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Student will face charges

◆ An N.C. State student faces several charges after an incident last Thursday night that resulted in him being shot.

Jimmy Ryals
News Editor

An N.C. State freshman is in stable condition at WakeMed after having been shot by a Raleigh police officer on Nov. 9.

The injured student, Bryan Andrew Nichols, will face charges when he leaves the hospital.

According to Lt. R.G. Joyner of the Raleigh Police Department Internal Affairs Division, Nichols will be charged with three counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, two counts of assaulting a government official, one count of damaging property and one count of first-degree burglary.

The charges stem from multiple stops made by RPD officers at the residence of NCSU student Holly Michelle Morgan in the 3900 block of Kings Court.

The first call came in at 11:54 p.m.; officers responded to a "domestic situation" involving Nichols and Morgan, who are ex-boyfriend and girlfriend. The two once shared the apartment.

Joyner said that Morgan reported Nichols had broken out windows in the apartment and was no longer on the scene when the officers arrived.

Morgan originally told police that Nichols still lived in her apartment.

"So, the officers couldn't really do anything as far as burglary," said Joyner.

Morgan later told police that Nichols no longer lived with her.

Police were called to Morgan's apartment again at 1:30 a.m. to respond to alleged harassing phone calls. Again, Nichols was not present when officers reached the

scene. Police received numerous calls at approximately 3:11 a.m. reporting that Nichols was chasing people with a butcher knife in the 3900 block of Kings Court. Officers Foster, Bean and Vestal responded to the call; when they arrived, they found that people on the scene had attempted to draw Nichols away from Morgan by having him chase them.

Vestal was talking to either NCSU student Josh Williams or Aaron Smits while Bean was on the scene and Foster was in a patrol car on Kings Court.

According to Joyner, Nichols jumped out of the woods behind Vestal's interview with the butcher knife in his hand and took off running down the street toward the patrol car.

Joyner said Foster got out of his patrol car while Nichols was eight to 10 feet away from him and approaching with butcher knife in hand. Foster fired three shots, hitting Nichols once in the leg area and once in the jaw.

Foster is currently on administrative leave; RPD Internal Affairs is conducting an administrative investigation, as is usually done when an officer shoots someone.

Joyner could offer no comment on whether Foster was wrong in shooting Nichols. Joyner said he anticipates that the Internal Affairs investigation will be over within a few weeks.

Also in accordance with general practice, the State Bureau of Investigation is also conducting a criminal investigation, which could take months. The RPD will also conduct its own criminal investigation of the incident.

Police will not serve arrest warrants on Nichols until he has been released from WakeMed, either to go home or to be transported to a hospital in a corrections facility.

◆ The fraternities allege that the Greek Life department raised money from fraternity court rent increases to pay for building repairs and renovations that never took place.

Andrew Buchert
Assistant News Editor

Ten N.C. State fraternities filed a lawsuit against the university Tuesday claiming that

the Greek Life department misused \$4.8 million in funds intended for the renovation and repair of the campus's 14 fraternity and sorority houses.

The suit, filed in Wake County Superior Court, alleges that money collected from fraternity court residents through various increases in rent was used for amenities other than the building repairs for which it was intended.

Instead, that money was used for the purchase of such items as cell phones, cars and logo golf shirts, and much of it went

to run the Greek Life department, said Raleigh lawyer Reef Ivey, the chief counsel representing the fraternities.

"They have collected a lot of money and used it for the wrong things," he said.

Early last year, the Greek Life department proposed an increase in fraternity court rent from \$76,000 per house per year to \$120,000 for the purpose of renovating all 14 houses.

"But it turned out that Greek Life only committed to [repair] two houses, and the others

would have to wait their turn," said Ivey. "But they still wanted to collect \$76,000 from each house."

That was when the president of NCSU's Kappa Sigma fraternity, Mike Moody, contacted Ivey, who was the president of Kappa Sigma when the house was built on fraternity court in the mid-1970s. Ivey is an NCSU alumnus and a fervent lobbyist for the university.

Moody declined to comment on the suit.

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Professor earns award

◆ B. Jayant Baliga's research in power semiconductors has led to more than 100 patents in the United States alone.

Blair Parker
Staff Reporter

B. Jayant Baliga, distinguished professor at N.C. State, received the 16th R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company Award on Nov. 1. This prestigious award is given to an engineering faculty member who demonstrates an excellence in teaching, research and extension. Baliga obtained his Bachelor of Technology degree from the Institute of Technology in Madras, India. He later received his Masters and Ph.D. degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, in 1971 and 1974.

Baliga began teaching at NCSU 12 years ago after leaving the company General Electric. At that time, no university in the nation was doing research on power semiconductors, which was a major concern of his. After arriving at NCSU, Baliga founded the university's Power Semiconductor Research Center. The research center accomplishes two important things; it derives extensive research results and it outputs great students who are educated in power semiconductor research.

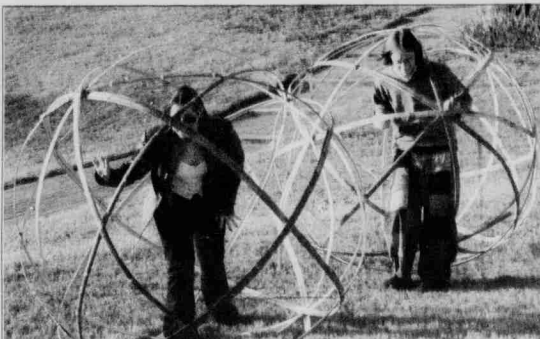
According to Baliga, the goal of the research center is "to educate and provide a medium for people to learn, not only in the N.C. State environment but beyond."

Baliga currently teaches the undergraduate class Principles of Electrical Engineering, in which he explains the basics of power management. In conjunction, he has also developed two graduate courses, which he prevels over, on the topic of power semiconductors.

Baliga's research in power semiconductors has led to more than 100 patents in the United States alone. He has published over 550 scientific journals and 10 books. One of Baliga's main focuses is finding a new semiconductor that is more energy efficient than Silicon. Silicon is currently used in air-conditions and electric trains, along with other devices. Baliga used a computer to describe the functions of semiconductors.

He compared the microprocessor to the "brain" and the computer chips to the "muscles." His current invention of Silicon-Carbi performs 1,000

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Rachel DeBernard (near) and Callip Hall take some time to hang out in the sculpture in the Court of the Carolinas. The structure, which is made up of several bamboo spheres, is currently the largest art piece on campus.

Raleigh Ringers hit NCSU for recruits

◆ A local handbell choir is gearing up for its holiday concert season and is looking for interested N.C. State students to join.

Mica Parker
Staff Reporter

When most people hear the word "handbells," they think of quiet solemn church services. However, there is one handbell choir that moves to a different beat, and they are looking for enthusiastic college students to join the fun.

The Raleigh Ringers is a non-profit community handbell choir directed by David M. Harris. The choir has been playing their eclectic brand of music for 11 years, and consists of 16 members, age 18 and up. All of the tight-knit group's members are volunteers.

According to Cindy Massey, a member of the Raleigh Ringers, one of the main concerns of the choir is recruiting new musicians. "We definitely need a few good men," she joked. "Especially to play some of our heavier handbells."

Handbells may not sound like the most thrilling activity for a college student, but Massey insists that being a part of The Raleigh Ringers is anything but boring.

"We travel all over the country, and we take a trip about one weekend a month," she said. "Last year we went to the mid-west and Texas, and this year we are going to Tennessee and

Kentucky."

The travel opportunities that being a part of The Raleigh Ringers provides are excellent for college students.

"Our trips are usually paid for out of the proceeds from the three CDs that we have out," said Massey. In other words, seeing the country with The Raleigh Ringers will not break your bank account.

One N.C. student has already discovered the joys of this handbell choir.

Kemp Brinson, a senior in Computer Engineering, has been an active part of the group for three years.

"We are one of the best handbell choirs in the country," Brinson said. "I really like being a part of something like that."

Although being a member of a musical group takes a lot of dedication, Brinson is quick to assure that his role in The Raleigh Ringers does not monopolize his time.

"It requires one rehearsal a week, on Thursdays nights. We like to tell people that it is usually still Thursday when we finish practicing," joked Brinson. "As for the level of commitment, it is substantial but not impossible. I have friends in the group who are students and have full-time jobs."

The Raleigh Ringers also provides useful skills to spiff up your resume.

"A non-profit organization takes tons of work," said Brinson. "People who are interested in developing leadership or communications skills can work behind the scenes. There is so much that needs to be

done, like helping with the web site or our sales committee."

Brinson made it clear that the most exciting part of playing for The Raleigh Ringers is the music, and the group plays all kinds.

"We play a little sacred music to pull in the people who like what they've heard in church," he said. "And every year, we commission one rock and roll piece to play on the radio the day of our Christmas concert—it's a tradition. We've done 'Stairway to Heaven' and 'Bohemian Rhapsody,' among others. No one knows what we'll play." The group also plays compositions written especially for them.

To be a Raleigh Ringer, you need a little musical background.

"As long as you know the basics about music, we can try to teach you what you need to know," said Massey. "I would definitely encourage anyone who is interested to come and talk to us. Our rehearsals are open, and that is a great way to figure out if this is for you," said Brinson. "It's a really good way to form interesting, close relationships with people you never would have before. It's kind of like being in the high school band."

Anyone interested in auditioning for The Raleigh Ringers can contact Kemp Brinson at 858-3258 or David Harris at 847-7574 for more information. The Raleigh Ringers web site is located at www.rr.org.

More ticket distribution alternatives

◆ Lower-level tickets to the NCSU vs. Wake Forest football game will be distributed randomly on Monday morning.

Lee Robertson
Staff Reporter

In yet another attempt to streamline the ticket distribution process, the N.C. State athletics department and the Campus Life Committee of Student Senate have designed another alternative distribution plan which will be implemented Monday for tickets to the final home football game against Wake Forest.

Distribution will begin at 7 a.m. Monday. This time, however, there is no incentive for students to arrive earlier than the 7 a.m. distribution time.

According to Charles Cobb, NCSU associate athletics director, the student tickets in the lower level of Carter-Finley Stadium will be distributed on a

random basis. Therefore, a student who arrives before 7 a.m. will not necessarily receive a better seat than a student who arrives after 7 a.m.

The decision to distribute these tickets randomly comes after the large number of students who were forced to be corralled before the 7 a.m. distribution time for games past.

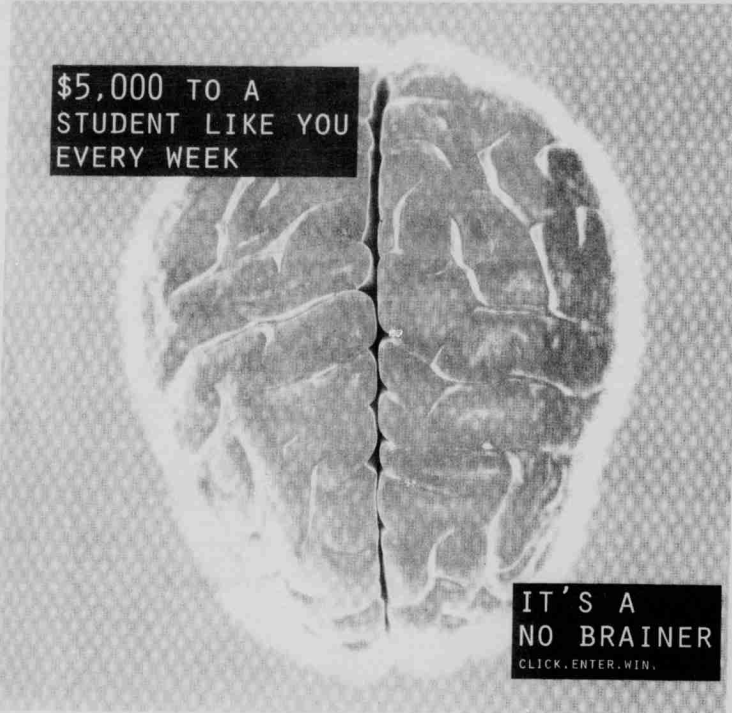
"Everybody's main concern is the mad rush of people," said Cobb.

According to Cobb, distributing these tickets in a "random nature" will solve this problem. Sophomore Josh Cox, the athletics department liaison to the Student Senate Campus Life Committee hopes that this alternative will solve many of the problems.

"We realized that corraling students does not work," said Cox.

"The only way that we can get this [safe ticket distribution] to work is through a random

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1999 Texas A&M Bonfire collapse leaves ongoing legacy

◆ Starting in December, a team of volunteers and student workers in A&M's anthropology department gathered and archived the tangible pieces of memories.

By Eric Dickens

The Battalion (Texas A&M 'U)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Listening to Dr. Sylvia Grider, associate professor of anthropology, speak of "high degree of repetition" and "additional coding and reference numbers," one might get the impression of being in class.

The setting — an environmentally controlled laboratory half-filled with white cardboard boxes stacked floor to ceiling — does nothing to change that impression. However, contained in those boxes and covering shelves and tables of the laboratory are the physical manifestations of grief.

In the weeks after the Aggie Bonfire collapse, Texas A&M University students and members of the extended Aggie family traveled to the Bonfire site and several other campus locations to leave tributes to the victims. Starting in December, a team of volunteers and student workers in A&M's anthropology department gathered and archived the tangible pieces of memories.

Grider has overseen the effort — which she describes as "student-driven" — since the beginning. In December, with inclement weather and the impending semester break, student workers were under pressure to perform their best in the collection phase.

"We were working under emergency conditions nearly the whole time," Grider said. "In three days, workers gathered nearly all items left out at the site — approximately 1,500 items."

"The students made it really clear to me how important, how precious, those artifacts were to the student body," Grider said. "So I assured the kids everything would be treated with respect, and we wouldn't throw anything away — and we haven't."

The workers are now double-checking artifacts and inventory numbers against a catalog and creating a computerized database of artifacts. After that, the workers will move into the curating phase to stabilize all artifacts that need additional preservation. Grider said some tough decisions will have to be made during the curating phase.

"Students will have to agree

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times better than Silicon, thus allowing the "muscles" in our computer to compute at a faster rate.

"Twenty years ago I figured there had to be something better than using Silicon semiconductor materials so I began researching with hope," he said.

In addition to Baliga's outstanding teaching and research, he is also rewarded for his contribution to NCSU extension. Baliga has raised more than 2 million dollars for research facilities, allowing the university to gain a competitive edge over companies and other schools in the field of Electronic Engineering. Two companies, one of which has yet to be announced, have spun off from his research including Micro-Ohm and Silicon Wireless, respectively.

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process," he said. Students should note that only the lower level seats will be randomly distributed. The student seats in the upper levels will remain on a first-come, first serve basis.

Cobb believes this will prevent a large amount of students from arriving before the allotted time and possibly resulting in injuries.

The method of random distribution has been studied by NCSU Student Government before, and will be considered again.

"We will be looking into this more," said Cox.

Cox said that since this is the last football game, more attention will be given over the next few months to solving the matter before football season begins next year.

Students interested in learning more about the ticket distribution process at NCSU can find information at <http://www.gopack.com>, the athletics department Web page, or <http://students.ncsu.edu>, the Student Government Web page.

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to let us wash the grodes," Grider said. "We can't conserve the mud, the sweat and the blood because the chemicals — especially in sweat — will cause [the grodes] to decay."

Renee Gillman, a sophomore business major, spends close to 15 hours a week in the laboratory, and she said her job can be emotionally straining. "Sometimes you just have to almost pretend it is not actually what you're doing, it's just some artifacts," Gillman said. "It's easier when there are other people in [the lab]; your mind doesn't wander as much."

Grider calls the project an "open-ended system" that will allow for additional data to be taken as new ideas are realized. For example, the department is soliciting responses from students who left memorabilia at the site. Grider and her associates have created a Web site at <http://bonfire.tamu.edu/beam>, where students whose items were archived can submit the history and meaning of their items. Archival work will resume, Grider said, because she expects people to leave more memorabilia during Saturday morning's memorial.

Student Body President Forest Lane said he too anticipates a second collection following this week's memorial event. After

that, Lane said, decisions can be made about the future of the archived memorabilia. As for a public display, Lane said that the current time might be too soon, but he would eventually like to see the items available for showings.

"I believe it is still a little early to bring out a lot of those items. Obviously, it is a very sensitive time still, and [the collapse] is still very fresh in people's minds," Lane said.

"I'd like to see [the collections] opened up, but in terms of how, or what items are out there, and what the displays would be like, that I can't say," Lane said that no matter what type of showing would be set up, students should have input into the display.

"So many of these items represent feelings, spirit — represent so much in terms of the students themselves," Lane said. "I think without their input it doesn't have quite the same meaning."

Grider, noting that the collection is not currently open to the public, said she hopes any plans for a public display are realized. Grider then pointed to a particle board sign that was left near the site of the collapse to collect notes and signatures.

"Think 20, 30 years from now when people will want to come back and say 'that's my daddy, that's my granddaddy that signed this sign,'" Grider said.

"Basically, [the collection] doesn't help anybody in a box hidden away somewhere."

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Ivey attempted to persuade both university officials and the Greek Life department that they should not be collecting the money from the houses that they do not intend to repair. He then pulled all of the fraternity court records and leasing documents since the inception of fraternity court.

The university borrowed \$1.8 million to build fraternity court in the 1960s, and each fraternity was to pay \$9300 per year until the debt was paid off, said Ivey. In the early 1980s each of the fraternities was asked to pay more rent that would be used for the upkeep and repair of the facilities.

"The residents signed that they would pay the \$9300 per year plus some money for repairs, but the university craftily stuck in some other words that allowed them to use the money for whatever they wanted," said Ivey.

"Over a period of time, \$4.3 million was collected for other things. Some of that should have been spent on repairs."

NCSU Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tim Luckadoo, who oversees the Greek Life department, could not be reached for comment Thursday afternoon.

Ivey said that he refracted one paragraph and added four to the 1999 fraternity court lease before delivering it to George

Worsley, NCSU's vice chancellor for finance and business, and NCSU Chancellor Marye Anne Fox.

Both failed to respond, he said.

"I know N.C. State well, and they have an interesting way of negotiating," said Ivey. "Their bargaining technique just fell down this time."

The \$4.8 million that the 10 fraternities are seeking would be used to repair all of the 14 fraternity and sorority houses on fraternity court, as well as to open a capital fund so that increases in rent for repairs and renovations would not be an issue in the future, said Ivey.

"We have to fix [the houses], and then we need to get the money earning interest so that we don't get into this situation again," he said. Ivey said that the lawsuit was his last resort, filed only because of the university's failure to negotiate with him.

"It was not our wish to go to court, it was because the university would not talk to me," he said.

Ivey, however, suspects that a settlement will be reached outside of court.

"I think it will be resolved because the fraternities' position is that they will pay the rent, but they want it to be used to repair the houses," he said.

Ivey also believes that the university will settle because the lawsuit does not ask for back pay, but a court judgment might impose such measures.

"We had to sue the Trustees and the Board of Governors, so it is out of the hands of those

with self-interest," he said. "I think it will settle when the issue is put to a calmer evaluation by disinterested people."

"On a contractual basis, a fiduciary basis and an honorary basis, the university had absolutely no right not to spend

some of that money on repairs, and they probably had no right to spend it on other things," said Ivey.

"It was bad management."



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Swiping at the swoosh

NIKE HAS NO EXCUSE FOR CLEARING AN AD TO RUN IN DECEMBER MAGAZINES THAT CALLS THE WHEELCHAIR-BOUND "MIS-SHAPEN."

Heard about the latest new shoe from Nike? Apparently, it can protect you from "compressing [your] spinal cord into a slinky...rendering [you] a drooling, mis-shapen husk of [your] former self, forced to roam the earth in a motorized wheelchair." The ad will run in print in millions of December magazines.

Nike already has its corporate foot in its mouth over a public relations fiasco involving a television ad featuring a man with a chainsaw chasing a woman in a sports bra. And dozens of colleges and universities have anti-Nike student movements because the athleticwear company uses sweatshops to produce some of its collegiate clothing lines.

Wheelchair-bound University of Pittsburgh professor Rory Cooper, a researcher who tests wheelchairs for manufacturing standards, is proposing a nationwide boycott of Nike to protest the ad.

Nike's advertising agency has apologized, saying the wheelchair-bound "demonstrate more courage in a single day than most people do in a lifetime." The ad will still run in December magazines in time for the traditional holiday shopping rush.

After *W* magazine approached Cooper with an offer to print an article explicitly calling for a Nike boycott, Nike apologized further, saying "every Nike employee is personally embarrassed" by the ad.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 1.5 million Americans are confined to wheelchairs. An additional

four million use must use canes, crutches or a walker to get around. Overall, 49 million Americans have a disability (24.1 million of those are severely disabled).

To put those numbers in perspective, the black population of the United States is 35.1 million; the Latino population is 31.7 million. It would take the entire black population of the United States combined with half of the entire Latino population to equal the number of Americans insulted by Nike's anti-disability ad.

Although the company should definitely be boycotted because of the ad, such a boycott would unfortunately do little more than provide Nike with free publicity. Frankly, Nike is a big enough company that it can get away with pulling stunts like this. Indeed, the ad may be nothing more than a ill-humored publicity stunt.

The fact, however, that any company of any size would even entertain running such flagrantly discriminatory and dehumanizing language as part of a commercial campaign speaks volumes about what Big Business is willing to do for a buck.

Yes, freedom of expression allows the private company to run whatever they want in their campaigns; still, the Nike ad underscores a critical obstacle in the uphill trail of the disabled's struggle for equality. Such hateful language would never have been entertained if it had been directed at blacks or Latinos. Why then was it tolerated against the disabled?



Crossword clues for \$800, Alex



Mark Anderson

Obscure facts, historical dates and details. Six letters. What is "trivia"? Isn't it just boring information that everyone had to memorize in school? Well, trivia is one "T" short of trivial. Yet why do so many people thoroughly enjoy that trivial pursuit for useless facts and insignificant details?

Hold it right there, mister, my history professor yaps at me. He's telling me that a sound base of knowledge — especially in history — is the foundation to deeper understanding. Like an impressionistic painting, thousands of those "worthless details" from history form an illustration of human nature. Besides, history somehow repeats itself, so a comprehensive memory of past events, failures and successes is crucial to avoiding predictable blunders and duplicating sure accomplishments. A superficial study of history returns superficial understanding. Beyond the surface, and past the triviality of a single date, name or event, there exists more to understand. The "World Civilizations" curriculum for most North Carolina sophomores covers an expansive time period over many continents. But, what good is there in remembering the long-lasting division in Germany?

Good surfaces in the discovery that people live in that place. Good rises up when students of history understand that life went on and goes on in far away places like Berlin, where rights

we assume sacred were horribly violated for so many Jews. Beyond the specifics of trivia there exists a blueprint for understanding a time period, its people and their culture.

What kind of people were they? What did their culture value? Renaissance Italy in the 16th century valued art and architecture. Post-modern America values technology, entertainment and speed, from fast food to "read-time quotes." How did Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Theses really effect change in Europe? Did his true intent foretell the sweeping changes that would occur? There's more depth to the question, "who wrote the famous 95 Theses?" question. Why did the Great Depression send America into a nose-dive in the not-so roaring thirties? Clearly, American culture grew depressed, if you will, without its precious money.

Of course, I could provide a myriad of examples, but too many would trivialize my very statement. Trivia is important, not alone as scattered bits of information, but collected together, erasing the generality of trivia.

Ralph Waldo Emerson theorized about learning in a single idea regarding how people think. He called it classification. Facts, ideas, concepts and other understandings accumulate into a store of knowledge. All knowledge can be recalled. Knowledge can "clump" if you will, by making connections between two previously unrelated facts. The human mind is always thinking. Your subconscious can conjure up a distant idea after your conscious brain gives up on retrieving it. So our little brains need practice to remain sharp. Trivia is easy exercise for the brain. And our little brains bear the simplicity of trivia, and the challenge

of recollection. Also, the easy transferability of such bits of information appeals to the mind.

Trivia is busy work for our minds, and many of us (including me) enjoy the mental preoccupation. It might not be your cup-a-joe, but it beats busy work in high school algebra. Speaking ... uh, writing of other subjects, trivia can be divided into the many fields of academic study: history, the sciences and so forth. There are the innumerable topics of current conversation, like sports and celebrities and movies, music and current events. Sports trivia might be the king of all the others. Within each professional category are miles of statistics for every player, participant and game since the dawn of sport. Even ESPN has its own show now, the "Two-Minute Drill," on which contestants respond to specific sports trivia questions. For example, "Which two players tackled Bob Griese, the quarterback of the perfect 1972 Miami Dolphins, when he injured his right leg against the New York Giants in the fifth game of the season?"

Well, maybe the argument for sports trivia is somewhat thinner than for academic trivia, but it's mental preoccupation nonetheless. So, the next time you find yourself listening to the in-class lecture drone, or the outrageous statistical quips of one "Monday Night Football" commentator, or any trivial talk anywhere in between, decide first if it is worth remembering. Then store it away or throw it away and get on with life. Just don't sweat the trivial stuff.

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Wild kingdom: the 'par-tay'



John Sico

With her brightly colored plumage and carefully sculpted crests, the female of the species brings herself the attention of numerous would-be male suitors. The situations that follow serve to test the two potential mates' compatibility with one another. Both sexes go to extravagant lengths and do ridiculous things to impress the other. As the courting goes on, the sacraments that are performed get more and more strange.

We are observing the mating behavior of the male and female members of the species *humans uberomrbius* in their natural habitat, the college campus. This group flourishes in this ecosystem, and as such is easy to see participating in these actions on a daily basis. This creature, as compared to other animals, takes part in some of the most elaborate courting rites that exist in the animal world. I will discuss with you the strangest mating rituals of this creature that I have documented in my research:

Step 1: Getting the Attention of a Potential Mate. This part of the mating process often serves to be the most expensive and time consuming in the procedure. One would imagine that in order to best bring attention to oneself it would be beneficial to look somewhat different from the rest of the group.

This particular animal, however, chooses instead to go out of its way to make itself look the same as the rest. It baffles the mind to wonder how a male is ever chosen. Once a member of the species is clothed in the uniform of the season, he or she then departs, often in a large pack, to a gathering of the available partners (also called a "par-tay"). There, while imbibing alcoholic beverages, the show begins. Often these soirees are accompanied by loud, pulsating rhythms that have been known to cause irregular heartbeats in residents of neighboring households. These beats also cause the attendees of

the get-together to gyrate hypnotically in an attempt to bring a member of the opposite sex close enough to mimic the mating motion, and possibly (though not usually) convince them that this could be a good idea later.

Step 2: Proving your Worth to the Interested Mate. Once the object of desire has been drawn in, the pace of the game quickens. While still at the party, the male must prove to the female that he is worthy of her time.

After all, she knows how valuable her time is to so many people, and shows this to the male by feigning boredom in an attempt to make him more quickly show how interested he really is. The male may show his merit by doing one of a few things. First, he may offer to get the female a beverage. He must be careful in doing so, however, because if the female figures out that he is only trying to get her more intoxicated instead of merely being polite, the game ends. If she accepts his offer, he returns with the drink, and continues trying to impress. While conversing with the female, the male must also be wary of other males trying to approach his objective. To prevent this, the male often arches his back in order to make his chest protrude and intimidate other males in the area. If the female deems the male's actions appropriate, she may show signs of interest. These are subtle, however, so the male must be sharp in order to notice them. If these are correctly interpreted, the flirting couple could then move on to step three.

Step 3: Mating. In this step, the male — well, I think we all know what goes on in this step. Let's move on.

Step 4: Post-mating. After copulation, the male becomes frantic. He searches for any excuse to leave the place where mating occurred. This is, of course, because he must return at once to the mating game, to start this cycle yet again.

This should serve as a guide for you to make your own observations. A college campus is the perfect place for watching creatures such as these in their natural habitat, so I encourage you to try it for yourself.

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Al Gore, College dropout



Nathan Lintner

The recent situation in Florida has lent itself to many unusual things. A portion of the population demanding a re-vote, hand recounts of electronic recounts of a m a n d a t o r y recount of Bill Daley calling for a fair vote, disproportionate polls

crafting the will of the people for the people, Democrats admitting that voting for Gore was a mistake, and the subject of this article.

On Wednesday night Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris subliminally announced that recounts, manual or otherwise, will not be permitted to continue until Gore finds a way to win. And unless one of Gore's lawyers convinces a judge to overturn her decision, the fear that we may never decide upon a president-elect will soon be assumed. The absentee ballots from overseas must be received no later than midnight tonight which means that, if history repeats itself, tomorrow afternoon Florida will name George W. Bush the victor of its 25 electoral votes.

But don't expect that to be the end of Al Gore. As the media continues to point out, Gore leads in the nation's popular vote and, as Gore keeps repeating, the will of the people must be followed.

Before bombarding you with factual evidence, I want to discuss why the Electoral College exists and why its integrity must be maintained. The principle behind the Electoral College is the same as that behind the Senate. As Rob Dieter, an elector from Colorado, asserts, it protects states that are less populous by allowing them to have a

say in the outcome. In America we do not have a national election; we have 50 state elections that decide the presidency. Incidentally, this year Bush won 32 states, Gore 18. Each state is allotted a certain number of electoral votes based upon its population; Florida has 25, Colorado 8, etc. In December, electors vote for the candidate who won their home state's popular vote. The candidate who gets the most Electoral College votes becomes president.

What about the popular vote? The popular national vote doesn't count; it's paraded around by the media and dishonest politicians to convince people in need of a civics lesson that the Electoral College is unfair. The Electoral College is a vital democratic institution that provides order and fairness to our republic, and it should never be abolished.

But don't expect to hear a similar explanation from Senator Hillary or any other thoroughly Clintonized Democrat. In this election, the Electoral College stood in their way; therefore, it, like any law they find inconvenient, must either be abolished or side-stepped with legal tactics that debate the meaning of "is."

And side-stepping the issue is exactly what Al Gore has in mind. He would like to convince you and me that the popular vote of the nation should decide the presidency. Unfortunately, some of us believe him. Fortunately, state electors don't.

Lee Bandy, staff writer for *The State* (Columbia, S.C.), reported Nov. 15 that two electors in South Carolina were contacted by unidentified callers attempting to persuade them to vote for Gore, even though Bush won the state with 57 percent of the vote. According to Bandy, elector Dan Richardson has received about "half a dozen calls" asking him if he would consider changing his vote. Elector Cecil Windham said he received about three calls asking the

same thing. Fortunately the two men are not willing to change their votes. Both said it is their duty to vote for the candidate whom the people of their state selected. In South Carolina it is also the law; 26 states do not require that electors honor the will of the popular vote.

The Gore camp stated that they have nothing to do with the calls and have not made any attempts to contact electors.

In Colorado, another state carried by Bush, two electors were contacted by representatives from ABC News asking if they had considered voting for Gore. Ann Insee of Denver's *Rocky Mountain News* reported on Nov. 12 that elector Mary Hergert was told by a representative from ABC News that "it is unconstitutional for her to be bound by state law to follow Colorado voters' preference for Bush." Insee adds that Hergert "found questions from ABC ... more like veiled intimidation than journalistic inquiry." Elector Rob Dieter said that he had received calls from ABC News. Electors in Colorado are also required to vote for the winner of the popular vote.

Electors follow the will of the people by voting for the candidate who won the popular vote in their state. They insure that all states are given an equal opportunity to present their decision to the rest of the nation and guarantee that every person, regardless of where he or she may live, is allowed the ability to affect the outcome. Attempting to persuade electors to disregard the popular vote of their state, especially when they are bound by law to uphold the popular vote, is truly subverting the will of the people.

If you support the abolition of the Electoral College and Senate, attend Nathan's rally at horatio399@yahoo.com.

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The Butterfly effect

Joe Herkert
GUEST COLUMNIST

Long after election officials and/or the courts have determined the outcome of the 2000 presidential campaign, Americans will be discussing the technology of the polling place. Butterfly ballots and punch hole chad will no doubt take their place in American political lore. As in the case of many technological systems, however, one popular sentiment seems to focus on the imperfection of voters rather than the shortcomings of technology.

Indeed, it has already become popular to denigrate the voters in Palm Beach County for not following voting instructions (students in my class on technological catastrophes will recognize this as blaming the "operator"). Regardless of the election outcome, however, there is strong evidence that as many as 20,000 voters were disenfranchised by a poor ballot design that went unnoticed by everyone involved until Election Day. This particular flaw will certainly be corrected in years to come.

But while the criticism of Florida's electoral votes focused the bulk of attention on the voting in Palm Beach County, the technology of voting and counting ballots has come into question throughout the nation. Indeed, many areas still rely on antiquated punch hole ballots or mechanical voting machines. The wake of the election

will no doubt be marked by calls for the use of new technology in future elections.

Some have suggested that voting via the Internet (or some other universal electronic voting system) would provide a solution to voting and recounting problems (students in my class on contemporary science, technology and human values will recognize this suggestion as a technological fix). While trendy, this notion is poorly conceived for a number of reasons.

The most obvious problem of Internet voting is unequal access for people unable to afford home computers and Internet connections (and those who can afford it but choose not to access the Internet). Provision of traditional polling places or public terminals for electronic voting for those without Internet access would only serve to recreate the class barriers to voting that previously existed in many parts of the country. Given the substantial "digital divide" in our nation, it's doubtful the access problem will be solvable anytime soon.

A second problem area for electronic voting is reliability and system security. Failure of individual Internet connections and crashing of high traffic Web sites are facts of life in the online world. Moreover, in a world where hackers have gained unauthorized access to federal agencies and even the mighty Microsoft, the security of online voting would be suspect. It is

reported, for example, that in this year's election hackers gained access for a time to the computer system utilized for tabulating New Mexico's ballots.

The most significant problem with online voting, however, would be the elimination of one of our nation's greatest traditions. Going to the polls every two or four years and rubbing elbows with our neighbors is one of the long tangible reminders of our government's democratic traditions. While some may argue that our system of government is a "virtual" democracy, a virtual polling place would undermine what little first-hand connection many Americans have with the political process.

So let's modernize the technology of the voting place as appropriate (including reevaluating another outdated "technology," the Electoral College) but resist the notion so prevalent in other facets of our society that the Internet presents an unquestionable improvement in the way in which human beings communicate their choices.

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RULE OF THUMB

Delta Sigma Phi



The fraternity's 1930s-era house was made a historic landmark by the Wake County Historic Registry. Raleigh will soon erect a small plaque to serve as a reminder for the proud tradition the house served throughout the years to the local community. The Lawn Party Memorial will be officially christened early next semester.

Big Tobacco



A Florida circuit judge upheld a \$145 billion award to Florida smokers. Next up: a class-action lawsuit in California against Big Candy on behalf of Overeaters Anonymous for allegations that despite industry claims, M&M's melt in your hands and *not* in your mouth.

NC School of the Arts



The Greensboro school held the first major national conference on ethics in filmmaking, tackling topics like graphic sex, gratuitous violence, foul language and the entire career of Jean-Claude Van Damme.

Boston



City inspectors discovered overcrowded off-campus student housing conditions including rat infestation, open garbage, fire hazards, jerry-rigged electrical wiring, broken smoke detectors in places costing as much as \$3500 a month — without utilities. Some students were found living with aahdvahks in cabs parked in the dark at Harvard Yard.

The ESA



NCSU's favorite no-name arena is apparently bringing in plenty of big-name business — so much so that it's stealing \$1 million worth in revenues from UNC's Dean Dome. Maybe the Backstreet Boys aren't totally useless after all. Maybe...

Rob Bosworth



The Marquette University freshman told ABC's "World News Tonight with Peter Jennings" that he voted four times on Election Day only to admit later that he lied. Students are supposed to lie about unexcused absences, where they were Friday night and if they're 21. What kind of idiot wastes their lies on something like their voting practices?

Proctor & Gamble



The mega-conglomerate gave NCSU access to 79 patents. But they were sneaky about it: we got the patent for P&G's new Tide detergent formula but *not* their new Tide with lemon mountain scent formula.

Emory University



The school actually spent research money to "reveal" this week that the likelihood of unprotected sex is increased if one of the partners has been drinking alcohol. Amazing. The jury is still out on whether or not the likelihood of being high is related to smoking marijuana. Tune in next week...

Brown University



With the selection of Ruth Simmons, a sharecropper's daughter with a Ph.D. in Romance languages, the school became the first in the Ivy League to have a black leader, proving the best way to convince people that you're not part of the Ivory Tower is to go ahead and build an Ebony Tower instead.

Texas



Thursday night, with its 38th execution this year, the Lone Star State proved that only Texas can mess with Texas when it beat the record for most executions in a year set in 1997 by — lookey there! — Texas. To follow-up, Texas will attempt to beat its own records for most polluted city, worst healthcare and worst education.

C A M P U S F O R U M

Thornton's DWI mistreated

I am concerned with *Technician's* continued disrespect for the Athletics Department's decision regarding Damon Thornton. I have read at least two articles where *Technician* has stated athletes get off the books easier than regular students. I beg to differ.

The only reason that anything was done to Damon Thornton is because he is an athlete. Ask yourself one simple question: If Damon Thornton were not an athlete, and he received these charges against him, would the university or the student judiciary committee have said or done anything about it? The answer is "no."

I know the committee and university are taking steps regarding the recent DWI charge against a university student that resulted in the death of another student. But Damon Thornton's incident didn't involve a death. He gave the arresting officer no problems. Even the person's car he was driving, Damien Wilkins, isn't pressing charges (he even went to bail Thornton out of jail).

I know several people that have received DWI charges against them (some of them even receiving two); however, the university punished not a single one of them. Each of them had to go to court (most of them on more than one occasion), but no one received sanctions from the university.

Damon Thornton has received his punishment, suspension from basketball games through the end of the first semester. Please let go of the continued questioning of the Athletics Department and the Student Judiciary Board's decision. Would he have received any punishment from the university if he were not an athlete?

Reggie Jackson
Graduate Student
Science Management

Galligan 'disgustingly ignorant'

Ryan Galligan's Nov. 16 column ranks among the most disgustingly ignorant things I've ever read on the pages of *Technician*. I feel certain, though, that his article was merely a plea for some attention. He must realize that no one reads a poorly written, unimaginative, trivial article unless its content is incendiary. There is, however, a built-in consolation that Galligan unwittingly provides to his "lady peers" — the satisfying knowledge that he won't be getting any dates any time soon.

I propose that, in the place of Galligan's boorish columns, *Technician* prints a weekly tally of the number of dates Galligan has received since the printing of his article. This would far surpass his usual brainless contributions in entertainment and informative value.

Carrie Crowder
Sophomore
World Literature

Galligan 'shows ugly misogyny'

"Winter ruins 'feminine ambience'" by Ryan Galligan (Nov. 15) shows the ugly but hidden presence of misogyny right here in our university community. While many people living in this country believe that the sexism that existed in our not so distant past has been completely eradicated and that women are on equal footing to men, or as some would suggest, women now have undeserved privileges that men do not, "Winter ruins 'feminine ambience'" is a prime example of how, despite some advances women have made politically and socially over the last few decades, the essential overall perception of women has remained much the same.

The title of the article almost says it itself. Ambience is defined as a passive, background atmosphere. How long have women been forced into the background of our culture, not allowed into the political arena, been objects that are "to be seen and not heard?" Ruining "female ambience" is really a euphemism for "not being able to ogle women anymore because they are doing the exact same thing that men do, dressing warmly when it is cold." Believe it or not, stanning at women makes many women feel uncomfortable. This is hardly breaking news. Furthermore, women are presumably going to college to receive an education and not to provide heterosexual men with "ambience."

The pseudoscientific explanation for why Ryan likes to stare at women is weak at best. If we are a species that places so much importance on physical appearance, then why don't men go around in "spaghetti strapped and backless tanktops, the super-short daisies?" Is it because men aren't merely thought of as physical objects? Is it because the things that women do to their bodies to look attractive are extremely uncomfortable? Furthermore, have you ever considered that just because heterosexual American men are preoccupied with certain physical qualities of women, that doesn't mean that this is "human nature." Not everyone judges their partners on how far they tuck in

their shirts, or whether they are wearing the fashion-of-the-week skintight backless tank top.

Maybe I should take a step back. I am sure that Ryan is a cool guy. But, as males, both Ryan and myself are in a privileged place in society, a place where we don't have to see our own sexism or how it affects others. For example, there is a correlation between our beauty standards and eating disorder epidemic that is affecting the young women of our culture. So my challenge to all men on this campus is to question whether or not your actions are sexist even if you are not. If your actions and beliefs do not reflect each other then perhaps it is time to take responsibility for your actions, open your eyes to the sexism all around and help to end it.

Nicholas Perros
Sophomore
First Year College

Bush 'won'

Bush doesn't "want to weasel his way into White House." He won the vote and won the recount. Yes, his margin of victory was smaller, but he won nonetheless.

As for the manual recount, there is no uniform way to do it. Different counties have different standards. You can't change the rules of the game while the game is in progress. I think it's clear that in the next election there should be something in the books to dictate a manual recount. But to do it now, in the middle of the game, is wrong.

In response to "such a statement implies that the votes are not in Gore's favor now, and therefore, he is doing something to shift them in his favor," *Technician* columnist Robert Jaitali (Nov. 15) is right.

Al Gore isn't doing anything personally, but the counters may. They may want Gore to be in office and give some votes when they weren't there. And if you were to argue that couldn't happen, I would say you're a very naive person. Now, how can that be fair to Bush? In my opinion, it's not more or less clear that Gore got all the cast votes in Florida and Bush got the counted votes. Bush has won all the counts so far. So, how has Gore won? The double punched ballots and the Buchanan votes? Give me a break!

It's very presumptuous of you to assume that all the double punched ballots and votes for Buchanan are for Gore. Who's to say that? They should be discarded if double-punched and counted for Buchanan if that's what the ballot indicates.

I'm sorry, but if you don't know how to read the ballot or don't ask if you have a question, I don't want you

deciding my future. There were signs instructing voters on how to fill in the ballot and several people on hand to answer questions. And the fact that the ballots were mailed out beforehand and printed in the newspapers, there should have been no confusion. If you can't follow the arrow to the correct hole to punch, *don't vote!*

Jennifer Bryan
Senior
Business Management

Electoral College or 'mob rule'

Many people think we live in a democracy. We don't — at least, not a true democracy. In actuality, our government is a representative constitutional republic. The Electoral College is a group not designated by the people, but by other elected officials (excepting senators), which is the essence of a republic. That someone can win the popular vote and lose the presidency on the electoral vote demonstrates the difference between a democracy and a republic rather clearly.

In a nation the size of the United States it's difficult for a national election to be conducted as a democracy. The uniquely American constitutional requirement of an Electoral College was actually designed for fairness. Without the Electoral College, the huge population centers could, in effect, dictate to the rest of us. But any system is subject to abuse. No one understood that better than the Founding Fathers. They knew that fraud could only be avoided in a country that was moral,

and fostering self-government rather than imposing a police state.

It's no wonder that there's a suggestion of abandoning the Electoral College, thinking it against democracy. But true democracy is little more than mob rule — dictatorship by majority opinion. It almost always ends in oppression of minorities — religious, ethnic, racial or political.

To many today, the ends justify the means. If the have to be underhanded to win the White House, so be it. With such people, there is no common ground for civil discourse. They are not content to live as free people under the rule of law. These are just the kinds of folks against whom we need safeguards like the Electoral College system.

The Electoral College has its flaws, especially when it comes to alternate parties. A third candidate who's qualified to take part is acceptable to me. But the present machinery (controlled by the two major parties) discourages alternate leaders from appearing before the electorate; this action is unjust and damaging to our republic!

The ends never justify the means. The manner in which a president ascends to power is just as important as what he does once there. The system itself needs re-examining, but not simply to remove elements like the Electoral College because they are presently seen as inconvenient. The College is a system that we have created to protect ourselves from our best intentions. If it's removed, we are left at the mercy of mob rule.

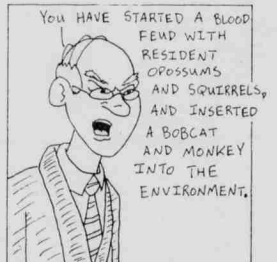
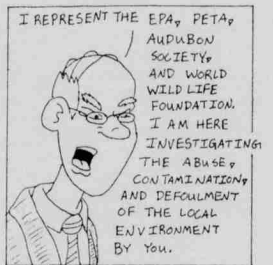
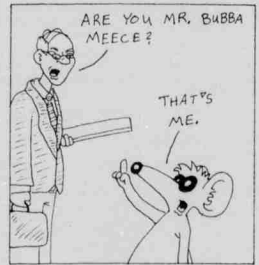
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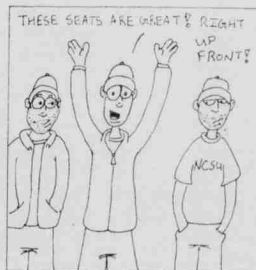
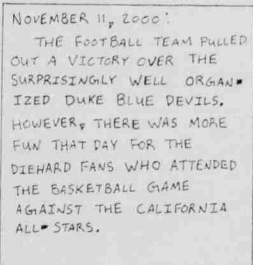
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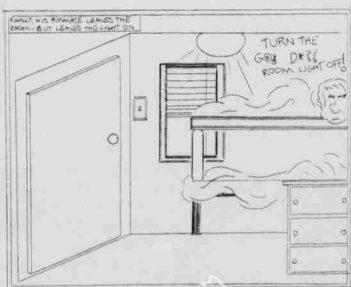
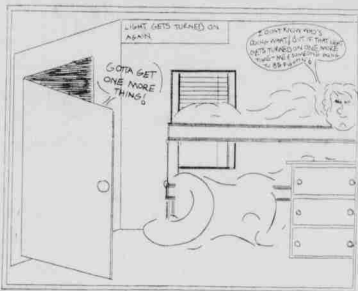
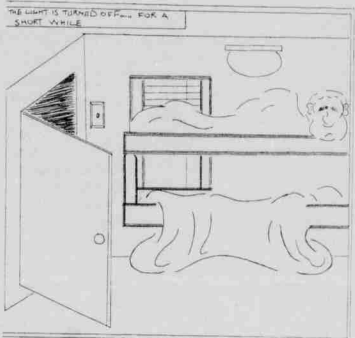
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UVA

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run. The Pack has allowed 21 rushing touchdowns and an average of 189.6 yards a game this season. Linebacker Levar Fisher thinks the Cavs will continually attack the line of scrimmage until State makes a few stops.

"They're just going to pound it at us," Fisher said. "They probably won't even pass the ball if we can't stop the run."

The Pack's efforts to contain

the UVa ground game could be hindered by injuries to a pair of key players on the defensive line. Senior Jeff Fisher sprained a foot against Duke, while junior Nate Goodson sprained the medial collateral ligament in one of his knees against Maryland and missed the Duke game. Both are listed as questionable for Saturday's game.

"Everybody's not to the point where they can't go," Levar Fisher said. "We need this game, so I'm sure everybody's going to do what they've got to do to help us win."

or whatever. As far as myself, playing fullback, I've got to make holes for Ray [Robinson]. Coach Amato said it best, "There's only one ball," and so we have to spread it around to five different guys on the field at the same time.

"There are a lot of great athletes on this team. I may not get to see the ball that much but when I do I've got to make the play."

Roberts has been on the receiving end of 15 passes during the first eight games of this season. Against Indiana he had four receptions, including one for a touchdown, the first receiving touchdown of his career. Roberts hasn't carried the ball much, but he isn't bothered by it.

"The way I look at it, my carries are going to Ray right now," said Roberts. "Every time he touches the ball, I am thinking that I am carrying the ball and I need to open up the holes for him. As a backfield, as a whole, it's not about

Wide receiver Eric Leak and tight end Willie Wright are also questionable for the Pack.

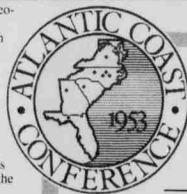
The Cavs are facing serious injury problems of their own. Quarterback Dan Ellis, who is fifth in the ACC with a 130.6 rating, injured his hamstring just before halftime against Maryland on Oct. 7 and sat out the following game against Florida State. In the three games since Ellis' injury, the offense has sputtered, scoring just 20 points.

"He's their general," Amato said of Ellis. "He does a good job of throwing the football

and getting it to the right people."

Ellis played against North Carolina and Georgia Tech but is listed as doubtful for Saturday. If the senior quarterback can't go, freshman backup Bryson Spinner, who has completed just 9-of-24 passes this year, will get the start. Fisher said that the Pack is prepared for whoever gets the nod at quarterback.

"They have two great quarterbacks, and we're just planning to stop both of them," Fisher said.



AROUND THE ACC

North Carolina (5-5, 2-5) at Duke (0-10, 0-7)

The Tobacco Road rivalry plunges to new depths this year, as UNC tries to save its coach's job and Duke attempts to avoid an 0-11 record. A victory for the Tar Heels would make them eligible for exile to the Aloha Bowl on Christmas Eve.

No. 20 Georgia Tech (7-2, 5-2) at Maryland (5-5, 3-4)

The Terrapins wasted a golden opportunity to clinch a winning season last week, losing to UNC 13-10. Now they have to contend with the ACC's hottest team outside of the state of Florida to keep their postseason dreams alive.

Wake Forest (1-8) at Navy (0-9)

The Demon Deacons are 1-0 this season against teams with no wins after beating Duke two weeks ago in Winston-Salem. Wake will attempt to improve that record against a Navy team bidding for its first winless season since 1948.

No. 25 South Carolina (7-3) at No. 16 Clemson (8-2)

Last year when these two met, the Gamecocks were putting the finishing touches on an 0-11 season, and the 5-5 Tigers were trying to get into a bowl. The stakes are a little higher this year, with both teams nationally ranked and headed for the postseason.

No. 4 Florida (9-1) at No. 3 Florida State (10-1)

Few rivalries can match this one for intensity, but the national title implications involved here will only fuel the fire. The winner could make a solid case for the No. 2 spot in the Bowl Championship Series, while the loser falls out of the championship hunt.

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media frenzy and glory one gets from the fans and concentrated on blocking. He had a season-high five knockdown blocks at Wake Forest. As well as playing fullback, he was also a member of the Wolfpack's special teams unit, where he participated in 153 plays, one of the top marks on the team.

Now in his senior year under new head coach Chuck Amato, Roberts is again the starting fullback and looks at the position as his chance to contribute to the team and make big plays when he needs to.

"You have to be a playmaker no matter where you are on the field," said Roberts. "The offense is depending on everyone to be a playmaker no matter whether you catch the ball, run the ball, blocking

Derek Roberts and the number of times he carries it. When he touches the ball, I need to do my job to make sure he does what he needs to do."

Besides being an athlete, Roberts is also an excellent student. He is majoring in meteorology, a subject he has a keen interest in. And after he graduates, Roberts would like to dip his hands into the engineering field, perhaps even at his beloved State.

"I think meteorology, the science itself, is interesting to me," said Roberts. "Weather is something that happens every day and changes every day. It's not just looking on the five o'clock news and seeing a little sunshine over here; it is a lot more in-depth than that. Meteorology has always been my second interest, with my first being engineering, but I said I will do that after school is over. I kind of want to do it all — mechanical, aerospace, aeronautical."

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Senior Meredith Price contributed eight digs in her final match in a State uniform. Fellow senior Stephanie Stambaugh added five kills to the Pack cause.

State finished the three-game match with 40 kills, 43 digs and a .128 hitting percentage.

Tech advances to Saturday's semifinal match against the winner of Friday's match between the fourth-seeded Florida State Seminoles and the fifth-seeded Duke Blue Devils.

Back the Pack



Levar Fisher and N.C. State want to wrap up their seventh win Saturday at Virginia.

State, UVa jockeying for bowl berths

◆ **The Wolfpack is guaranteed a winning season but still has plenty to play for at Virginia.**

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

After consecutive losses to Florida State and Maryland, N.C. State finally got where it wanted to be last weekend.

The Wolfpack (6-3, 3-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) joined the ranks of the bowl eligible with its 35-31 win over Duke. Six wins doesn't automatically translate into a bowl invitation, however, and the Pack still has two games remaining on its schedule, the first of which is Saturday at Virginia (5-4, 4-3).

"We've become bowl eligible, but we haven't been invited," head coach Chuck Amato said. "Ain't nobody sent us no invitations to us. And that's the most important thing."

Once again, the Pack went down to the buzzer to get out a victory. State marched 80 yards in 13 plays on the final drive of the game, to claim its fourth victory of the year in the final minute or overtime.

In contrast, the Cavaliers' last outing was an all-around dismal performance against Georgia Tech on Nov. 9. The Yellow Jackets obliterated the UVA defense, accumulating 627 yards of total offense on their way to a 35-0 win. The shutout was the Jackets' first since 1993.

"We've definitely regressed," UVA head coach George Welsh said. "We have to get it back.

Maybe some of it is mental with everybody trying to make big plays instead of playing our game."

The loss to Tech puts UVA, one of four Division I-A teams that have one at least seven games in each of the last 13 seasons, in a precarious position. The Cavs must win one of their last two games to get an invitation to the bowl party. The second of those two is a trip to Blacksburg, Va., for a meeting with No. 7 Virginia Tech. As if that's not enough motivation for picking up a victory against the Pack, Saturday is also Senior Day in Charlottesville, Va.

"Virginia has always been a hostile place to play," fullback Derek Roberts said. "They'll be excited because they're playing at home, and their seniors will certainly be ready to play."

After falling off in the second half against Maryland, the Pack offense returned to form last weekend, accumulating 461 yards of total offense in the 35-31 win. State upped its record to 6-0 for the season when it scores more than 30 points in a game.

Quarterback Philip Rivers, who was a game-time decision against Duke after suffering a slight shoulder separation the previous week, completed 64 percent of his passes (32-of-50) for 413 yards, both career highs. He also threw three touchdown passes and scrambled for the game-winning score with 32 seconds to lead the Pack to the win.

"He's a freshman, but he's a leader of the team," Roberts

said. "At the end of the game, we knew we could go down there and score. He led us down the field."

State spread the ball around the field, as Rivers completed passes to eight different receivers. Sophomores Karen Robinson and Bryan Peterson and junior Ray Robinson hauled down seven completions each.

Despite the offensive success, Amato saw a few things that need work for this week's game. The State head coach would particularly like to see improvement once his team reaches the red zone.

"We don't score touchdowns in the red zone unless it's overtime," Amato said.

While State throws a variety of looks at opponents, Amato expects a simple, straight-forward game plan from UVA's offense — run the ball often. The Cavs have a "big, strong, physical" offensive line that likes to push around opposing defenses.

"They take a very physical approach to the game of football," Amato said. "That's Coach Welsh's approach; we're going to whip you right there, and try to stop us."

UVA features "a plethora of running backs" led by junior Antwoine Womack, Amato said. Womack is the ACC's leading rusher at 94.1 yards per contest and has reached the end zone seven times.

State's defense currently ranks eighth in the ACC against the

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Roberts does dirty work for Wolfpack



Derek Roberts gets a rare touch of the ball against Indiana on Sept. 9.

◆ **The converted fullback works hard to add his piece to the puzzle.**

Justin Sellers
Staff Writer

Anyone who has been involved with sports, or for that matter even phrases sports, has probably heard the phrases "there is no 'I' in 'TEAM'" and "be a team player." N.C. State senior fullback Derek Roberts is a living example of those.

For most fans, Roberts' name is probably one they have never heard because the fullback position on a football team comes with a lot of hard work but little recognition. But Roberts hasn't always been out of the spotlight.

While attending Putnam High School in the town of Putnam County, Roberts was a three-sport athlete. Besides being a triple jumper on the track and field team and the leading scorer on the basketball team his senior year, Roberts was also a football player.

Under head coach Joe Humphrey, Roberts played on both sides of the ball at linebacker and tailback. He led the team in tackles his junior season before an outstanding offensive senior year.

The then-starting tailback carried the ball 120 times for 1,084 yards and 19 rushing touchdowns. But running wasn't all he could do. Roberts had hands as well, catching 12 passes for 250 yards

and three touchdowns. He also returned a punt for a touchdown.

With those statistics, Roberts became one of the leading scorers in the state and received many honors, including being selected to the All-State first team by *The Hartford Courant* and earning an honorable mention All-USA selection from *USA Today*.

Roberts packed his bags after his senior year and headed south to Raleigh and State. In 1996 as a true freshman, he played 10 games as an outside linebacker, while also being an important member of the special teams. On the year, Roberts' numbers were a little different than they were in high school, recording 13 tackles, one of which was for a loss.

Roberts' numbers didn't get any higher in his sophomore season, as he played in four games and only managed five

solo tackles. During 1998, he was redshirted and moved from linebacker to the tailback position. He spent the whole season working on changing his mindset and going back to what he was known for in high school — running the ball.

"After playing linebacker for two years and not having the chance to really carry the ball or catch the ball since high school it took a while to adjust," said Roberts. "I think that it was probably the best thing for me when I redshirted so I could have a chance to adjust back over to the offensive side of the ball."

After spending all of 1998 working at tailback, Roberts was moved again to fullback at the beginning of the 1999 season. He started 11 games, rushing for 43 yards on a mere 11 carries.

While at fullback, Roberts gave up the

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State fell 15-5, 15-7, 15-10.

Tech bounces Pack in three

◆ **The N.C. State volleyball team watched its season come to an end in three games against the ACC's regular-season champion.**

Sports Staff Report

Top-seeded Georgia Tech defeated No. 9 N.C. State in three games Thursday to advance to the semifinals of the 2000 Atlantic Coast Conference Volleyball Tournament held on the campus of Wake Forest in Winston-

Salem. The Yellow Jackets defeated the Wolfpack 15-5, 15-7, 15-10. Tech improved its record to 24-6, while State ended its season at 9-22.

Juniors Maja Pachale and Kyleen Bell, respectively, paced Georgia Tech. Setter Kele Eveland, the 2000 ACC Rookie of the Year, led the Georgia Tech offense with

30 assists. Senior Christine Shelby carried the Tech defense with 10 digs.

As a team, Georgia Tech posted 42 kills, 42 digs, 16 block assists and a .297 hitting percentage.

Junior outside hitter Charece Williams knocked down a match-high 13 kills and tallied nine digs for the Pack. Freshman setter Crystal Shannon ran the Pack offense, finishing the match with 33 assists and seven digs.

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N.C. STATE VS. VIRGINIA

When: **Saturday, 2:30 p.m.** Where: **Charlottesville, Va.**
TV: **None** Line: **Virginia by 2 1/2**

5 KEYS TO THE GAME

- Adding gasoline to the fire.** Virginia's defense was completely embarrassed on Nov. 9 against Georgia Tech, allowing 627 yards of total offense. The Cavaliers are ranked 98th in the nation in total defense, which isn't a plus when taking on a N.C. State team scoring 32.4 points and gaining 408.3 yards an outing.
- Woah, Mack!** Running back Antwoine Womack leads the ACC in rushing yards, averaging 94.1 per game. With quarterback Dan Ellis ailing, the Wolfpack would like to force the Cavs to pass by building a quick lead, similar to what Tech did last week.
- Cut down on mental errors.** State head coach Chuck Amato said mental errors contributed to the close nature of Saturday's game against Duke. The Pack wants to reduce those mistakes at UVA.
- Get physical.** Amato expects Womack to carry the bulk of the offensive load for the Cavs. The Pack already gives up 189.6 yards per game on the ground, eighth in the ACC, and State's defensive line is banged up, which fits right into UVA's game plan.
- The Intangibles.** The Cavs should have plenty of motivation for Saturday's game. UVA still needs a win to reach the magic six-win mark for bowl eligibility, and with archival Virginia Tech looming next week, this is the time to get the job done.