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Missing NCSU student spurs law

◆ The persistence of the Modaffer family has resulted in new legislation for government aid in finding missing young people.

HEATHER M. MILLER
Staff Writer

As the 1997 spring semester drew to a close, Kristen Modaffer, like many other students, left the N.C. State campus for a summer abroad. She had just finished her freshman year in the Design School and was headed to San Francisco to take a summer course at the University of California at Berkeley. Kristen set up temporary residence in San Francisco and began working part-time. It was in June of 1997,

three weeks after her 18th birthday, when Kristen vanished without a trace. Her disappearance has made national headlines including an appearance on "America's Most Wanted."

Recently, Kristen's story has made headlines again. Since Kristen was of legal adult age when her disappearance occurred, the Modaffer family was unable to receive much governmental aid in their search. On February 10, Sen. John Edwards introduced legislation backed by the Fraternal Order of Police to help provide law enforcement additional resources to locate missing young people.

"Although a person is a legal adult after they turn 18, most people would agree that college-aged kids are just that — kids," Sen.

Edwards said in a press statement. "Members of this age group are particularly vulnerable to criminals and are frequently victims of crime.

They are away from home for the first time in their lives, in an unfamiliar area, without the presence of their parents. This age group needs special protection."

The first bill, known as Kristen's Law, is modeled after a House bill that would authorize the attorney general to make grants to public agencies and non-profit private organizations that help find missing adults. Sen. Edwards does recognize that

some young adults "disappear" intentionally for a variety of reasons. The proposed legislation is focused only toward the cases such as Kristen's, where police determine that circumstances suggest foul play.

A second bill includes expanding the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to assist law enforcement officers in locating persons who were 18 through 21 years old when they

were abducted. "There is no central, federally-established organization that exists to aid law enforcement in

their efforts to locate missing young adults," Edwards added. "Unfortunately, Kristen's tragic story illustrates the need for such an organization, and what better way to fill this need than to build upon a reputable, federally-partnered organization — the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children — that already exists to search for missing individuals under 18 years old?"

Press Secretary to Edwards, Michael Briggs, stated that the Modaffer family has been in close contact with the senator over the matter and is in strong support of the legislation. Currently, they are at their home in Charlotte. They continue their search for Kristen and the truth about what happened in San Francisco two summers ago.



Kristen Modaffer



Emerging Issues Forum Opens Final Session to the Public

N.C. State's Emerging Issues Forum will open its final session on Friday, Feb. 25, to the public. The special session will feature North Carolina's current governor and three former governors discussing the past and future of the state.

The session, "A Recognition of Our Past, a Vision for Our Future," begins at 1:30 p.m. at NCSU's McKimmon Center.

The session is free to the public, but space is limited. Speaking will be Gov. James B. Hunt Jr., former Gov. James G. Martin (1985-93), former Gov. James E. Holshouser Jr. (1973-77), and former Gov. Robert W. Scott (1969-73). William C. Friday, president emeritus of the University of North Carolina, will be moderator.

This year for the first time, the two-day Emerging Issues Forum also will be broadcast in its entirety via the Web, which will significantly broaden participation.

The website is now functional, www.ncsu.edu/emerging_issues. It features a complete overview and schedule of events at the forum and background on speakers who will address the topic "Shaping Our Common Future: Critical Issues, Strategic Choices for North Carolina" on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 24-25.

To register for the Emerging Issues Forum, call the forum office at 515-7741, or send email inquiries to: michael_roth@ncsu.edu. Cost of the forum including meals and program materials is \$150.

Ample parking is available at the McKimmon Center, located on the corner of Western Boulevard and Gorman Street in Raleigh.

Russian faculty visiting College of Management

Business faculty from two Russian universities, Ural State University and Perm State University, are visiting the College of Management (COM) through Feb. 26 for a distance education partnership that links N.C. State courses to Russian students eager for business education.

During the exchange, 12 Russian visitors will review their adaptations of courses in financial management and operations management with the NCSU faculty who created them, Karlyn Mitchell and Cecil Bozarth, respectively.

On Wednesday, Feb. 23, the Russian faculty will speak at a panel discussion about economic, social and legal changes as a result of political change in Russia. The panel, open to the campus community, will begin at 4:40 p.m. in 1120 Nelson Hall.

Global art on display at GAD

The N.C. State Gallery of Art & Design (GAD) presents "Cultures Revealed: Appliqués from Around the World. Selections from the Nell Battle Booker Sonneman Collection," through June 4.

The exhibition, which is free and open to the public, celebrates appliqué from six continents and the cultures from which they come.

Appliqués will be on display from Australia, Bangladesh, Benin, Canada, Central America, China, Egypt, Finland, Greece, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lebanon, Mongolia, Nigeria, Peru, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tibet and the United States will represent every continent but Antarctica.

Examples range from rustic Saudi Arabian pouches and a skirt from Aruba to Mongolian felted rugs and a complete tent from India.

For more information, contact the gallery at 515-3503. The gallery is open Wednesday through Friday from noon to 8 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. It's closed on Mondays, Tuesdays and university holidays.

Greeks earn "A" for effort



Matt Godwin and Jimmy Keever, both juniors, walk toward the Tau Kappa Epsilon house on Fraternity Court.

◆ Greek organizations are placing more emphasis on academics in attempts to raise the GPA standards of fraternities and sororities on campus.

EMILY TOWNLEY
Senior Staff Writer

Women in sororities at N.C. State may have a reputation for partying more than the average student, but statistics show that there is something else they do "better" than the average student, too...perform in academics.

According to the Department of Greek Life, the average grade point average for a woman in Greek organizations last semester was 2.913, edging ahead of the average non-Greek NCSU student's GPA of 2.809. In fact, women in sororities have averaged higher grade point averages than non-Greek students every semester for the past 10 years, according to Mindy Sopher, director of Greek Life.

Despite the successes of sororities on campus, however, the average GPA for all Greek affiliated students was .103 below the average student's, and the average GPA for all fraternities last fall was 2.723, also below the average.

The Interfraternity Council (IFC), the umbrella organization for all men's Greek organizations on campus, is working diligently to raise the standards for academics within fraternities, according to Sopher.

"IFC's goal is to have an average GPA above that average of all men on campus," Sopher said.

Starting last semester, IFC put into place "red shirting," a new policy mandating that every male

who receives an invitation to join a Greek organization must have an academic index, prepared by NCSU's Office of Admissions, of at least a 2.5 GPA.

The policy was implemented after nearly two years of research and discussion, according to Sopher. "This encourages chapters to recruit members of a certain standard," Sopher said. "It shows that IFC cares enough about academics to do something about it."

The two councils for women's Greek organizations on campus do not yet have in place "measurable plans" for improving GPAs, although Sopher said that she "has challenged them to do so" in the near future.

"Women's groups are traditionally above men's groups," Sopher said. "And the disparity between the average GPA of all women on campus and that of women in Greek organizations is much smaller now than it used to be."

According to Sopher, the principle role of the Department of Greek Life is to "complement and support the academic mission of the university."

"The primary purpose and job of an individual here is to be a student," Sopher said. "We want students in Greek Life to realize that they are students first."

According to Sopher, the Department of Greek Life has a three-pronged plan for supporting

and encouraging superior academics.

"We first ask students to promise to live up to the oath they take when joining a fraternity or sorority, because every Greek organization on this campus has high scholarship and academics as one of its founding principles," Sopher said.

In addition, Greek Life provides access to resources available on campus, including study halls, on-campus tutorials, information and guides to the library, computer labs and workstations. They produce and distribute Academic Handbooks to all new members of fraternities and sororities, as well.

"We want to integrate Greeks into the student community by encouraging them to attend programs and take advantage of the resources the university provides," Sopher said.

The third tier of academic encouragement that Greek Life provides is through programming, counseling and advising, Sopher said. Greek Life also promotes academic achievement by rewarding chapters and individuals for stellar performance and publicizing statistical information and chapters' rates of improvement each semester.

Individual chapters on campus also have internal standards for

Grade Point Average:	
Students Greeks	2.81 2.79
Women Sorority	2.92 2.91
Men Fraternity	2.92 2.72
High: ΦΓΔ	3.18
Low: ΩΨΠ	1.80

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Remembering a legacy



One of the friends of W.R. Johnston stopped to place a flower to remember the legacy of a member of the N.C. State Family.

All-nighters not as bad, study says

◆ A study done at the University of California indicates that certain areas of the brain become more active after sleep deprivation.

EMILY SIPIORSKI
Badger Herald

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — According to a recent study, pulling an all-nighter may have more benefits than many students believe.

The study, done by researchers at the University of California, suggests that more of the brain actually begins functioning after sleep deprivation. Contrary to expectations, researchers found that after 35 hours without sleep, the pre-frontal cortex of the brain becomes more active. The pre-frontal cortex aids in short-term memory functions, compensating for the effects of sleep loss. However, some local experts warned against the findings of the study.

"Mental abilities are impaired by sleep restriction," said Steve Weber of the University of Wisconsin Hospital Sleep Disorder Clinic. "Performance is affected beyond 48 hours."

Many UW-Madison students also find the results of the study hard to believe.

"I hear you go crazy after 72 hours. I believe that your mind starts moving in other directions when you don't have enough energy," sophomore Kenzie Riesselman said.

Other students saw the study as an intriguing insight into the realms of the mind.

"I think the study makes sense," senior Gretchen Chojnacki said. "The body always has ways of

overcoming struggles."

According to the study, the region of the brain known as the parietal lobe, which collates information, becomes more active after a lack of sleep. This compensation is more effective when dealing with language rather than mathematical problems. Many UW students are forced to experience dreaded all-nighters. Regardless of how mysteriously their bodies function, everyone seems to have a way to combat nighttime sleepiness.

"As a landscape architecture student, it's almost expected to have a few sleepless nights," Riesselman said. "I drink coffee and listen to music."

Pulling the occasional all-nighter is not unhealthy, Weber said. However, the repetition of consecutive all-nighters can be hard on the body.

"Repeated episodes of no sleep during a week will affect irritability and nastiness," he said. "This can affect quality of life."

Although drinking plenty of coffee may seem like the answer to staying awake after a long night, Weber feels that caffeine is not something that should replace sleep.

"When studying for exams, take a catnap of 20-30 minutes rather than boosting yourself with stimulants," Weber said. "It's better to compensate with sleep than coffee or Mountain Dew."

Even with the aid of naps or caffeine, some students simply can't handle staying awake for 24 hours or more at a time.

"I don't really pull all-nighters," said senior nursing student Angie Husky. "I can't function without sleep."

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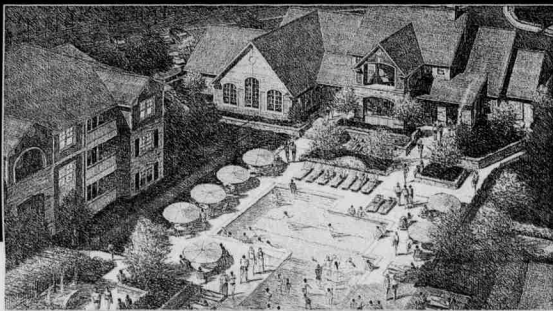
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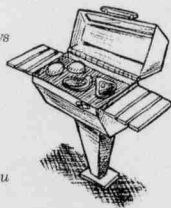
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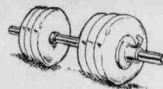
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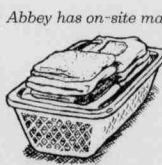


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you really want your friends to enjoy being around you, you're going to need all the help you can get.

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scholarship. Each fraternity and sorority has a member who oversees and encourages academic performance, and nearly every chapter benefits from the services of a Greek Life staff member, who serves as an academic adviser for the chapter.

Members of Greek organizations who oversee scholarship within their fraternities and sororities also have individual goals for academic achievement within their groups.

"Our main goal is to bring the sorority's grades up, while, at the same time, fostering a greater emphasis on studying and learning," said Meghan Huntington-Meath, scholarship chair of Chi Omega Sorority. "Although Chi Omega is a diverse group with girls who have many different interests and responsibilities, I think that one of our common ones is a commitment to academics."

By keeping records of study hours, presenting weekly scholarship spotlights during which a sister is congratulated on enduring a particularly challenging week, conducting a scholarship forum and giving weekly study tips, Chi Omega is increasing its scholastic awareness and reconfirming its commitment to academics, according to Huntington-Meath.

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity has consistently ranked among the top five fraternities and sororities in academic achievement over the last 10 years.

Brian Gustin, scholarship chair of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, attributes their success to the importance they place on recruiting "motivated and goal-oriented men" to join their fraternity.

Gustin said that they also have a very flexible scholarship program that they change each semester to fit the individual needs of the men pledging Phi Delta Theta. He always encourages men to go to all classes, meet their professors and seek help from brothers if they feel that they are struggling in classes.

"We want them to do well, and we want to help them do well," Gustin said.

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As a resident in a university residence hall, Chojnacki also believes in getting her needed sleep.

"I normally get eight hours," she said. "I can't handle it without eight."

Different student habits and class schedules seem to demand a different amount of sleep each night. UW medical Professor Guillermo doPico said that everyone should set a schedule for themselves.

"Sleep enough, at least seven to eight hours," said doPico.

Despite the potential to activate more facets of the brain, sleep deprivation may not be an ideal life-style choice.

"I heard that getting too little sleep actually speeds the aging process," Riesselman said. "This makes me nervous."

Weber mentioned the significance of a sleep study published over a month ago in *Lancet*.

"The study shows that sleeping less mimics the effects of aging," said Weber. "The bottom line is if you want to stay young and healthy and learn more efficiently, you must sleep."

Bush rides into Mich. on wave of support

HANNA LOPATIN

Michigan Daily

(U-WIRE) SOUTHFIELD, Mich. — Coming off of his double-digit win over Arizona Sen. John McCain on Saturday in South Carolina, Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush rode into Michigan on a wave of support.

Bush visited Lawrence Technological University yesterday in his first of three full days campaigning in Michigan for tomorrow's Republican Primary. "There's something in the air in Michigan," Bush said to the crowd as they chanted, "We Want Bush."

Saturday "night we had a big night out in South Carolina," he said. "Wait until you see what happens Tuesday night right here in Michigan."

Bush was accompanied to the rally by Michigan Campaign Chairman Gov. John Engler and

U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, who said they were confident Bush would win Michigan in tomorrow's primary.

"It fires up our supporters to make more calls," Abraham said of Bush's South Carolina win.

But Engler was cautious to assume that Saturday's primary would have a major impact on Michigan. It's not necessarily "as South Carolina goes, so goes Michigan," he said. "I was impressed by the size of the crowd," Bush said after the rally. "There's a sense in this state and it's the same sense I felt in South Carolina."

Bush happily stated that "prognosticators" had said that a voter turnout of above 350,000 would hurt Bush in

South Carolina, but he won with almost 700,000 votes. "A lot of young people showed up," Bush said. "I sense the same thing is going to happen in Michigan."

When presented with excerpts of McCain's Saturday night concession speech - one that many political commentators called uncharacteristically harsh for the senator - Bush said, "All of us are going to react to our victories and defeats in our own way."

Bush referred to McCain's television advertisement that compares him to President Clinton as negative and said, "The people of South Carolina voted in overwhelming numbers because I laid out a positive agenda."

In response to McCain's comment concerning campaign finance reform that "if (Bush) is a reformer, I'm an astronaut," Bush retorted by saying that he was the first candidate to list contributions in almost real time on the Internet. Bush received some heat for speaking in South Carolina at Bob Jones University - a school that prohibits interracial dating and has been accused of anti-Catholicism. Rep.

Peter King (R-New York) announced yesterday that he was moving his endorsement from Bush to McCain due to the speech.

Professing that he is not anti-Catholic, Bush noted that his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, is Catholic. Bush also said he would not prohibit interracial dating.

Former President Ronald Reagan and McCain's advisors have visited Bob Jones before, Bush said. "I think that this effort to try to put an association on policies of Bob Jones is a campaign tactic that we're not going to stand for," said Engler, who is Catholic. While the Michigan primary will clearly have a large influence on the overall outcome of the race for the Republican nomination, Engler said. A loss in Michigan would probably not stop McCain, he said.

Southern Illinois U. performs germ cell research

DAVID OSBORNE

Daily Egyptian (Southern Illinois U.)

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. — Germ cell transplantation research at Southern Illinois University could eventually help correct genetic diseases and preserve rare or endangered species for future generations.

Professor Lonnie Russell of the Physiology Department is the head of research at SIUC under a grant from the National Institute of Health.

Germ cell transplantation involves the removal of the stem cells that produce sperm from the testes of one animal and transplanting those cells into a second animal. The second animal then begins to produce the sperm of the first.

"I think it's cutting edge of the

field," said Professor Andrzej Bartke, chairman of the Physiology Department, about the research's potential.

The possible practical applications for this technology are three-fold, Russell said.

First, there is a potential to correct genetic diseases. Germ cells from an individual with a genetic disorder could be removed, altered genetically to remove the inherited disease, and returned to the same individual. All the other genetic characteristics of the individual would remain, minus the genetic disease.

"That means your children would not have a particular disease, a fatal disease like cystic fibrosis," Russell said.

The second application is the study of the production of sperm. For

example, rat sperm takes 53 days to develop, while mouse sperm takes 35. Stem cells transplanted from a rat to mouse still take 53 days to develop sperm, showing that the stem cells determine the rate of development, independent of the host animal.

The third reason is the potential to preserve rare and endangered species by collecting stem cells. Stem cells could be frozen and later used to reproduce as many germ cells as needed.

"As the stem cells divide and rearrange themselves, you get different gene combinations," Russell said. "That's one reason children of a family are so different."

That is also one reason stem cell transplants may have an advantage over cloning in the preservation of endangered species, Russell said.

While research in the past has included the transplantation of germ cells between different species, such as from a rat to a mouse, current SIUC research is trying to determine how far apart genetically two mice can be before transplantation can be successful.

Just as an organ transplant between humans requires a genetic match to prevent the immune system from causing rejection of the transplanted organ, transplanted stem cells also require a close match for the same reason, Russell said.

Fernando Alves, a visiting researcher from Sao Paulo, Brazil, is working with livestock to determine the feasibility of a similar procedure on farm animals. So far, Alves has been injecting the testes of hogs with dye to follow the injection through

the structure of the testes. Alves said that the actual transplantation of germ cells would take place in early April.

The tests in April would involve transplanting the germ cells from one breed of hog into a boar of a different breed. After a few months, the recipient boar would be allowed to breed to determine if the transplant was successful.

"If he has a different color or a different distribution of colors in his offspring, then we'll know he produced sperm from the donor," Alves said.

The \$900,000 NIH grant is shared with Washington State University, where professor Mike Griswold is heading up collaborative research using mice. The WSU portion of the research is studying the effects of mutated cells.

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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW Same-sex marriages

The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Carolina rejected a denunciation of both marriage and ordination of homosexuals last Saturday. While the decision does not condone either homosex-

are accepted, though shunned by many religious sects, homosexual partnerships should also be permitted explicitly under the law. The flaming hot potato has been tossed around for long enough.

Of course, this issue will eventually go to the national courts, once difficulties arise when people are recognized as married in one state and not in another.

Decisions about homosexuals tying the knot are getting tied up in courts and congregations, swimming in controversy between the divergent shores of church and state.

al marriage or homosexual ordination, it also does not condemn it. The apathetic position reflects the way in which both churches and courts have dealt with homosexual rights, throwing the burden of choice on others in a long-running game of political hot potato that has run the national gamut. Consider these examples:

In Hawaii, the state Supreme Court has been deciding on the issue since 1998.

Vermont Governor Howard Dean declared in January that "all Vermonters—including gay and lesbian Vermonters—are to have equal benefits under the law."

California voters will decide on March 7 about the Knight Initiative, Proposition 22, which declares that "only marriage between a man or woman is recognized in California."

In court cases, the gavel should not be used to pound away individual rights to personal freedom of expression guaranteed under the First Amendment. Just as divorce

When such a decision is mandated, the nation should guarantee marital freedoms for homosexuals under the national separation of church and state.

As for churches, temples, mosques or whatever, each religion should be free to set its own policy toward homosexual marriage, especially considering the religious ritual aspect of the act.

Such decisions would not be discriminatory any more than it is discriminatory to discourage non-Christians from Communion or to discourage non-Jews from Bar Mitzvah. When Muslim children fast during Ramadan, the Department of Social Services doesn't charge their parents with neglectful malnutrition. Similarly, the government shouldn't mastermind spiritual law.

Until this issue is straightened out, we must agree to give all people the rights guaranteed by government, even when we think those rights are not guaranteed by God.

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Nothing wrong with nudity

This is in response to Lee Robertson's letter (Campus Forum, "Teacher resignation warranted," Feb. 21), concerning Shari Eicher's removal from teaching.

I can't agree with Robertson that openly advocating nudity is wrong. The human body is a creation of God and is a sacred and beautiful thing. There is no reason why it should be covered and hidden as if it were something evil. I'm sure God doesn't mind if we commune with him in a private setting in the exact way he created us.

I'm fairly sure that this was also the belief and intent of the members of the Willow Fire Coven when they put pictures of themselves at worship on their Web page (though Mrs. Eicher herself is not pictured). I believe that anything done tastefully that we choose to incorporate into our way of paying homage to the great spirit above is well done, be it by using beads, prayer wheels, wearing certain clothing, or none at all.

As for the youths that Robertson is so concerned about properly socializing and sheltering from this taste-

ful spiritual display of the human form, I believe that every child should be given the opportunity to be exposed to as many diverse cultures and beliefs as possible.

Otherwise, how will we ever learn to understand and respect the differences in culture, morals and individual beliefs? Thanks to the Internet, (despite this unfortunate case), this is more possible now than ever before.

If it is right to feel that the human body should be covered at all times because there is something wrong with what God gave us, then I am obviously lacking in proper feelings—and I rejoice in it.

Sarah J. Goodman
Sophomore
Psychology

Technician gets it right, for once

When I opened Technician yesterday morning, I read the headline to Donnie Lassiter's column. The headline read "Lassiter's Thoughts on religion, faith." When Technician prints something about religion, it is usually about how Christianity is

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Students deserve priority in basketball ticketing

MIKE PITTMAN

That all of them didn't go to WPC, why didn't some of the other seats get sold to students? I've received no answer.

Some of the explanations I have gotten are that if the student seats were increased, we'd not be able to fill them all at every game. Well, DUH! That argument to me is kinda weak. How many games this year were all of the WPC members with tickets there? Tickets are given out to the games at least two days in advance for students. I would think that if tickets were not given out, they could easily be sold at the gate to the Arena for a few bucks, and we'd all be happy. After all, your friendly neighborhood snack cracker company is doing that. They reserve 500 seats for each game, and sell the tickets for \$10 before the game.

Well, students don't deserve tickets. We get them for free. Yeah, free like the prize in cereal. We pay for them, just not individually. I remember about a month ago I wrote a check, and the Memo on it was "Tuition." Believe me, we may not walk up to the window and pay for our tickets straight up, but we pay for tickets in other ways. We have every right to tickets, if not more than the Alumni. After all, if they were good little Pack Backers, they have been to plenty of games. Now it's our turn to get to go to games!

Whether or not we'll ever get the other seats in the Arena we deserve it has no idea. One idea would be to tell the Cracker People to "bump off" and give us those 500 tickets. We deserve them.

Tell Mike he's right, mike_pittman@ncsu.edu

First ticket responsibility to paying customers

JIMMY PARRIS

Revenue sports are about money, above all else. Look no further than the name for their "interest-generating sports" or "loyalty-inspiring sports". They are revenue sports. Their primary purpose is to bring money to a given university.

Once that you get past the players, coaches, trainers and students, for whom sports should be about the love of the game, college athletics are about money.

For administrators, major college sports are about the dollar signs that come with an NCAA Tournament bid. For a company that buys a block of seats, big-time intercollegiate athletics are about the money from a contract that comes after escorting a CEO to a game or that comes with giving away tickets in contests.

For the average fan, a game is about the cash needed to attend it. For an alumni, revenue sports are about the figures at the bottom of a letter from the Wolfpack Club; amount of money donated this year, number of rows closer to the floor next year's seats will be.

Accordingly, more seats at your average N.C. State men's basketball game go to corporate sponsors, alumni and other paying customers than to students. In a 19,762-seat arena, the people for whom the game itself is the issue—the students and participants—get maybe 3,540 seats (both figures account for those folding chairs for the players, coaches and trainers).

That number works out to roughly 18 percent, before tickets are given to student groups and

other campus organizations. By the time tickets work their way down to the average student, there are maybe 2,500 seats left.

You could argue that the students are a team's heart and soul; its big-money contributors are its life's blood. If the alumni don't raise or give money, then Damon Thornton doesn't have a scholarship to attend school or an arena to dunk in. If Austin Stack Crackers doesn't buy up a block of seats, maybe Archie Miller doesn't have a new uniform to knock down a three in. If the N.C. General Assembly doesn't send some of Joe Taxpayer's money in the university's direction, then maybe Justin Gainey doesn't have shoes to dribble up court in.

The Entertainment and Sports Arena cost a total of \$158 million to build, an amount that was divided among three entities: N.C. State, the Centennial Authority and the Carolina Hurricanes. The university contributed \$58 million to the building of the arena. That figure, however, does not necessarily reflect NCSU's cash investment.

The amount can be broken up into two figures, basically: \$30 million, in the form of land and an allocation from the GA to the university, and the \$28 million in cash given by the university.

Even that breakdown does not offer an accurate picture of NCSU's contribution to the ESA. According to archived articles from <I>The News & Observer</I>, that \$28 million came in the form of two payments, an initial \$22 million payment made in 1992 and another \$6 million payment, made in Sept. 1998.

Two sources provided the uni-

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Don't sell yourself short

ERIC BRODICK



It was the day after Valentine's Day when I looked to my left to see a young man rubbing his fingers across the shoulder blades of the woman sitting in front of him in my anthropology class. Then I watched as he began to move his fingers up her shoulder blades and advanced them towards the back of her neck.

I was surprised to see such a display of affection. I thought to myself, "Could this be love?" Maybe not, but it was definitely an act of affection. That display of affection made me examine my own "love life," as the old saying goes. I came to the conclusion that I didn't have one. As a believer in Christ I began to rational-

ize my situation. So I said to myself, "As long as I got Jesus, I don't need nobody else."

Let me explain something to you, friends. You can believe in God, Jesus and even be filled with the Holy Ghost, but that does not stop your desire for companionship. When we reflect back on man in the Garden of Eden (assumed to be Ethiopia), God said, "It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him" (Genesis 2:18).

God realized that Adam desired companionship, so He created Eve. Eve was not a god, nor a spirit, but bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. In other words, she was a human being of the opposite sex.

There is nothing wrong with our wanting a companion of the opposite sex. Since the creation of man, it has

been a human desire to have companionship, but somewhere along the way, we have forgotten the role of the man and the woman.

Men need to think the woman's role is to cook, clean and wash dishes. The woman's role is to support her man, but if supporting her man requires her to cook, clean or wash dishes, she will do it if she truly loves him.

A woman's role, however, is not limited to household duties, despite our egotistical beliefs. Let's consider a woman who cooks, cleans and washes for her man but fails to give him the spiritual, emotional and psychological support he needs. Has she fulfilled her role as a helper?

She might have met his physical needs, but she has failed to build his confidence. She has failed to make him feel needed. She has failed to

make him feel like a man. You show me a man with no confidence, and I'll show you a man with no significant purpose in life. If a man never finds his purpose in life and, thus, is not confident in that purpose, he will never mature into his full capacity of being a man.

Men also have to remember their roles, which are not to give orders and treat women like they are less than human. As men, we tend to think it's all right for us to treat women as if they are inferior to us.

Even men who don't believe in God know the scripture in the Bible where it says, "Wives submit to your own husbands as to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:22). If we are married, boyfriend and girlfriend, sinner or saint, as men

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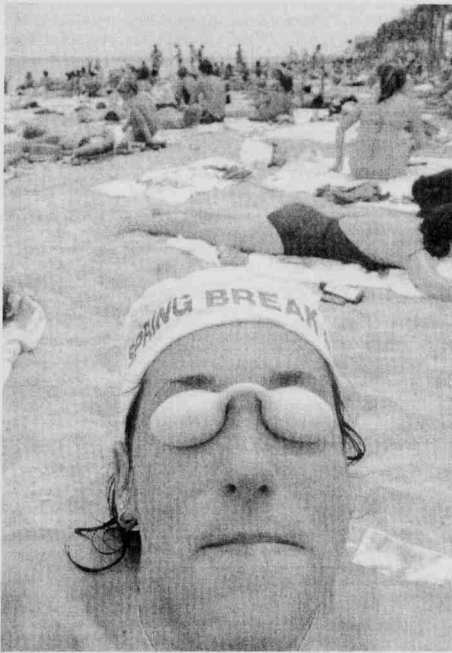
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versity money; the Wolfpack Pride campaign, a private fundraising drive coordinated by the Wolfpack Club, and the Athletics Department. The alumni contributed \$22 million; the university gave the other \$6 million.

The point to that little lesson in ESA-financing is that NCSU's stake in the arena came largely from the alumni. Say what you will about rooting habits, but the ESA, as far as NCSU is concerned, is not the House that the Students Built.

Nor is it the House that Jimmy V Built and nor is it the House that Les Robinson Built. If anyone connected with the university can claim any sort of responsibility for the ESA's construction, it is the Wolfpack Club.

Perhaps the next most important group to the men's basketball program's staying afloat is the pool of corporate sponsors. Austin Snack Crackers buys up approximately 50 tickets for every men's home game. That's just one of a number of corporate deals the university has in place to help keep money rolling in for the athletics program. Look around for organizations and companies offering free NCSU basketball tickets in contests, and you'll have found a contributor to NCSU athletics.

There is no arena standing in tribute to the gifts these corporations have given with the expectation of tickets, but that does not make them any less a contributor

or any less a presence at the ESA.

Finally, the average paying fan has to be given consideration in the number-crunching that surrounds ESA ticketing. Aside from his contributions at the gate, his tax dollars went a long way toward building the ESA and an even longer way toward financing nearly every academic endeavor at NCSU, by virtue of the state's tradition of building all academic buildings (a tradition that will soon end).

The average ticket-buying fan is himself a huge contributor; hell, the average non-ticket-buying fan is a huge contributor.

What would be the ideal for the distribution of men's basketball tickets? Ideally, ticket distribution for basketball games would occur according to who would make the best fans, and, obviously, the students would cheer most fervently.

And, ideally, students would be given 5,000 or 6,000 choice seats.

But that's foolish. Money built the ESA. Money decides who gets the best seats and how many. And money puts more alumni, more corporate contributors, more paying customers than students in the seats.

And I have a hard time putting much of a fight up against that fact; at \$74 a year (the amount of the annual Intercollegiate Athletics Fee), any season tickets are a pretty good deal for the students.

You got a problem with that, jerky? Send your ESA thoughts to Jimmy at jpryals@unity.ncsu.edu.

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we live by that scripture. We use this scripture to justify our puffed-up egos. Although this scripture is in the Bible and the Bible is supposed to be the word of God, many women do not believe in this scripture. I find that funny because women believe the whole Bible except when it says anything about a woman being submissive to a man. Men inspired by God wrote the books of the Bible; but, according to some women, being submissive to a man was merely Paul's opinion.

Be patient with me in reading this article, because I am trying to show you something. Friends, Paul was inspired to write more books in the New Testament than any other man inspired by God.

In the Old Testament, the men of the Bible had several wives, but Paul always taught me to be the husband of one wife. Since I've been a witness for Christ, I haven't heard a woman complain about that "opinion" taught by Paul.

I have also found that men forget to read past the scriptures where the Bible states that a woman is supposed to be submissive to her husband. If we were to read a few verses down, we would see the verse, "Husbands love your wives just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for her" (Ephesians 5:25).

The truth is, God has made man the head of the family, whether we agree or disagree. Being God and foreseeing man's potential abuse of this role, He limited man's authority. One might ask the question, "How?" If we loved our wives, our women or anybody as much as we love ourselves, we would not have to worry about abusing our role as head of the family.

As men, we also have to provide spiritually, emotionally and psychologically for our women. A woman needs to feel like she is special. She needs to know that the things she does for her man are appreciated. Above all, she has to be respected.

Men, we have to remember that, if we fail to make our women feel loved, we lose the support we need to reach our full capacity as men.

Women, if you find a real man, help him reach his full potential.

Both sexes desire the companionship of the opposite sex, but make sure she knows how to support her man and make sure he knows how to be a man. I have yet to find the woman to help me reach my full potential. I must admit, I have failed to make the women in my past feel loved. I used to be just as affectionate as the gentlemen in my anthropology class. But don't get romance mixed up with love or what it takes to be a man.

I wrote this because I realized that there are people out there without a companion just like myself, and I know that, at times, they wished they had someone. I just want to encourage anyone in that position to wait until finding that special person. Don't settle for less than what God has in store for you because you feel like you have to have someone for the moment.

Friends, I ask those who have been encouraged, taught, corrected or enlightened by my writings to pray for me. I don't know what God is going to put in my heart to write about, but whatever He puts in my heart, I write about.

So, pray that God will continue to use me to do His will. Thank you.

Comments? Send them to eridick@unity.ncsu.edu.

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false or if questions the very existence of God. Every now and then, however, a little light shines through those heavy and depressing pages.

In Lassiter's column, that bright light shone in. In his column, he stood up for Christianity and for Jesus Christ. Far too often, in a world full of cynicism and hate, the joys of Christianity are forgotten. Yesterday was different. Donnie Lassiter announced to the world that, while he was a sinner, he was a Christian and he had found forgiveness for his sins. Lassiter told the wondrous story of Jesus Christ and offered to the world this marvelous gift.

I congratulate Lassiter for his willingness to stand up for what he believes, and I congratulate Technician for trying to make this world a better place. Perhaps this could become a habit. Let us hope so.

Richard Lee Robertson Jr.
Freshman
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Err with the utmost caution

ERIC OEST & SIMON SHIGLELI
AKC/IL Tribune (AKC/IL)

"Great events and personalities in world history do reappear in one fashion or another—the first time as tragedy, the second as farce."—Karl Marx

Joerg Haider's rise to power in Austria is one that has been met with a great deal of skepticism. His National Freedom Party recently formed, along with the traditional conservative People's Party, a coalition government in Austria after garnering per cent of the popular vote.

There are those who point to his anti-immigrant policies and comments praising the efficacy of Nazi employment policies when criticizing his political ideologies. Others, however, have argued that this criticism is simply the result of Haider's disruption of the status quo, both on a domestic level with respect to Austrian Proporz system of party patronage and on an

international level in terms of conforming to the liberal international structure advocated by the European Union.

In response to this newly formed coalition government, the EU has ceased all diplomatic relations with Austria. The same has been done by Israel, the United States and Canada.

The question in turn arises: are these actions justified? While the true answer cannot yet be discerned, it is necessary, nonetheless, to quickly bring the issue to the attention of the international community to minimize the danger of allowing an extremist party to remain dormant and gain public support. Given Haider's questionable past, one cannot determine where his intentions lie. His supporters' anti-immigrant sentiments are diametrically opposed to the democratic pluralism theoretically upheld by the EU. Similarly, the National Freedom Party is in favor of a strong Westphalian system of sovereign states and prefers a partisan alliance with NATO. These realist political tendencies reveal the inherent potential of Austria becoming an ultra-nationalist state that is reluctant to co-operate with the EU.

For some, however, the real concern lies with Haider's ideological connections to Nazism. The post-WWII backlash against Nazism that was prevalent in Germany was not paralleled in Austria; the Austrian government has never formally apologized for any wrongdoing. Accordingly, Mr. Haider's audience is one that is potentially more receptive to fascist rhetoric

and may be more readily persuaded by Haider's charismatic persona. There are also claims that Mr. Haider has publicly praised the SS including Joseph Goebbels and feels that it is appropriate to honor them as heroes of the Second World War.

It is unclear, however, how substantial these aforementioned claims are. Following the formation of the coalition government, the National Freedom Party has stated that they are strongly committed to providing reparations for those who were enslaved in Nazi work camps. Since his rule began in April in Carinthia, no remotely xenophobic laws have been imposed and talks have begun regarding the establishment of separate Slovenian schools—an indication of Haider's willingness to accommodate to the presence of multiple cultures.

Thus there seems to be a tension between what people think Haider will do and what he has actually done. Some, like Nazi hunter Simon Weisenthal, believe that Haider's convictions have more to do with right-wing conservatism than with blatant Nazism. As a result, many feel the response to Haider also has more to do with concerns about the impact of his right wing conservatism on the existing Austrian government than his purported ties to Nazism.

Since the end of WWII, countries in Western Europe have been governed by two-party systems with socialists and conservatives exchanging power on a regular basis. The National Freedom Party represents a threat to this balance of power and, consequently, it has been met with opposition from both sides. The difficulty of judging Haider is thus apparent, although it is important to levy a thorough criticism of the man's policies to avoid future conflict escalation. We must, however, make sure that this criticism is born from a concern about human rights rather than the special interests of the political establishment.

A plan that fails on its merits

SHEILA BRAP
Arizona Daily Wildcat (U. Arizona)

Florida Governor Jeb Bush is helping his state take giant steps toward diversity in the movement toward diversity.

The brother of Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush recently proposed a plan that ends all considerations of gender and race in state university admissions and replace it with a "merit-based" system that admits all students graduating in the top 20 percent of their high school classes.

Florida State University's Board of Regents unanimously approved the plan on Thursday.

Following in the footsteps of California, where affirmative action has already been stripped from college admissions, Florida is perpetuating a detrimental nationwide trend that has spawned from the belief that affirmative action has outlived its usefulness.

Bush's plan is a disadvantage for Florida minorities. Not only does it eliminate gender and race in admissions processes, but it gives automatic admission to students who would probably be attending college anyway. Overall, it does nothing to truly promote merit and everything to chip away at diversity.

According to critics of affirmative action programs, colleges have been forced to lower their standards in order to help people who don't really deserve to be in college. They think the system ought to go back to being based solely on merit.

But the idea that the system was ever solely based on merit to begin with is probably the greatest misconception that affirmative

action critics like to spout. Being related to alumni of having "legacy," has nothing to do with merit. Yet it is part of the selection process at probably every university and is consistently used as justification for admitting certain students over others.

If your last name is Kennedy, you will probably get into Harvard.

If your mother and father attended a certain university, your chances of being admitted there are greater.

But if you're black, Hispanic or female and you live in California or Florida, you won't benefit because your race or gender have nothing to do with merit.

In truth, there are severe structural biases within the system that on the surface seem to be based on merit but were in fact originally designed without the interests of minority groups in mind. Thirty years of attempts at affirmative action programs, many of which were not given adequate time or financial support to even succeed, are simply not enough. Thirty years is not nearly enough time to do away with prejudices within systems-social, educational, economic—that are still so pervasive today.

Hundreds of students and elected officials protested the Florida Board of Regent's meeting. Many believed the proposal would lead to less minorities attending college.

U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown, D-Fla., was among those protesting the affirmative-action ban.

"We do not live in a colorblind society. Race is still a factor," Brown said. "I'm very disappointed in what's going on in Florida."

and it's an example of the ugly side of politics. We trick ourselves into believing that we are all equal because the law says so and because there are less glaring problems than there were in the 60s.

Well here's a reality smack. The 60s didn't solve everything.

If anything, the social movements that took place 30 years ago were just America admitting for the first time that prejudice is a problem.

And though the problem hasn't gone away, the movement has been prematurely thwarted by states like California and Florida, and governors like Jeb Bush who are proudly leading the crusade to mock programs that promote diversity.

Just as Martin Luther King Jr. pointed out, affirmative action is intended to equalize a social imbalance that existed for centuries.

Ideally, any admissions process would be based entirely on merit. However, the word "merit" has embedded meanings. It also means "white." If it can even mean "male."

True, outstanding students are usually admitted to college. But the reason many minorities are not admitted is because there are plenty of subtle biases, such as legacy, of which they students cannot take advantage.

The ideal merit-based system is an illusion. Sadly, Florida's leader and its Board of Regents have made a monumental mistake. As long as protecting the illusion of "merit-based" systems is upheld, diversity has no hope.

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- 2 bathing suits** to add some pizzazz and to always have one that's dry.
- On to the good stuff...** A camera to record the memories and something to play your favorite tunes on the beach. - Remember to buy extra film and batteries BEFORE you leave...
- 2 to 3 pair of shoes** - Definitely bring cool sandals for cruising the beach and a comfy set of walking shoes so you can hit the boardwalk...
- Sundresses** are a great space saver and look awesome on the beach during the day or out on the town at night. The perfect excuse to show off a tan!
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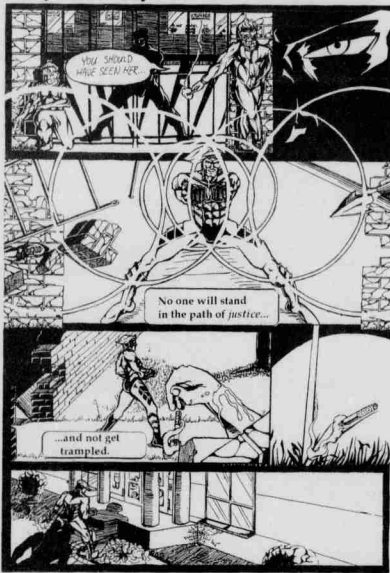
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blast of justice by carson mataxis

LAST WEEK: Having discovered that Kimo Hasanda is the supplier of the deadly new Hellfire drug, he has decided to pay Hasanda a little visit. Little does he know that Hasanda is not alone. (e-mail carsonmataxis@unity.ncsu.edu with any feedback)



doughboy1997 by marko

Confused about how we got to 2000? Here's the twentieth through twenty-second installments following the origin of Maxine. Oskar and Gabriel plan to spoil the Queen's plans by altering Maxine's genome structure. Oskar extracted the "alteration" implanted by the Queen and lured Maxine to sleep till Mediaeval Europe. Maxine awakes rather upset that some people would take such liberties. This week, Maxine explores a Mediaeval graveyard to find Oskar ready for a battle. Maxine reads a bird's mind, Oskar disappears and Chalkydri offers a riddle.

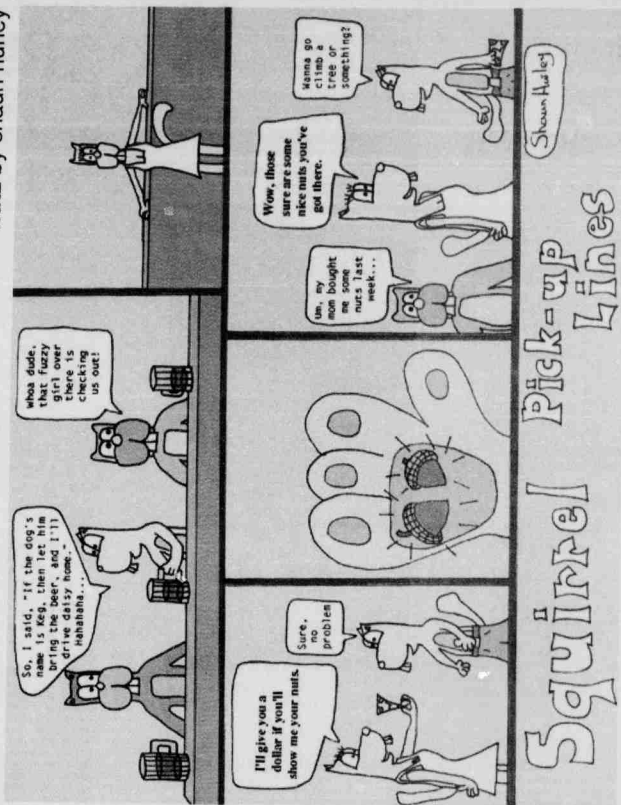


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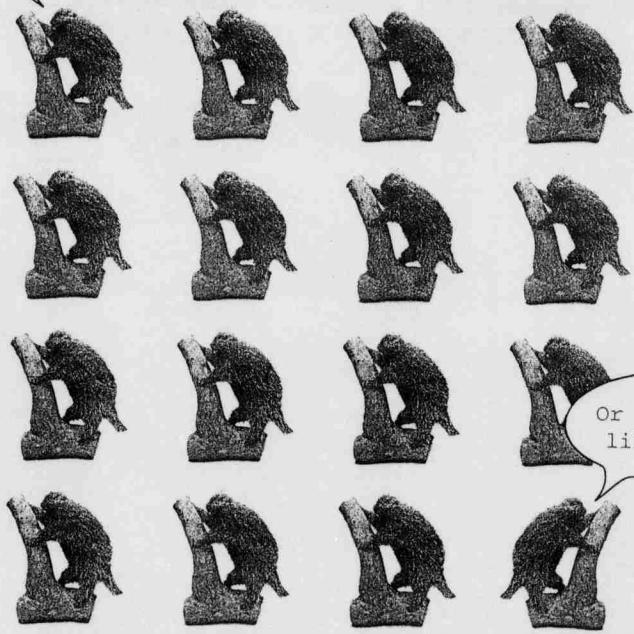
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COMMENTARY

What has gone wrong?

JACK DALY

It's really simple for N.C. State. The Wolfpack needs to win at Georgia Tech, win at home against Clemson and win at Florida State. Throw in another victory in the ACC Tournament and maybe, just maybe, the Wolfpack will avoid a fourth straight trip to the

BASKETBALL

National Invitational Tournament. "Right now, our backs are against the wall and these are three games we must have," said freshman forward Damien Wilkins Monday. "Right now, our only option is to put what has happened behind us and play like it's only a three-game season. Play like it's our last three games."

If State doesn't go to the NCAA Tournament, the '99-00 season will go down as the Pack's most perplexing in recent memory. Just over two long weeks ago in College Park, State outplayed the Maryland Terrapins for a good majority of the game. But the Terps squeezed out a victory in the final minute and the Pack hasn't been the same team since.

Before that game, State looked like it was possibly the conference's second-best team.

The Pack had beaten Maryland and Virginia, played well at North Carolina and lost a spectacular game at Duke. The only reason for concern was the game at Clemson, but that loss seemed like an anomaly.

Since the Maryland game, the team has obviously struggled and the sight of fans fleeing from the State bandwagon all too common.

"I don't want to get accustomed to anything — especially losing," Wilkins said. "I'm only accustomed to winning. I will win, that's how I look at it."

What's puzzling is finding the reasons why the team has lost five straight.

Injuries to Ron Kelley and Marshall Williams have undoubtedly played a part, but it's a stretch to think the injuries are the main reason State has struggled.

The Pack outplayed the Terps with both of those guys injured (Williams played at Maryland but was hampered by his knee). Neither Kelley nor Williams started before they were hurt and the Pack's starters have been outplayed by the other team's — most notably at Wake Forest.

Additionally, Clifford Crawford has provided solid minutes in Williams' stead. Ron Kelley's absence wouldn't be as noticeable if Damon Thornton would quit getting into foul trouble.

Some have questioned Coach Herb Sendek's tactics during the losing streak — why not more zone defense? — but such suggestions are off the mark. On Saturday against Duke, Sendek's offensive system resulted in plenty of good looks for Wolfpack shooters, but, more often than not, the players missed the shots. Sendek can't be blamed for that.

Until he makes the NCAA Tournament or beats UNC consistently — the two go hand-in-hand — Sendek will face questioning about his coaching ability from State zealots. Misguided questioning, but questioning nonetheless.

A lack of offensive execution can partly be to blame for the skid, but, again, it's by no means the principal reason. State scored 82 points at Virginia and lost. Against UNC, the team gave back after layup after dunk to Brendan Haywood and company. In itself, the loss at Maryland shouldn't have caused any sort of slump. There were many positives to take out of that game as negatives. Plus, the team had UNC for its next game, reason enough to forget the loss.

But the inescapable conclusion is that that loss is the turning point of the season so far. What seems to be most frustrating during the streak for State fans is that there is no main rea-

◆ School records fell again on Saturday as the Wolfpack gymnastics team defeated Kentucky.

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The N.C. State gymnastics team broke the 196-point barrier for the first time in the program's history last year at the NCSU 196.775 UK 193.125 East Atlantic Gymnastics League Championship meet. The 2000 edition of the Wolfpack has now accomplished that feat two times in as many weeks.

Led by junior Kara Charles' effort in the all-around, the No. 14 Pack (7-4) set a new team scoring record of 196.775 on Saturday in Reynolds Coliseum to defeat the visiting Kentucky Wildcats by 3.65 points. N.C. State's score shattered the old team mark of 196.225 set just last weekend at the Hears Invitational.

"After they said it, Maggie [Haney] goes, 'No, that's supposed to be 195,'" Charles said of senior Maggie Haney, who originally didn't think the Pack broke its record. "That's the third time we've broken 196, and we were way closer to 197. That was amazing."

NCSU also established a school record on bars with a score of 49.175. Junior Amy Langendorf topped the individual Pack record on bars with a

9.95 and then watched Charles immediately tie that mark. Sophomore Laura Jazab also posted a new personal high of 9.8 to finish fourth in the event.

The Pack excelled on floor, as well, where the team posted a score of 49.5, only .1 points shy of the record set last week. For the second consecutive meet, four NCSU gymnasts scored over 9.9 on floor. Senior Maggie Haney, who also won the team competition with a 9.925, followed up last week's perfect score with a 9.95 to win the event again.

"Our goal coming into the meet today, and every meet the rest of the season, is to score 195 and higher," N.C. State head coach Mark Stevenson said. "That's what we have to do in order for us to prove to everybody else that we are where we are and we deserve what we do."

Saturday's meet with the Wildcats was the first time N.C. State has ever scored over 49 points in all four events. It was also the first meet of this year in which the Pack hit all 24 of its routines without a fall.

"We knew last week that we'd gone 196.2 with a fall; today, we didn't count a fall," Stevenson said. "In all of the routines that we did, we had a mis-



The Pack's Kara Charles presented her bar routine Saturday night.



Senior gymnast Maggie Haney strikes a pose.

take some place that dropped our score down a little bit, but we only had one on every event. We only count the five highest scores, so all of those scores that we got were high scores."

Charles, who made her first appearance of the season in the all-around on Saturday, scored over 9.8 in all four

events for a first-place finish. Her all-around score of 39.425 was a personal high and the second-highest mark in the program's 20-year history.

"I just had to add one more event [beam], and I've been doing the other event just as exhibition," Charles said.

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Chan Pons gets ready for Portugal



TECHNOLOGY FILE PHOTO

CHAN PONS

Chan Pons will be competing in the World Championships this spring in Portugal. He has won individual ACC championships in both track and field and cross country but qualified for the U.S. National team in the 4,000 meters.



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◆ Track runner Chan Pons will be a part of the U.S. National Track team this spring in Portugal for the World Championships.

TODD LION
Staff Writer

Considering the accomplishments Chan Pons has already achieved this year, one can only hope he can continue to maintain this level of success through the end of the school year.

Pons, N.C. State's top distance runner, started his senior year in good fashion by winning the ACC cross country championships, finishing second in the district championships and placing 18th at the NCAA finals.

Placing 18th at any national-level meet is by no means considered anything less than outstanding, but Chan's accomplishment has a twist. He was the 18th-fastest cross country runner in the nation, but he ran that performance with only one shoe on for over five and a half miles.

Displays of determination such as that are what make Chan Pons one of the most successful runners in N.C. State history. Indeed, cross country and track head coach Rollie Geiger described Pons as "an extremely motivated runner who never backs down from any challenge."

This intense determination shone again for Pons two weeks ago at the USA National Cross Country Championships, held in Greensboro, N.C. Pons placed seventh in the men's 4,000-meter run, good enough to qualify him for the World Cross Country Championships, which will be held in Portugal in mid-March.

"I don't think many people really understand the magnitude of Chan's performance at Greensboro," Geiger said. "Chan was the first collegiate runner to cross the finish line. The only runners ahead of him were professionals. This is just a phenomenal accomplishment."

Pons took this race as a sort of personal proving ground after his relatively disappointing finish at the NCAA championships. He wanted to prove to himself and others what he could accomplish in a cross country race against this kind of competition.

The course conditions at Greensboro were described by some of the most

weathered runners in the nation as the worst racing conditions they had ever seen. Ankle-deep mud and near freezing temperatures did not hamper Pons, however. He watched as other runners were overcome by the difficulty of the course, and when he realized that a spot for him on the world team could be open, he left all reservations behind him as he tore through the mud to a seventh place finish.

"This really is a dream come true," Pons said of his performance. "I never thought I'd see myself in this position [on the world team], at least not in college."

Adding to his outstanding list of accomplishments, Pons won both the 3,000- and 5,000-meter runs at the ACC Indoor Track Championships this past weekend. His commanding win by almost 20 seconds in the 5,000 meters (14:15.74) was good enough to qualify him provisionally for the NCAA Indoor Championships the weekend of March 11. Pons ran a 1:04 earlier this year, only four seconds away from an automatic qualifying time.

He was not nearly as comfortable in his win in the 3,000 meters, though. His own teammates, Chris Dugan and Abdul Alzindani, finished a mere six seconds behind him in this race, but he was more happy for his teammates than he was for himself.

"The 3000 was huge," Pons said. "Taking the top three positions is great for the team. I am extremely proud of Chris [Dugan] and Abdul [Alzindani]."

Chan Pons is not just an outstanding athlete; he is "overall, a great student-athlete," according to graduate assistant Pat Joyce. Pons is a recipient of the ACC Post Graduate Scholarship, a scholarship given to 15 extraordinary student-athletes of any sport in the ACC.

Pons has elected to return to the N.C. State cross country team next year to serve as a graduate assistant.

"We are very fortunate to have him back next year," said Geiger. "He can continue to train with and help the team, and he can also continue to amaze us with his accomplishments as he looks toward the Olympic trials later this year."

ACC and Wolfpack Notes

Dunleavy out with mono

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke freshman swingman Mike Dunleavy Jr. will be sidelined indefinitely after being diagnosed with mononucleosis.

The loss of Dunleavy cuts into the depth of the second-ranked Blue Devils (21-3), who clinched at least a share of the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title Saturday when they defeated N.C. State 71-66 at the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski uses the 6-foot-7 Dunleavy as a shooting guard and small forward off the bench. He is averaging 9.5 points and 4.2 rebounds in 25 minutes over 24 games. "I feel badly for Mike," Krzyzewski said. "He was having a great year for us and has been an integral part of our team. We know he'll get better with the proper treatment. We look for-



N.C. State Men's Tennis Falls To Brown

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State women fall in both polls

A pair of losses to two of the top teams in the Atlantic Coast Conference dropped the N.C. State women's basketball team's standing in the most recent set of rankings.

The Wolfpack dropped four spots in the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll and seven spots in The Associated Press poll after spending last week at No. 7 in both. N.C. State fell in this week to Duke and Virginia this ACC to drop to 11-4 in the conference.

Duke and Virginia were the other two ACC teams that were ranked this week. The Blue Devils climbed to eighth in the coaches' poll and ninth in the AP poll after their 70-64 win over N.C. State. Meanwhile, the Cavaliers jumped to No. 16 in both polls after claiming sole possession of first in the ACC race.

Connecticut topped the rankings again with Georgia and Tennessee close behind. On the men's side, Cincinnati was knocked from its perch as No. 1 for the

first time in weeks after falling at home to Temple 77-69.

Stanford took advantage of the Bearcats' loss to move into the top spot in both polls. The Cardinal routed California 101-50 on Saturday to secure its new ranking.

Duke moved up to No. 2 in both sets of rankings after another undefeated week. The Blue Devils beat N.C. State 71-66 Saturday to clinch a share of the ACC title.

Maryland joined Duke as the only ACC teams in the top 25. The Terrapins climbed three spots to No. 19 in the coaches' and writers' polls.

To see how both the coaches and the national media rank each team in the four-basketball polls, please turn to page nine on the inside.

—Jeremy Ashton

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