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## NCSU facilities counting on referendum

♦ Laboratories, classrooms and entire buildings on N.C. State's campus are in need of replacement and improvement that may become reality if the bond referendum that would provide \$3.1 billion to the UNC system is approved.

Spaine Stephens  
News Editor

*Editor's note: This is the second story in a series about the bond referendum to be voted on November 7. N.C. State could potentially gain \$468 million.*

At the dawn of the days of N.C.

State, when a handful of buildings were sprinkled across the grounds, few people looked ahead to the years when the same institution would be faced with outdated labs, space shortage and overcrowding issues.

Those years have arrived. As the state examines the bond referendum that will potentially provide the 16 UNC system universities and 59 community colleges with \$3.1 billion for building needs, members of the NCSU community take an in-depth look at the bond issue and its own structural needs.

"The universities put together a proposal for what they saw as needed on campus," said Student Body President Harold Pettigrew. The proposal included "a list of projects and priorities" to be accomplished "with

money generated from the bond," said Pettigrew.

The university produced a "Ten Year Capital Plan," in which facility needs all over campus are mapped out complete with costs. If the bond is approved and NCSU receives its allocated \$468 million, the first five years of the plan, "Phase I," will be funded.

"We're putting the finishing touches on a comprehensive schedule," said Charles Leffler, associate vice chancellor for facilities. "New building projects are clearly at the front of the list."

One of NCSU's priorities for rebuilding and renovating is Withers Hall, which will undergo extensive changes. Included on Withers' agenda is the renovation of classroom and

lab space and the modernization of electrical systems for offices and classroom use. Withers will house programs of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Projects for Withers Hall will add up to \$11,480,400.

South Gardner Hall Laboratory Building will experience renovations totaling \$15,214,500, including improvement of lab space to be used by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences as well as comprehensive changes to mechanical systems.

The 1911 Building will transform into classrooms and additional office space. The building will also use its \$6,972,000 allocation to meet code regulations and provide handicap accessibility, a central HVAC system

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PHOTO BY BEN MAHON

The bond could replace rusted pipes in Withers.



Kevin Coltraine demonstrates how to tie various climbing knots to freshman Alison Troy at an NCSU Outing Club meeting.

## New senators appointed

♦ The Student Senate approved the appointments of 30 new senators in a special meeting Wednesday at the Student Senate Hall. One new senator was not present for the meeting.

Jimmy Ryals  
News Editor

The N.C. State Student Senate approved the appointments of 30 new senators at the body's meeting Wednesday.

Fall Appointment Commission Chair Gary Pain said that this year's fall appointees were induct-

ed more quickly than he ever remembers them having been.

"I felt that it was necessary to get people in here as quickly as possible so we could all start on the same foot on our standing committees," said Student Senate President Conen Morgan.

Sixty-eight students applied for the open positions, including 50 who applied over the Internet.

William Engler, a freshman in engineering, was among the new senators appointed Wednesday. Among his goals in joining the senate is "finding more ways to tie the campus family together."

"Student Government is some-

thing that's important for more people to get involved with," Engler said. "I think that a lot of people involved are in it because they're power hungry. That's something I'd like to change."

New Senator Meng Yang, a junior in electrical engineering, said that the problem of crime on campus would be a focus for him.

"I definitely think that crime is an issue that needs to be taken care of," said Yang.

The 30 appointees went before the current senators in groups of five to face questions from the body. The senate approved all but one of the groups with no questions.

Freshman animal science major Natasha Peck was one of the appointees who did face a question from the floor. Asked what her focus as a senator would be, Peck responded that she was interested in improving relationships all over the campus, be they between students and faculty members, students and other students or just about anyone.

New senators were appointed to represent 11 of NCSU's 16 colleges. Occupying the three seats for the First Year College are two students from the College of

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## Bed and pillow drive to benefit local needy

♦ Members of the student human rights group Engineers Without Borders are also helping to build a chocolate factory in Mexico and working with the Peace Corps in Bolivia to find sources of safer drinking water.

Cara Froedge  
Assistant News Editor

Engineers Without Borders (EWB), a human rights student group that helps underprivileged people both locally and globally, is collecting beds, pillows and sheets

for the next few weeks to donate to a needy Hispanic community on Varsity Drive.

There are some people in that community sleeping on floors, said Jonathan Perry, president of the EWB.

"It is really bad during the winter," he said. "Everybody is sick."

The bed drive is only one step toward helping this community. The EWB is also helping to translate leases and set up English as a second language (ESL) classes in addition to holding work days at the apartment building to clean, paint and do minor electrical work.

With the help of faculty in the Spanish department, the group will

hand out surveys to the residents, hoping to find out what is wrong with the community's living situation and how the EWB can improve the conditions.

William Bingham, a professor of civil engineering and the group's advisor said, "This is a fairly unusual group for students to get involved with. There are several [service groups] on campus, but this is a group that takes it one step further because they take their technical expertise and apply it."

The EWB has done work in Bolivia and Mexico. They are currently assisting a group in Mexico with the construction of a chocolate factory because the people there do

not have the technology that they need for basic operations.

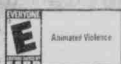
In Bolivia they are working with a group of engineers from Water for People and the Peace Corps on a project to find sources of safer drinking water and better ways to dispose of human waste, said Bingham. The EWB is helping to prepare documents in Spanish that explain how to do this.

They are also "taking standard designs and making them available," said Bingham. The designs will be put on Autocad, a computer program not available to the engineers in Bolivia, and sent via e-mail.

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and electrical services.

"We have to look realistically at how fast it can be done," said Leffler.

Many other projects on campus will be funded if the bond passes. "We have to look realistically at how fast it can be done," said Leffler.

Many issues must be taken into consideration when approaching campus building needs.

The use of funding must fit into the UNC system cash flow, said Leffler. Also, the universities must be aware of how the money will be allocated.

Staffing will also become an issue, Leffler said, to accommodate the operation of new facilities. Thirty-six percent of NCSU's building projects are repair and renovation jobs, while the remainder are new building and space undertakings. Additional employees would be necessary to maintain their

upkeep.

Leffler pointed out that throughout the renovations and construction, the use of "swing space" may be needed. This would entail moving people out of buildings so the facilities can be renovated, and then moving people back into the buildings.

Facilities is also considering other issues that go hand in hand with the campus renewal.

"How much of the campus do we dig up at one time?" Leffler said of one of the key considerations, the disruption of the NCSU community. Streets will have to be taken up, and people will have to work around the installation of utilities. There are congestion issues to think about too, added Leffler.

These minor inconveniences may be well worth the hassle, however.

If the bond is passed, the funding will become available at approximately the beginning of next year, and some of the proj-

ects will be "ready to bid on at that time," said Leffler.

The peak work period would be between 2002 and 2004, when the majority of construction projects would be happening on campus.

Leffler also addressed the question raised by many students about further funding for new facilities after the bond.

Leffler said being considered in possibilities for further funding are new space, new personnel and the cost of the operation of renovated buildings.

"It's rare that renovation would lower the cost of operation," said Leffler.

Last spring, the Joint Select Committee for Higher Education Facilities. Six days from the General Assembly visited NCSU to evaluate financial the university's building needs.

"When we visited N.C. State, we found that the facilities did not meet present-day needs in the technological world for universi-

ty education," said George Miller, the North Carolina House of Representatives committee co-chair.

Miller went on to say that the state must be aware that it will have a "population explosion in the state with more young people going to college."

Miller stressed that this was not to say the administration and faculty were not of high standard, but that some campus facilities did not provide "the high quality of educational opportunities that we want students in North Carolina to have."

The N.C. Senate co-chair of the same committee, Tony Rand, said that all 16 universities in the system had significant needs.

"We want the facilities to be among the best in the country," said Rand. "The bond issue is one, if not the most important, issue in a good number of years. It will help us decide what kind of commitment we feel for our future."

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Humanities and Social Sciences and one from the College of Natural Resources.

Palin said that there were no qualified applicants from FYC. Freshman business management major Sara Parker was not approved at the meeting Wednesday because she was not present. Appointed to represent juniors in the College of

Management, Parker will likely be approved at this weekend's Student Government retreat.

In other news from Wednesday's senate meeting, Morgan announced the resignation of Senator Jackie Brigran. Brigran resigned because of personal reasons. Morgan declined to read Brigran's statement on her resignation during the meeting.

The senate also discussed this weekend's retreat to Camp Seagull in Arapahoe, North Carolina.

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The EWB was started almost three years ago by a group of engineers, "but is open to anyone" said Perry, a Spanish major. He became involved "a couple of years ago when I saw how the group was helping the Spanish communities in Mexico," he said.

Bingham said "it is worth noting that the term 'engineering' is used in a much more generic sense. Engineer has the same root as ingenuity."

He explained that the work the group is doing is "creativity used in a good way," and not just science.

Perry said that the EWB has "always hovered around twenty members. But, we have lots of faculty that help out."

The money that the group receives is appropriated by student government, but since the group basically "works with our hands and gives technological advice to foreigners, it doesn't require much money, just time," said Perry.

"We act as a middleman," he said. "We use the engineering department, professors and contact people who can help."

Dr. Bingham added, "It is my experience that the most effective social-minded people not only have a global connection but a strong local connection. It's not one or the other."

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## Everything's big in taxes

Nathan Litner  
Staff Columnist

I know that for some of you reading this article taxes are not a big issue. If you're the sort of person who doesn't care how much money the government takes from you or what they do with it once it's gone, then you should probably start paying more attention. For those of you who do care, I have some exciting news. First, forget for a few minutes all the propaganda you've heard against Republicans and their supposed "elitist" party, and focus on retaining money that you earn, money that George W. Bush's tax plan will enable you to keep (and if you're thinking that only the rich will benefit, you're dead wrong). I know it may come as a shock to some of you that those "right-wingers" actually care about the citizens of this country. Simply because they refuse to employ election-year scare tactics or engage the population in class war, doesn't mean they don't "want to fight for you."

Perhaps you think it's wrong for Republicans to view us all as people, oppose divisiveness or attempt to keep the government from thinking for you, but that's not going to help you make more money. George W. Bush will, and it's the poor who will benefit the most. *The Wall Street Journal* (Sept. 5) reported that "the final total for tax relief under the Bush proposal is 124 million people...80 million more than under Vice President Gore's plan."

Among other things, Bush's plan increases the current child credit from \$500 to \$1,000 and reduces the bottom bracket rate from 15 to 10 percent. When it's all said and done, everyone will benefit under Bush's plan; unfortunately, it won't be that exciting for the rich.

Based on what everyone pays now, *The Wall Street Journal* estimates that those who earn more than \$100,000 will only receive about a 10 percent reduction. People earning between \$75,000 and \$100,000 get around an 18 percent reduction. While incomes of \$50,000 to \$75,000 remain close to 30 percent more of their wages, those making between \$40,000 and \$50,000 pay approximately 55 percent less. Some families who



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## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

### Five-ring circus

Out of the 3.9 billion televisions estimated to exist in the world, 3.7 billion will be tuned to the Olympics sometime during its two-week-long run. Despite the mass number of viewers, are the Olympics still relevant? Does it still embody what the current tradition began in 1896? Or has the International Olympic Committee sacrificed quality on the altar of quantity?

The 1896 Games in Athens had 245 men competing in 43 events. The Sydney Games boast 10,300 athletes in 300 events - but those events include synchronized diving, table tennis, two volleyballs (indoor and beach) and three gymnastics events (artistic, rhythmic and trampolines). That is not a typo: trampolines.

Ever since the 1984 Games in Los Angeles, the Olympics have been a franchise. Sydney is projecting 22 million tourists worth \$51 billion over the next four years. This radical shift in focus is most painfully reflected in the content of the IOC's Web site, whose facts and figures section includes sections on Olympic finance, Olympic marketing and Candidate City bid documents.

The Games are also far from being international. Out of the 24 times the Summer Games have occurred, 19 have taken place in Europe or North America. No African or South American city has ever hosted the Games - and only two Asian cities (Tokyo, 1964; Seoul, 1988).

With the rise of other athletic franchises, the Olympics Games are also losing their bragging rights. After all, which is more important: the winning baseball team of the Olympics or the win-

ning baseball team of the World Series? The winning soccer team in Sydney or the winner of the World Cup?

Ironically, the IOC has often thought the Games so important as to overlook serious safety concerns. In the infamous case of the 1972 Munich Games, the IOC let the Games go on even after athletes were taken hostage. In the last Olympics in Atlanta in 1996, the Olympics proceeded despite a terrorist bombing.

There are logistical concerns as well that the Olympics has grown too big for its togs. Already in Sydney, a vehicle carrying members of Great Britain's archery team crashed in the athletes' village, injuring one player; simultaneously, a leading official was defending the troubled transportation system.

Gambling is further contaminating the Games. Aussie bookies have 20-to-1 odds on native son Ian Thorpe, whose bid has the shortest price of any athlete in any sport at the Games.

Sure, the newly created World Anti-Doping Agency is issuing a "crackdown" on athletes' drug use, including the dramatic eviction of 40 Chinese athletes. The bust, however, may have more to do with Beijing's hopes of scoring the rights to host City in 2008 rather than any strict standard of athletic honor.

Ultimately, the IOC is dreaming if they think that taking the Olympics to Oz will solve their problems. Hopefully, by the time the Games are held in Athens in 2004, they'll realize that there's no place like home.

John Sico  
Staff Columnist

A look in the mirror provided the tidbit of information while preparing myself for class. At first this didn't seem like such a big deal; I would just do out after my classes were done and get a trim. It was as simple as that. But sitting in my lecture that day, I comprehended how much more there was to that simple realization. Gone are the days when I could just say, "Hey, Mom, I'm getting a little shaggy, could you make me an appointment for a haircut?" To which she would reply, "Sure, honey, when do you need it?" Or even more odd was

earn less than \$35,000 and have children will have the potential to receive a 100 percent reduction.

The bottom line is this: Bush is not responsible for how much money you've enabled your self to earn, but no matter who or what you are, he's willing to help.

*The Wall Street Journal* reports of Gore's plan that: "Indeed the Gore tax plan is really no tax plan at all; it's a mishmash of entitlement programs deploying the IRS to micromanage the

American household." That's because Gore is used to having a large amount of the citizen's money at his disposal. It's easy for him to take dollars from hard-working citizens; his paychecks have mostly been siphoned from their pockets. All doesn't like the idea that the more money people have to support themselves, the less they need to depend on promises of a "we'll take care of everything" government. If you think that because you don't pay taxes, it doesn't affect you, it will. If you

think the rest of us who actually do aren't excited about Bush's plan, you're wrong. And considering car payments, groceries and bills aren't getting any cheaper, you'd better vote for Bush.

Who do you think Nathan will be voting for in November? Tell him at [njlitner@unity.ncsu.edu](mailto:njlitner@unity.ncsu.edu)

## I need a haircut

## CAMPUS FORUM



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### Racism is the issue

As I read the forum letter from Daniel Steffey in *Technician* (Sept. 13), I had the feeling of being in seventh grade during the month of February, hearing the old "Why don't we have a White History Month?" The fact that people are still whining about no white male scholarships made me want to share a sliver of what I have learned since seventh grade about racism.

First, Steffey argued that education level should dictate job level. Agreed. The real problem that seems to have been over-

looked is why there exists a significant relationship between race and educational level. The answers are obvious and abounding to those who have examined this problem.

A few reasons are:

- educators pass on their conscious or unconscious beliefs of black inferiority to students.
- text books, especially history texts, present material in such a Eurocentric fashion that any person of color is automatically marginalized.
- obvious links between parental and student education levels, as confirmed yearly by standardized tests.

This is a little of what Steffey failed to elaborate on when he mentioned unsupported that "I, as a white American male, have the worst chance of getting scholarships."

Secondly, Steffey claims that "I, as a white American male, get shafted." The fact is, people of color get "shafted" every day in countless ways, while whites enjoy endless privilege. White people see positive role models on TV. White people get to pick what it means to be "qualified." White people learn a history full of heroes of their own race ("As long as you are convinced you have never done anything,

you can never do anything." — Malcolm X). White people aren't stopped for any reason by the police. I would bet that almost every person of color at N.C. State has once been the victim of racial profiling. White people are allowed to make mistakes without being generalized as representing their entire race. The list goes on and on. Why gripe about getting the shaft when a little deeper searching will reveal the immense amount of advantage whites do (undeserving) have?

Affirmative action does not disadvantage whites. In fact,

affirmative action might be the one thing that saves whites from being sheltered their entire lives. Fact: the power balance desperately needs to be shifted to move toward equality. If a white male and a person of color are applying for the same job and have the same qualifications, it seems quite obvious that the person of color must be much harder working and more perseverant. To have overcome the daily struggle of succeeding in a thoroughly racist system indicates much stronger character.

As a white person, I understand it is hard to acknowledge

cert (OK, so that one's easy)? The answers that you come up with to these inquiries serve to demonstrate the path you are choosing for yourself — because now you truly are choosing it single-handedly, no one is at your heels every step of the way giving advice or guidance.

Sure, there may be moments when a friend wants to lend a hand, or you have to give Dad a call when you don't quite know what to do, but in the end, it's always you that has the last say. So instead of being scared by all of this responsibility, use it to make some good things happen for you. Skip just this one party and go to the lab (but don't skip the Britney concert). If you use the opportunities presented to you to make some good choices, you will end up having a much easier time of making it in the "real world" when you really are on your own and out of college.

John knows all the words to "Crazy" and "Oops...I did it again." Want to talk to him? Email him at [reesome@aol.com](mailto:reesome@aol.com)

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Morgan knows 'wong kind of women'

Richard Morgan makes the argument in "The true measure of 'manhood'" that there are few things entirely "male" left

## RULE OF THUMB

**Diplomacy.** Palestine postponed a unilateral declaration of statehood and the two Koreas decided to march together at the Olympics' opening ceremony. The bumper stickers are working, guys. You really can't hug me with nuclear arms.

**Rupert Neesbeek.** He's the new vice provost for diversity and African-American affairs. And you thought that the "we all go to N.C. State" slogan was just a catchy phrase.

**Indiana University.** Ditching Bobby Knight was the right thing to do. Wrong thing to do: have a riot over firing a man who throws chairs and shows soiled toilet paper to his team.

**NC State Student Body.** With their sneak attack Brent Road party, they proved the legal impotence of Ordinance 2000-848. Plus, did you, like, see that dude climb the telephone pole? Phat!

**Delaware State University.** Hosting a conference on the "digital divide" recognizes that information is the source of real haves and have-nots. Exhibit A: those who have Napster accounts and those who don't.

**UNC-Chapel Hill.** Last week's suspicions of wrongdoing were proved true when their athletics department announced that it put itself in debt during its search for a men's basketball coach. Chancellor James Moeser has had to resort to working extra shifts at Franklin Street's Gap just to make ends meet.

**Great Britain.** The fuel crisis is only the latest in a string of bad British ideas, including driving on the wrong side of the road, Teletubbies, the abolition of dentistry and marmite.

**Republican advertisers.** People can pick up when you try to put out subliminal messages? For real? Rats.

**NBC.** As if their shameless exploitation of the Olympics weren't bad enough, they're pushing for a "Survivor" spin-off in space called "Destination: Mir."

**The Witherpoon Student Center.** The air conditioning is busted in here. And it is really hot in here, man! Is this punishment for printing Chancellor Fox's yearbook photo on the front page?

## Why students should vote

MICHAEL WALDEN  
Contributing Columnist

It's been almost 30 years since the Constitution was amended to lower the voting age to 18 and therefore give most college students the right to vote. Yet, voting by college students remains relatively low. Sure, students lead busy and hectic lives. And, like many other citizens, each individual student may believe his or her one vote won't matter in the outcome. Also, many students may think there's not a "dime's worth of difference" between the candidates, so it really doesn't matter who gets elected.

Well, I understand all these motivations (after all, many decades ago I was also a college undergraduate). Yet, I really think this year's election is different for college students for one very important reason: a significant portion of your future income is on the line. Hey, I'm an economist and I understand incentives. Money talks, and if you look at the current presidential campaign, there's loud and important talk about money.

No, I'm not talking about campaign finance reform (yawn!). I'm talking about real dollars and cents — your dollars and cents — in the form of Social Security.

There is a real debate and real differences in plans between the candidates over how to change this longstanding program.

Why should you care? Two reasons. First, Social Security taxes (not including Medicare) will take over 12 percent of most of your paychecks, when both you and your employer pay are combined. That's more than many people spend on food. Currently, this money goes into a big pot to be used for current and future retirees. The bad news for you is that, if many experts are correct, by the time today's college students retire, there won't be any money left in the pot for them. So most students will pay 12 percent of their paychecks for a program from which they can expect to get nothing.

Furthermore, this means for today's college students to have any money to live on in retirement, they'll have to put money aside on top of what they're paying for Social Security taxes. For a modest retirement, maybe 10 percent of your salary will have to be saved — as long as you start saving immediately upon working. So now we're up to 22 percent of your paycheck to fund Social Security, from which you'll maybe get nothing — plus your own retirement.

If you don't like this scenario, then you should vote. Why? Because both of the two major candidates, Vice President Gore and Governor Bush (apologies to the Nader, Buchanan, and other candidates, but I'm being realistic) have plans to address this problem — very, very different plans. By voting, you have a chance to influence how almost a quarter of your future income is used. That's a pretty big incentive I'd say.

What are the Gore and Bush alternative plans for Social Security? In a nutshell, the Vice President would keep the current Social Security program and taxes intact, but would use some of the projected federal budget surpluses to extend the life of the program at least through part of your retirement years. So you could breathe a little easier knowing you'd get back some of the money you will be paying in Social Security taxes.

Governor Bush's plan is more radical. He would allow you to take some part of your Social Security taxes and put that money in your own private account, one earmarked specifically for your retirement. You'd be able to invest this money almost in any way you want. However, some worry that peo-

ple would blow this money on risky investments and they also worry about whether the Bush plan could maintain Social Security payments to near-term retirees.

You can read much more about Social Security's problems and the Gore and Bush plans, and I hope you do. But the bottom line here is that you have a say in this issue by voting. Many political experts say that people ultimately vote their pocketbooks. For today's college generation, a big part of their pocketbook is at stake!

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**Delaware State University.** Hosting a conference on the "digital divide" recognizes that information is the source of real haves and have-nots. Exhibit A: those who have Napster accounts and those who don't.

**The Witherpoon Student Center.** The air conditioning is busted in here. And it is really hot in here, man! Is this punishment for printing Chancellor Fox's yearbook photo on the front page?

**Mark Anderson**  
Staff Columnist  
Remember sitting in high school chemistry wondering what in the name of atom the factor label method was? Is it 2.54 feet per meter, or is it 100 inches per kilometer? Frankly, I was confused then. I was confused in CH101 and PY205. And I am confused now. Why the hassle, eh?

pascal, watt, joule sounds like the 25th class reunion of The Brain Academy in some distant land. Let's stick to the simple man's units: inches and centimeters, feet and meters, Fahrenheit and Celsius, gallons and liters.

Ask a random sample of 100 public school graduates how many feet are in a mile and they would say, "I can't remember." How many milliliters to a liter? "I dunno." With two systems to learn, I'm sure there is room for plenty of confusion. Would it be senile to suggest we cut one of the systems out? Let's assess the situation: Our country is one of the few remaining nations to hold on to the English system. Metric units are used widely in laboratories. England uses the metric system. OK, I am convinced. The U.S. is behind. We should switch to metric. But can you imagine the upheaval at the milk factory? A new two-liter jug is

unthinkable. We're so stuck in the mud of the English system, I would guess we would still refer to that 2-liter jug as a gallon, out of sentimentality. Is that it? Are we too attached to our system? We like our numbers in miles per hour and feet and inches, thank you very much. Instead of your modest 1000 square feet of living space, you would have a meager 92.9 square meters. And 1.9 meters tall just doesn't flow as nicely as 6-1.

Some conversions, however, would be a welcome change. Back in the old days, I was 165 pounds. Now, I'm only 75 kilograms! When I only got 1 gallon of OJ, now I get 3.8 liters! Instead of crushing at 65 mph, I could do 105 kph! Sounds broad, huh? The less broad the scale — metric — the more decimals would factor into adjustments. The English scale has more integer numbers to play with. And, of course, no one likes

decimals; that's what you do in 9th grade Algebra. Fear not! Decimals won't bite and the U.S. will not be converting to metric units any time soon. Eddie Rowe, a physics and science education major at NCSU, says that the "Big Switch" would have to be a legislative decision. Budgeting for the project, however, would not easily be found, he says. No money for the metrics, politicians will say. "They'll cycle that excuse around," he says skeptically. So, consider the U.S. unique in its use of the English system. A bit behind everyone else, but it makes us special. Please don't worry yourself over this matter. For how can worrying add a single hour to your life?

Questions? Comments? Help with conversions? Email Mark at mbander2@unity.ncsu.edu

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## FORUM

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in our culture. In doing so, he says, "Women have made themselves a force in business, athletics, the military, and the family; they do everything (except kill spiders and lift heavy things)."

Now, while I myself can't claim to be a force in any of those first four things, even I am capable of killing a spider. I don't think there has ever been a woman in my family who, seeing a spider, has looked around for a man or for a chair to stand on. We look around for a shoe. And while I don't jump at the opportunity to lift heavy objects, that is due entirely to my own laziness, not to my femininity or weakness. I have no problem getting my nails dirty when the occasion calls for it. Maybe Mr. Morgan is hanging around with the wrong kind of women.

Aurora Therese Tiffany-Davis  
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**Morgan 'borders on the criminally insane'**

The Sept. 13 article by Richard

Morgan borders on the criminally insane and ludicrous. In a country that is now at a point where over 50 percent of its population is suffering from being overweight and over half of whom are clinically obese, to criticize males who wish to be in shape is down right silly.

Secondly, the trend of creating "treatable mental disorders" where none previously existed is equally disturbing. Take this from someone who has weight lifted now for 13 years, never have I seen a truly negative impact on the individual from being physically strong and in shape. Quite the contrary, most men who begin to weight lift, experience a resurgence in self esteem and energy, something their fat-bodied, couch-potato former selves lacked.

To argue that men getting in shape is a new phenomena of the modern search for masculinity is just as ludicrous and shows a general lack of anthropological knowledge and a tendency to think of ourselves as the only generation that ever counted. Men have been seeking physical perfection for the history of humans as a species, partially to dominate their fellows and partially to win the best women. Doubt this? Take a good look at which movie stars women love. Did anyone ever hear of Hercules the Pot Bellied or

Mercury the Slow? Of course not, both were idealized for physical prowess.

In more primitive societies, the strongest, most aggressive males dominate the tribal/clan leadership. This was especially true with the primitive Germans who held the title of Chief for as long as he could defeat and kill all would-be rivals. Furthermore, the reference to homosexuality is aimed at what? Driving young, insecure males from getting physically fit? Never have I known any male friends with whom I lifted to suddenly obsess over their bodies and turn gay. This is as ridiculous as the argument that homosexuality is catching like the flu.

Lastly, I would like to point out a simple fact: most weight lifters are Alpha Males, these are the successful males of society, the ones that drive forward. The best in any species are the ones that exceed in physical, mental and personality skills. Couch potatoes are instinctively inferior in all three, thus their physical appearance. If I have offended anybody with my comments, I make absolutely no apologies. While thyroid glandular obesity is a serious and terrible condition, it accounts for one percent of the population and is controllable with hormonal and drug therapy. The remaining 19 percent of the population suffering from obesity suffer from

Saliva Gland Obesity: controlled by an act of willpower, the same willpower needed to get and stay in shape.

Stanislav M. Krapivnik  
Senior  
Computer Science

### Sore 'thumb'

I was sorely disappointed reading the Sept. 8 "Rule of Thumb" regarding Al Gore. What possible reason could the staff of our student newspaper have for printing this kind of garbage? *Technician* editors have given thumbs down for Al Gore as a result of "his Buddhist past" and "his invention of the Internet." Both these pseudo-scandals have been totally debunked long ago. Records of these media shortcomings and more may be found at [www.dailyhowler.com](http://www.dailyhowler.com), but here are a couple of relevant briefs.

First, the Internet. Here's our original statement has been backed to pieces and then scrutinized. What he actually said was, "During my service in the United States Congress, I took the initiative in creating the Internet." Does that sound like he was putting computers together? The word "invented," yes, even in quotation marks pops up everywhere. But Gore never said it. He only claimed that he "took the initiative" while in

Congress. We don't imagine politicians spending their days at water treatment plants when they claim they gave us clean water, so what is so incredible about Gore's statement? And to top it off, Newt Gingrich was quoted this month on C-SPAN saying, "Gore is the person who, in the Congress, most systematically worked to make sure that we got to an Internet." That from a GOP rival?

Next, the Buddhist temple affair. Charles LaBella, head of the Department of Justice probe, put it quite explicitly back in June. "The fact is, when I was there, there was no evidence that I was aware of that Vice President Gore was aware of any of the conduit contributions that went on at the temple." Yes, one Maria Hsiang was convicted, but all material evidence shows that Gore understood that the fundraiser that day (not at the temple) would be canceled. Furthermore, the activities at the temple in no way constituted a fundraiser. Admission was free. Gore was long gone before any money was raised. Thumbs up to Bob Somerby at *The Daily Howler* for keeping a sharp eye on these matters, and thumbs down to the editors of *Technician* for suffering GOP spin.

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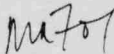
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All University Faculty, Staff and Students

**FROM:** Marye Anne Fox, Chancellor 

**SUBJECT:** Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination

As Chancellor, I reaffirm our University's commitment to providing equal opportunity in education and employment. One of our goals regarding equal opportunity is to meet our legal obligation to provide a working and learning environment free from discrimination and harassment. Towards that end, we have crafted several policies to ensure our compliance with both the letter and spirit of the law.

The Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination Policy Statement affirms our commitment to equal opportunity and provides that discrimination based on race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age or disability is in violation of federal and state law and University policy, and will not be tolerated. The University regards discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation to be inconsistent with its goal of providing a welcoming environment in which all its students, faculty, and staff may learn and work up to their full potential. We value the benefits of cultural diversity and pluralism in the academic community and welcome all men and women of good will without regard to sexual orientation. Furthermore, the Unlawful Harassment Policy Statement provides that harassment based on race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability or sexual orientation is a form of discrimination that will not be tolerated. Copies of these policies are available in the offices of your Dean, Department Head, the Offices for Equal Opportunity, Human Resources, Legal Affairs, and Student Conduct. They are on the web at [www.fis.ncsu.edu/ncsulegal/adminregs.htm](http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/ncsulegal/adminregs.htm).

The University will promptly investigate complaints of discrimination and harassment, and, when necessary, will institute disciplinary action against the offending individual. Disciplinary action includes a range of action up to and including termination of employment or expulsion from the University.

In addition to the goal of meeting our legal obligations, we have a broader goal of fostering tolerance, sensitivity, understanding, and respect among members of our community while encouraging all individuals to reach their potential. We are dedicated to serving a diverse community that recognizes the inherent worth and dignity of each person.

As I stated previously in a message to the University community on October 19, 1998, NC State is a diverse community that extends a nurturing embrace to men and women of different races, ages, national origins, religions, sexual orientations, and varying physical and mental abilities. All of us - faculty, staff, administrators, and students - must work together to build a community that is inclusive and welcoming to all people, both tolerating and celebrating these personal characteristics. Only then can NC State achieve its mission to actively integrate teaching, research, and extension to create an innovative learning environment that stresses the mastery of fundamentals through intellectual discipline, creativity, reasoned problem-solving, and individual responsibility. It is imperative that each member of the NC State University community, as a responsible citizen, respects others and treats fellow human beings as he or she would like to be treated.

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doughboy by marko

THE CAVE THAT MAXINE HAS DISCOVERED LEADS TO A TUNNEL OF DARKNESS KISSED BY A SWIFT UNDERGROUND CURRENT.

WITH LIGHTNING SPEED SHE FOLLOWS THE RIVER FOR THOUSANDS OF MILES...

MEANWHILE, CHALKHYDRI AND THE FANTASTIC ANIMATRONIC, MEKAZOSCAR HAVE PICKED UP A DISTRESS SIGNAL COMING FROM THE WINTER TUNDRA, 2574, 300 MILES NN FROM THE CITY ACHILLIA, DESTROYED BY A DOOMSDAY COMET...

WITH NO END IN THE DISTANCE...

CAW  
CAW

Flap Flap  
Flap

OKAY MEKAZOSCAR, WE'RE PRETTY CLOSE TO WHERE THE BEACON IS COMING FROM.

YOU CAN SET THE SHIP DOWN HERE...

Caw!!

CAW?

Peck peck

caw caw!

LATER

MEKAZOSCAR LANDS THE INSECT-MODELED SPEARBOAT ON A SNOW-COVERED HILL.

CHALKHYDRI SCANS THE AREA FOR THE SOURCE OF THE SIGNAL...

oh my...  
i don't think i like this one bit.

WAIT HERE MEKAZOSCAR

MAXINE REMEMBERS A MOMENTARY LAPSE OF TIME BEFORE SHE REACHES THE END OF THE CAVERN'S RIVER.

SHE NOTICES A SHINY SILVER WHEEL THAT URGES HER TO TURN IT...

CLICK CLICK CLICK  
KA-CHUNK

oh no...  
NOT ANOTHER CAT!

HMMM CHILD, YOU MUST BE KIN TO THAT CIGAR-SMOKING RIF-RAF WHO GOT ME ALL OFF COURSE FROM MY PRIME DIRECTIVE... CAN YOU TELL ME THE LOCATION OF HIS WHEREABOUTS? I'D LIKE TO PLANT HIM INTO NEXT TUESDAY...

LISTEN FELINE! YOU'LL WALK A MILE BEFORE YOU GET A MEAL OUTTA ME!...  
you little fleabag...  
I'D BET YOU'VE GOT WORDS...

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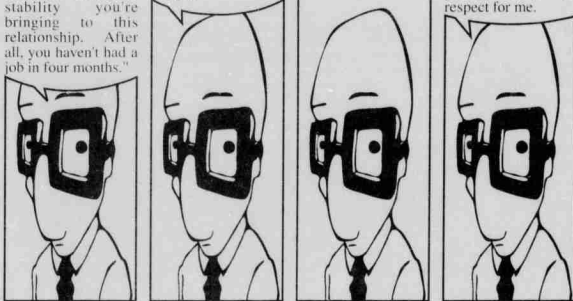


precious bodily fluids by john carr

"Lester," she said. "I'm more than a little concerned about the amount of stability you're bringing to this relationship. After all, you haven't had a job in four months."

"Baby," I said. "I've got more stability than a well-endowed midget."

I live for those moments when I can actually watch a person lose all respect for me.



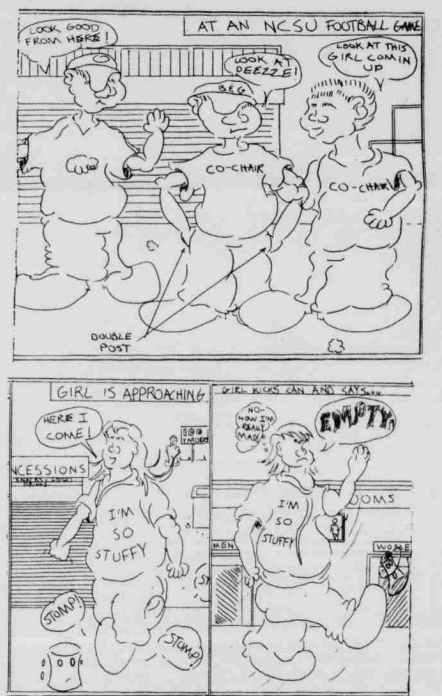
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TOP 4

MIKE SOLARTE 21-3  
CHIP ALEXANDER 21-3  
MARYE ANNE FOX 19-5  
BATES BATTAGLIA 18-6

JESSE HELMS 18-6  
CAULTON TUDOR 18-6  
KERMIT HALL 18-6  
ADAM GOLD 16-8

BOTTOM 4



# PIG SKIN PICKS

Games to be played for the week of ~ **SEPTEMBER 16**



### THE CONTENDERS [THEIR PROFESSION]

OVERALL SCORE

<b>Jesse Helms</b> N. C. Senator	<b>Marye Anne Fox</b> N. C. State Chancellor	<b>Kermit Hall</b> N. C. State Provost	<b>Chip Alexander</b> N & O Reporter	<b>Caulton Tudor</b> N & O Reporter	<b>Bates Battaglia</b> Carolina Hurricanes	<b>Mike Solarte</b> 850AM Personality	<b>Adam Gold</b> 850AM Personality
18-6	19-5	18-6	21-3	18-6	18-6	21-3	16-8

SMU at N.C. State	N.C. State	N.C. State	N.C. State	N.C. State	N.C. State	N.C. State	N.C. State	N.C. State
Maryland at West Virginia	WVU	WVU	WVU	WVU	WVU	WVU	WVU	Maryland
Wake Forest at Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson
UNC at Florida State	FSU	FSU	FSU	FSU	FSU	FSU	FSU	FSU
Navy at Georgia Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech
Virginia at Duke	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia
Florida at Tennessee	Florida	Florida	Florida	Tennessee	Florida	Tennessee	Tennessee	Florida
LSU at Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn
Michigan at UCLA	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	UCLA	Michigan	UCLA	Michigan
Washington at Colorado	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Colorado	Colorado	Washington	Washington
Purdue at Notre Dame	Purdue	N. Dame	Purdue	Purdue	N. Dame	Purdue	Purdue	N. Dame
Western Carolina at The Citadel	W. Carolina	W. Carolina	The Citadel	W. Carolina	W. Carolina	W. Carolina	The Citadel	The Citadel

### ACC Notes

#### Clemson upsets No. 1

Nancy Augustyniak scored a goal and assisted on the other in leading No. 4 Clemson to a 2-1 upset win over No. 1 North Carolina in an Atlantic Coast Conference women's soccer match at Clemson, S.C., Wednesday night.

With the win, Clemson improves its record to 7-0 on the year, 2-0 in the ACC. Carolina falls to 6-1 this season, 1-1 in the ACC.

Clemson is ranked fourth in the NSCAA poll and fifth in the first American Clemson fielded a women's soccer team. Clemson and Duke are the only teams in

history to defeat Carolina in ACC play. Carolina scored first as Jena Klugelet sent the ball in on a corner kick. Maggie Tomeska flicked the ball to Anne Remy who scored from six yards out with 33:31 gone in the match.

Augustyniak scored on a penalty kick at the 61:12 mark. Deliah Arrington was brought down in the box by Carolina goal keeper Kristin DePlanchett.

Augustyniak scored the winning goal at the 74:31 mark. Augustyniak sent the ball to Arrington. Arrington set a 25-yard shot on the ground to the lower right corner of the net.

"The key to this victory was guts," said Clemson head coach Ray Leone. "Our team showed a commitment for 90 minutes. I am so proud of them."

"This win is for my wife Tracey who started this program in 1994. It killed her but she could not be here. She is in Sydney for the

Olympics. She called the team before the game and wished them luck. I am especially happy for this senior class. (On the winning goal.) It was a quick shot and it surprised their keeper. It seemed like it rolled for ever."

#### Songalia makes Olympics

Darius Songalia, a junior forward on the Wake Forest basketball team, will represent Lithuania in the Olympic Games later this month in Sydney, Australia. FIBA officials confirmed today.

Songalia, 6-9, is coming off a superb sophomore season in which he led the Demon Deacons to the postseason NIT championship. A native of Marijampole, Lithuania, Songalia led the Deacs in scoring (13.7 points per game) last season.

"I am extremely proud and happy for Darius," Wake Forest head coach Dave Odom said today. "I know his Olympic experience will be something that he will cherish for a lifetime. Our team and university will enjoy watching him as he competes in Sydney for his country."

Technically, Songalia is one of two players with Deacon connections who were invited to participate in the Olympics. Former Deac Tim Duncan was originally selected for the U.S. team, but declined the invitation because of an injury.

The Lithuanian team, which includes former Maryland standout Sarunas Jaskevicius, is currently training in Australia. Lithuania begins Olympic play Sept. 17 against Italy. The United States plays Lithuania on Sept. 21. The gold medal game is set for Oct. 1.



### AROUND THE ACC

#### Wake Forest (0-2, 0-1) at Clemson (2-0, 0-0)

No. 16 Clemson opens its conference season against a team in search of its first win. The Tigers have won 20 of the last 23 games in the series.

#### Virginia (1-1, 0-0) at Duke (0-2, 0-0)

Duke beat Virginia in overtime last season. This year, the 52nd meeting between the two teams, the Cavaliers look to avenge that loss in Durham at Wallace Wade Stadium.

#### North Carolina (2-0, 1-0) at Florida State (2-0, 1-0)

FSU hosts Carolina, who is fresh off a conference win over Wake. The Seminoles, led by Chris Weinke, are 10-0-1 all-time vs. Carolina.

#### Navy (0-1) at Georgia Tech (1-1)

Tech lost a barn-burner 26-21 to FSU last week-end at Bobby Dodd Stadium, but Navy has won five of the last seven games in its series with the Yellow Jackets.

#### Maryland (1-0) at West Virginia (1-0)

The Terrapins took it to West Virginia last season at College Park, Md., and hope to pick up a second win of the season on the road.

## Fowler to chair selection committee

Sports Staff Report

Lee Fowler, incoming athletics director at N.C. State, will serve as chair of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee during the 2001-2002 academic year.

The appointment was made by the NCAA Championships/Competition Cabinet, which met this week in Atlanta. Fowler's one-year term as chair begins Sept. 1, 2001. He will succeed Mike Trangese, commissioner of the Big East Conference, who chairs the committee this year.

Fowler, currently athletics director at Middle Tennessee State University, has served on the basketball committee since September 1997; his term on the committee ends in August 2002.

This year he will serve as the chair of the committee's television subcommittee.

Fowler has been athletics director at Middle Tennessee State for six years. He spearheaded the upgrading of the institution's football program to the I-A level and Middle Tennessee State's move to the Sun Belt Conference in all sports, a move that took effect this month.

Prior to his arrival at Middle Tennessee State, Fowler held the post of associate athletics director and director of the Tiger Clubs at Memphis State University (now University of Memphis). He had served as assistant basketball coach there for seven years, a stint that included a Final Four appearance in 1985.

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les for a loss of 50 yards. He ranked second on the team and tied for seventh in the WAC for his five sacks for minus 43 yards. The two have combined for 23 tackles in the past two games, including a forced fumble by Pratt.

At linebacker, redshirt sophomore Vic Vilorio, comes back to the team after sitting out last season for academic reasons. Vilorio averaged 6.1 tackles a game his freshman season and should have a good season this year. This season, he has 21 tackles, three of which were for a loss.

"Getting Vic Vilorio back is big for us," Cavan said. "He is a leader that has the intensity and work ethic we've been preaching to the team about this season."

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"I couldn't be happier with the performance I had," Wright said. "But I always set high goals so I can keep pushing myself."

After redshirting the 1997 season, Wright spent 1998 with the special teams unit, participating in just four games. He earned the starting job in the spring, however, after sitting out last season.

Wright was ready to make his debut against Arkansas State, but an unexpected academic problem cropped up days before the game, preventing him from playing.

"I didn't know I couldn't play until a couple of days before the game," Wright said. "So, I had been preparing to play the first game, but things didn't work out. I got every-

thing taken care of."

"I feel so good for him," Amato said. "He's been through an awful lot."

Sophomore Joe Gray and junior Andy Vandervier, who started at tight end last season, filled in for Wright in the opener. The duo provided a blocking presence on the line, and Gray even scored the first

touchdown of his career on a 30-yard pass from Rivers.

But Wright's presence on the field Saturday had a profound impact on the Pack's offense.

"We just felt that he would add some things to us," Amato said. "There's a lot of people out there that have to be covered now. It's going to be tough to double somebody."

No games scheduled



Football vs. SMU, 9:16, 7:00  
 Women's soccer @ High Point, 9:16  
 Men's soccer vs. Maryland, 9:17, 2:00  
 Volleyball, Amer. Univ. Team, 9:15-16  
 Cross country, Wolfpack Invit., 9:16

## Comeback kids want to cut down on drama

◆ N.C. State welcomes Southern Methodist to Carter-Finley Stadium on Saturday in the final non-conference game of the year.

Jeremy Ashton  
 Sports Editor

The N.C. State football team is making a habit of pulling out comeback victories.

The Wolfpack (2-0) made up fourth-quarter deficits in each of its first two games. The Pack rallied from 15 down in the fourth quarter last weekend against Indiana after beating Arkansas State in double overtime the previous week.

State's inability to score early in games has forced the Pack to resort to late-game dramas. The offense has put just three points on the scoreboard in the first quarter of its two games. Head coach Chuck Amato and his troops are hoping to remedy that situation Saturday when they take on Southern Methodist at Carter-Finley Stadium.

"The thing that worries me is getting in a rut where we say, 'Hey, if we get behind, we'll come back,'" Amato said. "It happened two times in a row, but let's not push our luck. Let's play from the get-go and play 60 full minutes of football."

Although he would like to do away with the suspense this week, Amato and the team believe they learned quite a bit about themselves.

"I think the comebacks were the best thing that could happen to us," freshman quarterback Philip Rivers said. "And I think a lot of other guys would tell you the same thing, just because we're having to go through these first few games with a new coaching staff and a new team."

The last-minute heroics have helped State to its fourth consecutive 2-0 start. That hasn't been a guarantee of success in the past, however, as the Pack has gone just 19-16 over the last three years.

State would like to keep its momentum going into the Atlantic Coast Conference opener with Georgia Tech on Thursday. As a result, Amato wants to make sure that his team isn't looking past SMU.

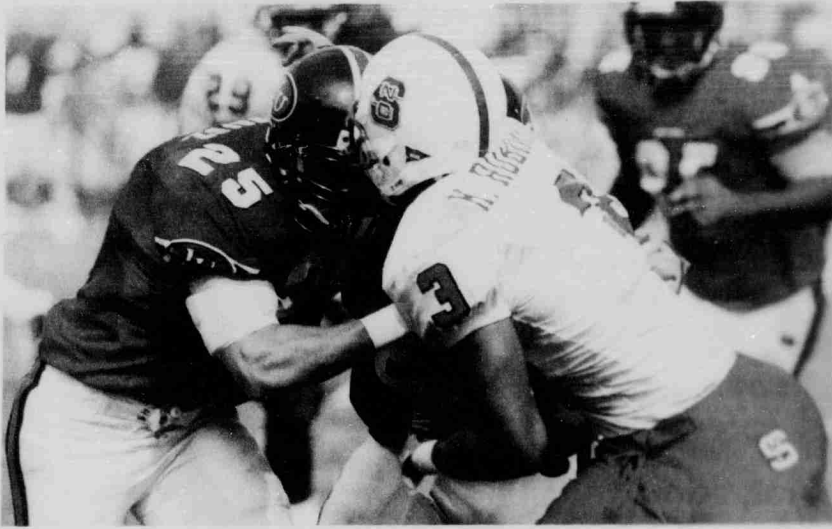
"Don't think that this is going to be one of those games that's going to be over quickly," Amato said. "There's no game that we can overlook as a coach or player."

Out of necessity, Rivers and the offense have had to post huge numbers in the first two weeks of the season for State to get victories. The Pack's "Minutemen," who have scored in the final minute of three out of four halves of football, are currently third in the country in total offense, averaging 506.5 yards per game.

Rivers earned his second consecutive ACC Rookie of the Week award after piling up 401 passing yards and tying a school record with five touchdown passes against Indiana. He currently tops the nation in total offense, ahead of Purdue's Drew Brees, with 395.5 yards per game. Rivers has been as stunned by those numbers as anyone.

"I only had one game over 300 yards my whole high school career," Rivers said. "That was my only game I had over 300 yards. The most times I ever threw in a game was 23 times."

Following Saturday's win, Amato



Koren Robinson and N.C. State's high-octane offense hope to get off to a quick start Saturday against SMU at Carter-Finley Stadium

pointed to the offensive line as a key to Rivers' early success. The freshman felt a little more pressure in the backfield against the Hoosiers, but the men up front have only allowed him to get sacked five times.

"When skill people make plays on either side of the ball, it's because somebody up front was doing their unselfish job of protecting them or rushing the quarterback or whatever," Amato said. "Those people up

front don't get any credit."

Seven different players have scored touchdowns for State already this year. Tight end Willie Wright said back Ray Robinson and wideout Koren Robinson have all crossed the goal-line twice this year.

Meanwhile, Amato is looking for some improvement on the defensive end against SMU. The Pack allowed 60 yards in the first two games, including a 476 against the high-powered Mustangs in Bloomington, but

The biggest problems have come with stopping the run. State has been out-gained 415-215 on the ground so far this season, Amato thinks the defense's inability to wrap up opponents has led to the inflated yards.

State's secondary has been unable to get behind the Pack's offensive line to get in the first half has a pass defense average of 57 and 30 yards. They would surely much of a break Saturday against Mustang quarterback Josh McCown who threw for 426 yards in a long effort last weekend.

Saturday's game will be just the second meeting between State and SMU. The Mustangs won the early series during 19-14 at home in 1992.

### N.C. STATE VS. SOUTHERN METHODIST

When: Saturday, 7 p.m.      TV: None  
 Where: Carter-Finley Stadium      Line: N.C. State by 9

## 5 KEYS TO THE GAME

**1. Come out firing.** The Wolfpack hasn't had any trouble scoring late, but it hasn't put too many points on the board early this year. State scored just three points in the first quarter of its first two games.

**2. Good coverage.** The secondary is going to get tested again this week with Josh McCown at quarterback for the Mustangs. McCown threw for 420 yards and two touchdowns in last week's loss to Texas-El Paso.

**3. Very special teams.** State's special teams unit played a huge role in last week's comeback win at Indiana. Brian Williams blocked a punt in the second quarter that was later turned into a touchdown, and Terrence Holt knocked down the potential game-tying field goal at the end of regulation.

**4. Stop the runaway train.** The Mustangs have the unenviable task of slowing down a State offense that is averaging 506.5 yards per game, the third-best mark in the NCAA.

**5. Exploit the holes.** The Pack defense gave up 415 yards on the ground in its first two games.

## Wright pays quick dividends

◆ Tight end Willie Wright made his presence felt Saturday against Indiana.

Jeremy Ashton  
 Sports Editor

Willie Wright's performance Saturday against Indiana seemed to take quite a few people by surprise.

Wright, a 6-foot-4 sophomore tight end making his first career start, caught nine passes for 92 yards and two touchdowns in N.C. State's 41-38 win. Those numbers may have shocked some, but the people who have seen him in practices didn't really see them as anything unusual.

"I think he makes a big difference in the offense," quarterback Philip Rivers said.

Rivers found Wright twice in clutch situations Saturday against Indiana.

With the Pack trailing 35-20 early in the fourth quarter, the offense faced a fourth- and 9-situation from the Indiana 13. State lined up five wideouts with no one except Rivers in the backfield. Of all his potential targets, Rivers ended up picking Wright.

"He really wasn't open to tell you the truth, not one of us," Rivers said. "I didn't see anybody, anyway. But I knew if anybody was going to go up and get it, he would be the one. He was just able to go up and get it over two guys."

Wright struck again at another crucial moment later in the



Willie Wright dives for the ball in Saturday's game at Indiana.

fourth. The Pack still trailed by 12 with 4:39 remaining when Koren Robinson caught a 39-yard pass to put State in Indiana territory. After an off-side penalty gave the Pack five more yards, Wright hauled in a 26-yard touchdown pass to pull his team within five and put in position to comeback.

"[He made] a couple of outstanding catches," head coach Chuck Amato said.

Wright also made what might have been the most important catch of Saturday's game. Robinson's 47-yard touchdown catch with 45 seconds left gave the Pack the lead, but Wright caught the two-point conversion that put State up by three and ensured that Indiana couldn't win the game in regulation with a field goal.

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## Wolfpack hopes to rope herd

◆ Southern Methodist quarterback Josh McCown has racked up 584 yards and four touchdowns in two games.

Justin Sellers  
 Staff Writer

Another offensive affair could be in the works Saturday night as the Southern Methodist Mustangs travel to Carter-Finley Stadium.

Much like the Wolfpack, SMU's offense is led by a quarterback who is off to a strong start. Josh McCown has completed 36-of-71 passes for 584 yards and four touchdowns in the Mustangs (1-1) two games this season.

In SMU's home opener, a 31-17 win over the Kansas Jayhawks, McCown rushed for one touchdown and threw for two more in the Mustangs' first win against a Big 12 team since 1986 and the team's first home opening win since 1996.

"I'm not calling this the greatest win here, but probably the most important win - maybe ever," said SMU head coach Mike Cavan.

Last week, SMU took on conference foe UTEP in a game in which McCown threw for a new career high of 420 yards. However, SMU came up short to the Miners 37-20.

Like the Wolfpack, SMU has a new offensive coordinator this year. Larry Kueck has installed the same offensive system he used at Marshall and Southern Mississippi. Marshall won a Division I-AA National Championship in 1996 under

Kueck, and Southern Miss. finished last season as one of only two teams in the country that had a 1,000-yard rusher, 1,000-yard receiver and a 2,000-yard passer.

"The team really embraced Coach Kueck's new offensive system and philosophy this spring and liked being pushed and challenged to work hard to do the things needed to win ball games," said Cavan.

McCown, SMU's MVP on offense last year, threw 125-of-234 attempts for 1,434 yards and 11 touchdowns. His average of 142.5 yards per game last season gained him a ranking of sixth in the Western Athletic Conference in total offense. So far this season, McCown ranks second among quarterbacks in the WAC.

Tailback Kris Briggs backed up senior Rodnick Phillips last season. Briggs played in all 10 games as a true freshman, running for 522 yards and six rushing touchdowns. Briggs averaged 5.1 yards per carry. This season, McCown ranks second among quarterbacks in the WAC.

"Kris Briggs is a guy who got a lot of playing time as a freshman last season and has worked extremely hard in the off-season to get bigger, stronger and faster," said Cavan. "He fits into that mold of a strong work ethic in how he approaches practice and games and I look for him to emerge as a valuable asset to our offense."

The Mustang receivers have a new coach this year in Johnny Ringo, who is working with returning receivers Chris Cunningham and Cody Cardwell. This duo combined to make

70 of SMU's 189 receptions for 1,039 yards and eight touchdowns as true freshmen in 1999.

Cunningham and Cardwell have combined for 212 yards and two touchdowns so far in the 2000 season.

Cunningham and Cardwell, both quality receivers for an unit that had great freshman seasons, said Cavan. "They cannot rest on the year they had and we need them to continue to work hard to become even better football players."

SMU's success under Cavan is for the most part credited to its defense. The Mustang defense allowed 33.5 points a game during the first half of last season but then stepped it up a notch to only allow a mere 13.4 points a game over the last half.

"I never have to worry about our defense being ready to play a game," said Cavan.

The Mustangs will look no further than Kevin Garrett, the *Foot Worth Star-Telegram* WAC Freshman of the Year, Kevin Aldridge and Markus Pratt.

Garrett started all 10 games as a true freshman in the secondary after being converted from wide receiver. He ranked ninth in the WAC and second on the team with 8.1 tackles per game. Garrett also blocked two kicks last season. So far this season, Garrett has 13 tackles.

Aldridge and Pratt will start at defensive end this season. In 1999, Aldridge recorded 40 tackles, one fumble recovery, and one interception. Pratt tied for third on the team in 1999 with eight tack-

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