events have changed the NCSU position since the deal's drafting: the campaign found a donor, "Mr. D."—Wen D'ell P. Murphy—offering \$10 million, and the price tag for naming an arena skyrocketed.

Mindful of that last fact, Fox seeks a deal giving each partner 33 percent of the profits from the naming rights, which, on an open market, would fetch tens of millions.

Fox's actions amount to extortion. Her attempt to void the current deal gives this threat to the ESA's other part-

ners: give NCSU one-third of the naming money, or get nothing at all.

NCSU could take its ball and go home now with \$10 million in the bank. Selling the rights to a corporation brings a lot more money to the Authority and Gale Force, but NCSU won't see another penny. NCSU will come out well

either way.

Fox does not see this reality: the ESA does not belong to NCSU. With NCSU hosting only 15 of a scheduled 200 events, the ESA is a community arena. NCSU has no liability in it. If the arena should collapse, the partners would lose more money than imaginable. As for NCSU? We'll pack up and come back to Reynolds. Our \$58 million is paid; we have nothing to lose.

There is only one reason for putting our ESA partners into the position Fox is now proposing: greed.

The university has signed a contract. The honorable thing to do at this point is to honor it. Fox's proposed new deal would only further sully the ESA's good—if still undetermined—name.



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ESA naming, Fox let down

Editor's Note: The Technician editorial board has waived the word limit for the following "Campus Forum" letter.

Since I don't know whether the chancellor actually reads messages from this address herself, consider this letter: "To whom it may concern," I seem to have noticed that in the past year, the chancellor's interests have been motivated primarily by the Almighty Buck.

So here are my 2 cents for the treasure chest: I was upset last week by a story I saw on one of the local news channels about the seats at the Entertainment and Sports Arena. I must admit that, having been to the arena several times, the seats are pretty ugly. But, more importantly, they are definitely not Wolfpack Red. This fact I will concede to Chancellor Fox.

I understand that someone affiliated with the ESA has offered to replace the seats to accommodate the needs of our beloved Wolfpack fans. That is great! It seems that a victory has been won in the name of our university.

But the news story in question also continued by saying that the arena would not be named anytime soon. The reason given? Chancellor Fox says that the market for naming rights is through the roof, so the university will wait until the time is right and cash in big time. Why does this bother me?

Reason #1: Does anyone actually think that the money made on naming rights would actually go toward anything other than some glorified athletic interest or some discretionary administrative account?

Reason #2: If N.C. State actually wanted to make its "presence felt" in an undeniable and irreplaceable way, why not name the new arena instead of demanding that the first, and probably not the last, set of seats be exactly to our liking?

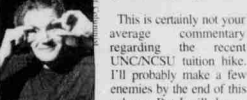
Reason #3: Why does someone who is by many accounts a great mind and a great leader concern herself more with the interests of the Athletic Department and some alumni than with the very students on whose goals, dreams and aspirations the future of this great university rests?

The point that I am trying to make is that maybe the tuition increase was a good idea. I mean, with such weighty issues at stake, why not please those who understand how hard it is to get to the top? And, besides, we're young and resilient, right? Just remember whom you helped and whom you let down when you step to the podium on graduation day. The second group will be facing you.

Charlie Surface
Senior
Computer Engineering

Skyrocketing tuition: how to ground it

STEVEN LE BOEUF



This is certainly not your average commentary regarding the recent UNC/NCSSU tuition hike. I'll probably make a few enemies by the end of this column. But I will do my best to elucidate the inevitable price-raising problems of socialized higher education. College administrators have argued that maintenance/construction costs, increased technology spending and a lack of government funding in research and development are the root cause of rising tuition. But, despite the increasing demand for new technology, the costs of technology have been declining dramatically over the last couple of decades. And, while the federal government has indeed cut funding in some areas of research, it has shovelled plenty of fresh dough into others.

The real culprit of rising tuition lies at the heart of our overly democratic system of government: tax-funded student financial aid. Tax-funded financial aid jacks up tuition by not only raising the college money available to students but also by artificially increasing the demand for college.

I place emphasis on the term "artificially" because it underlines the root cause of the rising tuition problem: the decline of natural free-market forces in higher education. Whenever a Congressman dollops out dollars to a college student, America smiles at the glorious deed that government has done (or my Clinton, always at the pulse of the public whim, realized this early, thus nomi de pluming himself "The Education President").

What America quickly forgets is that this money didn't magically appear in the hands of politicians; it was taken from American citizens by force of law.

If government agents had not stolen this income from hard-working Americans, taxpayers would have used this cash on whatever they value most. Some might have invested more in their IRAs, some might have donated to their favorite char-

ities and some might have bought cars, house repairs, groceries, etc.

Instead, an arbitrary number of American dollars were taxed by old, gray men and sent off to pay for someone else's education. So, a huge exodus of cash from hard-working taxpayers enters the accounts of eager college students, inflating the college money supply. And we all know what happens when the money supply inflates...the price goes up. Tuition goes up, college supplies and books go up, dorm rooms and apartments go up, kegs go up (and dry), etc. I should backtrack at this point and remind the reader exactly what causes inflation, because merely increasing the money supply is not enough to spawn rising prices.

Inflation happens when the money supply outweighs the value production (the value of goods and services). For example, when the government prints out extra bills to give a federal employee \$1,000 for producing only \$600 worth of work (perhaps \$600 worth of red tape), the money supply is inflated by \$400.

Likewise, when a college slacker is granted \$1,000 for producing only \$0 of work in the economy, the money supply is inflated by \$1,000. It's similar to printing out phony bills and dishing them out to college students.

I can hear third-rate government economists crying out now: "You don't know what you're talking about, 'LeBoeuf!' That money was indeed backed by production from the taxpayers who 'gave' it to the government. And what about the public investment in the future work of college students?"

But these guys are missing the whole picture. When you consider that most of these tax-funded college students would be working otherwise, producing something valuable in the free market economy, you soon realize that production has indeed gone down in the midst of an increased college money supply.

And four years of college certainly does not guarantee higher productivity—Hillary Clinton proves that every day! Even if the government quit throwing more and more money at student financial aid programs, students would still see

inflated tuition and higher prices on college supplies. That's because throwing money at people affects their purchasing behavior. Namely, offering them some "free" money on the condition that they will go to school artificially raises the demand for college, while the availability of college seats remains roughly the same. And we all know what happens when demand outweighs supply—prices go up.

For example, let's consider the case of the average American teenager (i.e., Freddie) immediately after high school graduation. There are usually two options: work or college.

Freddie has the option of college, but when considering the salary he'd forfeit, the free time lost in schoolwork, his own disinterest in studying and the entrepreneurial possibility of starting his own business in a few years, Freddie ranks a construction job above a college education.

But then some old white guy from Congress comes frolicking along in a limo full of taxpayers' money, offering Freddie hundreds of dollars a month in grants and subsidized loans.

Freddie isn't much into the whole college spiel, but, hey, it's a tax-paid free-loading frenzy chock-full of drunken parties and hot young chicks! As far as he's concerned, he'd be stupid to pass it up. With the college option suddenly becoming more attractive, Freddie drops out of the construction business and enrolls in college, artificially increasing the demand for college in the midst of a constant supply of college seats. In the end, Freddie has helped contribute to tuition inflation.

Tax-feeding this boy *artificially* increases the demand for college because Freddie is not a serious student and *naturally* couldn't care less about a true education; college is just a way to pass the time until someone finally grants him a degree. With taxpayers backing him, he can't lose (I think we all know a few Freddie's in these parts). So, who loses out on this education free-for-all, besides taxpayers? First, the U.S. economy loses as a whole, because free-market forces no longer drive higher education.

The collective public has no way of knowing how to micromanage the economy and unwittingly makes a poor investment in students who have no true interest in college. These students

drop their productive jobs in return for a nonproductive college experience. So, in a sense, the public has paid more for a less productive economy. But, most importantly, serious college students get shafted the worst. Not only are their parents paying for the wasted public investment in careless students, but also, on top of this, serious students must pay the higher tuition.

Once in college, serious students have to compete with the uneducated for college resources, which must now be spread thinner and thinner over an ever-increasing group. Perhaps even worse, college administrators "feel forced" to dumb down courses in order to graduate slacking college free-loaders because high failure rates look bad on paper. Schools establish expensive programs designed to help these college slackers survive normal curricula, an expense that further raises tuition. In the end, the picture is quite bleak for serious students: they will pay more and get less for a diluted education. Talk about shafted! You may be asking, "But what about serious students who can't afford college without tax money? What's to become of them?" Offering aid solely to serious students may sound like a good remedy at first. But it is fair to forcefully tax a working parent and then give the spoils to a good student just because the good student happens to be smarter?

If a student is truly serious about college, then he is serious enough to find a way to pay for tuition (i.e., charity, employment, scholarships, etc.). And, in the absence of inflationary tax-funded financial aid, he can look forward to drastically lowered tuition and fees that will accommodate a return to free-market education. The bottom line is that a reputable college education will become less and less accessible to serious students as long as tax-funded financial aid continues to chew away free-market principles. You are certainly free to disagree, but it doesn't change the fact that I'm right.

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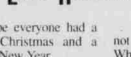
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Living the word requires maturity

ERIC RIDDICK



I hope everyone had a good Christmas and a happy New Year.

However, the true meaning of why Christmas is celebrated concerns me. Most college students and adults know that Christmas has nothing to do with a big white man who has a white beard and a loud carter (red) outfit.

Yet there still remains a large portion of our society that believes otherwise. I am speaking of the younger generation of citizens, the children.

Christmas is truly about giving, but not in the way many of us think. See, if we knew the real meaning of Christmas, we would not be so hard-pressed to buy gifts for everyone. I am not saying that we should not buy gifts for people. What I am saying is that the true giver of the gift is God. The gift that He gave was Christ. The importance of this gift—the purpose of Christ—is the hope of eternal life.

So, in actuality, the purpose of Christmas is not giving gifts to one another, but, rather, receiving the gift from God: Christ.

The wise men knew how to receive the gift from God, and they brought gifts showing their appreciation. However, they did not exchange gifts among themselves as we do in today's society.

This statement applies especially to those of us who claim we know Christ. We have to be careful not to make Christmas just another holiday celebration.

You are probably wondering why I am talking about the purpose of Christmas at the beginning of February. The reason I chose to talk about Christmas is that I knew it would be a topic that most people would have some general knowledge about.

Yet we still accept and practice the false celebration of Christmas. Knowing that Santa Claus doesn't exist, we teach our children this myth as if it were reality.

The same is true in the case of believing in God. We tend to have this misconception that you have to be perfect to serve God. In society, to be perfect is to be without error or mistake, but not according to the Bible. In the Bible, being perfect means being mature.

Does being mature mean not being subject to errors or mistakes? Not at all, but it does mean that you



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learn from your mistakes. Does everyone learn the same way at the same time? Not at all, my friends. For example, some people can simply receive instructions and follow them. Another person might have to learn from actually seeing an example. There are others, like me, who have to go through the experiences in order to learn. The same learning principles apply to becoming mature in the word of

God. So many people think they can't serve God because of the way they live or the things they do. How many times have you said to yourself or heard someone else say, "I am going to start serving God once I stop doing this or that, because I don't want to be a hypocrite?"

Come to God as you are and, as you begin hearing the word, the way you live and the things you do will change. See, the hypocrite is not someone who sins, errs or makes mistakes; the hypocrite is that person who acts as if he or she doesn't sin, err or make mistakes.

According to scripture, every man or woman sins and falls short of the glory

of God. For this reason, the gifts of life and forgiveness were bestowed in Christ.

So, don't be hindered by the opinions of people because you are trying to receive God in your life. Keep this thought in mind, friends: "Only miracles happen overnight, but change is progressive over a period of time."

In today's society, rarely does someone give another person something for nothing, but the gift of God is free. All we need to do is learn how to receive the gift.

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graduate, stated, said she found it interesting how BRIDGES did not focus on just women's issues in leadership. "It really focused on the basics of leadership period." According to Grant, the BRIDGES class schedule is rigorous and time-consuming. "[The schedule] was intense. We had class from 5:30 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday in Chapel Hill and some classes on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4

p.m."

Students profess that all of the effort put forth by these campus leaders will pay off in long run, as the skills gained will help them to reach their goals.

"I think BRIDGES is a wonderful opportunity. It is a large time commitment on the part of the women, but the returns are immeasurable," said Ejire.

BRIDGES was started with a group of women leaders at UNC-CH who wanted to find a way to encourage more women to enter leadership positions and was made available to women throughout the UNC system.

The first BRIDGES class was held in 1993-1994 and included five NCSU women. Seven BRIDGES programs later, more than 230 women have completed the program. Participants have come from 15 out of 16 UNC campuses and several private colleges and universities.

"I think there are many more opportunities [for women leaders] than when BRIDGES began, but it is important to train women so that they are ready when opportunities become available," Blanchard said.

Applications for BRIDGES VIII will be available in March 2000 and due in early May.

I should have made an appointment....



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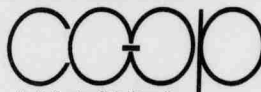
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HOLT

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help set up Wilkins' second field goal, a 29-yarder in the second quarter.
In a span of three plays on the third field goal drive of the half, Warner hit Holt for first-down catches of 16 and 18 yards.
Holt was the top player on the Rams' draft board, regardless of position, and he had a solid rock-

in season with 52 receptions, a 15.2-yard average and six touchdowns.
He caught a touchdown pass in each of his first two career starts. He went without a score the next eight games, during which he also dropped more than his share of balls. He concluded the regular season with two 100-plus yard receiving games.
Martz said Holt hit a wall, mentally and physically, in the second half of the season, and then got back to speed for the playoffs.
"I think like a lot of rookie play-

ers, after about Game 11 he was looking for a bowl game or something," Martz said. "Once the season ended, he realized this thing was going to continue to go and that he belongs in this mix of receivers."
In the first two playoff games, Holt totaled 13 catches for 133 yards.

Ron Kelley undergoes arthroscopic knee surgery

NC State center Ron Kelley underwent successful arthroscopic knee surgery Monday and is expected to miss 2-3 weeks of action for the Wolfpack (14-4, 4-3 ACC). Drs. Lyman Smith and Wally Andrew of the Raleigh Orthopedic Clinic performed the surgery at Rex Hospital. The debilitated procedure repaired damaged articular cartilage (which lines the bone) in Kelley's left knee.
Kelley, 6-8 of Emory, Texas, is averaging 9.0 points and 4.1 rebounds per game this season.

POLLS

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Connecticut was a unanimous selection to keep the top spot in both polls for the 13th consecutive week.
—Jeremy Ashton

Men's Basketball AP Poll

1. Cincinnati (65)
2. Stanford (3)
3. Duke
4. Syracuse (2)
5. Ohio St
6. Tennessee
7. Connecticut
8. Michigan St
9. Arizona
10. Auburn
11. Indiana
12. Florida
13. Oklahoma St
14. Kentucky
15. Kansas
16. Texas
17. Tulsa
18. Oklahoma
19. Utah
20. Iowa St

Women's Basketball AP Poll

1. Connecticut (44)
2. Louisiana Tech
3. Georgia
4. Tennessee
5. Notre Dame
6. Penn St
7. LSU
8. Iowa St
9. Texas Tech
10. Rutgers
11. No Carolina St
12. Duke
13. (tie) Santa Barbara
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COMMENTARY

The top and bottom five

JACK DALY

It's time to bring back the Technician Sports tradition of the top five. Yes, it's time to recognize those who have made a special contribution to the sports world in the last week or so. In some cases, it may not be a person or team but, instead, a sports-related commercial. Hey, I was pressed for time.



5. The cat-herding Super Bowl commercial.

I'm going a bit on faith here. It was the office winner for best Super Bowl commercial. Technician's esteemed opinion editor says it's funny. "I laughed my bum off," says he.

4. Tennessee Titans.

They did, in fact, lose the Super Bowl. Yet, the Titans really had no business being there in the first place. Tennessee needed the Music City Miracle to get by the Buffalo Bills in the AFC Wild Card game. After that, the team's road to the Super Bowl went through Indianapolis and Jacksonville, a daunting task. Yet, they won both games easily.

Sunday, Tennessee fell behind St. Louis 16-0 in the second half. The Titans, however, didn't quit and made the Super Bowl a game. If Kevin Dyson breaks that tackle at the end of the game, who knows?

My hat is off to them for the way they battled all postseason.

3. Last week's free hockey game.

Last Thursday, the Carolina Hurricanes treated those who battled the weather and road conditions with free general admission seating for the team's game against the Phoenix Coyotes.

Good for them. The Coyotes are one of the best teams in the league, so it was a nice gesture, especially since one could sit in \$90 seats for free and most of Raleigh was still incapacitated.

Only if the 'Canes had played against the Coyotes like they did against New Jersey the next night.

2. N.C. State basketball team.

Yeah, I know the men's team lost by 17 points to Clemson, and the women's team is really struggling, but when is the last time the men's team lost a game and remained ranked?

Herb has molded the men's program into one that is filled with legitimate talent, instead of the likes of Al Pinkins, Jeremy Hyatt and Migjen Bakalli. With the players that are in place and on the way, State should be good for a long time.

The women's team may not be national championship contenders, but the team is still really good.

The men should, barring a meltdown, make the NCAA's.

1. Torry Holt.

Seven catches for 109 yards. The best rookie receiving performance in Super Bowl history. And it's courtesy of an N.C. State grad.

Had Holt caught the game-winning touchdown pass that went to Isaac Bruce, he may very well have been Super Bowl MVP.

As far as those who are on the opposite end of the spectrum, namely the bottom five, there are also a couple of nominees.

First, ABC Sports for repeatedly showing Kurt Warner's wife during Super Bowl Sunday. I don't need to see that she-man one more time.

Mike Tyson also deserves mention. After pummeling Julius Francis Saturday night in London, Tyson was interviewed by Jim Gray, who ran into controversy last year in his abrasive interview with Pete Rose.

In this interview, Gray told Tyson that he should wipe his nose for some reason or other. Tyson responded, "I'm a big enough man to squash you and be your friend, and I'm a fan of Pete Rose."

What in the hell is he talking about? Baseball also earns its spot on the bottom five for suspending John Rocker for a month. The man is an idiot, but his punishment will come when the Braves head back to Shea Stadium this season. No need to suspend him.

Finally, the coaches who vote in both ESPN's men's and women's basketball polls. State lost to Clemson and still moved up. Clemson is completely terrible. That and the women's team lost no ground after being demolished by Tennessee, one week after losing to Texas.

Makes perfect sense.

Jack Daly's column's appear Tuesdays and sometimes Thursdays. He can be reached at 515-2411 or jdaly@uncncsu.edu.



N.C. State's women's basketball team had its way with Wake Forest Monday night, whipping the Demon Deacons, 86-56.

The Wolfpack swept the season series against Wake Forest, winning earlier in Reynolds Coliseum in December.

The win came at an opportune time for State, as it had lost its last two in a row, against Tennessee and Texas, and three of its last four.

Monday night, Summer Erb (3) led the Pack with 25 points on 10-for-16 shooting from the field. Erb also added seven rebounds and three steals in the win.

Up next for the Wolfpack is arch rival North Carolina. The game is Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at Reynolds Coliseum.

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Summer Erb scored 25 points as N.C. State righted itself with an 86-56 whipping of Wake Forest in an Atlantic Coast Conference clash.

Erb made 10-of-16 shots from the field to go with seven rebounds and three steals as N.C. State (16-4, 7-2 ACC) won WAKE FOREST 56 for only the second time in six games. The Wolfpack also got 13 points, seven assists and five rebounds from Terah James and 10 points from Kaayla Chones.

Erb and James each scored four points during an 11-2 burst that gave N.C. State a 24-15 lead midway through the first half. Wake Forest got no closer than seven points thereafter.

The Wolfpack shot 45 percent (32-of-71) and forced 24 turnovers.

Associated Press

Wolfpack gymnasts come back strong

Aimee Pantan and Angie Welch have fought back from injuries to play key roles on this year's gymnastics team.

JEREMY RSHTON
Assistant Sports Editor

Aimee Pantan and Angie Welch arrived in Raleigh last year with Kelli Brown to make up one of the N.C. State gymnastics team's most talented recruiting classes ever.

The trio was set to make an impact on a squad that had high hopes after making it to the National Championship meet the previous year. But things did not go as planned.

Before the season even began, Pantan and Welch were hit by injuries and reduced to being spectators. Meanwhile, Brown blossomed into a second-team All-East Atlantic Coast Conference performer on two events, and walk-on Laura Jazab established herself as a key component of the Wolfpack's record-setting 1999 team.

After sitting out all of last year, Pantan and Welch have come back strong and are playing huge roles on a team that is already being hailed the best in school history.

"We've brought in three more freshmen this year, but we had two left over from last year that never competed, so we actually have five

freshmen this year," said head coach Mark Stevenson. "It's made a huge difference to the team as far as having that kind of numbers and quality at the level they are at."

The road back has been a long one for both gymnasts, however.

"It's been real stressful for the past year, year and a half," said Pantan. "At times, I didn't even want to continue, but the girls made it easier for me and the coaches helped me get through it and pushed me and really gave me the desire to come back. It was hard, but being a part of a team like this made it easier."

During her senior year of high school while Stevenson and his staff were recruiting her, Pantan blew out her knee. She was set to come back during mid-season, but a fall on a beam routine during a meet at William and Mary cost her a broken leg and any hope she had of returning to the team in 1999.

Welch's season never got off the ground either after she dislocated her right elbow during a freak accident in a practice session.

"I just worked out really hard this summer to try to come back," said Welch. "It's been tough. I put a lot of hard work in trying to come back."

Both gymnasts are back near 100 percent, however, and are finally putting their talents on display at the collegiate level.

Stevenson ranks Pantan with Brown and junior Amy

Langendorf, a two-time first-team All-EAGL selection, as the Pack's best workers on bars. Pantan debuted with a 9.7 on bars in NCSU's opener against George Washington and posted a 9.675 at Ohio State this weekend.

Thus far, Pantan has been used solely on bars, but she will get an opportunity on vault this weekend.

"Her vault's really good, and she's real powerful and quick," said Stevenson. "That's going to help us a lot because we feel right now that vaulting is probably our weakest of the four events."

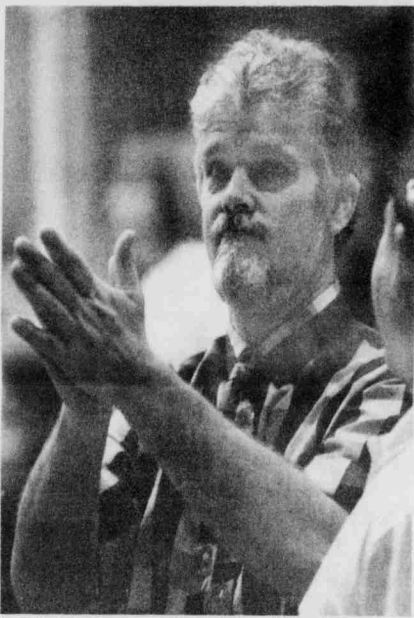
Welch has immediately worked her way into the lineup, as well. She has competed on beam and floor for the Pack so far this season and could get a shot at bars soon.

She has struggled a little in the early going of the season, but Stevenson is confident that it is only a matter of time before she begins to return to form.

"When Angie starts really nailing her routines, we're going to be looking at a 9.85 or 9.9 on beam from Angie and a 9.7 to 9.85 on floor," said Stevenson.

For Pantan and Welch, the goal this season is clear. All they want to do is help their team get back to Nationals.

"I'm just hoping to make my routines and contribute to the team that way," said Welch.



Gymnastics Coach Mark Stevenson has watched Aimee Pantan and Angie Welch develop into talented gymnasts this season.

N.C. State men retain ESPN ranking



ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll to No. 22 despite a 59-42 loss at Clemson on Thursday. The Pack dropped out of the AP poll but was ranked 21st last week but was still just 16 points behind Maryland, who NCSU will visit Sunday afternoon.

Duke used wins over Wake Forest and Clemson to maintain its spot as the third-ranked team in both polls. Maryland was the only other Atlantic Coast Conference team in the rankings, taking the No. 21 spot in the coaches' poll and the No. 25 spot in the AP poll.

Cincinnati remained a near-unanimous selection for the top spot in both polls.

On the women's side, N.C. State held steady at No. 8 in the ESPN/USA Today poll but dropped out of the top 10 in the AP poll. The Pack fell to No. 4 Tennessee in Cleveland 83-63 Saturday.

Duke dropped to 10th in the ESPN/USA Today poll and 12th in the AP poll after a 61-49 loss to Virginia. The Cavaliers were able to take over first in the ACC with the win and moved up a spot in each poll.

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WolfpackNotes

Rookie Holt has big game in Rams' biggest game

ATLANTA — The hard knocks never got to Torry Holt.

In the NFC championship game, the St. Louis Rams' rookie wide receiver twice had to leave the game. The first time, it was bruised ribs; the second time, it was a shoulder injury.

Neither kept him out, or from playing a major role in the Rams' 23-16 Super Bowl victory over the Tennessee Titans Sunday night.

"Oh man, I'm hurting right now," Holt said. "On a scale of one to 10, it was a six maybe. But I had to suck it up."

Holt missed Wednesday's practice leading up to the Super Bowl, and the Rams' backup wide receiver Chris Thomas active on Friday just in case Holt, who had been listed as probable, couldn't go. Just a precaution.

But he also had a corsione shirt. And after the game he couldn't lift his right arm above waist level.

"I had to get a lot of treatment," Holt said. "Luckily, the training staff got me ready to play and I was able to come up with some

big things."

The sixth pick of the draft, and not Isaac Bruce, has been quarterback Kurt Warner's go-to guy throughout the playoffs. The Super Bowl was another big day for Holt, who caught seven passes for 109 yards in the Rams' 23-16 victory over the Tennessee Titans on Sunday night.

"I was just into my game," Holt said. "I was just vibing. I was into the rhythm, and it was able to use my athletic ability to get open."

Holt caught six passes for 100 yards in the first half and then scored the game's first touchdown on a 9-yard reception midway through the third quarter that put the Rams ahead 16-0.

On the touchdown, Holt beat the one-on-one coverage of nickel back Daion Sidney, breaking free after some jukes at the line of scrimmage.

In the first half, Holt's work was crucial to all three of Jeff Wilkins' field goals. The only thing lacking was a touchdown pass, but he wasn't alone. Despite Warner's 277 yards passing, the Rams led only 9-0 on the three short field goals.

Holt beat Blaine Bishop for a 32-yard catch on the drive that produced a 27-yarder by Wilkins for the game's opening score. He had gains of 13 and 15 yards to



Torry Holt.

Chow named offensive coordinator

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State head football coach Chuck Amato has announced that Norm Chow has joined the Wolfpack staff, and will serve as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Chow has spent the last 22 years at Brigham Young University, where he has coordinated the Cougar offense since 1985, was assistant head coach and directed the quarterbacks and wide receivers.

Chow, who was named the 1999 national assistant coach of the year by the American Football Foundation, coached 1990

Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer, as well as two other Davey O'Brien Trophy winners, Steve Young and Jim McMahon. He was named the 1996 American Football Quarterly Division I Offensive Coordinator of the Year and the 1993 Athlon National Assistant Coach of the Year. He coached in 20 bowl games for the Cougars, including the 1984 National Championship squad, and directed more than a dozen players who went on to the NFL ranks.

"I met Norm Chow 20 years ago when I was at Arizona and we've been friends since," said Amato. "When you think about BYU, you think of offensive firepower, and Norm is a big factor in that reputation. He is a proven winner and has fielded an offense that can move the ball and score points. It was a great steal for us to get a man of his reputation."

BYU ranked eighth nationally in passing offense last season with 324 yards per game and 13th in total offense, gaining 425 yards per game. Chow's departure from BYU marks the first change in that coaching staff since 1995. Prior to Amato's departure from Florida State, the Seminole staff had the second-longest average tenure in the nation at 15.7 years and BYU ranked third nationally (15.5 years).