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'Yes' to 'No' to tests, 'No' to 'No' to pickles

◆ The Student Senate voted down a resolution to support a boycott of Mt. Olive Pickle Co. and supported a resolution urging lenience in assignments on four holy days.

Spaine Stephens and Jimmy Ryals

News Editors

The N.C. State Student Senate will not support a boycott of Mt. Olive pickles, but the group did pass with consent a resolution in support of Holy Day recognition at Wednesday night's meeting.

The labor union Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) called for a boycott against Mt. Olive Pickle Company in an effort to unionize North Carolina farm workers. Student Senate considered a resolution in support of the boycott. The resolution stated reasons for supporting the boycott including NCSU's obligation as a land-grant university to have concern for the state's farm workers.

The resolution failed.

Mt. Olive Pickle Co. representatives Lynn Williams of Community Relations and Bill Bryan, president of the company, attended the meeting. Williams presented the company's position to the Senate.

"We are quite progressive in our attitudes and employment practices," said Williams.

Williams told the students that union decisions should be made between employees and employers, and that Mt. Olive Pickle Company does not dictate who farmers have to hire.

"[Mt. Olive Pickle Company] is in business to make money, but this is also a business that operates with ethics and fair play," she said.

Williams stressed that even if the company followed through with the FLOC's requests to increase pickle prices by five cents and to turn over two and a half percent of the workers' wages as union dues, it may still prove unsuccessful in the long run.

Sandy Smith-Nonimi, assistant professor of anthropology at UNC-Chapel Hill, also presented to the senators a different view of the situation of North Carolina farm workers. Smith-Nonimi was not representing of the FLOC.

Smith-Nonimi pointed out that the same workers harvest cucumbers, tobacco and sweet potatoes in eastern North Carolina. She explained that the housing that workers brought in from Mexico is often substandard and not inspected enough. She described the working conditions of the laborers, who often work ten to 12 hours a day in ninety degree weather. Smith-Nonimi said the life expectancy of these workers is 25 years lower than the national average.

Snow Hill native Senator Brad Dixon, speaking against the resolution, invoked memories of last year's Hurricane Floyd and the flood that followed.

"My family was spared by the flood, but a lot of people weren't," Dixon said. "And a lot of those people were migrant workers."

Dixon applauded the senate for taking on the issue of the condition of migrant workers, but he believed the resolution to be misguided.

Senator Jonathan Ducote, a native of Mt. Olive, was torn on the boycott bill.

"I'm really torn between this, because I see these migrant workers out working in the heat," Ducote said. "But then I see them riding down the road in a Ford F-150."

The pickle resolution failed by a vote of 11-31, with one senator abstaining.

The senate also passed Resolution 37, a request that the provost's office urge professors not to give tests or assign papers due on four holidays, two of them Jewish and two of them Muslim.

The bill passed by consent while there was no negative debate on it some senators expressed concern that the bill addressed holidays of only two religions.

Bill author Gary Palin cited three reasons that only Jewish and Muslim holidays are addressed by the resolution. First was the fact that members of Hillel, NCSU's Jewish students association, and the Muslim Student Association, expressed interest in the resolution and worked with Palin on drafting it.

Second, both groups established that the holy days, Jewish holidays Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and Muslim holidays Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Adha, are very restrictive.

Finally, Palin did not want to ask too much of the NCSU administration.

"If you ask too much from the university at once, you're likely to be turned down," said Palin.

Palin said the provost's office could have an advisory statement urging professors to follow the resolution written by February and distributed to professors in time for the first summer session of 2001.

Running for an elected student office will be a different process for this year's candidates than it has been in the past. The senate passed a whole new set of elections statutes at Wednesday night's meeting.

Among the major changes to Chapter 7 of the student body statutes, the elections statutes, are the deregulation of campaigning in the Free Expression Tunnel and a \$100 increase in the campaign spending cap on candidates for student body president and \$50 increases for Student Senate president, student body treasurer and student body chief justice candidates.

The senate also stripped the elections board of jurisdiction over elections within councils.

Bill author and outgoing Senator Theresa Moody, a former member of the elections board, pressed the senate to pass the new statutes quickly.

"If we want elections to be run smoothly, then we need to get elections statutes out as soon as possible," she said.

Though the new statutes passed by consent, there was debate on an amendment offered to the new statutes by Senator Melissa Wicks. The original new statutes called for a \$150 spending cap increase for student body president candidates and \$100 increases for the other three positions.

Wicks' amendment, which passed by a vote of 21-15, cut each of the increases in half.

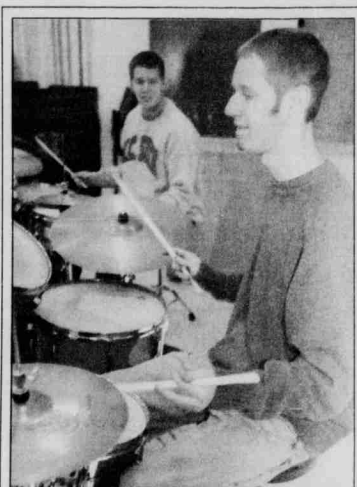
Student Body President Harold Pettigrew spoke in favor of the amendment.

"By keeping the limit lower, you're allowing the candidates to be more creative," he said.

Senator Erich Fabricius was more cynical about the amendment. "I think if a candidate has \$500 for his campaign, he or she is going to spend it anyway," said Fabricius. "He'll just manipulate the system."

The senate also passed a pair of resolutions honoring NCSU faculty members for their service. The first was a resolution honoring outgoing Provost Kermit Hall honoring him for "his service and dedication to the betterment of North Carolina State University and, particularly, to its students."

The senate also honored Bob Bryan, the new head of the Alumni Association, for "his continuous dedication and service to Student Government and the university as a whole" during his six years as advisor to the senate.



Dan Bang, a sophomore in History, practices with Charlie Piper, a senior in Industrial Engineering. Both are members of the NCSU Jazz Band and are practicing for their Christmas Performance to be held December 8th.

NCSU researcher challenges hurricanes

◆ Associate professor Bo Kasal is researching new ways of building hurricane-resistant wooden structures.

Ayren Jackson
Staff Reporter

North Carolina has had its share of hurricanes within the last few years. In the past, the state has continually found itself preparing for "fine hurricane" after another. N.C. State currently boasts a large array of experts who research and study everything from how hurricanes form to their prediction and their effects on a community.

Through his research, NCSU Associate Professor Bo Kasal is challenging the destruction caused from hurricanes by testing and developing new and innovative ways to build various wooden structures. He is focusing on those buildings that typically reside near the coast and are hit the hardest by devastating storms.

Kasal received his engineering degree from the University of Zvolen, Czechoslovakia in 1980. Between 1980 and 1987 he was a Research Engineer in the Department of Physics at State Forest Products Laboratory in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. He moved to the United States in 1987 and received his M.S. degree in wood science from Virginia Tech. He also received a M.S. degree in civil engineering and a Ph.D. from Oregon State University in 1992. He then accepted a faculty position with NCSU in 1992.

Kasal also worked for a private company in Florida before accepting the position at NCSU. Coincidentally, he was residing there in 1992 when Hurricane Andrew swept through and caused major devastation to the areas buildings and landscape.

"I saw first-hand how powerful and destructive hurricanes can be," he said.

Kasal's research includes the study of various wooden structure models, which are subjected to "static and dynamic

loads." These loads can be anything from high winds to simple gravity. He is researching a variety of hurricane-resistant building techniques. Through the use of computers and analytical thesis Kasal is discovering safer and stronger ways to build structures in coastal regions.

Through laboratory experiments, computer aided analysis and theoretical analysis, Kasal can acquire the knowledge needed to create hurricane-safe structures. According to Kasal, 95 percent of all low-rise buildings are constructed of wood, which makes developing safe wooden structures an important endeavor.

Ultimately, Kasal hopes to build model homes that will be resting on "load cells." These load cells will measure forces upon the house, and give Kasal the required measurements for building a hurricane-safe structure. The load cells aid in finding the "load path."

"The load path identifies how the forces from wind and other pressures are transferred from the ground," said Kasal.

Kasal currently uses "descriptive codes" and "performance based codes" to electronically build safe wooden structures, which fit into specific criteria and which are as close to reality as possible.

"Because every building is different, it is important to build with these codes," said Kasal. "Different buildings have different foundations and are different sizes, which will call for a different code."

According to statistics, Hurricane Andrew caused \$27 billion of damage. Hurricane Fran caused \$3 billion of destruction. In 1998, various destructive storms caused \$5.5 billion of damage. Funding is needed to support the research which will ultimately elevate the damage costs of hurricanes. Kasal's research and study is opening a door for innovation. "Through engineering and simple philosophical decisions, homes which were once destroyed by major storms may soon remain standing," he said.

Footrace ends in capture

◆ Public Safety officers chased and corralled a suspicious person yesterday who may be involved in another case under investigation.

News Staff Report

A footrace across Hillsborough Street yesterday led to the arrest of a suspicious person found in possession of an N.C. State employee's wallet.

According to Sgt. Jon Barnwell of Public Safety, Sgt. Fred Lewis responded to a call

from an employee in the 1911 Building reporting the presence of a suspicious person, later identified as Ricky Devon Artis.

Lewis arrived and located Artis, asking him for some identification. Artis told Lewis that his ID was in his car, which was parked on Chamberlain Street.

As the two walked toward Hillsborough Street, Artis broke into a run across Hillsborough and Lewis ran to catch him, calling for backup as he crossed the street.

Artis reached his automobile and found Public Safety cars blocking his avenue of travel. Artis got into his car, panicked, and plowed into two other parked cars.

Artis then exited his vehicle and attempted to run again, but officers subdued him.

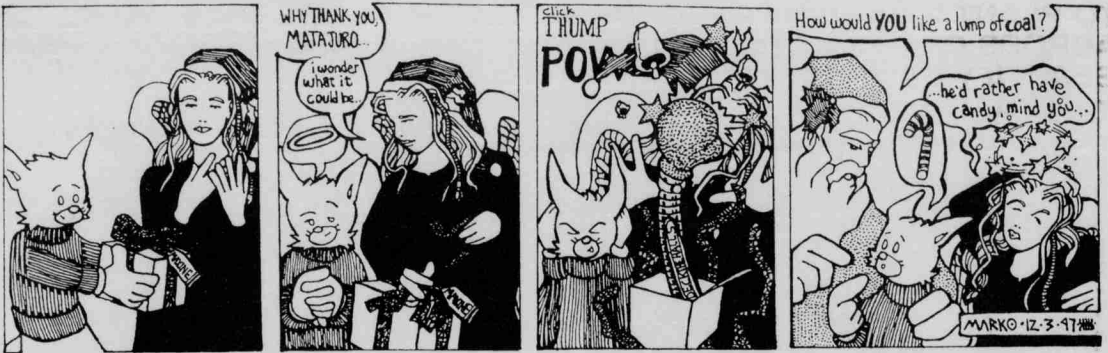
Upon investigating Artis' vehicle, officers found a wallet belonging to an unspecified employee of the 1911 Building and property from a previous case, the details of which Barnwell was unsure.

Artis was transported to the Wake County Public Safety Department and jailed. He faces charges of eluding arrest, a felony; larceny, possession of stolen goods, two counts of assault on a law enforcement officer; three counts of resisting arrest; one count of driving with a revoked license; and one count of careless and reckless driving.

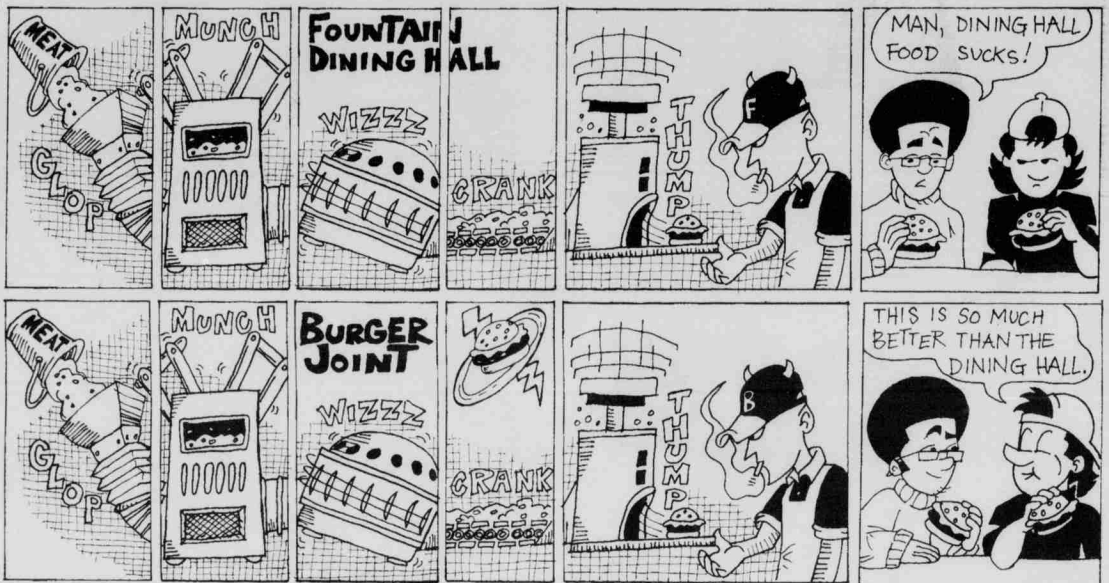
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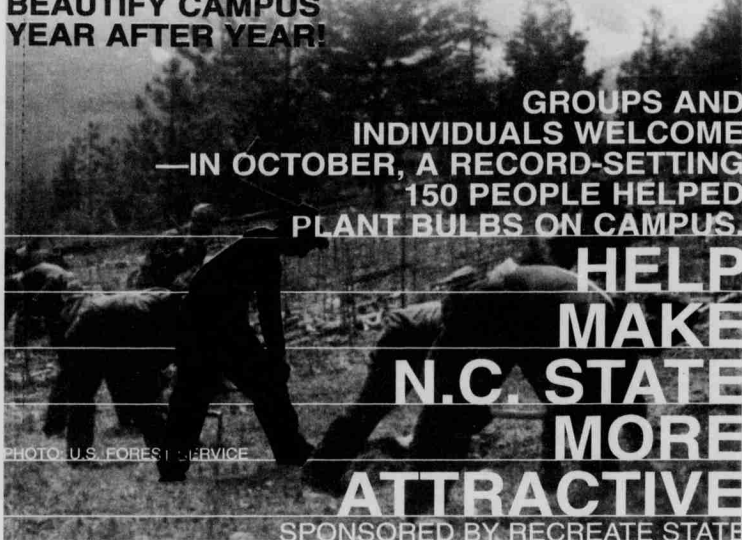


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A kosher deal

DESPITE ALLEGATIONS OF ILLEGAL WORKING CONDITIONS FOR MIGRANTS, STUDENT SENATE'S DECISION NOT TO BOYCOTT MT. OLIVE PICKLE CO. IS BOTH RATIONAL AND RESPONSIBLE.

On March 18, 1999, the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) called for a boycott of the Mt. Olive Pickle Co. because of allegations of migrant labor abuses. In March 2000, 19 grocery stores in the Kroger Co. chain, the largest grocery store chain in the nation, pulled Mt. Olive products from their shelves. As of March 2000, approximately 200 groups were honoring the boycott.

Thankfully, the environment here at N.C. State wasn't soured by joining the Mt. Olive "ban" dwagon. Student Senate decided Wednesday night against supporting a boycott of the company and its products.

Ultimately, Mt. Olive Pickle Co. needs to do one thing: buy cucumbers. Although the company is large, it is simply unable to monitor the labor con-

ditions imposed by the farmers it deals with at every farm, every day.

Student Senate's vote against the boycott is not a green light for migrant worker abuses, but rather a red light against overreactive though well-intentioned activism.

Under a boycott, Mt. Olive Pickle Co. would indeed be pressured to buy cucumbers from "approved" farms. That change, however, would in no way bring about any positive change to the labor conditions of the "disapproved" farms with which Mt. Olive has current business relations.

Joining the boycott wouldn't have solved anything for the NCSU community or North Carolina's migrant workers. It would just have put both in a worse pickle.

Vote liberal, Boycott Pickles,
Read MARX, BINGE DRINK,
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'The ultimate end of liberalism is communism'



Nathan Linthner
STAFF COLUMNIST

There is an element of hypocrisy evident in the socialist sophisms that liberal and left-wing proponents assert to fuel their political existence; an existence founded on airy idealism and emotion in the absence of reason. Now I realize the left doesn't advertise itself as socialist, but neither do I advertise myself as heterosexual; that's the one thing the left and I have in common, our actions betray our intentions. No matter what the left may want us to believe, the ultimate end of liberalism is communism, just as the ultimate end of conservatism is self-government.

In a pamphlet he co-authored, "The Communist Manifesto," Karl Marx champions the rise of the Proletariat or disenfranchised laborer over the bourgeoisie or capitalist owner of the means to production. Marx's brainchild caused the creation to the Soviet Union, Stalin, communist imperialism, Castro and the platform of the American left. Essentially, Marxist theory presents history and the world as a constant struggle between the well off and the without. Marxism, as Donald DeMarco, professor of philosophy at St. Jerome's University, points out in the National Catholic Register (Oct. 22-28), is "an ideology rather than a philosophy." An ideology that compels modern day leftists to oppose conservatives while loyally hatching liberal theories about how you and I are different and why we shouldn't get along.

DeMarco also writes, "Marx hardly worked a day in his life, ignored his children and was supported by the kindness and generosity of others...His whole life, as well as his ideology, was a carefully orchestrated cover-up." In addition to being a bourgeois do-nothing, Marx also fathered a child through an extramarital affair; in short, he avoided assuming responsibility for his actions while envisioning a theoretical dream. His left followers mirror their founder to a tee, claiming disenfranchisement here and abroad by either

white people, the upper class, poverty or an unfair, historically biased system (whether true to their particular position or not) as an excuse for irresponsible and hypocritical behavior.

Today's left is largely the result of Marxism as manifested in American anti-Vietnam protests. Yet this movement was also wrought with hypocrisy. Young, often well-to-do hippies and ideologues who supported a proletarian revolt against the oppressive, bourgeois capitalist system, spat on and dishonored some not so well-to-do boys whose economic and socially disadvantaged positions placed them on the front lines of a war to stop communist expansion. These young bourgeois radicals also trashed small businesses, distributed antiwar, anti-capitalist literature and even favored communist victory in Vietnam. Ironically, had they committed the same acts as citizens of the Soviet Union or North Vietnam, they would have been shot, imprisoned or systematically "reeducated."

Democrats campaign on the same issues every year, point out the same problems yet never fix a thing. A rational person would consider this and take his or her support elsewhere; unfortunately, as I have said, on the left, emotion and hypocrisy are the motivating factors. Liberalism thrives on these factors by continually inciting social discord, racial warfare and class resentment; all of which stem directly from Marxist theory. It is essential for the left to keep the populace at odds, needy of government intervention and unwilling or unable to improve; for if things did improve it would literally help itself out of a platform.

Furthermore, the proud cause of the left nature deems itself unfit to achieve what liberalism envisions: to construct human equalities out of natural inequalities. Their proposals seem to indicate a belief that there will be a day when no one will be left behind; when we can begin our long awaited trip into perfect society. But the natural and inherent tendency of an individual to fail both professionally and socially, to leave itself behind due to natural deficiencies or an apathetic-victimhood attitude, is not something government can cure. What's more, the left seeks to achieve their already unattainable ideal by deconstructing the Self. In their system,

the individual does not learn how to be self-sufficient; he learns to be dependent.

If one were able to exist, self-government would be the key to a perfect society, but the system that promotes self-government, conservatism, is discouraged and loathed by socialists as evil and unfair. The world is inherently evil and unfair; no artificial institution will ever change that. The best we can hope for is to create a society where people are motivated to succeed and live humbly by their own means, as independent of a governing body as possible.

The economic system of conservatism is capitalism, while the economic system of liberalism is socialism. Capitalism certainly has its flaws, as does any system, but responsible, compassionate capitalism is far better than socialism. Capitalism enables the individual to establish him or herself financially, spiritually, creatively and completely. The citizen is then free and indeed more prone to partake in philanthropic and didactic activities that benefit the well being of the surrounding society and world.

Yet the citizen must be willing to do his or her part to share with and help those who are less fortunate; thus capitalism involves greater responsibility and has more faith that the individual will partake in charitable activity. Yet it is better than socialism or communism in that, as David Horowitz writes in his book, *Deconstructing the Left*, "Only a capitalist market...private property and the profit motive (can) unleash the forces of individual initiative and human creativity to produce real and expanding wealth—not only for the rich, but for society as a whole." Conversely, in socialist and communistic systems the individual loses self-initiative. The systems of the left punish success, thereby perpetuating those inequalities and dilemmas whose elimination was the very impetus to action.

You down with GOP? Yeah you know me! contact Nathan at horatio399@yahoo.com

Take the 'X' out of Xmas



Mark Anderson
STAFF COLUMNIST

"Happy Christmas" just doesn't sound right. Happy Birthday sounds all right, even Happy Easter. So who was it that first stuck "merry" in front of Christmas anyway?

Well, I don't know either. Maybe it means that Christmas is more special than the other holidays. Birthday celebrations are extended; that's pretty special. Easter means the kids' favorite Easter egg hunt.

But these holidays don't have the dramatic aura that surrounds Christmas. If someone is giddy about an upcoming birthday, it's probably their own. Nobody is planning a Mark Anderson Happy Birthday Parade. And few folks are big on Easter, outside that adventure, the egg hunt and chocolate bunnies.

Oh, but Christmas has it all! It all starts in mid-November when the mall wreaths show up and the city Christmas parade prances down Main Street. We can almost smell the egg nog and candy canes and Santa's cookies.

Santa! Of course! How could I forget jolly ol' Saint Nick? He is the magical man of gift-giving who slips down your chimney. Santa Claus hears the whispers of children and their hopes for Christmas morning. He's always so merry—ho, ho, ho! What a great guy!

And where do we see Santa Claus? Back to the mall, where sales lure ready-to-buy anything shoppers, while the man in red and white trim lures the kids. Don't forget to wrap those presents, too. Free gift-wrapping at the mall...perfect!

While driving between the mall and Target, looking for the perfect gift, please don't run off the road as you take in the spectacular Christmas light displays garnishing every other home and yard. If you're lucky, you might see one of those Santa, sleigh and reindeer prop-up-on-the-roof jobs.

Phew! Writing out the word "Christmas" every time is time-consuming. I'll just refer to it as "Xmas." In the words of the master chef Emeril...Bam!

Right there, at that point of abbreviating the holiday to a generic-looking "Xmas," all true meaning of Christmas has vanished. Xmas is the season of business, marketing and turning a profit that precedes the ceremonial celebration of Jesus Christ. Shopping sales, parades, red and green neckties and sweaters symbolize Xmas. Xmas removes the Christ from Christmas.

Those characteristics of Xmas are not inherently unethical. In fact, I like shopping the day after Thanksgiving with everyone else, searching for the best deals. I enjoy singing "Jingle Bells" and drinking egg nog. These traditions are part of American culture. And traditions are good. But, when we are fooled into believing that those characteristics alone create the spirit of Christmas, we are wrong. Celebrating Christmas without Jesus—without celebrating his birth and life—is ignoring the Christ, the same "Christ" as in Christmas.

What about the spirit of Xmas? We do strive to buy gifts for our friends and family, and that aspiration is noble. We do strive to be welcoming and warm in our interactions with others during the season, and that attitude is blameless.

But, do we buy those gifts and toss around warm greetings out of obligation to meet the cultural norm? Do we conform to the seasonal standard?

The three wise men of Jesus' birth story bring gold, frankincense and myrrh—all very precious gifts. Did these men give such offerings to the supposed Messiah out of obligation? They didn't walk some lengthy distance because everybody else was doing it.

Out of their faith the wise men wanted to give those gifts to honor Jesus. They desired to give to him—just a baby, nonetheless—so much that they traveled on foot to his humble birthplace.

If we were to give our presents like the wise men, we would find and give that which we hope would please the recipient. We wouldn't ask what they wanted; the wise men didn't ask Jesus, what do you want for your birthday?

The wise men did the best they could with what they had, about the baby Jesus. They believed he was the Christ, the Savior of all men, born in the form of a man to reach sinful man. So, they bestowed their gifts humbly.

Surely, Mary, Joseph and Jesus enjoyed the beauty and fragrance of the gifts. But, they almost certainly appreciate the act of giving more than the gifts themselves. Such is the true meaning of giving at Christmas.

Countless people observe Xmas, but few observe Christmas. Christ is God's gift to us, but in our celebration of Xmas Christ is excluded. Let's put the Christ back in Christmas.

Why all the fuss? "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." — John 3:16-17. Send comments to mban-



John Sico
STAFF COLUMNIST

The focus on a recent episode of "The Montel Williams Show" was etiquette in daily life. The tips given included such ethical epiphanies as how to conduct oneself on an airplane in a manner that doesn't disturb the comfort of the other passengers and which fork to use in a fancy restaurant. Many of the things discussed were relatively trivial, and the woman who was appointed as Montel's etiquette expert fielded them with the ease of a Yankee fielding grounders. However, toward the end of the show an audience member asked her a question that for me, as a man, hit close to home. The query was, "Do any special rules of conduct apply in a public men's room?"

Upon hearing this, my attention was quickly riveted to the screen to see what this woman would have to say that might make my next trip to the community lavatory go that much more smoothly. It turned out to be a mistake on both the inquisitive audience member and my part to assume that this woman, who had performed so well until this point, could tackle such an important question as this—although

she (hopefully) has had no men's room experience to speak of in her lifetime. The only offering she had was that maybe you should try to "keep your eyes straight ahead."

Ah, foolish female! This simple statement did not even graze the surface of the elaborate rituals that are involved in a trip to the restroom. It was not her fault she was clueless of the delicate dance that is performed each time we step into the municipal toilet. While this may be a social activity for women, it is something totally different for us men. So, to try to fill in some of the many gaps she left in her explanation of public men's room conduct, I shall mention some of the things that may be the toughest to master.

The first thing that had to be done upon entering a bathroom is choosing which receptacle (urinal, male proudly) that would be most inviting. This is an art form in and of itself. If the bathroom is empty, your choice is easy. You simply choose the one furthest from the door. Doing this gives anyone else who may enter the bathroom during your visit the widest choice possible. If there is only one other tenant currently occupying the bathroom, don't fret. Just pick the one furthest from him. If he was inconsiderate enough to use the middle urinal, then you should pick the one closest to the door. This ensures that you do not have to violate his per-

sonal space by walking past him to pick your spot. When there is more than one person in the restroom, with even spaces between them, walk out. If you absolutely must use the adjacent urinal to someone else, do your best to pick the person who looks the least threatening.

Leaving the bathroom you are presented with another choice. Do you or do you not wash your hands? I leave this up to personal discretion. If the sink looks about the same level of cleanliness as the toilet, skip it. But, if it doesn't seem too bad, then you can most likely wash your hands without fear of contracting some sort of fungus or disease. For more information on this topic, consult the column previously written by fellow columnist Greg Volk.

These are just small parts of the puzzle that is using a public bathroom. There are many other steps that have to be taken in order to make sure that everyone's experience is as painless as possible. While you cannot let the complexities involved here sour you on taking advantage of what can be a great convenience, you must at the same time be sure not to underestimate the art of successful bathroom usage.

Are you holding in a comment to send to John? Let it out and shoot a message to riveasone@aol.com

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WAVE drowns NCSU freedoms

I have recently become aware of the existence of the Working Against Violence Everywhere (WAVE) program, which seeks to reduce violence in public school in North Carolina.

The program is endorsed by Gov. Hunt and is a partnership between the Center for the Prevention of School Violence (CPSV) and the Pinkertons, Inc. CPSV is based here at N.C. State University. This program consists of establishing an anonymous tip line for students to report their fellow students who display warning signs of violent behavior. The information gathered by Pinkertons from this tip line is then transferred to the schools to deal with the student that has been reported. This is in spite of the fact that the Supreme Court has ruled that anonymous tips are not sufficient legal grounds for even a search warrant.

Apparently, NCSU thinks this does not apply to students. Students who are willing to participate in this program are rewarded by being given discounts to area retailers if they carry a card that explains how to turn their fellow students in. This program encourages the creation of an atmosphere of fear in schools, in which no one may speak freely for fear of being turned in. This program removes all accountability for the student who is doing the reporting. If someone led to get back at a someone there would be no repercussions for the student who lied, because it was done anonymously.

In addition the state of North Carolina, N.C. Public Schools and NCSU have entered a partnership with Pinkertons, a company with a human rights record far worse than many governments we have condemned. Pinkertons made their name by providing "security" to corporations by breaking strikes and busting unions. Pinkertons was heavily involved in breaking the Homestead Strike, in which several men were killed.

I ask that NCSU reconsider this partnership which seeks to undermine the civil liberties of American students. NCSU has the responsibility of defending the personal, civic, and academic freedom of everyone in NC including students in the public schools. I ask that the partnership with Pinkertons, as well as the anonymous tip program end, or the Center for the Prevention of School Safety be disassociated with North Carolina State University.

Kevin Blair
Senior
Food Science

Technician destroys 'mullet hunting' society

Recently upon reading my daily dose of *Technician*, I came across an article entitled "Hair today...hair tomorrow," about the story behind the mysterious haircut termed "the mullet."

I was surprised to see the URL to a Web site known as mulletgators.com. Mulletgators is a Web site based on an underground network of those known as "mullet hunters." The purpose of such a Web site is to give entertainment and a forum to the select few who engage in the dangerous sport of "mullet hunting" and the select few who happen to catch a glimpse of the Web site as they are surfing the Internet.

The idea behind the Web site is to keep the "mullet hunting" society underground, ensuring that the mullets never find out about the activity and the network of "mullet hunters," allowing it to remain entertaining for those select few.

However, when the article in *Technician* mentioned the Web site and the idea of "mullet hunting," the writer of "Hair" broke the silence between "mullet hunters" and revealed the secret of the sport of "mullet hunting" to the mullets.

Myself and fellow "mullet hunters" are appalled at this. We have enjoyed the sport of mullet hunting for the past few years, and now, because of *Technician* our sport is ruined because now the mullets know. Our sport of hunting down the elusive mullet is no more. Now, because of *Technician* when a mullet walks down the street, the mullet knows it is being observed. I would just like to say thanks for ruining our great sport.

Chris Renson
Freshman
Computer Science

David Dunn
Freshman
Mechanical Engineering

Technician staff just 'All-American white boys,' lacks diversity, student voice

I am tired of rushing to my room to hop on my computer to write another reply to some dumb article that a *Technician* writer has written. I know many of you guys and I am saying this out of love. I think that this school's administration is making you soft; fear of getting kicked out of "University Scholars" or not becoming a "Chancellor's Aide" might be the reason. I might be generalizing, hell, I know I am.

The issue is this is what people who read the technician think. We students are eager to read "news" in *Technician* while enjoying our overpriced chicken sandwich. Do we get news? No. We receive a corner of a page with news and the rest of the entire *Technician* is hubble about music, advertisements and the damn election. I don't give a damn about what you think about the world. I don't really care that you like rap music. I want to hear you talk about the school seeing as this is the school's newspaper.

Interview the Chancellor yourself instead of having me email questions to her. Write about the numerous fee increases while facilities continue to deteriorate. Write about the smell in the gym.

I know this might not seem true but all I see is All-American white boys with too much time on their hands, yeah I know it's not true, but in the media my perception is my reality. I occasionally get a cute article about dating or about how men suck from that girl writer. As a paper that lacks diversity and student voice I have no mercy on you.

Before you throw away my article or prepare your rebuttal, look at the paper and ask yourself is there anything that is of any importance to the average student. My student fees go towards your existence; I will be heard.

There are very important issues that are tearing at this campus, but we have no way of knowing. As writers you have so much power and along with that responsibility, do something with it besides pad resumes. I plan on applying next chance applications for writers comes. You ain't heard the last of me.

Decker Ngongang
Sophomore
Political Science

Morgan 'simply inexcusable'

Richard Morgan cites the Sistine Chapel and companies, hawking Christian T-shirts and bracelets as a violation of one of the Ten Commandments. That sort of broad, unexplained statement is simply inexcusable. I strongly urge him to read the commandment in its entirety, as found in Exodus 20:3-5, Leviticus 26:1-2, and Deuteronomy 5:7-9. He should then open a dictionary and look up the meaning of the word "graven." Finally, he should reflect on what it means to bow down and worship graven images one has made as though they were God (which is what the commandment actually prohibits).

Once he has done all that, he ought to reflect on what he wrote, then reconsider what it means to bear false witness. While doing this, Mr. Morgan should keep in mind that the Lord promises to judge him according to the same measure by which he judges others. I refer him to the gospel of Matthew 7:1-5. If he still cares to assert that position, I humbly submit that, in consistency with his logic, he should ask *Technician* never to run his photo again. He should ask his parents not to hold on to any photographs of him. Finally, he should ask the federal government to remove the graven images of Lincoln and Jefferson from their respective monuments in Washington, D.C. Sheesh.

Jack Perry
Graduate Student
Mathematics

Technician should 'get facts straight'

Editor's note: Because of the unique position of the writer, the word limit has been waived.

As president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (formerly Captain's Table) and captain of the varsity volleyball team, I feel that I must respond to the article printed in the Nov. 14 issue of *Technician* entitled, "AOK with DWI." The article was published as a "Technician's View" column and criticized the Athletics Department

for allowing Damon Thornton to continue playing basketball despite his recent run-in with the law.

I wish that *Technician* editors would get their facts straight. It may be convenient to place blame upon the Athletics Department for the decision made on Thornton's playing status, but the truth of the matter is that the Athletics Department did not even make that decision. Instead, according to Lee Fowler our new athletics director, they decided to have Damon go before the Student Judicial Board and allowed them to make the decision regarding his university status including when and if he would be allowed to play. The Student Judicial Board made the decision that Thornton was to be suspended from play until Dec. 22. The Athletics Department is merely heeding the decision made to them by this university committee.

Yes, that means that he had to go before the very same committee that every N.C. State Student must face when dealing with judicial issues. Even Park Scholars and Merit Scholars would have to go before the very same committee.

In response to your charge that NCSU student-athletes are held to a lower standard than that of you "common students" (your words, not mine), I once again beg to differ with you.

Student-athletes are expected to maintain good GPA's, are required to attend study hall nightly and at the same time practice and compete (which can mean missing significant class-time and needing to make it up) — not to mention the countless hours spent by student-athletes in community service activities.

There are very high standards set for student-athletes and we have been very successful, as a whole, in meeting those standards. Of the 466 student athletes that have completed their athletic eligibility at NCSU, 83 percent have graduated. In the spring, there were 200 Scholar Athletes with GPA's of 3.0 or above, 87 Dean's List Honorees, 1 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Recipient, and 1 Golden Chain Society Inductee. Our wrestling team ranked 23rd in the nation academically, and our gymnasts earned EAAL All-Academic Team honors.

I could only hope that *Technician* would spend as much effort applauding the positive aspects of the athletics department and student-athlete achievements of the court as they did responding to the unfortunate actions of a single student athlete. Such a shift in attitude would be beneficial to everyone within the NCSU community that we all represent.

Meredith Price
Senior
Biochemistry
President
Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Beaver College



The oft-ridiculed Pennsylvania college changed its name to Arcadia University. They got rid of annoying and vulgar "beaver" references, but what are they going to do with the giant twig dam surrounding their campus? The students may be done messing with "beaver," but that won't be the last of their dam problems.

UNC-Charlotte students



Three roommates were robbed out of all of \$2, then, forced to give up their checking accounts, lost another \$200. Out of frustration over the students' poverty, the gunmen forced the roommates to get naked and then, pelleted them with eggs, chocolate syrup and ice tea mix. But maybe it was just a rash prank, though — like rushing the field during the NFL's Panthers-Packers game.

Amir Kabir Univeristy students



Pro-reform students in Tehran denounced the hard-line Iranian judiciary for their persecution of independent press. They shouted, "There's no justice in the judiciary." After problems with hard-line cafeteria workers, the protesters also added the chant, "There's no meat in the meatloaf!"

James Watson



The Nobel laureate, who co-discovered DNA and also stunted the Human Genome Project in 1980, stunned the University of California at Berkeley by pushing a theory connecting skin color with sex drive. "That's why we have Latin lovers," he explained. "Have you ever heard of a English lover?" Idiot. What kind of scientist pushes a theory that proves his own sexual inability?

The Mystery Pooper



Mad props to whoever dumped (literally) on midcourt at the Dean Dome. The unknown bowpelt made a gripping argument about the quality of education in a sports-crazy culture. But wasn't it a bit redundant, though, to poop on poop?

Gore



Give it up. We're sick of counting on you to recount our votes so that the new counted votes will count towards votes that will add to your vote count. So, stop trying to confuse us! And don't mess with Texas.

Elections



Haiti's government did their elections in one day (and we put together that government!). Canada has five parties (one for each variety of maple) and they still managed a landslide. But look who they got, Cretien who said during his acceptance speech (no joke): "We just getting warm up!"

Dubya



Pushing ahead with a "cabinet" and "appointees," Bush moved to Washington but was denied keys to the government offices set up for presidential transition. Sorry, Dubya; the U.S. Supreme Court — not Cruella DeVil — will decide this election. Plus, it's not like this is the first time someone thought it was a bad idea to let him have the keys.

ACC



They beat the Big Ten in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge. They also beat the Big Ten in the Physical Challenge, the Florida Recount legal challenge and a to-scale reconstruction of the Space Shuttle Challenger.

An Unnamed Opinion Editor



For breaking the triple-digit speed barrier, extreme and gratuitous deceleration, slashing tires with high-speed U-turns, and drawing pity from local mechanics/Ben Harper fans, a "certain person" who endangered a substantial percentage of *Technician's* editorial staff is no longer allowed to be drivers in further *Technician*-sanctioned road trips — no matter how many Burger King French toast sticks are involved.

Have you ever seen this face -in the mirror?

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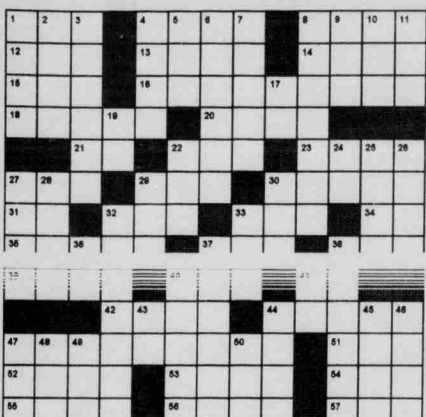


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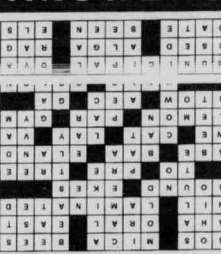
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cation of how they stack up against conference competition. State has also agreed to allow this meet to count as the dual-team match with the Florida State men (3-4) and women (4-2). Thus the Pack swimmers have an added incentive to swim well, as a solid performance could provide a crucial ACC win.

Seniors Mary Mittendorf and Natalie Jones have led the Pack women through the early part of the season. Mittendorf has posted solid times in the 200-yard individual medley and butterfly while also helping the 400-yard freestyle relay team. Jones has recorded the fast 200-yard breaststroke time for the Pack in addition to swimming on the 400-yard medley relay team.

"So many women have been swimming well for us," said Teal. "Mary Mittendorf has just had an outstanding fall, and Natalie Jones times just keep on getting faster."

The women divers have also had a lot of success this year, with Erin

Bailey and Erin Lambie posting the highest scoring meets thus far. The men will continue to look to defending ACC champions Greg Solt and

Braden Holloway to anchor this relatively young team. Holloway specializes in the 200-yard backstroke and individual medley, while Solt excels in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events. These two also run two legs of the 400-yard medley relay.

"I'm expecting really good swims out of those two," said Teal. "They're going to be facing some really strong competition so they are going to have to step it up."

The men will also look for strong performances out of their long-distance swimmers. Stephen Matthews, Mark Eberlie and Richard Culbertson have all been posting first-rate times in the 1000-yard freestyle.

"It's going to be a good opportunity for our people who want to compete in the NCAA Tournament to see some national competition," said Teal. "The facility at Georgia is a very fast pool, so everyone's excited and looking forward to posting fast times."

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said Breitenbach. "It is a very large tournament, like Nationals and there will be many of the top teams in the country competing there like Nationals. Coach Guzzo is trying to prepare us for the type of environment and competition that we will see at the end of the season because that is when it really counts the most. I expect that we will all compete hard and gain valuable experience."

The Pack's first tournament of the year was at the Navy Duals in Annapolis, Md., two weeks ago. Despite finishing seventh out of eight teams, State didn't come away empty handed. Breitenbach won the individual championship

at 197, while Pryor took second place at 157.

"Pierre and Zach did a great job," said Jordan. "On the surface, overall, we have a very young team. Everyone wrestled hard, but we made some mistakes. Young mistakes."

The Las Vegas Invitational is considered one of the best tournaments of the year, but the coaching staff looks at it as more of a learning experience. And for a young State team, it is the perfect opportunity to have so early in the season.

"Coach Guzzo and I have been pleasantly pleased so far with our team's dedication and performance," Jordan said. "We want our kids to get experience against some of the best talent in the country and they will this weekend."

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The Pack's inability to stop the run was its Achilles' heel throughout the season. The defense finished eighth in the conference and 92nd in the country against the run, allowing 191 yards per game. State gave up more than 100 yards on the ground in every game this season, including four of at least 200.

State did have a few bright spots against the run, forcing 14 fumbles, which was tied for second in the ACC. Linebacker Levar Fisher, who was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year on Thursday, had an amazing year with 163 tackles to lead the nation. Fisher also topped the team with 15 tackles for a loss, seven pass breakups and four forced fumbles.

Grade: C

Special Teams

As in years past, the kicking game was an essential part of State's success.

The Pack continued its tradition of blocking kicks, knocking down seven this year. Holt blocked three field goals, including the potential game-winning kick in the waning minutes of State's win at Indiana.

Koren Robinson was named to the All-ACC first team as a specialist. Robinson finished 11th in the country in kickoff returns with a 25.3-yard average and 11th in punt returns with a 15.6-yard average. He returned a punt 61 yards for a touchdown against Wake Forest and had a 97-yard kickoff return called back by a block in the back against Tech.

Senior placekicker Kent Passingham was fairly reliable, connecting on 13-of-18 field goals and 38-of-40 extra points. He finished seventh in the conference in scoring, averaging

6.8 points per game.

State did have its problems on special teams, however. The Pack struggled defending kick-offs all season, allowing a conference-worst 23 yards per return.

Punter Austin Herbert had a solid freshman campaign, dropping 17 of his 59 punts inside the opposing 20-yard line. He was invaluable in Saturday's win against Wake, landing two punts inside the 1-yard line. But his 37.7-yard punting average was eighth in the conference, ahead of only UNC freshman Blake Ferguson.

Grade: A-

Coaching

The expectations for head coach Chuck Amato's first season in Raleigh were low. State entered the season picked to finish seventh in the ACC with only 10 seniors, a freshman quarterback and very little depth.

Amato convinced the Pack that it was a better team than the experts predicted.

The players participated in a strenuous off-season workout program to shed weight and build stamina. The training paid off tremendously since many of the starters were forced to stay on the field for nearly every snap.

The Pack came from behind to take four last-minute or overtime victories. Three of State's four losses were by seven points, and the team had chances to tie those games in the closing minutes. That never-say-die attitude came straight from the coaching staff.

Amato returned to his alma mater intent on building a championship-caliber football program similar to the one he left as an assistant at FSU. The Pack still isn't close to that status, but Amato has generated a new level of interest in football at State that has everyone believing that goal is possible.

Grade: A

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league's offensive and overall Player of the Year. Weinke received 66 votes for the ACC Player of the Year award, while no other player earned more than one. In the Offensive Player of the Year balloting, Weinke was given

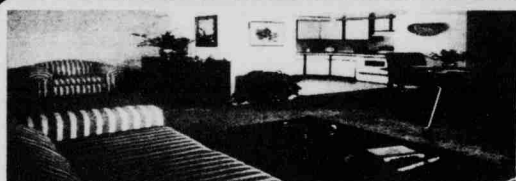
62 votes, with State's Koren Robinson finishing a distant second with three.

Weinke shattered the ACC records for passing yards and touchdowns, throwing for 4,167 yards and 33 touchdowns. The 28-year-old former minor league baseball player finished his career with the Seminoles with 9,839 yards and 79 touchdowns, also ACC records.



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ACC Rookie of the Year Phillip Rivers set the league record for passing yards by a freshman.

Fisher named ACC's top defender



Levar Fisher led the nation with 163 tackles.

◆ **N.C. State linebacker Levar Fisher** became the first player in school history to win the conference Defensive Player of the Year award.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State junior linebacker Levar Fisher was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Defensive Player of the Year on Thursday by The Associated Press.

Fisher edged Florida State defensive lineman Jamal Reynolds and Clemson linebacker Keith Adams, collecting 18 of a possible 70 votes from the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association. Reynolds and Adams, last year's winner, each

took 15 votes.

Fisher, the first Wolfpack player to receive the defensive honor, collected All-ACC and All-America awards this season and is a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Award. He led the nation in tackles with 163, reaching double digits in 10 of State's 11 games. He topped 19 tackles three times, including consecutive games of 20 and 21 against Florida State and Maryland.

"Levar is something else," State head coach Chuck Amato said following Saturday's game. "His motor just never stops. If we can get 10 of those people who run on high octane like that, and then 20 of them, then we can go on high octane, too."

FSU quarterback Chris Weinke was also announced as the

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GRADE A PERFORMANCE

◆ **Quality coaching and a high-powered offense** carried N.C. State to a 7-4 record.

Jeremy Ashton

Sports Editor

The regular season came to an end for N.C. State on Saturday against Wake Forest, but the Wolfpack isn't done playing football.

State heads to the Micronne (com Bowl) in Miami on Dec. 28 to take on Minnesota after completing its schedule with a 7-4 record. The Pack had an exciting year filled with brilliant performances, such as the end of a seven-year losing streak to North Carolina, an overtime victory against Peach Bowl-bound Georgia Tech and the development of a couple of stars.

With that in mind, here's a breakdown of how State made its way to Miami.

Passing Offense

The key to State's season was its high-scoring offense. State went 7-0 when it scored more than 30 points, while finishing 0-4 when it failed to reach that mark.

The passing game was led by the stellar play of freshman quarterback Phillip Rivers, who was a near-unanimous selection for Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Year. Rivers established new conference standards for freshmen, throwing for 3,054 yards and 25 touchdowns. He set nine single-season school records and became just the second State quarterback to throw for more than 3,000 yards in a season.

Rivers' favorite target, sophomore Koren Robinson, earned first-team All-ACC honors for his play. Robinson caught 13 touchdowns and 62 passes for 1,061 yards, joining Torrey Holt as the only State receivers to eclipse the 1,000-yard barrier in a season. He made several timely catches, including a 47-yard reception with 54 seconds left in a 41-38 win over Indiana and a 23-yarder in overtime to upend the Yellow Jackets, 30-23. Robinson was by no means the only weapon at Rivers' disposal. Four other State players — Ray Robinson, Eric Leak, Willie Wright and Bryan Peterson — covered more than 300 yards this season.

The offensive line went into the year inexperienced and suffered several key personnel losses throughout the season. The group allowed 37 sacks, eighth in the conference, but the starters rarely came out due to the lack of depth.

Grade: A

Rushing Offense

The attention devoted to the Pack's aerial attack took some of the focus off the ground game.

State's running offense was inconsistent at best, finishing eighth in the ACC with just 103.8 yards per game. The Pack scored only 13 rushing touchdowns and topped 100 yards only five times.

Ray Robinson, a junior tailback, was the team's leading rusher, accumulating 788 yards and seven touchdowns. Robinson also caught 41 passes out of the backfield for 366 yards and ended the year ninth in the conference in all-purpose yards with 108.9 per game. His best game came in an overtime loss at Maryland when he rushed for 178 yards on a school-record 40 carries.

Sophomore Cotra Jackson didn't see much action early in the season but proved to be a

capable backup. Jackson carried the ball 13 times for 94 yards and two touchdowns in the fourth quarter of State's 38-20 victory over UNC.

Senior fullback Derek Roberts did a solid job blocking for Robinson and Jackson throughout the season. Roberts also became a threat out of the backfield, catching 23 passes for 185 yards.

Grade: B

Passing Defense

The Pack's defense was strongest against the pass this season.

State allowed 14 touchdown receptions and a league-low 184.5 yards per game. Duke's D. Bryant was the only opposing quarterback to throw for more than 300 yards against the Pack.

State picked off 10 passes throughout the course of the season. Linebacker Corey Lyons topped the team with three, two of which came in a 41-0 blowout of Southern Methodist.

The Pack applied good pressure on quarterbacks, registering 32 sacks. Junior defensive end Brian Jamison recorded a team-high 6.5 sacks, while fellow junior end Corey Smith added six.

The secondary entered the year relatively inexperienced but allowed very few big plays. State gave up just 6.4 yards per catch, the second-best mark in the ACC.

Safeties Adrian Wilson and Terrence Holt anchored the group and were named to the All-ACC second team. Junior Brian Williams made a successful switch from safety to cornerback. And freshman James Walker, a converted wide receiver, struggled at times on the other side but steadily improved after starter J.J. Washington tore the anterior cruciate ligament in one of his knees against UNC.

Grade: B+

Rushing Defense

Wilson and Holt finished second and fourth in tackles for the Pack with 106 and 88, respectively. Those numbers got the duo postseason recognition, but the fact that they had to make so many tackles in the defensive backfield was indicative of State's porous run defense.

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Koren Robinson scored 14 touchdowns.

Swimmers journey to Georgia for weekend invitational

◆ **N.C. State competes in the 12-team Georgia Invitational** this weekend with three other ACC schools.

Steve Thompson

Staff Writer

Following a number of personnel changes in the off season, the N.C. State swimming and diving teams have responded positively and look to close out the fall portion of their schedules with a strong showing at the Georgia Invitational this weekend.

After an early loss to Maryland, new coach Brooks Teal has led the women's team (6-1, 0-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) to six straight wins, while the young men's team (2-3, 0-1 ACC) has split its last four meets.

"This is our primary meet for the fall semester," said Teal. "With the strong swimming and the success that we've had, I'm really looking forward to fast swims from everybody."

WHAT: SWIMMING AT GEORGIA

WHEN: INVITATIONAL

THIS WEEKEND

WHERE: ATHENS, GA.

The meet will feature many of the top men's and women's programs in the nation. In addition to Georgia, other programs that will be at the meet include Minnesota, Florida Atlantic, Georgia Tech, Florida State and Clemson.

Featuring strong men's and women's programs, Georgia will

look to defend its Georgia Invitational title from last year.

With the Georgia men having beaten one of the ACC's top teams in North Carolina, a positive showing against the No. 13 Bulldogs (4-2) could give the Wolfpack men added confidence heading into the ACC regular season.

The two-time defending national champion Georgia women (6-0) are currently ranked second nationally and should provide one of the bigger tests of the season for the Wolfpack women.

"We're going up against the best team in the nation," said Teal. "It's going to be a very exciting challenge for us."

The presence of other ACC teams at the meet will help the Pack swimmers get an early indi-

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Wrestlers face challenging weekend in Las Vegas

◆ **The Wolfpack goes up against tough tournament competition** this weekend in the Southwest.

Justin Sellers

Staff Writer

When the N.C. State wrestling team travels to Las Vegas this weekend, gambling the night away will be the last thing on its mind.

The Wolfpack will join some of the top teams in the country at the 19th annual Cliff Keen Las Vegas Collegiate Wrestling Invitational. The team will look to gain experience, as any young team needs to do, while at the same time try to pull out some key victories.

The two-day tournament involves more than 50 different schools and features 10 out of the

top 25 teams in the nation, including No. 5 Illinois, No. 7 Michigan, No. 8 Lehigh, and No. 9 Nebraska. Among the teams competing, a total of 46 top 10 wrestlers are entered in 10 different weight classes, which assures quality matchups at every level.

WHAT: WRESTLING AT LAS VEGAS

WHEN: INVITATIONAL

THIS WEEKEND

WHERE: LAS VEGAS

Also included in the roster of competitors are three former NCAA champions: Stephen Abas of Fresno State (125 pounds), Kirk White of Boise State (157 pounds) and Brad Vering of Nebraska (197 pounds).

"There will be some very talent-

ed wrestlers there," said assistant coach Carter Jordan. "It will be the closest tournament we will see all year long to what the NCAA Tournament will look like at the end of the season."

Senior captain Zach Breitenbach and redshirt junior Pierre Pryor will try to do their part to bring home victories in tough weight classes.

Breitenbach's weight class features six top 10 wrestlers, including Vering, who is currently No. 1 in the nation at 197. Meanwhile, Pryor will have his hands full, as well, in the 157-pound weight class. Pryor will also get the chance to see what it is like to wrestle a champion with White in his class.

"I look at this tournament as a sort of pre-national tournament."

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