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Assistant Professor Kyle Mathews worked with researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison on a new treatment for dog hip dysplasia. Joining Mathews are X-rays of his nine-month-old dog Millie, who has undergone the experimental treatment.

Vet School pioneers new dog hip treatment

◆ Kyle Mathews and University of Wisconsin-Madison researcher R. Tass Dueland have developed a new treatment for a debilitating dog illness.

Susanna Smith
Staff Reporter

Current research at the N.C. State School of Veterinary Medicine has yielded a new

method of treating hip dysplasia in dogs. Canine hip dysplasia is a disabling condition in which the ball on the end of the femur and the socket joints no longer fit together tightly. The resulting condition, in which bone rubs directly on bone, is painful, requiring dogs to be medicated for discomfort. The degenerative condition is found most often in large breeds, such as German shepherds, Labrador retrievers and Saint Bernards.

The condition is partially genetic, but can also be brought about by rapid weight gain, which places stress on the hip joints. Kyle Mathews, in conjunction with R. Tass Dueland of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has developed a treatment method known as juvenile pubic symphysiodesis. Mathews, an assistant professor of small

animal surgery at NCSU's College of Veterinary Medicine, said that JPS is less invasive than current treatment methods. Thus far, "the University of Wisconsin has tested 45 dogs with no adverse affects," said Mathews. Using an electrocautery tool, JPS involves the heating of the area at the center of the pelvis responsible for pelvic develop-

Only 10 NCSU students arrested at Brent Road

◆ Slightly more than 10 percent of the people charged at Brent Road were N.C. State students. Police arrested 10 NCSU students.

Jimmy Ryals
News Editor

Pre-party predictions for this year's Brent Road bash tended to go one of two ways: huge party, near rioting in the streets; or huge police presence, nearly no party to speak of.

According to the statistics, at least, the party fell somewhere in between.

Saturday's Brent Road party led to the charging of 374 people with 438 violations of the law. Of those 374 people, law enforcement officers arrested 51.

Most of the charges Saturday night actually occurred in the area around Brent Road, according to Raleigh Police Capt. Mike Longmire.

Charges in the 51 arrests ranged from driving while impaired and driving with a revoked license to public consumption of alcohol and violations of the city noise ordinance. Ten of those 51 were N.C. State students.

There were also two drug arrests stemming from the Saturday night party.

Most of the remaining people charged with violations received citations for minor

misdeamors, most of them dealing with traffic violations and most of them occurring at checkpoints in the Gorman Street-Avent Ferry Road area. Of the 374 people charged with violations Saturday, 38 identified themselves as NCSU students, and 20 were from other universities.

Longmire said that the high number of citations, as opposed to arrests, does not contradict the zero-tolerance policy the city of Raleigh adopted on Brent Road this year.

"What we said was that, on Brent Road, we were going to arrest anyone who violated the law," said Longmire. "And we did that."

Longmire said that he was "very pleased" with the way Brent Road went and that he was not surprised at the relatively small turnout. "The community realized that the time had come to act reasonably," said Longmire.

Longmire also said that most of those on Brent Road who threw parties threw them "responsibly," stopping underage drinking and making uninvited guests leave their residences. Police assisted some homeowners in expelling unwanted guests at parties.

Police did face a pair of large parties Saturday night that violated noise ordinances. The first was thrown by a Brent Road resident whom police had to tell repeatedly to turn down the vol-

Three charged in TKE house robbery

◆ Safety officials have charged 3 subjects with wresting an NCSU student to the ground and stealing his wallet in an August 18 early-morning robbery on Fraternity Court

Andrew Buchert
Assistant News Editor

N.C. State Public Safety officials have charged three people and made two arrests in the Aug. 18 early-morning robbery of an NCSU student leaving a party on Fraternity Court. Public Safety officers arrested Brian

Chesley Debnam on Aug. 23 and Marlon Edwards on Aug. 24, both of whom have been charged with strong armed robbery.

Officers have issued a warrant for the arrest of the third subject, who was charged with assault. That arrest is currently pending.

The assailants wrestled NCSU student Jeremy Daemnon Ingle, a junior in technology education, to the ground on the lawn of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity house and stole his wallet, which contained \$70.

The attack occurred at approximately 1:30 a.m. Aug. 18, as he left a party

at Kappa Sigma fraternity, said Public Safety Crime Prevention Officer Sgt. Jon Barnwell.

Witnesses saw the subjects fleeing the scene in a white vehicle heading north on Dan Allen Drive.

The subjects did not present a weapon, and the only injury to the victim was a small bump behind his right ear that did not require medical treatment, said Barnwell.

"Because the subjects wrestled the victim to the ground but did not present a weapon, they have been charged with strong-arm robbery, which is like

On Aug. 24 at approximately 9:45 p.m., a male N.C. State student was shot in the left side of his face, the left cheek, while sitting in a vehicle which was parked on Dunn Avenue, north of the NCSU Bookstore. EMSM personnel transported the victim to Wake Medical Center where he was released on Friday. The suspect was last seen leaving the area heading east on Dunn Avenue. At this time, Public Safety is conducting an investigation in conjunction with the State Bureau of Investigation and the Raleigh Police Department.

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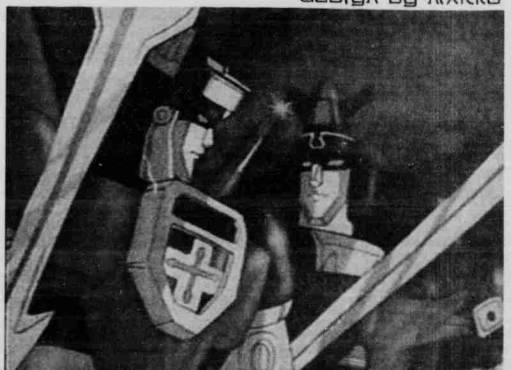
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DOG

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ment. The alteration of the growth plates allows the pelvis to grow at an angle, permitting a tighter fit in the hip.

When mature, the treated dog's hip socket will rotate in such a way as to prevent laxity, making it less likely that the femur will pop out of place.

The key to the new JPS procedure is early detection. Mathews recommends that

dogs be checked with a radiographic test for hip laxity before the age of 16 weeks. The test can be conveniently done when the dog is taken for vaccinations, which are typically given at that age.

JPS is most effective if performed between the ages of 16 and 20 weeks. Procedures to either spay or neuter the dog involve surgery in the same area of the body. Mathews recommends, therefore, both JPS and spaying or neutering be performed together.

Two other corrective procedures commonly used are triple pelvic osteotomy and total hip replacement. Replacement, which must be done around one year of age (before arthritis has set in), involves the fracturing of the bone, which requires extensive surgery.

Total hip replacement, although an effective treatment for dysplasia, costs from \$2,500-\$3,000.

Although Mathews and Dueland could get the new procedure patented, "We would rather make it widely available," said Mathews.

"We feel that it would be a disservice to dysplastic dogs to patent the procedure," Mathews said. "We just want to get the word out to general practitioners. We would like to see some potential cases coming through the door."

Mathews hopes to begin clinical trials soon, similar to those that have been done at the University of Wisconsin.

"If people are wondering if their dog is a candidate for the procedure, they should contact us at the time the dog will be radiographed," said Mathews. "We can contact their veterinarian to discuss the procedure."

Dog owners or veterinarians interested in finding out more information can contact Mathews at 513-6303.

ROAD

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ume on his stereo equipment.

The second party that gave police some problems was one at which a band attempted to play. Longmire said that one of the attendants at the party pushed for police to allow the band to keep playing.

"He thought he knew more about the noise ordinance than [the police] did," Longmire said. "He became a believer very quickly."

The gross cost to the city of

Raleigh of the Brent Road police force was \$175,000. That figure is about \$52,000 higher than in past years, according to Raleigh Director of Public Affairs Jayne Kirkpatrick.

There were approximately 500 officers present Saturday at Brent Road.

"[The effort] has made that part of the city a safer place," said Longmire.

Last year, police issued 366 citations at Brent Road. In 1998, 449 citations were given, a high for the second half of the 1990's; the 1996 and 1997 parties saw police issue 187 and 277 citations, respectively.

ROB

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if someone wrestles you down by hand and steals your book-bag," said Barnwell. "A strong-arm robbery means that no weapon was used."

In response to the incident and before any charges or arrests were made, Public Safety released a campus-wide email last week to notify students, faculty and staff of the details of the robbery.

None of the three subjects were identified as students at NCSU, but all three are from the Raleigh area. DeWann and Edwards were turned over to detention officers at the Wake County Sheriff's Department for processing at the time of their arrests.

Additionally, all three of the subjects have been trespassed from the NCSU campus.

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Boy meets girl

When student's commit to student housing they are asked a number of questions designed to better their on-campus housing experience: smoking preference, night owl/early rise preference and alcohol preference all help to match students together who

smokers. The current visitation policies, denying opposite-sex interactions in the dorms after midnight, are also in place for similar reasons. However, the university should at least offer the choice of opposite-sex roommates; the idea is definitely

While student housing has changed drastically during the university's life—including the addition of coed halls, specialty halls as well as the preservation of same-sex halls and student-athlete dorms, what about the idea of coed dorm rooms? Is the university ready for guys and girls to live together?

to deny two students who want to live together—regardless of sex—to be able to share a dorm room. The idea of adding the option of same-sex or opposite-sex should be added to the current options of smoking, alcohol and other living issues. Parental notification could assist in better communication and a stronger sense of the realities involved in mixing blue and pink in a room.

are more similar (a.k.a. more comfortable). The question is, however, whether mixed-sex dorm rooms could affect gender relations on this campus the same way that mixed-race, mixed-sexual orientation and mixed-major housing possibilities have.

Of course, under no circumstances should the university allow opposite-sex housing situations to be the result of "pot luck" rooming assignments. Coed dorm rooms must have total and unambiguous consent of its residents.

Clearly, the university shouldn't be running a dating service through its housing office. Furthermore, the safety of the students is the university's top concern—and coed dorming should be approached with a cautious mindset about the inevitable divisiveness of sexual threats, romantic complications, and "no escape" conflicts of rape, unwanted pregnancy, etc.

While many feel uncomfortable about the idea of mixing the sexes, the idea offers another interpersonal hurdle for students to conquer in their attempt to become not only color-blind and sexually-blind, but also sex-blind.

The university is accountable to the students and their families for ensuring the maximum level of comfort and repose it can provide. That duty to responsibility is why smokers and usually not put in the same rooms as non-

smokers. The current visitation policies, denying opposite-sex interactions in the dorms after midnight, are also in place for similar reasons. However, the university should at least offer the choice of opposite-sex roommates; the idea is definitely

CAMPUS FORUM



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India 'refuses' to grant Kashmir rights

In 1948, the Government of India promised the people of Kashmir that a referendum allowing the people of Kashmir to decide in an open ballot to merge with either India or Pakistan. The Indian government pledges were also backed up by United Nations resolutions which also promised the people of Kashmir the right to determine their own future. On November 2, 1947, Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru, India's first prime minister, said: "We have declared that the fate of Kashmir is ultimately to be decided by the people of Kashmir. That pledge we have given not only to the people of Kashmir but to the whole world." Fifty-two years have passed and India has steadfastly refused to grant Kashmiris their right to self-determination.

Violence has been the Indian response to the Kashmiri demand for their promised right to self-determination. For 11 years now, over 700,000 Indian army soldiers have terrorized the Kashmiri population. The Indian army has murdered and tortured to death over 70,000 Kashmiri youth, raped 30,000 Kashmiri women, and burned and looted millions of dollars of Kashmiri property. The targeting of innocent Kashmiri civilians, including women and children, reveals that it is in fact a military laying brutal siege to an entire population. Kashmiris were never part of India and will never be a part of India; it's about time the Indian nation accepts the realities of Kashmir. Time after time, history has shown us that paid soldiers and the implementation of state terrorism cannot and will not ever break the back of a freedom movement. The same holds

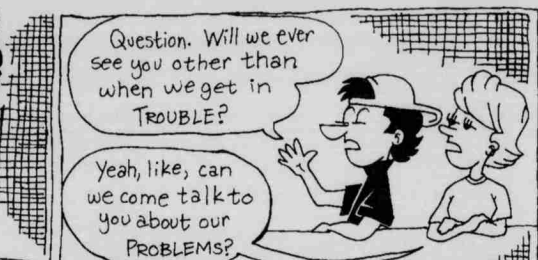
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Staff Columnist
Richard Morgan

What is the purpose of an educational institution? To educate. This being the case, one graduates from one level of education, only to find himself at the bottom of a higher level of education. Kindergarten begets elementary school. Elementary school begets middle school. Middle school begets high school. High school begets college (I'm having Sunday School flashbacks). But what does college beget? That is, what do people do once they graduate from college?

University system promotes career above all—including education. Thus, schools' having a myopic focus on technology, business and labor for the "new economy" consistently top lists of "educational institutions." Case in point: two of the top three universities according to U.S. News & World Report's 2000 College Rankings are technology schools (California Institute of Technology at number one and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at number three). Number two is Harvard University, valued primarily for its business program.

Higher education is focusing more on public relations than public policy, more on algorithmic computations than artistic contributions. In fact, higher education is lowering itself to the lowest of all common denominators: money.

Take, for example, some of our Chancellor's own speeches, including one (09 Nov 99) where she declared "one Fortune 500 corporation...has recently spelled out its values in a report to its stockholders, and I can assure you that they represent substantially the same values that the university community cherishes." Point three of Chancellor Fox's "Timeless Values for the Future of N.C. State" speech (01 Nov 99) involved "building an efficient business model for the University." It is why she called the university's financial benefactors—not its students—"the N.C. State family" and described the university as nothing more than an "economic engine" (24 Sep 98).

In this case, though higher levels of education exist in the form of master's programs and doctoral programs, the increasing industrialization of the college and univer-

ities into a public disgrace, where the most humble community college and the most arrogant Ivy League academy cram themselves shoulder-to-shoulder in an academic brothel, scrambling to be anything but the Johnny-concomitely who plays sloppy seconds to the next virgin industry that walks through the door.

The private sector is turning uni-

Consider Barnes & Noble University, an online university being built by the book behemoth with partner (no kidding) notHarvard.com. In the grossest demonstration of corporate corruption of academia, the university will use free online education as a sales and marketing tool. Sales of Barnes & Noble Inc. (NASDAQ:BNBN) rose 5.8 to 9.38 on the heels of the announcement. It's fine for universities to offer

Jump, little children; danger abounds



Staff Columnist
Justin Parisi

Yes, this is yet another column about Brent Road, but not one of those Brent Road columns. It starts with Crossroads, which was great; the only problem with the celebration was that unmistakable stench of corruption that hung in the air. All the fun was simply the cherry flavoring to a bureaucratic cough syrup.

question: why would a university-sanctioned event even attempt to compete with the biggest event of the year for most NCSU students, unless of course, the intention was to compete all along?

is one thing—but to call it a nuisance and then pollute the university air with the pitiful sounds of Jump Little Children—well, that's all ironic really—that the university offers Tonic without aid, and makes its Little Children jump through hoops, all in the name of discipline.

What the hell is wrong with this university? Since when did NCSU begin to resemble South Central Los Angeles? Recently, a student was shot in the face while sitting in their car. There was yet another email sent to everyone on campus about this, but it was missing many vital details, such as WHY it happened. Did the person get shot because he was a punk? Or was it totally unprovoked? More importantly, I'm sure all of NCSU wonders: could the same thing happen to me?

To be quite honest, it was a pretty bland flavoring, too. Our university must be kidding itself when it thinks that carnival rides and sugar can curb the party-hungry appetites of the student body at N.C. State. They claim that the Crossroads festivities would have been held anyway. Brent Road ordinance or no. But one has to

So they sent out an email, their favorite method of breaking bad news to their students. They did everything short of calling us by our middle names to pound the point across to students that Brent Road = bad.

I do see the need for regulation of a large event like Brent Road, but it should be conducted within reason. Arrest people for REAL crimes, not falsely manipulated ones. Shut the party down at 2 a.m., the time that

Are these unsavory elements coming from the lurking streets of Raleigh or from the campus itself? The university used to be a separate entity from the rest of Raleigh, but now, we're integrated, initiated with a gun-

true for the Kashmiris. Azadi(freedom) is the Kashmiri people's birthright.

The issue isn't so much about being admonished for going to a party but rather with the manner of the administration's handling of the situation. Instead of treating its students like adults and stating that there was an ordinance, the university decided that it should play the role of conservative parent and repeatedly scold its students for its potential future behavior.

North Carolina state law mandates the end of alcohol sale and consumption in public settings. Let the Werewolf service the party—after all, the students ARE paying for it, and the idea was to protect the interests of the students.

But I ask you all this: if the 119-41-42-66-67).

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Biblical standards, this culture is not even close to "Christian." In fact, many people who claim to be "Christian" don't measure up to the Biblical standard.

Daniel Wayne Daily
Senior
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students of NCSU let it come to this without any protest?" I understand the plight of the neighbors, but at the same time wonder how many others must have their rights violated in order to make sure a few don't miss a couple hours of rest. What I saw Saturday night was not just law keeping peace and order, but blatant overuse of power and taxpayer money. For the purpose of seeing the circus that the government created, where the police were the only attraction, I walked along with the groups of people. Be it private property or a public road I was told where I could and couldn't walk. I witnessed a youth getting handcuffed for walking too close to the road with a cup of what turns out to be apple juice. I was told to keep moving, for apparently it is against the law in North Carolina to be stationary

'America is not Christian'

On Friday, I read a forum letter echoing a commonly held belief: that America is "predominantly Christian" or "based on Christian beliefs." Considering how the attitudes/behaviors of many professing "Christians" are in harmony with contemporary American culture, it's understandable why America is often labeled "Christian."

The standard referred to is faith; but "faith" in Scripture doesn't mean to merely agree with facts, or "to believe without proof"; but rather to confidently trust something. A Christian, by definition of Scripture, believes in the Lord at His word. Since His word is exclusive, faith means to disbelieve everything that disagrees with Him. This culture disagrees with Him.

Those who don't believe Him for who He is and what He says, are not "Christians" at all, regardless of what they claim (see Matthew 7:13-29, 1 John 3:4-10). The faith yields obedience to Him (James 2:14-26, Hebrews 11), because it trusts His desires/ways as surpassingly good and true (Psalms 119:7-14;

Is that all?' With the Brent Road fiasco over, I am left afraid and ashamed. Having only been in North Carolina since January, I don't know what Brent Road was. But, having walked down the street Saturday night, I have come to realize what Brent Road now is. And I ask: "How did the

In the self-proclaimed sole authority of Christian belief, however, one finds a different picture of today's culture. By



The Other Hand

NCSU attendance policy: Roll model or roll over?



Staff Columnist Michael Contouzis

Attendance Policy. The very mention of these words is enough to make most students cringe...

Policies can range from two free skip days to as many as you want. The overwhelming majority of classes here at N.C. State give us two to three days...

Now I am sure some students are angry with the idea that the university forces them to go to class. I personally think it's a shame...

By now I am sure most students are wondering why on earth I would say such a thing. Now before I am branded a heretic...

Another reason why I think attendance policies are good is because they force the student to come to class...

Questions or comments? Email Mike at skeel77@hotmail.com



Staff Columnist Rick Anthony McNeil

I wake in the morning with a headache rivaling the worst hangover...

Surely the wise elders of the University have devised a strict and rigid set of guidelines...

Regular attendance at classes is "expected" of all students. Duh. Expecting and requiring however...

Teachers in 100 and 200 level courses "must" keep a record of attendance. I am sure that many professors just love this rule...

Even if a professor spends just one minute taking attendance each day...

Excused absences vs. unexcused absences. This is perhaps the one that annoyed me the most...

Rick is now much free, feeling better, and once again worrying about the classes he missed while feeling so crappy.

Questions or comments? Email rickmc3@unity.ncsu.edu

The FYC requirement



Staff Columnist Andrew Payne

As a freshman, you spend much of your time looking for guarantees. They are often difficult to locate...

I can guarantee you a few things. First, your tuition and fees will always go up...

For obvious reasons, the university does not disclose the first year guarantee. The other three guarantees are problems that have easy solutions...

The answer: students who are accepted to NCSU should enter the university through the First Year College...

Many students may think that perhaps by not directly being accepted to the College of Engineering or CALS...

Andrew was not in the FYC but wishes he was. He might have graduated in four years.

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MORGAN PARISI

degrees that consist of nothing more than glorified "trade school" training. What isn't fine is students who refuse to realize exactly what such a "trade school" mentality trades...

"It's all about the money. It's all about the dam-dam-ditty-dam-dam. And I don't think it's funny..." Write Richard at ncsu_writer@yahoo.com

FORUM

on the sidewalk. Having come to an end of my journey on Brent Road...

Jeff Brasel Senior Zoology

Proffitt's 'anarchist leanings...questioned'

I have just read a letter from one of your "columnists"; a Bryan Proffitt, which was printed in the Sunday News and Observer concerning the Brent Road party...

person was robbed and a person was shot. Last year, a man was shot at the Farnhouse fraternity house. More robberies took place. And all the university does is send an email to its students...

Questions or comments? Email Justin Parisi at jmparis1@unity.ncsu.edu

Brent Road is 'fascist repression'

Student actions have gotten out of hand, offending and alienating many Raleigh residents in the past. While absolutely no person has a right to destroy another's property...

Robert Jones Ipsas.net Raleigh

parts in the colleges and will probably graduate sooner.

If a student is trying to decide between two disciplines, the FYC offers the student the opportunity to create a plan to take classes in both subjects...

To make matters worse, college specific freshmen are placed in large introductory classes like E100 or ALS 100 where they are asked to narrow down their degree even further...

When I took E100 (introduction to engineering for freshmen), the instructor displayed an overhead with the starting salaries of the different engineering types and then asked us to choose which one we wanted to do...

All freshmen should enter into the FYC; they will receive helpful advising and mentoring. The FYC will also help alleviate the problem of second year students not matriculating into their original degree program...

Students must conduct themselves decently, and the city must respect their rights. Otherwise, we may all face a very ugly situation similar to those at Michigan State and Miami of Ohio...

I will attend the Brent Road party, 20-years-old and completely sober, to protest what I see as a reactionary show of oppression by the city and NCSU administration...

I agree that the city and the University administration would do well to attempt a compromise with the students in this matter.



Send us your questions for her. We'll make sure she answers. opec1@hotmail.com

Chancellor Marye Ann Fox, have appalled me. I have attended this institution for two years and have never been so moved as I am now to protest what I see as the absolutely fascist repression of the civil rights and liberties of State students.

Patricia S. Crane Junior English

Fall Music Throwdown

The music guru chimes in on the most feared and most anticipated of the upcoming CD releases.

Natalie Duggins

Resident Music Guru

What a rollercoaster ride it was for music this summer. It had its share of highs...the release of "The Marshall Mathers LP," the arrival of St. Louis on the hip-hop scene, courtesy of Nelly, and the long-awaited arrival of Wyclef Jean's second solo project, "The Felaflic." But then it had its share of lows—namely a disappointing second release from the Notorious B.I.M., the continued success of the boy bands, Christina Aguilera and Britney Spears and the ongoing melodrama that is Destiny's Child. And from the way things are going, the rollercoaster looks

to continue in the fall. The boy bands are going to keep on coming and hip-hop is looking to further stake its claim in the music industry.

So here's the top ten things to keep a look out for in the coming months:

1. LL Cool J - "G.O.A.T. (Greatest of All Time)"

I mean, damn...the album's called the "Greatest of All Time"...is there really anything else that needs to be said? Well, actually there is. See, when you call your album the "Greatest of All Time," it better not show one shred of mediocrity. Just look at Puff. Our "favorite" had boy dropped his second solo album called "Forever" a few years back and now he's saying, to borrow a line from Chris Rock, "okay, well how about six more months?" But if the album's first single, "Imagine That," is any indication, LL's new album may live up to the hype. The album features appearances from the likes of Redman, Method Man, Xzibit, Snoop Dogg and Carl Thomas—which makes for an entertaining lineup to say the least. (RELEASE DATE: Sept. 12)

2. Madonna - "Music"

It's Madonna...do you really need any other reason to go out and buy this album? I swear, you couldn't tell by her albums that she had aged at all because Madonna is always setting trends and breaking new ground. Her last album, "Ray of Light," was a definite sign that she had matured as a person (thanks to her children, no doubt) and artist and that she was still in touch with music audiences. "Music" looks to provide something for everyone. The title track, along with "Impressive Instant" and "Runaway Lover," look to be big club hits in the near future (note: the video for "Music" is crazy—straight outta the 70's and you can hardly tell that she's pregnant). The album also boasts a wonderful track called "I Deserve It," which I encourage everyone to check out. Joe Henry, a Charlotte native who was one of the stars of the Mammoth Records roster, co-writes Madonna's track "Don't Tell Me" on the new album. Henry's a super-

talented writer, but it also helps that he's her brother-in-law. (RELEASE DATE: Sept. 19)

3. Boyz II Men - "Nathan, Michael, Shawn, Wanya"

There used to be a time when the words "boy band" didn't make me squirm. The last time was in 1997, when Boyz II Men released their album "Evolution." But like the water, it seemed like Boyz II Men's career ran dry. Rumors of the group's demise circulated through the internet—it was reported that Michael McCarey's back problems would force him out of the group. But the rumors have died and the Boyz are back now—on a new label and with a new album. The group has taken over a majority of writing and production on their upcoming release and their first single, "Pass You By," seems to indicate that the Boyz haven't lost a step. (RELEASE DATE: Sept. 12)

4. Capone-Noreaga - "The Reunion"

It ain't the Jackson 5 reunion, but it still works out pretty well—for hip-hop fans anyway. Capone is finally on probation, so in October audiences will finally get another album from the dynamic duo of hip-hop. I haven't heard much of the album thus far, but the first single (which features the long-lost Foxy Brown) is dope. (RELEASE DATE: Oct. 24)

5. Various Artists - "Loud Rocks"

The fusion of hip-hop and rock has seen a tremendous amount of success recently, with the multi-platinum sales of the Limp Bizkit, Rage Against the Machine and Korn, but "Loud Rocks" looks to take the rap-rock combination to a whole other level. The compilation pairs together a host of unlikely bedfellows. System of a Down and the Wu-Tang Clan collaborate on "Shame" and Crazytown and The Alkaholiks pair up on "Only When I'm Drunk." Big Pun, M.O.P., Mobb Deep and Dead Prez also represent the hip-hop side of "Loud Rocks," while Incubus, Butch Vig (of Garbage and Smashing Pumpkins fame), Everlast and Static-X hold it down for the rock genre. Reportedly, this album has been three years in the making—it looks to have been worth the wait. (RELEASE DATE: Sept. 5)

6. Pearl Jam - "Live Bootlegs"

It's Pearl Jam. It's Pearl Jam live. It's Pearl Jam live, with every single one of their current concerts from the recent "Binaural" tour each on two CDs for a price of \$10.95. Is there really anything else to say? (RELEASE DATE: Sept. 5)

7. Barenaked Ladies - "Maroon"

Often times, commercial radio and MTV do more harm than good. They can take a viable artist with tons of talent and ability and turn them into a one-hit wonder simply by playing one song over and over again. Such is the case with the Barenaked Ladies. Their single "One Week" was on the radio every five minutes and G105 promoted BNL into the ground—simply based on one radio single. Hence, a lot of people put BNL into that one-hit wonder category, despite their tremendous tal-



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ent.

If you listened to more than one track on "Stunt," then you'll be excited to know that BNL will be releasing another album next month. It appears as though "Pinch Me" will follow in the footsteps of "One Week," as the big radio single, but don't disregard the remainder of "Maroon." (RELEASE DATE: Sept. 12)

8. Jimi Hendrix - "The Jimi Hendrix Experience"

I know that Hendrix compilations are a dime a dozen nowadays, but "The Experience" is a 56-track, 4-CD collection of previously unreleased versions of standard Hendrix recordings. Additionally, the collection features four tracks that have never appeared on a Hendrix album. (RELEASE DATE: Sept. 12)

9. R. Kelly - "TP-2.com"

R. Kelly's new album won't hit stores for another two months, but the video for the first single, "I Wish," has already made it into rotation on BET and the single is already available. The

video for the track is incredible—a moving tribute to his departed mother. It's be hard for Kelly to top the six-time platinum success of his double CD "R," but if the first single is any indication, Kelly's on his way to another winner. (RELEASE DATE: Nov. 7)

10. Roni Size/Reprazent - "In the Mode"

If there was ever a group that I wished that more people knew about (well, not MTV and commercial radio), it would be Reprazent. Based out of Bristol, England, Reprazent is made up of Roni Size, DJ Krust, Suv, MC Dynamite and one sweet vocalist by the name of Onalke. Their debut album, "New Forms," was released in 1997 and now the group is preparing their next release, "In the Mode." Their sound is a dynamic fusion of melodies and beats—with a strong hip-hop influence. (RELEASE DATE: Oct. 24)



PEARL-JAN/SON

Excited about the good stuff? Well good. Not to rain on the parade, but here's my list of top ten things that you should avoid in the coming months:

1. Amil - "All Money is Legal"

Will somebody please do me a favor and tell Amil to stick to singing hooks because this rap thing isn't working for her? Everyone loved her when she first broke out on Jay-Z's track, "Can I Get A...," and her hook on "Hey Papi" is nothing, if not infectious. And if she would've stuck with doing some random appearances, everything would have been all good—but she didn't. Bottom line...Amil can't carry an album by herself. Thankfully, her Rocafella crew (Jay, Memphis Bleek and Beanie Sigel) gives her some assistance on the track "For the Fam." Without the crew, though, Amil is lackluster, at best. A prime example is

Amil's weak track with Beyonce from Destiny's Child. (RELEASE DATE: Aug. 29)

2. Shyne - "Shyne"

If you haven't figured it out by now, let me clue you in on one thing—I'm not a fan of Bad Boy Entertainment. Puffy's once-magic touch has now turned to a death wish for aspiring talents. Black Rob would be far more successful if he had signed with another label and the Lox wouldn't have to keep making a case for themselves if they hadn't aligned themselves with the mediocrity that is Bad Boy. But Shyne's a different story all together—this guy gets no respect from me whatsoever. I wonder if Shyne ever wonders if he would have a record deal with Bad Boy if he didn't sound exactly like the Notorious B.I.G. Let me end the speculation...no, he wouldn't. (RELEASE DATE: Sept. 26)

3. Fastball - "The Harsh Light of Day"

Has there ever been a bad that you wished would just go away? You think, "okay, you had your 15 minutes...now leave." That's how I feel about Fastball. They had a decent amount of sales from their first album "All the Pain that Money Can Buy," thanks to the success of "The Way." But can't they just fade into the sunset like good lil' cowboys? (RELEASE DATE: Sept. 19)

4. DJ Skribble - "Essential Dance 2000"

If I had to name the one thing that I hate more than Bad Boy it'd be MTV. So, when I heard that MTV's posterchild for DJs was releasing an album, I had little cause for excitement. "Essential Dance" is slated to feature a mix of trance and pop, with Skribble re-mixing tracks from Cher, Moby,

Amber and Paula Cole. (RELEASE DATE: Sept. 12)

5. 98 Degrees - "Revelation" They're a boy band...what else do I need to say? (RELEASE DATE: Sept. 26)

6. Wu-Tang Clan

Assuming that the Ol' Dirty Bastard can find his way out of rehab and jail sometime this year, the Wu-Tang Clan is supposed to release a follow-up to the double CD, "Wu-Tang Forever." However, any true fan of the greatest hip-hop collective ever knows that release dates mean nothing when it comes to Wu-Tang (which is why it's on my list of things to avoid). Quite frankly, I'm not getting my hopes up about the latest Wu effort, which is supposed to hit stores in early October. Maybe I'll get excited about it in February sometime. (RELEASE DATE: October 3)

7. Christina Aguilera - "Mi Reflejo"

Ricky Martin and Marc Anthony both made the jump from making Spanish-language albums to English albums with a reasonable amount of success. Now Christina Aguilera is hoping that making the jump from English to Spanish will prove to be equally successful. Personally, I think the girl's lost her mind. Half the songs featured on "Mi Reflejo" are songs that appeared on Aguilera's debut album, translated into Spanish. I'm not very fluent in Spanish, but I'm pretty sure that some of "Genie in a Bottle" and "What a Girl Wants," might be lost in the translation. The remainder of the album contains new tracks, all in Spanish. Frankly, I didn't think that Aguilera even knew how to speak Spanish fluently...I guess we'll know for sure next month. (RELEASE DATE: Sept. 12)

8. 95 South - "Tightwork 3000"

Someone please tell 95 South to go home. These guys keep releasing records and no one ever buys them. They had one hit ("Whoomp, There it is")...can't they just give it up now? (RELEASE DATE: Sept. 12)

9. Foxy Brown

Okay, so she gets props for dissing Little KIM on the new Capone and Noreaga track, but one good track doesn't make you a good rapper. I think Foxy should stick to modeling, but instead she's gracing us with yet another album. (RELEASE DATE: Oct. 7)

10. Spice Girls

"Nuff said. (RELEASE DATE: Nov. 7)

All release dates are tentative.

I'm confused, but I'm tipping my hat...anyway.

Chandler Carriker
Staff Writer

In the past decade sincerity has been lost out in the world of

music. Well, maybe not all music, because if you're willing to buy what they're selling, acts like the Backstreet Boys and Britney Spears will seem as sincere

as they come. Rock music has done a full 180 since the days of Sting talking about saving the rain forests and "We Are the World." Now we are bombarded with artists who plead for peace and harmony while singing about the joys of a little random violence; all done with a wink and a nod. The 90's even found the bastions of sincerity, U2, cloaking themselves in irony. So is it fair to put a fairly unknown artist like Matthew Ryan, and his new album "East

Autumn Grin," into this battle over the soul of music? Fair or not, Ryan and others of his type may be the very ones to save us from the brink of pop music disaster.

How sincere and concerned is Mr. Ryan? All one must do is look to a track entitled "The World Is On Fire." This is far from Billy Joel's middle-aged reminiscence.

Instead, we find a young man who holds America dear, but is afraid of where he sees her heading, not unlike Springsteen's "Born In The

USA." Over a beautiful chorus of "America, America" (bringing to mind Bono's pleading on "Bullet The Blue Sky") Ryan sings, "Faith is weak, she's running out of steam...Oh, America, you're beautiful...When your sleeping." Ryan takes up the voice of the everyman in his wake up call to America. In contrast to those like Rage Against The Machine who would look to "fight the man," Ryan just wants his fair share. Love is also far from a joking matter for Ryan.

In "Heartache Weather," Ryan pleads with a lover to stick it out through the hard times (Please remember/Things are gonna get worse/Before they get better), and in "Me And My Lover" Ryan takes a very Springsteen-ian turn as he pits himself and his lover against the cynicism of the world they live in (But me and my lover/We told each other/Wherever you are/That's where I'll be).

Sonically Ryan's music shares much in common with those already mentioned, like Springsteen and U2 and even the folksier side of Bob Dylan makes an appearance on the beautiful ballad "Time And Time Only." Ryan also frequently employs a string section, which all but stole the show on his first album "May Day." While Ryan's gravelly voice waivers somewhere in-between that of Springsteen and Tom Waits, it is so that the listener is not constantly thinking of those forerunners. Ryan wears his influences on his sleeve, but he does it with his own unique flare.

It would be remiss to let you think that Mr. Ryan is all gloom and doom, for as the title suggests, there is an undercurrent of joy running beneath the darkness. It is the music on this album that communicates that best. Even on a track titled "Saddylove" a lilting little piano piece lifts the sorrow out of the gutter and into a warm summer day. The help Ryan receives from Nashville musician Will Kimbrough on both guitar and piano and production from Daniel Lianos-protégé Trina Shoemaker, not only add sunshine to even the darkest tracks, but also makes each track interesting and a joy to explore.

So, no, Matthew Ryan does not suffer from being far too serious. In fact he may have found the correct balance between the sincere and the sarcastic in this wonderful album of modern roots-rock. In the opening track Ryan declares, "I'm confused but I'm tipping my hat...Anyway." Yeah, everything is gonna be alright in the end.

Matthew Ryan
East Autumn Grin
★★★★

OFFENSE

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Torry Holt. But Amato has said he would like to see Robinson's focus improve.

"Koren's got great athletic ability," Amato said. "Koren can be a real fine player, and he will be. At times, he's got to do things the way we want it as opposed to the way he wants it, and he's learning that."

"Everything he [Amato] says to me, I take it as he wants me to push myself more; that's what I try to do," Robinson said.

Wide receivers coach John Holliday said senior Eric Leak and sophomore Bryan Peterson should get plenty of playing time opposite Robinson this year. Leak, who won the Pack's Offensive Leadership Award during the spring, made the move back to wide receiver after spending last year as a tailback. He played a key role on special teams in the Pack's 23-20 win over Texas, blocking one punt for a safety and returning another for the game-winning touchdown.

Peterson didn't get the same press Robinson did last year but still had a solid season. The sophomore widest played in all 12 games, starting four, and hauled in 21 catches, third on the team.

Sophomore Willie Wright enters the year as the starting tight end, beating out incumbent Andy Vanderveer for the job.

The success of the players at

the skill positions may depend largely on an offensive line that Amato simply calls "young." Only one member of this year's line, senior tackle Jarvis Borum, started more than four games last year.

"Those lines are going to be the key," Amato said. "[NFL Hall of Famer] Jimmy Brown could be running for us. If they don't put a hole, he's not going to be able to make yards."

The 6-foot-8, 323-pound Borum will anchor the Pack's line and protect Rivers' blind side. The man his teammates call "Big Earth" benefitted tremendously from strength and conditioning coach Todd Stroud's off-season workout program, which has piqued the interest of NFL scouts.

Senior guard Alex Rice gets better at the wars in the trenches after spending last season on the sidelines with a neck injury. Rice started every game for the Pack during 1998 but is unknown unless after sitting out for a year.

Junior Keegan Weir went into 1999 as the starter at center but broke his leg in the opener against Texas. Weir returned and played sparingly in the final four games of the season, so like Rice, he is somewhat of an unknown for the Pack.

The rest of the line consists of junior William Brown, juco transfer Reggie Poole and freshman Chris Colmer, who have combined for zero starts at the Division I-A level. Sophomore Scott Kwoistra could also get playing time later in the season when he returns from a knee injury.

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yards, good enough to set a league record for a rookie. He also became only the second State player to gain over 100 yards receiving in four consecutive games (the other was All-American Torry Holt who had five consecutive games over 100 yards receiving in 1998).

With stats like those, Robinson will definitely be a key target for this season.

"He's a big-time receiver," Rivers said. "He's tall, he's big, he's strong, he can run. And he's one of those guys that can go get it. You don't have to make the perfect throw for him to catch it. He's a guy who, if you're off target a little bit, he'll go get it. And that always takes a little pressure off of you as far as worrying about putting it in the right place."

"Koren's got great athletic ability," added head coach Chuck Amato. "I think the sky is the limit for Koren."

Wide receiver coach John Holliday has also noticed Robinson's hard work and determination.

"Koren's got a lot of talent," Holliday said. "I told him at the beginning of two-a-days that if he makes it to every practice and works and gives everything he's got, then by the time we open up, I think he'll be a good football player. Knock on wood, so far, he's done that, and he's worked hard. He's got a great

attitude, so as long as he'll keep going in that direction, he's going to be a good football player."

Eric Leak will be Rivers' second target. Leak spent last season as a running back, but he has been moved to wide receiver this year.

Leak was awarded the offensive leadership award by the coaching staff during spring workouts and is the second-strongest player on the team with a strength index of 6.09. He tied for second on the team for receiving with 11 receptions for 155 yards and two touchdowns during the five spring scrimmages.

Bryan Peterson should be another regular option for Rivers. Peterson had 21 receptions for 274 yards and two touchdowns during his freshman season.

Freshman receiver James Walker was one of two players to win the Most Improved Wide Receiver award after spring workouts. Walker earned Amato's respect when he broke his jaw in a spring scrimmage but continued to play.

Walker may not see much action at wideout this season, however. He is currently listed as a first-string cornerback on the depth chart.

The Pack also has two players who were redshirted last season, Craig Moody and Elliott London. The duo could see significant playing time this fall.

Moody played quarterback, tailback and wide receiver at Asheboro High School, where he was awarded the North Carolina High School Heisman Trophy, based on athletics and academics. Moody was also a three-time all-conference player and team MVP as a junior and senior.

London was the other receiver to be named the Most Improved Wide Receiver following spring workouts, after gaining 142 yards on eight receptions.

Answers to Crossword

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White on Butkus list

ORLANDO, Fla. — N.C. State senior linebacker Clayton White has been recognized as one of the candidates for the 2000 Dick Butkus Award, the Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando Inc. announced on Thursday.

The Butkus Award is given annually to the best linebacker in college football.

White is one of 11 candidates making a second appearance on the Butkus Award Watch List. As a junior last season, White was fifth on the team with 86 tackles and has 214 tackles in three years with the Wolfpack. In last season's opening win at No. 17 Texas, White recorded 20 tackles, which was the fourth-highest total in school history.

The native of Dunn ranks third all-time at State with 28 tackles for a loss. He recorded 16 last season, also the third-best mark in school history.

The Butkus Award Watch List will be trimmed to 10 semifinalists on Oct. 19. The three finalists will be announced on a national teleconference on Nov. 9 in Orlando.

Men's soccer ties ECU in exhibition

The N.C. State men's soccer team tied East Carolina 0-0 Sunday at Method Road Soccer

RIVERS

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Chow and Amato were impressed with the maturity that Rivers showed during the spring. Both coaches have repeatedly mentioned how quickly Rivers learns new material.

Rivers realizes that he has a great resource in Chow and wants to take full advantage of that.

"I think he's [Chow] been great," Rivers said. "He doesn't try to change everything you do, but he helps you out. He's helped me so much just with little things that I would never think about on my own. He's just a great teacher at that position."

Rivers didn't take long to earn the respect of his teammates, either. Despite his youth, he has already assumed a leadership role on the team, filling the void left by the fiery Barnette.

"His remarkable just stepping in like he did as far as spring ball," wide receiver Koren Robinson said. "He came in and stepped right in like he was running this offense [forever]."

The arrival of junior college transfer Olin Hannum and the improved play of sophomore Jatavis Sanders indicated that Rivers would have some competition for the starting job. But Rivers said that Hannum and Sanders had only pushed him to work harder.

"You never can feel relaxed," Rivers said. "You've always got to push because you never can be good enough. I can keep getting better."

Even in the wake of adversity, Rivers has proven his worth to the team. He fractured a bone in the index finger on his right hand on his second pass attempt of the next-to-last scrimmage of the spring. The injury eventually required surgery and kept Rivers from throwing for six weeks, but he stayed

in the game and threw 26 more passes before having a trainer look at his hand.

The poise that Rivers displays on the field comes from his background in football. Rivers has spent his entire life around the game, learning from his father, Steve, who was also his coach at Athens.

"It definitely helped me throughout the years as far as understanding the game and being around it so long," Rivers said. "You're kind of around it all the time, and you hear things and are learning."

"My dad and I were real close. But it had to be different on the field because he's still a coach. On the field, I was just another player."

Rivers put together a standout prep career under his father's tutelage, guiding his team to a 21-5 record over two seasons. During his senior season, he was named the Alabama Player of the Year after completing 109 of 195 passes for 2,025 yards and 15 touchdowns.

The bond between father and son continues to run deep, despite Rivers' move from his native Alabama. Steve Rivers recently moved to Wake Forest and took the head coaching position at Wakefield High School, so he could see Philip play.

"I was glad that all that worked out," Rivers said. "He'll probably be 40 or 45 minutes away in Wake Forest. If he was still in Alabama, he wouldn't get to come to games as much. He's not going to be right by my side, but the family and him will be closer."

The way Rivers carries himself at practice and in interviews has made many people forget that he's still a freshman who has never taken a snap in a college game. That's something that even the coaching staff readily admits to forgetting.

"Right now, he's the guy that's going to lead the forces, but we've got to remember that he's still learning," Amato said.

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A new look for a new season

◆ The football team will look different with the pads on or off.

Wes Putnam
Staff Writer

N.C. State football will kick off a brand-new era Saturday night in many respects.

Not only are the faces of some players and the coaching personnel new but so is the "look" of the team. The uniforms have changed and the players wearing them are leaner and fitter than ever before.

Nike has provided the new threads, which will include red jerseys and white pants for home games, and white jerseys with red pants for away games. The helmets are white with a red block "S" and a red stripe down the middle, and the shoes are white with the red Nike swoosh.

Head coach Chuck Amato is responsible for reintroducing the white shoes to State. Amato wore them in 1967 when he played on the famous "White Shoes Defense," which pulled

one of the greatest upsets in State history: a 7-6 win over second-ranked Houston. He said that he brought back the white shoes because "they make you look faster."

The players appear to be happy with the new uniforms. "They're great," said safety Adrian Wilson. "I'm not taking anything away from the old ones, but Nike's what we wanted anyway."

The players wearing the new uniforms are also sporting a new look thanks to strength and conditioning coach Todd Stroud. A former nose guard for Florida State, Stroud implemented a rigorous off-season workout program that helped the team shed approximately 600 pounds.

Stroud's approach was that the players needed to think fitness all year long, not just during football season. The players bought into the philosophy, despite the fact that many weeks this spring and summer they were required to jog 50 miles in addition to their work

in the weight room.

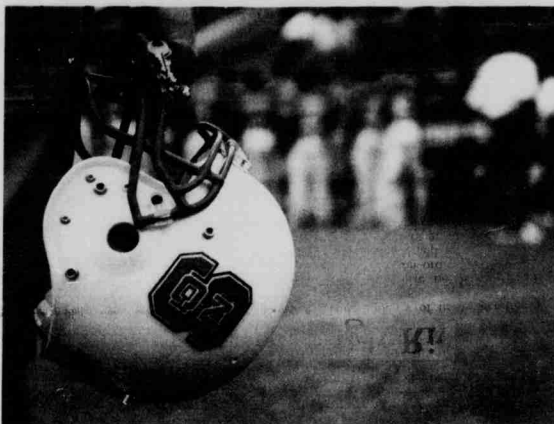
"He's really asked a lot, and everybody's responded to that," said senior defensive lineman Jeff Fisher, who has dropped 15 pounds and five percent of his body fat. "From his running program to his lifting program, he really understands what it takes to win, and everybody's followed that."

"It felt like we were running a track meet sometimes. We're running around the track and everybody's tired, but they're pushing themselves because we understand that Coach Stroud knows what he's doing."

Another result of the off-season workouts was improved performance in the weight room. Team averages in bench press (21 pounds), squats (52 pounds) and power clean (26 pounds) all increased.

Players have also improved their "recovery" time, the period of time between plays.

"Everybody's talking about their recovery," Fisher said. "That's the key point right



The new football helmets are white with a red block "S."

there. Plays last for about 10 seconds. It's just a matter of how fast you can recover before the next play gets

there." All the changes seem to have boosted the morale of the team. "The way you look is the way

you play," Fisher said. "If you look good and feel good about yourself, you're going to play with that winning attitude."

Offense ready to Chow down

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

If N.C. State's new offense bares a slight resemblance to the pass-happy Brigham Young teams of the past, there's a very good reason.

Former BYU offensive coordinator Norm Chow plans on bringing his high-octane brand of football to the Wolfpack for the 2000 season. The Pack has had to get used to new terminology and formations, but Chow thinks his players have effectively

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learned the new material. "We're way ahead overall than I thought we would be," Chow said. "We have a lot of our offense in. We're not real good at it right now, but our kids have picked it up."

Chow's new offensive scheme

is one of several changes for the Pack offense this year.

Perhaps the biggest adjustment the offense will have to deal with is at quarterback. For the first time in three and a half years, someone other than Jamie Barnette will be starting under center. Replacing Barnette, who rewrote the school record book, will be no easy task.

Freshman Philip Rivers, who impressed the coaching staff during the spring with his maturity, heads into the fall with the starting job. Rivers completed 50 percent of his passes for 648 yards and six touchdowns with just one interception during the four spring scrimmages leading up to the Red and White Game. "He's really a unique guy," Chow said. "Everything you can say about a quarterback, he has, except experience."

If Rivers stumbles, the Pack may turn to junior college transfer Olin Hannum or sophomore Jarvis Sanders. Hannum, who Chow had been recruiting for

BYU before his move to State, was the nation's leading junior college quarterback in 1999, throwing for 3,378 yards and 25 touchdowns. Meanwhile, Sanders spent last season as Barnette's understudy, throwing for 165 yards and one touchdown in limited action.

Two guys named Robinson, Ray and Koren (no relation), will headline the Pack's line-up.

After combining to take the last two ACC Rookie of the Year awards, the duo will be counted on to make big plays in 2000.

Ray Robinson, a junior tailback, spent much of last year trying to play catch-up after sitting out spring drills with a fractured arm that he sustained during the 1998 Micron PC Bowl. Despite being plagued by injuries for much of the year, Robinson still managed to accumulate 438 yards rushing, 10th in the ACC.

"It was real frustrating," Robinson said. "I had big expectations for myself, and I had high goals coming off the freshman year I had. I wanted to go ahead and do a lot better. But then with the injuries, you can't

do much at all." If the spring was any indication, Robinson is ready to return to the form he showed during his freshman season when he rushed for 822 yards and 10 touchdowns. Robinson was named the Pack's Most Outstanding Performer on offense at the end of spring drills, and Amato has spoken highly of him on numerous occasions since coming to State.

"I had reservations about him going through an off-season program," Amato said. "But he answered the bell in the spring, and he stayed healthy. He ran well. He runs hard, and he's tough."

Senior fullback Derek Roberts' job will be to create holes for Robinson to run through. Roberts, a converted linebacker, primarily acts as a blocker, running the ball only on rare occasions.

Koren Robinson, a sophomore wide receiver, made a significant impact on the Pack's offense in 1999, particularly during the second half of the season. Robinson set an ACC receiving record for freshmen, gaining 853 yards for the year. That statistic is even more impressive considering Robinson only made eight of his 48 catches during

State's first six games. Robinson is unquestionably talented and has evoked comparisons to former Pack great

WR	3	Koren Robinson
WR	10	Eric Leak
LT	68	Jarvis Borum
LG	74	William Brown
C	54	Keegan Weir
RG	50	Reggie Poole
RT	70	Chris Colmer
TE	80	Willie Wright
QB	17	Philip Rivers
FB	42	Derek Roberts
RB	5	Ray Robinson

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Freshman quarterback Philip Rivers will start under center Saturday for the Wolfpack.

Air attack begins with Robinson... ..and flows through Rivers

◆ Koren Robinson leads N.C. State's cast of receivers.

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Staff Writer

Soon the air will be filled with the sounds of helmets colliding, fans cheering and the N.C. State fight song playing loud and clear.

But with the loss of several players from last year's team and almost an entirely new coaching staff, there is some uncertainty as to what to expect when the Wolfpack kicks off the 2000 football season Saturday against Arkansas State.

The Pack will have a new look with new uniforms, featuring helmets with a block letter "S" on them. Preseason workouts have the players in tip-top shape.

State will also have a new face at quarterback, Jamie Barnette

graduated in May, leaving freshman Philip Rivers as the new field general.

In the past, State has been known for its air attack on offense. With the pass-friendly schemes of new offensive coordinator Norm Chow, and 1999 ACC Rookie of the Year Koren Robinson back, this season could see more of the same.

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◆ Freshman Philip Rivers enters the season as the starting quarterback.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

Philip Rivers is a pretty easy guy to pick out of a crowd.

At 6-foot-5, Rivers is one of the tallest players ever to come through the N.C. State football program. But the freshman quarterback's height isn't the only reason that he is drawing plenty of attention.

When the Wolfpack takes the field Saturday against Arkansas State, the keys to the offense will be in Rivers' hands. Rivers will be the first freshman to start a game for State since his predecessor, Jamie Barnette, who debuted in a mid-sea-

son game against Alabama in 1996.

Head coach Chuck Amato has said repeatedly that he didn't want to enter his first season with a freshman at quarterback. But Rivers' attitude and work ethic won Amato over.

"He has qualities that are hard to teach," Amato said. "We think he's a natural leader. We've seen that he's tough, and the players appreciate that. And he hasn't been rattled thus far."

Rivers will also have the distinction of being the first true freshman to operate offensive coordinator Norm Chow's system. Chow dealt with some of the best signal callers in NCAA history while he was at Brigham Young, including Jim McMahon, Ty Detmer and Steve Young. Chow knows what it takes to make a good quarterback, and he sees

plenty of those qualities in Rivers.

"We're not talking about just an ordinary freshman," Chow said.

Rivers got a jump on his college career by graduating early from Athens (Ga.) High School and enrolling at State for the spring semester. While his classmates were enjoying their senior year of high school, Rivers was in Raleigh, participating in spring drills, studying in new playbooks and preparing to become a college quarterback. The head start proved invaluable for the freshman.

"It was a big key as far as learning the offense," Rivers said. "If I had come in the fall, there wouldn't have been as much time to learn the offense. I wouldn't have known as much. It wouldn't have felt as comfortable."

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Koren Robinson talks to the media at Meet the Pack Day.