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Local politicians address NCSU students

◆ A slew of local candidates for public office spoke at Caldwell Hall Tuesday.

James Gorman
Staff Reporter

Twenty-eight candidates running for political office in North Carolina attended Tuesday's Candidate Forum 2000, a two-hour program and reception designed to help educate students about the issues facing voters this upcoming election.

The forum, sponsored by the Political Science Club and the Social Work Program, provided a standing-room-only non-partisan outlet for candidates to introduce voters to their platforms and political beliefs.

"Above all, our goal is to educate students on the importance of voting," said Forum Committee

Co-Chair Andrew Petters.

Each of the four parties - Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, and Reform - had representatives at the forum. The candidates were allotted 2.5 minutes to address the audience and spoke in the descending order of the ballot listing.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean Margaret Zahn provided the welcoming address, making special note of the University/Community College Bond Issue.

"When you go to the polls, you should be voting for the candidates who support the bonds," said Zahn.

Libertarian candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives C. Brian Towey spoke first, introducing the audience to the basic principles and ideas of the Libertarian Party. Subsequent speakers included candidates for N.C.

Governor, state auditor, N.C. secretary of state, Wake County commissioner and other offices.

The candidates addressed a wide array of issues, from increasing auto-insurance rates to technologically bringing the North Carolina government into the 21st century.

Several speakers represented absentee candidates who could not attend the forum in person. Former Gov. Bob Scott, for example, spoke on behalf of his daughter, Meg Scott Phipps, the Democratic candidate for agriculture commissioner.

A number of candidates also addressed proposed educational reforms, most coming out in support of the bond issue. Representative Jennifer Weiss, Democratic candidate looking for re-election to the North Carolina House, stressed improvements in school systems, from pre-school to college.



Local candidates Brian Towey, Henry McKoy, and Eric Reeves spoke Tuesday in Caldwell Hall.

Republican candidate for Wake County commissioner Ray Paquette also addressed the need to discuss education reform.

"A candidate cannot get elected in North Carolina without addressing education at some point or another," he said.

The speakers kept the atmos-

phere of the forum light-hearted and polite, with many of the NCSU alumni candidates making good-natured jokes towards their UNC-CH alumni opponents.

"I've been spared tonight," said Republican candidate John Bryant during his speech. "I went to Wake Forest, and nobody's

mad at us."

During the reception that followed the speeches, the candidates had an opportunity to talk one-on-one with students.

"I think it's a very positive event," said Scott. "This forum

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The German Band "Die/Vierentische" were on hand Wednesday night to perform at the Talley Student Center Ballroom.

Student conduct outlines consequences

◆ The recent issue with an NCSU basketball player may have students wondering what kind of consequences they could face in similar situations.

Jimmy Ryals
News Editor

N.C. State basketball player Damon Thornton had his first court appearance Thursday at 9 a.m.

According to officials in the Wake County District Attorney's Office, Thornton has a second court date set for Nov. 30 at 9 a.m.

Though unable to comment on Thornton's situation specifically, NCSU Director of Student Conduct Paul Cousins did offer some information on what repercussions students in similar situations could face from the university.

Cousins said that any time the office of student conduct hears of possible violations of the Student Code of Conduct, the office's first step is to gather information and then assess whether the incident falls within the code.

If the office of student conduct chooses to pursue the matter, the student faces either a discussion conference or a hearing before the

Judicial Board.

"The conference is the less stringent of the two possibilities; while a hearing can lead to suspension or expulsion from school, a conference cannot."

"Conferences are low-level conversations," Cousins said. "The consequences are consistently lower [than in hearings]."

Cousins detailed the possible consequences of alcohol offenses, which constitute the majority of the code of conduct breaches that his office deals with.

Students found guilty of a first alcohol-related offense generally have to take an alcohol education class, perform 20 hours of community service and write a "reflection paper," showing the students grasp of the offense.

A second alcohol violation can lead to a letter to the students' parents if the student is underage, a doubling of the community service requirement and an off-campus alcohol assessment, which the student has to pay for.

Depending on other extenuating circumstances, a student may face further consequences for a second offense.

A third alcohol offense goes straight to the Judicial Board for a hearing. Such a proceeding can lead to expulsion or suspension, among other sanctions.

The office of student conduct

has jurisdiction over off-campus student behavior, as well as on-campus. Cousins said his office hears of code of conduct violations through various sources: Public Safety, the Raleigh Police Department, the media and complaints.

Cousins stressed that every case his office handles is different and that he can offer nothing specific on Thornton's situation or whether his office would pursue it.

"The decisions of criminal courts have no bearing on the office of student conduct's actions. The office investigates student behavior, regardless of criminal findings."

"[The Code of Student Conduct] is based on the truth," said Cousins. "We expect students to tell the truth, even if doing so is to the student's disadvantage."

Thornton faces charges of driving while intoxicated, driving without a license, failure to heed flashing blue lights or sirens, reckless driving, resisting an officer of the law, hit and run and property damage.

The charges stem from an incident at 1:15 a.m. on Oct. 10, Thornton was arrested after backing teammate Damien Wilkins'

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Low turnout expected for young voters

◆ There are a few different theories as to why young people don't vote, said Susan Fino, associate professor of political science at WSU.

Grace Aduroja
The South End (Wayne State 17)

(U-WIRE) DETROIT - Like other Wayne State University students, Ian Hilgendorf said he is not going to vote in the Nov. 7 Federal Election.

"In all honesty, I'm not very politically active. It's not that I feel my vote won't count ... I just don't care that much," he said.

"And according to the Federal Election Commission, he is not alone. In the 1996 Federal Election voters between the ages of 18 and 24 made up about 7 percent of all voters.

"The younger you are the less likely you are to vote," said James Chalmers, associate professor of political science

at WSU.

Young people today are cynical and turned off from voting, they don't trust the government, he said.

"Older people felt that it was their duty to vote, they believed in their country," Chalmers said.

Belt Bossen is a 28-year-old junior who is voting for the first time in an election.

"People our age are not that interested in [voting]," she said. Compared to the elderly, there are a very small number of college-age people voting, she said.

Bossen works as an accounting assistant at the Service Center on the second floor of the Student Center Building where students can register to vote. But not many students have registered to vote at the Service Center, she said.

There are a few different theories as to why young people don't vote, said Susan Fino, associate professor of political science at WSU.

One theory is that students are

mobile, she said. When they go out of state for school, many times they do not obtain absentee ballots or become active in the local politics of the community surrounding their university.

The second theory is that young people do not feel they have a stake in their community. They feel removed from topics such as property tax and elementary and secondary education and choose not to vote due to lack of interest, she said.

The third theory is many young people feel alienated from the system and politically powerless. They don't think the system is working for them and so they decide not to participate in the system, Fino said.

"A lot of minorities feel that way," she said.

Jessica Martin is an African-American student who thinks the right to vote is an important one.

"Especially for African Americans (because we didn't have that right)," she said.

She said many African Americans don't vote because they don't realize how much their vote counts.

Still she doesn't understand why so many young people choose not to vote.

WSU freshman Destinee Singleton plans to vote but doesn't think many of her peers will. Voting is not important to them right now, she said.

"A lot of people don't know who is running," she said. The closer the election, the more likely voter turnout will go up, Fino said. When a race is close people vote because they feel they have more of a say and their vote can make a difference.

The Michigan vote for the presidential candidates is expected to be a close one, so in theory voter turnout should be high, Fino said.

"You should expect better than usual turnout in Michigan but who knows?" she said.

Another predictor of voter turnout is education.



Suffrage, a serious discussion



Nathan Litner
Staff Columnist

The right to vote is both the most important freedom and the greatest responsibility afforded by our republic. Simply being registered is not enough. In fact, registration is the easiest and potentially least productive aspect of the entire process. The citizen must also do his or her part to ensure that personal and collective freedoms never perish; voting demands constant effort, attention and involvement. It is not something we do because a celebrity or television advertisement tells us we should; we vote because by doing so we are able to remain free.

So if you are planning to make a last minute decision or random, unformed selection, I ask that you stay home on Election Day. The most effective way to elect honest, benevolent leaders is to thoroughly inspect each candidate's internal characteristics, motives, abilities and agendas. In carrying out this inspection, one must be careful not to become overly obsessed with trivial periphery. Physical qualities, rhetorical skill and charisma are merely the trappings of appearance, and

more often serve to hinder our understanding of the internal than facilitate it.

For instance, when I am considering whether or not to purchase a car, my decision does not rely on color or body design. I want to know about the quality of the engine, its fuel efficiency, age, mileage and size. I ask questions as to the internal constitution and performance capabilities; the design and color are not only obvious but superficial and sometimes misleading.

Furthermore, the mistake of failing to properly examine political figures can be detrimental to the peace of a nation and the world. When we elect a leader, we surrender our security. It is then imperative that we be careful not to grant power, as George Washington once wrote, to "designing men ever attentive to their own gain and watchful of every turn that can assist their lucrative views."

History tells of people who were once impressed by a man's outward qualities; his charisma and rhetoric, his fervent inflection and resounding oration; people whose failure to thoroughly look beyond the external ultimately subjected them to Adolf Hitler's internal madness.

Voting for a person simply because of the party they are affiliated with is equally dan-

gerous and ignorant. Candidates sometimes use the platform and historic loyalties of a particular party to achieve their own selfish ends. They know that a certain number of lesser intelligent people will always vote for a particular party regardless of who is on the ballot. We therefore must have a firm reliance in the desires, objectives and integrity of the candidate we support and be proud to lend him or her our vote. This involves looking past party affiliation and examining the principles of the candidate's political, moral, and personal philosophy.

Being a registered voter entails vastly more than the physical act of voting itself. It requires regular attention to the political environment and surrounding world. It bestows upon the individual the great responsibility of being a conscientious and involved adult. And it ensures that each one of us has the opportunity to remain individually powerful and free. If you don't feel you are ready or able to make a decision that will ultimately affect the course of your life and the life of this nation please, stay home Nov. 7.

Nathan may vote, but his true love is theory; email him at horatio399@yahoo.com

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Register to vote

If you want to register to vote or you need to change your voting address to Wake County, you need to come by the Student Government office, Witherspoon 307, and fill out a registration card by 2 p.m. today.

If you don't register to vote or change your registration to Wake County, you give up all winning privileges on Nov. 8.

When it comes to the voting process and being an informed, active citizen within that process, you have only two decisions: make a difference of make way for the people who will make a difference.

Activist tough talk without real action makes people as shallow and hollow as the Big Money bureaucratic suits that they fight.

Voters do matter. Your vote does matter. Even if not in the logistic sense, your vote matters because it is representative of your relationship with the world around you.

If you want to make a difference, you need to take your first

What do you think?

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CAMPUS FORUM

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A message to NCSU fans

Many of you probably did a double take, as I did, as you stumbled bleary-eyed to class Thursday morning. I jerked fully awake as I entered the Free Expression Tunnel and observed that it was painted solidly in Carolina Blue. Rather than being angered by this act, however, I was somewhat amused.

The Carolina students did a thoroughly shoddy job. They obviously didn't bring enough paint; they applied a very thin coat, and their efforts at the Harellson Hall end of the tunnel petered out miserably. Engineering and PAMS students will note that calculating the amount of paint needed to cover the tunnel is not a difficult task, yet it seems our friends down the road weren't up to it.

Furthermore, Design students should observe that the vandals couldn't even determine the proper shade of blue to use! Thus, they tried several different tints. In addition, the large Tarheel symbol painted on the sidewalk resembled a potato rather than a foot.

If this effort at expressing school spirit is the best our UNC friends can muster, they have a long way to go. We at N.C. State know something worth doing is worth doing right — especially in matters of school pride.

We should all thank the UNC students for giving

us a blank, new surface in the tunnel to deface.

Nathaniel Horner
Freshman
Engineering

'Disappointing' Technician

As a political science major and member of the political science club, I was proud of the "Candidate Forum 2000" held Tuesday evening and co-sponsored by the club.

I rushed to school this morning eager to read in *Technician* a story trumpeting its' success, which I was sure would be there. Much to my disappointment I was greeted by the "major news" story of "Dining makes changes."

What a pity that students interested in the news who were absent could only read about it in *The Daily Tar Heel*. Yes, UNC ran a story Wednesday, while our own beloved periodical didn't bother.

The absence of this newsworthy event speaks for itself on the quality of *Technician*. However, I certainly "learned" a great deal reading how "Guys are strange creatures."

Is this a "newspaper" or the *National Enquirer*? Inquiring minds want to know.

Bevins Scott Cameron
Senior
Political Science

Out of step



John Sico
Staff Columnist

Do you know what the word "straightedge" means? No, not the engineering tool you use to draw straight lines. I'm talking about the name for the underground movement to which I and many other students here at N.C. State belong. Straightedge is not a club, a gang or any other kind of organized activity. It is merely an idea: a label that one chooses to take upon oneself. What does it mean to be straightedge? Well, that varies from person to person.

The basic idea of straightedge is that someone who calls himself or herself that title makes a conscious decision not to partake in any kind of intoxicant. This includes any illicit drug, alcohol, or cigarettes. Many people who are straightedge also prefer not to take drugs such as Tylenol unless absolutely necessary. The point of all this is an effort to distance oneself from the huge amount of substance abuse that has become the norm in our society.

"Straightedge" is not always synonymous with "nerdy do-gooder." But it may seem that way to someone who knows no other way to have fun on a Friday night that to have some beers and go clubbin'. Oftentimes people who live by this creed are laughed at and made fun of by others who just can't understand why someone wouldn't see the fun in going out and getting tanked every weekend.

Even if I don't received with laughter, when I tell someone I don't drink, it is usually met with an apology of some sort, like if the person with whom I was conversing had hit on a particularly touchy subject, something like a recent death in the family. It goes something like this: "Hey! Want a beer?" "No thanks, I don't drink." "Oh...I'm sorry, I didn't know." For this reason, straightedge people tend to not put themselves in a position where that might occur. While that

might mean missing the big frat party this weekend, many, including my self, would prefer a night at home to being around a houseful of intoxicated parties.

There is other stuff to do, believe it or not, than go to a party every night. Straightedge often goes hand in hand with the underground music scene. So, if one went to a show, they could expect to see many straightedge kids there. The music with which straightedge is often associated is called hard core. The vocals are often screamed, and the instruments are heavy, so as a result, sounds like noise to a lot of people. Not to be confused with popular "metal" groups such as Limp Bizkit or Korn, these hard core bands actually care about their music (and not their money), and the lyrics are thought provoking, and have a message.

This message is sometimes taken the wrong way, and straightedge is looked at as a violent movement. Virtually any media coverage that has been given to straightedge has been negative, and showed the movement in a completely incorrect light. Because some people who are straightedge are also involved with the militant anti rights movement, people lump the two together, when they are entirely separate entities.

There are, of course, exceptions to the rule, but for the most part, straightedge is, and was meant to be, a non-violent movement.

This was meant to sound nice, since many people here on campus seem to have no idea what straightedge even is.

This is by no means an exhaustive explanation or definition of straightedge.

If you're interested, there is much more information to be found. If straightedge is for you, great. If it's not, please respect those who choose to live their lives this way.

1...2...3...4...Go! Email John at Rizeason@aol.com

RULE OF THUMB



University of Iowa. Pre-law senior student and football safety Ryan Hansen will be one of People's sexiest men in America Nov. 10. Don't hold your breath, ladies; satetys are supposed to guard against long shots.



University of California at Davis. Chemist Gang Sung has created odorless sports socks. The invention single-handedly now makes college laundry a monthly — rather than weekly — chore.



Manners. Wednesday night's presidential debate at Wake Forest University was almost down-right mushy. Bush even went so far as to call his relaxed threesome with Al Gore and Jim Lehrer a "love fest" — that's a Republican first.



Fall Break. Even though we haven't exactly experienced the vacation yet, we don't really need to. It has to be good. Dear God, please make it good!



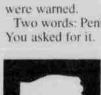
NCSU Public Safety. Hiring Chief Thomas Younce after some foot-dragging is a solid decision. He has experience with ECU and he's not into collecting televisions.



Damon Thornton. 5 + 3 = 0. It's the new math: five counts of arrest plus three separate arrests is equal to zero chance of a scholarship.



Paula Jones. Don't read this one! Look away! Just skip to the next one! OK. You were warned.



Two words: Penthouse spread. You asked for it.



Ford Motors. When 1.7 million cars and trucks are recalled by order of a U.S. Superior Court judge for being "flawed from the outset," what exactly does that mean to be "built Ford tough?"



Music. Phish is reportedly breaking up and N Sync is doing the movie "Grease 3." Ain't nothing been right since David Lee Roth left Van Halen. Thank God for Radiohead's Kid A album.



Freaks of nature. A collaborative effort of an American firm, an Australian research company and a German patent office failed to gain a patent for the cloning process of a hybrid pig-human organism. Any patent grant would have infringed on the long-established copyright of another organism: Linda Tripp.

FROM THE FOXHOLE

O My primary concern here at N.C. State is the possibility of rapid growth in the student population without proportional investments in NCSU's infrastructure: things like new facilities, more faculty, more financial aid for students, etc.

It's clear that the upcoming bond referendum will have a major impact on this problem, but will that be enough, even if the referendum is passed? In an institution as bureaucratic as a public university, it seems often that drastic change (not simply a renovation here or there, but rather real change) is slow in the making, and often comes after the fact. How effective will the bond referendum be for NCSU and what is your general strategy regarding the our future growth?

Scott Litzelman
Junior
Materials Science, Engineering

A The bond referendum will make a major contribution toward the expansion necessary at N.C. State to accommodate 31,000 students from our current enrollment of about 27,000. Your analysis is absolutely correct: we must invest in infrastructure; we are simply over capacity. Our share of the University and Community College bond funds would be invested roughly one-third each for expansion, renovation and infrastructure.

My strategy regarding the University's growth includes, in the short term, a statewide effort to educate voters about the importance of the bond for the economic well being of the University and the state. Long term, we will focus our efforts on planning and implementing a major capital campaign, strengthening partnerships with industry supporters of the University, as well as continuing to educate the General Assembly to the importance of support for the University of North Carolina and NCSU.

Will the bond be enough? We must begin somewhere, and the bond is a great start for the near future. The referendum also raises statewide awareness of the critical need to invest in higher education. This support will help to keep tuition low in the years ahead and will create momentum for further investment in higher education.

O Why did you become chancellor of N.C. State? Have you always wanted to be a chancellor?

Lee Dowdy
Freshman
Business Management

A Early in my career, I aspired to be the very best chemist I could be. Over the years, I found that I particularly enjoyed seeing students succeed and felt tremendous satisfaction in being a part of their success. I became chancellor of N.C. State because this University is truly one of the nation's finest. Our students, faculty and staff are first-rate. I want to ensure the continued high quality of our educational and research programs, and the best way to do that is to serve the NCSU community as chancellor.

O Among the students, you have the reputation of being a corporate sellout. Why do you think this is so?

Martin Smith
Senior
Mathematics



A I have actively worked to strengthen partnerships with industry, government and private donors to provide financial support and internships for students, and research funding for faculty and graduate students. By establishing a bridge between the University and our partners, we are better able to place students in the high tech jobs of the future.

In my view, cooperation with the University's supporters, friends and alumni is not a sellout. I believe the great strengths of N.C. State are its unique curricula and its innovative partnerships that provide both new opportunities for students and creative approaches to research. These are goals that I believe our students, faculty and staff believe will move the University to even greater national prominence.

O At some of the home football games, you have been booed by the student body when you speak. How do you feel about that?

Shalin Oza
Sophomore
Mathematics

A I believe the response from some students at home football games is a reaction to two recent issues: Raleigh City Council's passage last summer of a "nuisance party ordinance" and the suspension for one year of campout.

Let me take this opportunity to address both issues.

First, the city's ordinance was not initiated or developed by the University. As chancellor, I was not asked whether the University would support the new ordinance. When we learned that the City Council had passed the ordinance, most students were home for the summer. My letter to the homes of our students was to ensure that you were aware of this action and the plans by Raleigh City Police to vigorously enforce the new law.

Second, a number of students are disappointed with the suspension of campout this year for Duke and Carolina basketball game tickets. The reasons for the campout moratorium have been well publicized in *Technician*. An alternative ticket distribution has been developed for this basketball season by the Ticket Distribution Task Force chaired by Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Thomas Stafford.

I have asked Vice Chancellor Stafford to form another Task Force at the end of the basketball season, and would like to see that the student body has developed a workable plan to safely bring back campout for next season.

Mary Anne Fox
Marve Anhe Fox
Chancellor

It's 3 am.

Term paper due tomorrow.

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A 'Marksist' after-school special



Kelly Marks
Staff Columnist

Earlier this week I found myself sitting around a table with several adults who all happen to be related to me. Mom, Dad and a double shot of aunts and uncles chattered happily over their food while I sat back, amused, content to just listen and chime in with an appropriate response whenever the conversation turned my way.

Somewhat, one by one, they all managed to ask me the same question: "So, what are you going to do after school?"

What I really wanted to say was panic. That is, after all, what I'm doing now and I see no reason why I can't keep it up. Yet, I maintained composure and recited my stock answer, which is really just a very refined way of saying, "I don't know." I threw in a couple of "Well, I might..."s and "I've been considering..."s for good measure (so it sounded as if I'm hard at work trying to figure this out) and the dinner continued on smoothly, no one aware that my stomach was beginning to churn and my palms sweat.

It seems that in my five years here at N.C. State, I've been conveniently forgetting that I have to graduate. I mean I knew that I'd be walking around in a pointy hat at some point down the line. I just neglected to realize that once I do this, I'm not really allowed to hang around here anymore.

Forget the fact that I'm going to have to find a full-time job. Though a daunting task, to be sure, it's not the reason that lately I'm clinging like mad to what's only a frayed little tie to the same world. I'm not afraid of work. I'm not afraid of supporting myself. I'm not afraid of setting out on my own — oh wait...yes, I am. Dang it. Strike that last one.

There are three little words that strike fear deep into the core of my heart and send me reeling for the hills. One might think I'm going to say "The Real World." While I admit that, yes, it is a very scary show, there's something far, far worse. They call it "Alive After Five."

Picture a sea of twenty- and thirty-somethings, gathering after work, coolers in tow, cover band on stage, to celebrate the camaraderie of cubicle life. They wear their black stretchy pants to the office just for the occasion. Women jiggle in groups, men roam through the crowd. They mingle.

I get anxious just thinking about it. I can't mingle. I can't wear black stretchy pants. And I can't stand the thought of a life where I'm not really considered alive until after I get off work. I don't want the high point of my week to be the equivalent of the college club scene. I can't take the air in clubs; it makes my eyes water. There's something about the smell of smoke and desperation that makes me sick and sad all at once.

I'm not saying that there's anything wrong with

mixing and mingling to a syncopated beat in places where alcohol flows freely and people's teeth glow purple when they smile. I just can't imagine myself searching for friends or a mate there.

I'm exaggerating. I know. I mock the scene because it makes me uncomfortable. Everyone has a place where they feel easy (no pun intended) and for me, dance clubs aren't it. I'm more than a fish out of water. I'm a fish in the middle of the freakin' Sahara. Heck, I'm not even a fish at all — maybe that explains why all those fish in the sea that everyone refers to as aly-ays seem so darn elusive. Maybe it's a difference in species.

I can handle these situations in a group — when I'm safe within a circle of friends who form a silly and (not quite) rhythmic barrier between me and the big, mean scary meat market. But I get panicky when I think that these venues might be the only way that I'll meet people in the next few years. And that I'll be doing it all alone.

Now, I know this isn't my only alternative. Believe it or not, I'm quite aware of my irrationality every time it crops up. I think I'm just upset that I have to meet new people at all. I like the ones I have now. My people are just fine. I don't want new ones.

And then there's also this nagging little question: what if I didn't do this whole college thing right? What if I haven't managed to acquire the skills necessary to get on in real adult life? Sure, I took some really interesting classes, but what did they

teach me about living on my own? Having a career? Finding a life partner? I feel unprepared in so many ways.

I can see where I want to be in five years, in ten years. I just can't see how to get there from here to there. It's an unknown, and I'm scared of all the monsters under the bed and bumps in the night. College has become a security blanket and though I keep telling myself, I'm an awfully big girl now, I can't seem to let it go. Though I know I'll be thankful for it later on, I can't seem to get my thumb out of my mouth.

It's frustrating. I'm annoying myself getting so anxious about every little thing that smacks of an end. This is supposed to be the station in my life where I catch a train outta here and onto bigger, better things. I get angry every time I think that I might just be content to sit on a bench and watch all the other trains go by. I feel like I've prolonged my adolescence for long enough — you really shouldn't be allowed to be this egocentric and self-centered and insecure for much longer than I already have been. I'm ready to kick my own butt out the door.

That is, when I'm not busy being in denial. Graduation? Oh yeah, that thing. Well it's still a few months away...

No hard feelings on the club bashing. Kelly's just upset that her wardrobe's not up to par. Want to smack her? Try email instead, kmmarks@unity.ncsu.edu

Katie Kelley
Staff Writer

Ahh, Ramen noodles, the ultimate college commodity. It turns out these little blocks of seasoned noodles actually have a detailed history of origin. According to information found on www.nissin-foods.com, Momofuku Ando is the man to thank for creating this revolutionary product. Ando founded Nissin Foods in 1948 to help ease the sparse food sources after World War II. Mr. Ando's goal was "to create a Ramen that could be eaten anywhere, anytime."

Well, in 1958, Nissin introduced the first instant Ramen in the world, Chicken Ramen. Although the "conservative Japanese food industry" did not embrace instant Ramen noodles with open arms, the public literally "ate" the idea up! By the beginning of 1959, companies were rushing to put their version of instant Ramen noodles out on the market. Not only has Momofuku Ando revolutionized the history of food, he has also revolutionized the way college kids eat, especially here at N.C. State.

Besides their convenience and price (a packet usually sells for about six cents), instant Ramen noodles are quite versatile. According to the makers of Maruchan Ramen Noodle Soup, "Ramen noodles can be used easily as a main course or as an enhancing side dish. To do this, simply drain off the broth then add any variety of vegetables or your favorite meat before warming in a frying pan or oven. Not only do Ramen noodles make all kinds of exciting soups, but are excellent when used in salads."

Oh yes and for those worried about the nutrition facts, it is possible to "regulate the sodium level by simply using less of the seasoning packet" (a typical package has about 780 mg of sodium in one serving, one half a block). It seems that NCSU students worry less about the nutritional benefits of Ramen noodles and focus more on their incredible acclaimed versatility.

In a quick trip to the grocery store or the C-stores, one can choose from chicken, beef, shrimp, oriental, vegetable and many more assorted flavors. It is also possible to pick from over 20 name brands and to buy about six packages for one single dollar! But the greatest advantage of purchasing Ramen noodles is the

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fact that Ramen noodles tend to inspire creativity within students, especially male students.

In a personal survey, it was discovered that although chicken flavor is the favorite among the Wolfpack community, many desire to create their own individual recipes for Ramen noodle preparation. Like the assorted seasonings added to the noodles, there are many other "toppers" that students claim enhance the noodles: flour, butter and cheese were the two top leading condiments, but they beat out spaghetti sauce and ketchup. Most interesting of all, several students revealed that they often pop open a package and eat the noodles completely and totally raw just as one would eat a candy bar. The students at NCSU may not be great cooks, but they

certainly are intensely clever when it comes to "engineering" new Ramen recipes.

Today, 52 years after the invention of instant Ramen noodles, Momofuku Ando is still enjoying the successes of his ingenious idea. Nissin Foods is a multi-national corporation whose products are consumed in over 70 countries and this number is growing. When Momofuku Ando created the ever-popular noodles, he probably never dreamed that his idea to "feed the masses" would include feeding the ravenous masses at NCSU. Perhaps the popular television show, "Everybody Loves Raymond" should reconsider its name since its quite obvious that "Everybody Loves Ramen" instead!

on the record

Chandler Carrier
Staff Writer

"This is kinda strange," said author David Menconi as he sat down in the Ratliffkeller to talk about his new book, *Off The Record*, "besides on the other end of this." Menconi, whose day job is music critic for Raleigh's *News and Observer*, is usually accustomed to being the one dishing out the questions.

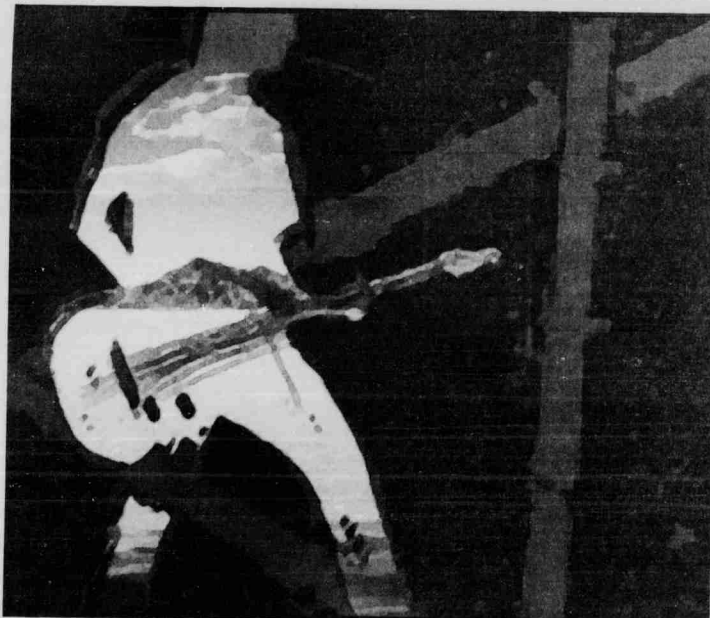
With *Off The Record*, his first book, Menconi has taken many experiences he has learned in his years as a music journalist in Austin and Raleigh. With that experience, he has created the story of TAB, a band which catapults from the Raleigh bar circuit to rock superstardom, with gloriously disastrous results in a mere matter of months. Led by their riotous, larger-than-life front man, Tommy Aguilar, TAB seems to appear out of nowhere in Raleigh with their blend of rockabilly, punk, funk and most anything in between. Quickly the band is snatched up in the clutches of the music industry and is flung into the star-maker machine, complements of a cor-

rupt promoter and a public in need of a new "voice of the generation." The consequences, while fodder for a suspenseful and fascinating story, would make even the most devoted rocker blink twice about stepping on stage.

The story is often seen through the eyes of a music critic, Ken Morrison, which can lead readers to wonder if this character merely serves as an alias for the author. In "the first draft he was very much me," confesses Menconi, "but I felt the need to take him a little more over the top than that." With a laugh he added, "[Ken's] kind of a weasel; I'd like to think I'm not that much of a doll."

The things that Morrison is witness to in this novel, including random gunplay during an interview, the backstage world of groupies and hangers-on and the devastating results of drugs in the music world could serve as a guide to music urban legends. "Most of it is from lore," Menconi added, but the experienced eyes and ears of one who's seen the backstage life adds a great deal of credibility to this

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underground



- 1 Royce The 59 "Boom" Game
- 2 Wu Tang Clan "Protect Ya Neck" Loud
- 3 Musiqny n Maze "Blond Farm" Epic
- 4 Outkast "BOB" Arista
- 5 Cuban Link "Still Telling Lies" Atlantic
- 6 DJ Hurricane "Connect" TVT
- 7 Phyllis "Most Wanted" "Cross the Border" Atlantic
- 8 Prodigy "Keep It Thoro" Loud
- 9 Capone & Noreaga "Phone Time" Tommy Boy
- 10 Mos Def "Me Fit Bolly It" Rawkus

revolution



- 1 Redhead Kid A Capital Loud Records
- 2 Liquid Gang Sunshine Atlantic
- 4 Black Eyed Peas Bridging The Gap Interscope
- 5 The Damage Manual The Damage Manual Caroline Records
- 6 Elastica The Menace Atlantic
- 7 Tenory H 8 Fuego TVT
- 8 Outkast Bombz Over Baghdad Rapinaz
- 9 Hooversonic The Magnificent Tree Epic
- 10 V.A.S.T. Music For People Elektra

afterhours

- 1 John Digweed Global Underground Bowd
- 2 Hooverphonic Mad About You Global
- 3 A guy called Gerald Essence K7
- 4 45 up The Acid Lounge platform
- 5 DJ. Aboutack sorted in magazine
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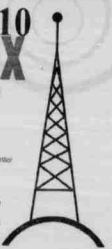
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Rachael Rogers
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EVERY N.C. STATE STUDENT, ALUMNUS AND PROBABLY EVEN A FEW OF THOSE UNFORTUNATE SOULS WHO DIDN'T HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL ARE AWARE OF THAT GOLIATH THAT RESIDES IN THE BRICKYARD. YEAH, THE MONSTER BEING SPOKEN OF IS NONE OTHER THAN HARRELSON HALL, THAT INTIMIDATING, NON-BRICK, LEG TONING TEACHING MACHINE OF A BUILDING THAT NO ONE, NO MATTER HOW LUCKY, CAN ESCAPE.

Each Wolfpacker is indebted to Ralph Reeves, a man with a dream that became a reality in the form of this building. Harrelson was constructed in 1961 and was dedicated March 7, 1962. It is named after Colonel John William Harrelson. Colonel Harrelson was Dean of Administration and Chancellor from 1934-1954 and was the first alumnus of NCSU to be its head. He was trained as a mechanical engineer and taught math at NCSU and then served for three years as Director of the State Department of Conservation and Development. He died of a heart attack while preparing to dedicate D.H. Hill Library.

Harrelson contains 77 classrooms with a seating capacity of 4,500. It also has 112 offices and conference rooms. The building cost around \$1.9 million to construct. It has a diameter of 206 feet, in case you were curious. Harrelson was first used for the Departments of History, Mathematics, Modern Languages, Philosophy and Religion. Now it is used mostly for history and mathematics courses.

So, now the interesting stuff. Harrelson was the first round classroom structure built on a University campus. At the time, it was the

object of much praise and admiration. Now, many consider it an example of the faults within the education system. Campus planners faced with decreasing faculty and increasing students needed a building at the heart of campus that contained large lecture rooms. This is why many refer to Harrelson as a teaching machine. It was efficient, extremely efficient, but its efficiency has not led to the most comfortable learning environment or a comfortable experience for students who suffer through classes in Harrelson and most everyone has.

Students are not the only people who foster contempt for Harrelson. Many professors do also. Harrelson was not immediately built with elevators and has had a history of very unstable air conditioning. At first students were to use the ramp, while professors were forced to make the hike up the stairs. After much moaning and groaning from professors, a freight elevator was installed. And the air conditioning issue; Harrelson was designed to exclude fresh air. Students and professors alike suffered "in the oppressive heat of Harrelson," according to the Sept. 6, 1974 issue of Technician. Not to mention the fact that those so-called offices are merely closets with a desk and chair.

And lastly, is Harrelson already or soon to become one more urban legend? Harrelson has already left a huge trail of myths (or truths) and will only acquire more as each student body passes through its halls. History Professor James A. Mulholland stated in the November/December 1990 issue of "NCSU: The Alumni Magazine" that his classroom got up to 140 degrees one day and when they opened the door, the heat from the classroom wilted a plant in an office across the hall.

The ghost of a skateboarder also haunts Harrelson. Supposedly the skateboarder gained just a bit too much speed going down the ramp and crashed. Sad, huh? Oh and how about the myth that Harrelson was originally supposed to be seven floors, but was not built any taller because it was and still is sinking? There is no direct evidence that Harrelson really is sinking, but the story is that in its early building stages, boys from Owen would sneak over at night and push the foundation markers into the ground, leaving the builders with the impression that Harrelson was being built on too soft of a base and three floors was all that its foundation could withstand.

So, is it really haunted? Did the heat really wilt a plant? Is it really sinking? Is it just a mean teaching machine, a symbol of the faults within the education system? Those answers really don't matter. What's interesting is that a building can stir up so many questions, so many myths and so many feelings.

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What makes rock novels so difficult is that one of the greatest focuses of the writing, the music, just doesn't translate onto the printed page. Menconi saw this as liberating in his writing. "It's kinda fun to write about fictional music that no one else has heard," he said, "cause you can kinda cheat." When thinking about the band in his head, Menconi said he mostly hears the 80's L.A. punk band X, "but with more commercially palatable vocals," he added. "Kinda like X with Kurt Cobain's voice." On the promotional Web site that has been constructed for the book, Menconi has placed sound clips of TAB, performed by Raleigh's Kenny Roby.

Being one whose job revolves around the music scene in Raleigh, it was an interesting task for Menconi to build up a novel around a community he was very personal with. Although he truthfully denies any direct connection between any living

being and the characters, there are definite similarities between Tommy Aguilar and many of Raleigh's musicians. And while *Off The Record* is a very Raleigh novel, it has little connection to Chapel Hill. "Tommy is not a Chapel Hill kinda guy at all," said Menconi. "He would have very little patience for the... selling out debates that go on around Chapel Hill."

To release this book, Menconi has signed on with iUniverse.com, a "print on demand" publishing company. He has ended up doing a great deal of promotion on his own, like local book readings (Oct. 24 at the Record Exchange in Chapel Hill and Nov. 9 at Borders in Raleigh) and the Web site, which adopts an approach similar to the "Blair Witch" approach of presenting the story of TAB as truth, through press clippings and diary entries. This DIY approach to his book and his experience with publishing houses has given Menconi an even greater sympathy for the many musicians trying to squeeze their way into the business. "My sympathies are always with the people making [the music] cause that's what makes

this thing go round," said Menconi. "It's easy to lose focus on that in the music industry, because it has such a culture of self-celebration...[like] behind the scenes button pushers are really the stars."

By the end of *Off The Record*, one realizes that it is as much a novel about music as it is about the corrupt culture and industry surrounding music, all wrapped up in a suspenseful package that will capture even the most tone-deaf of readers.

Enjoying the attention his first novel is garnering, David Menconi added, wrapping up the interview, "Before anyone attempts something like this, just realize what a long hard road it is." It wasn't clear whether he was talking about the music or publishing industry.

Off The Record is available at Quail Ridge, Crooked Beat, Record Exchange and the North Raleigh School Kids in Raleigh, Regulator in Durham, Record Exchange in Chapel Hill, and online at www.offtherecord-book.com.

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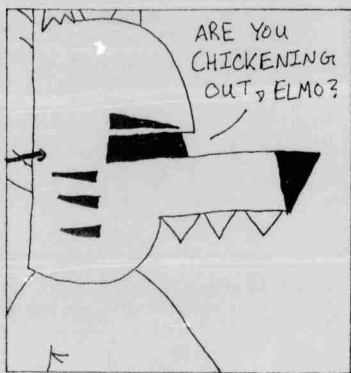
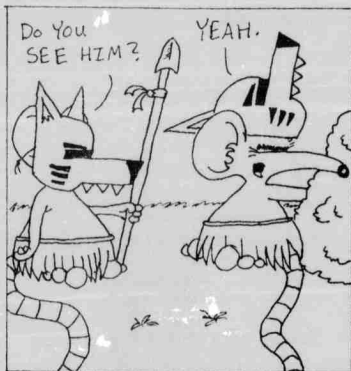
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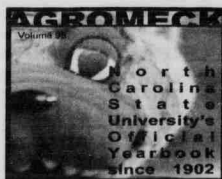
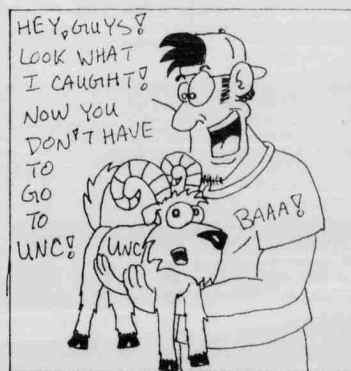
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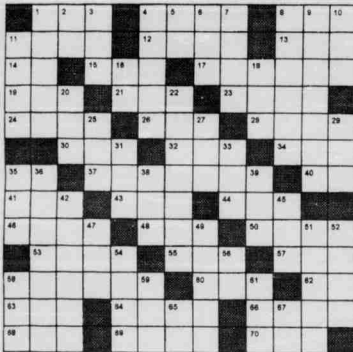
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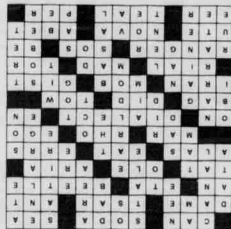
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 - 58 Park police
 - 60 Help!
 - 62 Exist
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 - 64 Bright star
 - 65 Aid
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 - 69 Freshwater duck
 - 70 Each
- DOWN
- 1 Water channel
 - 2 Form of be
 - 3 Born
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 - 6 Bit
 - 7 Region
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 - 9 Grow
 - 10 Dined
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 - 18 Before (Poetic)
 - 20 Cap

- 22 Earl's territory
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- 27 Article
- 29 Father's boy
- 31 Free
- 33 Fall month (abbr.)
- 35 Sash
- 36 Tell
- 38 Focus
- 39 Clothes
- 42 Type of dive
- 45 Sage
- 47 Grip
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sation Sam Aiken. Aiken has stepped up this season and has already made 17 receptions for 263 yards and three touchdowns, tied for most on the team.

UNC's big tight end, Alge Crumpler, will also be looked to, especially on third-and-short situations to gain the crucial first downs for the Tar Heels. Crumpler has caught only eight passes this season but has tallied 119 yards and one touchdown.

In the backfield for UNC will be Brandon Russell, who will offer a good challenge to the State defense. Russell has rushed 65 times for 209 yards this season.

But the Tar Heels aren't just all offense. UNC has a decent running defense, which is ranked fourth in the ACC and led by sophomore defensive end Julius Peppers.

Peppers, a two-sport standout for the Tar Heels, earned Freshman All-America honors at defensive end last season. He had 50 tackles, 30 of which were solo, and led the team in tackles for losses with 10 for 47 yards. Peppers has gained a reputation for being every-where on defense. Last season he caused one fumble, recovered another, broke up two passes and intercepted one. So far in the 2000 season, he has five sacks, tied for third in the league.

"He's real athletic; he's a basketball player," Rivers said of Peppers. "He's a big-time end. He's one of those that can get his hands up and bat one down. He can make the big play."

UNC has given up an average of 28.6 points a game so far this season, while only scoring an average of 25.4 points a game.



The latest challenge for safety Adrian Wilson and the State defense is North Carolina quarterback Ronald Curry.



Eric Leak gets one last chance at beating North Carolina on Saturday. This will be State's first trip to Kenan Stadium since 1996.

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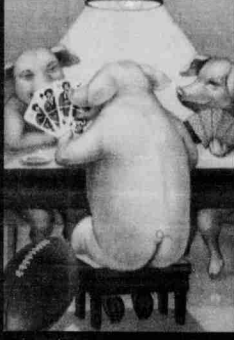
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Oklahoma at Kansas State	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
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Purdue at Northwestern	Purdue	Purdue	NWU	NWU	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue
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"I think it was a good idea because it was a chance to play in a beautiful stadium in front of a lot of people," said Eric Leak. "But I'm sort of glad we're playing there because I'd like to play in Kenan before I leave."

Although the Heels have emerged victorious, all of the games have not been lopsided. In the past five years, three of the games have been decided by less than four points.

In 1998, the Pack and the Heels fought in an epic battle in the inaugural game at Ericsson Stadium.

State entered the fourth quarter down 31-10 to the Heels. The Pack staged a fierce fourth-quarter comeback, however. The team reeled off 21 straight points to send the game into overtime.

In overtime, however, the Pack's momentum came to a crashing halt. After setting for a field goal on the opening possession, the Pack watch the Heels score a touchdown after only three plays, as UNC quarterback Oscar Davenport found Na Brown in the end zone for the win.

The game last year was characterized by poor play on the part of both teams, but the final

minutes and the resulting aftermath of the game made it a memorable showdown.

With two minutes remaining, the Pack had a chance to take the lead after trailing the whole game. State quarterback Jamie Barnette found Chris Coleman on a fourth down play. Coleman maneuvered towards the end zone.

At the goal line, Coleman was met by UNC cornerback Errol Hood, who kept the Pack receiver a foot away from breaking the plane of the end zone.

"When you think about how bad it hurt last year to lose by a foot, it runs in your mind," said Levar Fisher. "It brings back tough memories."

In one of the strangest turns in the storied series, that foot wound up costing Mike O' Cain his job at State. When the dust settled, O' Cain was the offensive coordinator for the boys in light blue.

"The Sreak" is on the line this Saturday as the two teams meet for the 90th time.

"We're approaching it like any other game but knowing it's the old rivalry with North Carolina, so that adds a little more to it," said freshman quarterback Philip Rivers. "Coach Chow even mentioned to the offense if we've got to get you pumped up in practice this week, then something's the matter."

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down was halted when Rivers' pass to tight end Willie Wright was butted down in the end zone on fourth-and-3.

Several State players expressed their disappointment following the game, saying they wanted the win instead of the moral victory. But Amato thinks the close call against Clemson, the first ranked team State has played, boosted the Pack's confidence.

"We played awfully good last week against an outstanding team," Amato said. "We made believers of them, and we made believers even more so of our players."

Last weekend's game gave State its first taste of defeat this season. Rivers said the team reacted well in practice at the beginning of the week, however.

"I think we've done a good job responding to the loss," Rivers said. "It's tough losing, especially the way we lost and especially in a game we very much could have won. But I think we responded well coming back Monday. Everybody had a good attitude, bouncing around, working hard."

Clemson's defense was supposed to test Rivers and State's passing offense, which is ranked second in the country. Instead, the five-time ACC Rookie of the Week threw for 370 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions.

This week's challenge is the UNC passing defense. The Heels' cornerbacks are regarded as some of the best in the conference, a source of concern for

Amato.

"Their secondary is more skilled [than Clemson's]," Amato said. "They have some corners that can fly. When I was at Florida State, we recruited some of those players."

Amato thinks a bigger key is stopping UNC's pass rush. Players like linebacker Brandon Spoon and defensive end Julius Peppers are notorious for giving opposing quarterbacks trouble. Rivers believes State's offensive line is up to the task after allowing just two sacks against the Tigers.

"I think our line's going to be ready and prepared," Rivers said. "That's stuff we work on all week is blitz pick-up and just pass rushing. I feel like after playing against Clemson and the kind of rush they brought, with the blitzes and speed they have, that we should be able to handle anything else."

On the defensive side, State is faced with containing Ronald Curry, who is 11th in the country in passing efficiency. Curry, like Clemson's Woodrow Dantzler, is a scrambling quarterback who can beat opposing defenses in the air and on the ground. A big part of the Pack's plans for containing him center around Fisher, who sacked Dantzler twice last weekend, forced him to fumble and recorded 19 tackles.

"Levar is one of those special people whose motor runs and runs and never stalls," Amato said. "If a team had 85 people with his mentality, you would not lose a game. He does not know any way but overdrive. He is playing with a stinger. You would not know it by watching him."



AROUND THE ACC

Wake Forest (0-5, 0-3) at Georgia Tech (3-2, 1-2)
 The Yellow Jackets have a golden opportunity to improve their position in the standings with back-to-back home games against Wake and Duke. The Demon Deacons had one of their best chances for a win last weekend but lost to Vanderbilt 17-10.

Maryland (2-3, 0-2) at No. 5 Clemson (6-0, 4-0)
 It's Homecoming weekend in Death Valley for the Tigers. The visiting Terrapins kept last week's game with Virginia close, but they haven't scored a touchdown at Clemson since 1991.

Duke (0-5, 0-2) at No. 7 Florida State (5-1, 3-0)
 Poor Duke. Two weeks after Clemson blew them away, the Blue Devils are getting offered up as sacrificial lambs to a FSU team that saw its national championship hopes end last week in Miami. The Seminoles have averaged 53.8 points per game in their eight meetings with Duke.

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Clemson's," Amato said. "They have some corners that can fly. When I was at Florida State, we recruited some of those players. The bigger match-up is not the skill, the bigger match-up is up front. UNC has some awfully good personnel on defense. They have people that are big and can run, and that is what you need on defense."

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Seven years of frustration

◆ N.C. State beat UNC 27-20 in 1992. Since then, it is 0-7, including last season's 10-6 loss to the Heels.

Steve Thompson
Staff Writer

Last year, a heavily favored N.C. State football team headed to Charlotte determined to end six years of frustrating losses to rival North Carolina. Things did not go according to plan.

In one of the more sloppy games in recent Wolfpack history, an injury-laden Tar Heels squad found a way to end its disappointing string of Atlantic Coast Conference losses by emerging with a 10-6 victory.

While the Tar Heels celebrated climbing out of the ACC cellar, the Pack's frustration increased one additional notch. When State lost to East Carolina a week later, it missed the postseason and changed head coaches.

"All I know is that I've never beaten them, so it's at least four years," said fifth-year senior Eric Leak. "I really don't know what's been their edge. I just know they've come out on top the last four years. It's time to put a stop to that."

In 1992, the Pack traveled to Kenan Stadium with a streak of its own. In that game, State won 27-20 to extend its winning streak to five games. The Pack has not tasted victory over its arch-rivals since.

In 1993, Mike O' Cain's first year as head coach at State, the Heels started the current streak by winning 35-14 in front of a disappointed Wolfpack crowd.

Around the 1993 season, the Tar Heel program began to surge into national prominence with the coaching of Mack Brown. The Heels became the ACC's perennial Gator Bowl selection, and during this stretch UNC owned State.

In the next four years, UNC handled the Wolfpack on its way to winning Brown's mythical "North Carolina Championship."

In 1996, Tar Heel dominance reached its peak, as UNC trounced State 52-20 in Kenan Stadium.

This year's game will be the first time the teams have returned to Kenan since that game. Only one player on State's team, fullback Derek Roberts, has ever played on the Heels' home turf.

The last two games have been played in Charlotte. Although the universities have benefited from the financial windfall brought in through ticket sales, many are happy to see the game return to a college venue.

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Curry coming off career game

◆ In order for State to break its seven years bad luck, they will have to shut down UNC quarterback Ronald Curry.

Justin Sellers
Staff Writer

In his game Saturday afternoon against rival North Carolina, N.C. State will once again play against a talented offensive.

So far this season, the Pack has gone up against two teams known for the field generals that lead them: Indiana and Clemson.

With UNC's junior quarterback Ronald Curry healthy and on a roll, this weekend's match-up against the Tar Heels shouldn't be any different.

Curry, who missed half of last season due to an injury that he suffered against Georgia Tech, did not play against the Pack last year in Charlotte.

In his freshman year, however, Curry did get an opportunity to show his stuff against State. He threw four passes, but only one was a completion for 22 yards. But he also showed he was a mobile quarterback when he rushed six times for 50 yards.

"We played him at FSU when he was a freshman," said State head coach Chuck Amato. "He came in and did some awfully good things. He has ability. Look what he did against Georgia Tech. When you are putting the football in the hands of one of their best players that is tough to stop. That is what Indiana did to us and that is why they scored so many points. That is what Clemson did and that is why they scored so many points."

So far this season, Curry has completed 74 passes out of 135 attempts for 1,250 yards, nine touchdowns and five interceptions. In the Tar Heels' last game, a 42-28 loss to Georgia Tech, Curry had a career game. He went 17-of-31 for 388 yards and four touchdowns. One was a 46-yard dash to the end zone to tie the game at 28.

"They're both very similar," said State line-backer Levar Fisher of Clemson's Woodrow Dantzler and UNC's Curry. "Dantzler is probably a little stronger, but Curry, I think, is a little quicker and a bigger playmaker."

Curry will look to his hottest target so far this season, junior wide receiver Kory Bailey to create some big plays on offense. Bailey, Carolina's leading active receiver, has caught 18 passes for 316 yards and two touchdowns this year. Last year, he averaged 63.2 yards a game for a total of 695 yards.

Curry will also keep his eyes on sophomore sen-

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GRUDGE MATCH



Koren Robinson and N.C. State roll into Chapel Hill for Saturday's game with rival UNC.

State, UNC renew rivalry

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

College football teams are defined in the eyes of their fans by their results against rivals.

Ohio State is judged by its performance against Michigan, Florida and Miami are always gunning for Florida State, UCLA desperately wants to beat Southern Cal every year.

N.C. State's main rivalry has always been with North Carolina. Last year's 10-6 loss to the Tar Heels in Charlotte ended Mike O' Cain's head coaching career with the Wolfpack. After months of waiting, State finally gets its shot at payback Saturday in UNC's Kenan Stadium.

"Wherever you are at as a coach there is some team on your schedule that is a rival," head coach Chuck Amato said. "It's big for everybody. It's big for the boosters, for the administrators and the players and the students and everybody involved."

All the talk this week has been about the rivalry, but the players realize there's more at stake than just pride. Saturday's game is a key match-up for both teams as far as the Atlantic

Coast Conference standings are concerned. UNC (3-2, 1-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) has dropped two in a row in conference play, including a 42-28 loss at home to Georgia Tech two weeks ago. The Heels' next two games following this one are against Clemson and at Virginia, making this one with State crucial to their bowl hopes.

State's position isn't as precarious as UNC's, but a win this weekend would help significantly after last weekend's 34-27 loss to Clemson. The Pack (4-1, 1-1) understands that it needs wins to keep pressure on the conference leaders.

"I think it's a must-win game, just like the next six are," freshman quarterback Philip Rivers said. "It's a big conference game. We're 1-1 right now, and it'll be a turning point to get us back on the upswing again coming off that loss."

Despite the Pack's efforts to divert attention from the rivalry, there are plenty of subplots involved in the game. The biggest of those is the O' Cain saga.

O' Cain, State's head coach for the past seven years, will face his former team for the first time since getting fired following the 1999 season. O' Cain's move to Chapel Hill created a stir among State alumni and students, but for the players, his presence on the Heels' sideline is emotionally a non-issue.

"We really aren't taking it as us against Coach O' Cain," sophomore line-backer Dantomo Burnette said. "He's a good coach. He coached us, and he moved on."

Strategically, O' Cain's role as UNC's offensive coordinator is more of a problem. As junior line-backer Levar Fisher pointed out, O' Cain recruited most of the Pack's players, and he knows their weaknesses and how to exploit them. "He knows the players," Fisher said. "He knows who still overruns the ball. He knows who's going to bite on this, who's going to do this. He was the head coach, and he knows this kind of stuff. So, he's going to take advantage of what he knows about us."

Fisher believes State gained a measure of respect after "shocking the world" and nearly picking off No. 5 Clemson in Death Valley last weekend. The Pack had an opportunity to tie the score late in regulation, but the offense's drive for the potential game-tying touch-

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Rivers ready for the rivalry

◆ For the third week in a row, State QB Philip Rivers will be participating in the biggest game of his career.

Wes Putnam
Staff Writer

Philip Rivers has handled every challenge laid before him so far this college football season. In fact, he has done more than merely "handle" every challenge so far — he has obliterated cautious expectations of N.C. State fans and coaches alike.

Through five games, Rivers is averaging 340 yards passing per game, second in the Atlantic Coast Conference behind Florida State's Chris Weinke and sixth nationally. His 16 touchdown passes are second in the nation, one behind John Welsh of Idaho.

When it comes to rivalries like Saturday's showdown between North Carolina and State at Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill, however, numbers and past performances aren't necessarily accurate indicators of what will take place. An 0-7 mark against UNC under Mike O' Cain the past seven years will attest to that.

Thus, Rivers finds himself in what is unquestionably the biggest game of his young college career so far.

In interviews this week, he seems to be taking the "just another game route."

"It's important, it's another game," Rivers said. "I know there's a little more riding on it, just because it's a big rivalry game. But we don't feel it's any more important, or at least I don't, than any other game. It's another game on the schedule, a conference game."

After pulling off a second-half comeback and beating Georgia Tech on Sept. 21, Rivers didn't experience a letdown against Clemson, which is somewhat unusual considering his freshman status, the hype surrounding his counterpart Woodrow Dantzler and playing in Death Valley. He merely went in and carved apart a defense ranked No. 2 and almost shattered national title hopes for the Tigers.

"It was a neat game," Rivers said. "The outcome was the only bad thing about it. It was a big-time college football atmosphere. It was something else. That's the loudest I've ever heard a crowd. The last play I couldn't even hear myself talk."

Clemson was Rivers' first big-time game in college, but big games were plentiful for him playing high school football in Alabama. Rivers compared the hatred that State and Carolina have for each other to his high school arch-rival, Deatur. There is also a fairly intense college football game played in Alabama each year.

"Alabama-Auburn is the big rivalry back from where I came from," Rivers said. "I've known about this rivalry also, watching it last year and keeping up with it ever since I had an interest in coming to N.C. State. So, it's definitely a big rivalry, and I'm sure it'll be more so to me as the week goes on and my career goes on."

What will Rivers have to do if the Pack hopes to end the seven-year famine? He'll have to pick apart a secondary, which is only ranked sixth in pass defense; the conference and has yielded nine touchdowns through the air, third worst in the ACC.

For his part, State head coach Chuck Amato is impressed with their athletic secondary.

"Their corners are more skilled than

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Philip Rivers is ready to experience the rivalry.