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Despite objections, ESA agreement could be near

◆ **The Hurricanes' objections come from the two separate contracts the Centennial Authority has with NCSU and the Hurricanes regarding the operation and management of the ESA.**

Andrew Buchert
Assistant News Editor

Despite the Carolina Hurricanes' objections to a proposal for the distribution of revenue from the sale of the Entertainment and Sports Arena's naming rights, officials at the Centennial Authority are confident that an agreement will

be reached.

The plan must be approved by both N.C. State and the Hurricanes within 60 days of its approval by the Raleigh City Council, or the city's approval of the plan will be nullified, said Centennial Authority Executive Director Curt Williams.

The plan was proposed by the Raleigh City Council and approved by the Centennial Authority on Nov. 2. The NCSU Board of Trustees approved the proposal at their Nov. 17 meeting.

But the Hurricanes, however, have not yet approved the plan due to objections to several details of the proposal.

"We embrace and agree with the basic structure of the naming

rights proposal," said Hurricanes President Jim Cain. "But we don't agree with several operational issues [in the plan]," he said.

The objections that the Hurricanes have raised to the plan stem from the two separate contracts that the Centennial Authority has with NCSU and the Hurricanes regarding the operation and management of the ESA. The Centennial Authority is a 19-member public body created by the N.C. General Assembly to oversee and operate the ESA.

The Hurricanes have raised objections to the plan's language concerning such issues as a cap on the value of tickets and suites, the allocation of parking

revenues from the Hurricane's use of Carter Finley Stadium lots and NCSU's use of Arena lots, and schedule conflicts between basketball games and other entertainment, according to a letter that Cain sent to NCSU Chancellor Marye Anne Fox informing her of the Hurricanes' objections to the proposal.

"Our position is that the Authority is supposed to pay us for these issues," said Cain. "The Hurricanes and the Centennial Authority have been regularly meeting and actively working towards a resolution to the Hurricanes' objections, said Williams.

"The Authority has assured us that they have the authority to

resolve these issues," said Cain. "and we are very anxious to get this behind us so that we can assure a naming rights partner."

"We are further along than we have ever been [in the naming rights agreement process], and we are working hard to get this resolved," said Williams. "All the parties share the same interest in getting this resolved, and I am confident we'll come to some agreement," he said. With the exception of several specific instances of language clarification, the proposal that was approved by the NCSU Board of Trustees is in the same form as when it was drafted by the Raleigh City Council and approved by the Centennial Authority, said Fox.

"The substance is the same," she said.

Cain also met with Fox to discuss the Hurricanes' objections to the proposal, although "the Hurricanes have never had a problem with us," said Fox.

Fox said that with the deadline to approve the proposal looming, "there is a lot of pressure on the Hurricanes to resolve this."

"Jim wants it to work," she said. In the letter to Fox, Cain wrote that the issues in the proposal to which the Hurricanes object must "be resolved before we can come to a compromise, and before we can actively start marketing the naming rights to a corporate partner."

Leading a unified front

◆ **A look at Student Senate President Conen Morgan: who he is and how he is fighting for NCSU students.**

Spaine Stephens
News Editor

The N.C. State Student Senate represents a fighting army, a fireball of passion and the extremities of the body. At least, in Student Senate President Conen Morgan's eyes.

"These are the people in the trenches when no one else cares," said Morgan to the senators at this semester's last meeting last Wednesday night. He urged the group to unite and to realize that their purpose is to fight fairly for the same cause.

Morgan, a sophomore computer science major with junior credit, serves as the senior executive officer of Student Senate. It's a job he takes to heart, and he considers the 64-member senate a key group in representing NCSU's student body.

"It's the best possible way for students to get their interests across," he said.

Morgan oversees the standing committees in addition to presiding over meetings. He also has to find and build the confidence and respect that's vital during the proceedings in Senate Chambers in Witherspoon Student Center.

Morgan himself has to "carry a certain confidence" into the meetings and maintain a level of respect and professionalism during them. This, he says, hasn't been difficult to uphold.

Outside meetings, Morgan keeps senate paperwork up-to-date and

attends other meetings across the university to ensure that students have representation. He also serves as a representative of other campus organizations, including Circle K, an organization that focuses on campus and community service.

"[Conen] wants to be committed to so many different things," said Ellen Stewart, vice president of Circle K. She said Morgan often had to make difficult decisions about where to devote his time.

Stewart recalled Circle K's August trip to San Diego for a convention, on which Morgan went. He entered an oratorical contest there and came in second place. He went on to take first place at a district competition.

Morgan likes to participate in other groups as well, to keep in touch with other campus organizations.

"I like to pop up in different interest meetings that go on, like IRC [Inter-Residence Council] and Scholars [the University Scholars Program]," he said.

"He's real fresh," said Stewart. "He's got a lot of fresh ideas."

It is with this freshness that Morgan approached Student Senate this semester. Despite the time and attention he's given it, though, he doesn't want all the credit for Student Senate's accomplishments. Several speeches he has given to the group have been punctuated with the theme of working together, and having strength in numbers.

"For a new leader who has never had this type of leadership experience, he has done an efficient job in making Student Senate an effective as not just a school resource, but a community

resource," said Charles Lawley, a sophomore senator.

Morgan sees a unified front as the only tactic for Student Senate's success. This outlook has a tendency to invoke passion in Morgan, which he hopes has been contagious to the senators.

"I can get very passionate," he said. "Sometimes I get so passionate during a meeting, I just want to scream and let people know they're doing something right or wrong."

At the last senate meeting of the semester, Morgan implored that same fire to kindle within each member of senate.

"I know that fire exists in all of you," he told the students as he left the lectern and walked around Senate Chambers, singling out different senators for their noteworthy actions over the semester.

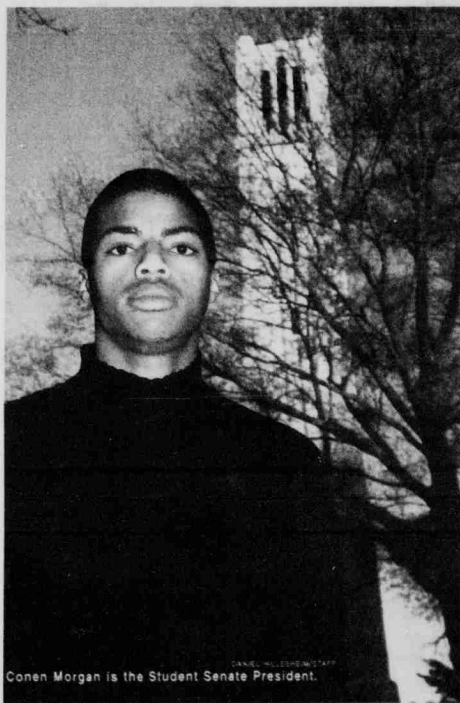
"You have to understand what exists in you. Bills and resolutions do not mean anything if the effort is not felt."

Morgan has felt the effort from all corners of the university toward the success of Student Senate. He said members of the administration have been continuously receptive and helpful, and have been around since Morgan's own start in Student Government.

"Dr. Stafford [Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs] will come speak to us whenever anything needs to be said," Morgan said, speaking of Stafford's service as a liaison between students and administration on important issues.

Morgan also praised former senate

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Conen Morgan is the Student Senate President.

NCSU at the top in chemical engineering

◆ **The N.C. State department of chemical engineering is at the top of several lists reported by Chemical & Engineering News.**

Susanna Smith
Senior Staff Reporter

N.C. State leads all U.S. universities in chemical engineering research and development spending and ranks fifth nationally in terms of federal support for chemical engineering R&D, according to a report published this fall in Chemical & Engineering News.

"I think it reflects very favorably on the university," said professor and head of NCSU's Department of Chemical Engineering, Peter K. Kilpatrick. "It just points out how strong the research program is in the college and the university in terms of generating external research support."

In 1998, NCSU was also ranked as the

number one university in chemical engineering for research and development spending, a move up for a seventh place ranking in 1997.

The chemical engineering department at NCSU currently consists of about 500 undergraduates, 100 graduate students and 20 faculty members.

"I think as chemical engineering departments go we are in the top 10-15 percent size-wise," said Kilpatrick. "It means the breadth of different types of research is pretty large."

The department focuses on smaller subcategories of research, concentrating on biotechnology, nanotechnology, polymers sciences, green engineering, and statistical mechanics.

"In these five areas we are very well represented. The students have a tremendous variety within these areas, creating a range of opportunities," said Kilpatrick.

Graduates from the chemical engineer-

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In the Talley Student Center, copaturned singers perform at the annual Madrigal Dinner. For more information on the Madrigal Dinner, see Features page 4.

New Undergraduate Research Grant

◆ **The grants are designed to motivate students to stay on campus and increase their involvement in academic affairs.**

Jeffrey Peet
Special to Technician

As part of its effort to keep students on campus and studying, the Department of Undergraduate Affairs is initiating a new series of undergraduate research grants beginning in the spring of 2001.

There will be 30 \$5,000 grants offered to the top applicants. The grants will compose of \$4,000 for the student and \$1,000 for the faculty sponsor.

According to Jo Allen, vice provost of undergraduate

affairs and leader of this initiative, the grants are designed to motivate students who would normally be working a part-time job to stay on campus and be

involved in academic affairs. She believes that research is one of the most engaging aspects of academia, and that it puts into perspective the purpose of learning and academics.

In addition, statistically speaking, students who spend more time on campus are more likely to stay in school and graduate. Because of these statistics, Allen said that any student who is either a freshman or sophomore or who has some degree of academic difficulty will be given special consideration for the awards.

The grants can be on any

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adviser Bob Bryan for his ability to "explain things the way students can't, from students' perspective."

"You couldn't ask for better people to introduce you to Student Government," said Morgan.

Morgan admitted that many students on campus may not have a clear idea of what Student Senate's function is. He insisted that it isn't students' job to know "exactly who we are," only to understand that the group actually is working for students' interests. Next semester, senate will be facing issues including tuition increases, athletic ticket distribution, and the discussion of university and student traditions.

Morgan began his involvement with Student Government as a freshman senator and went on to be a committee chair. He began to form aspirations of becoming the senate president pro tem and then realized that he wanted to run for Student Senate President in order to "move Senate in the right direction."

Morgan recognized his ability and qualification to lead the group before he even began attending NCSU. In high school, a role model convinced him that he had the opportunity to take on a leadership position in college.

Morgan did, and he is ready to make a fresh start next semester with Student Senate.

"If there was an experiment going on, we'd be the catalyst," he said. "If there was a person, Senate would be the limbs, the hands, the feet."

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ing department at NCSU have gone into biotechnology related work with pharmaceutical companies or agriculture companies.

Other graduates end up with conventional chemical or petroleum companies. Paper processing and food processing companies are also big employers for NCSU's engineers.

Kilpatrick stated that it would be a conservative estimate to say there are about two to three hundred different employers of

NCSU's chemical engineers.

"It is such a diverse degree program. They [engineers] are in demand all through out the economy," Kilpatrick said.

Kilpatrick believes these high national rankings for the department will have a trickle-down affect in bringing both better undergraduates and more external money into the university.

"Success breeds success. To the degree that this is gives the university and the department greater credibility I think this will have an impact. It can do nothing but help," predicted Kilpatrick.

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topic as long as the topic is approved by an eligible faculty sponsor who is willing to work with the student throughout the semester. This interaction with a faculty member is important because fostering close student/faculty relationships is another key aspect of the program and can spark further collaboration.

These grants are an exciting new opportunity for any student on campus who has a desire to do research, but has never had the time or the means. They will also serve to differentiate NCSU from most other universities in the quality of research done by undergraduates and the availability of funds for undergraduates. Applications and details are available online at http://www.ncsu.edu/undergrad_affairs/researchawardsme.mo.html.

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Home-court advantage?

WHO MADE THE UNITED STATES THE END-ALL AND BE-ALL OF INTERNATIONAL WAR-CRIMES TRIBUNALS? OH YEAH, JESSE HELMS DID.

The United Nations is proposing an International Criminal Court (ICC), which would be the first permanent panel set up to try international war-crimes suspects. Virtually all U.S. allies — except Israel — approve of the idea, which would make international justice independent of the whims of the U.N. Security Council, the policing body that currently sets up war-crime trials on a case by case basis.

The United States, however, is not only refusing to ratify the treaty needed to establish the court, but is also vehemently fighting the very possibility of the court's existence.

Led by our very own Senator Jesse Helms and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFR) he leads, the United States is engaging in some of the most arrogant arm-twisting imaginable. In order to block the court's creation, Helms plans on pushing a bill that would ban military aid to countries that ratify the court's critical treaty. "We're giving countries a choice," said Marc Thresen, spokesman for the SFR. "You can ratify this treaty or you can have a military relationship with the United States."

Helms is also writing into the bill language that would require U.S. personnel to be "immunized" from the court's jurisdiction before the United States joins any U.N. peacekeeping force. Helms and his Republican-led argument against the ICC stem from a fear that — heaven forbid! — the U.S. may be tried for war crimes.

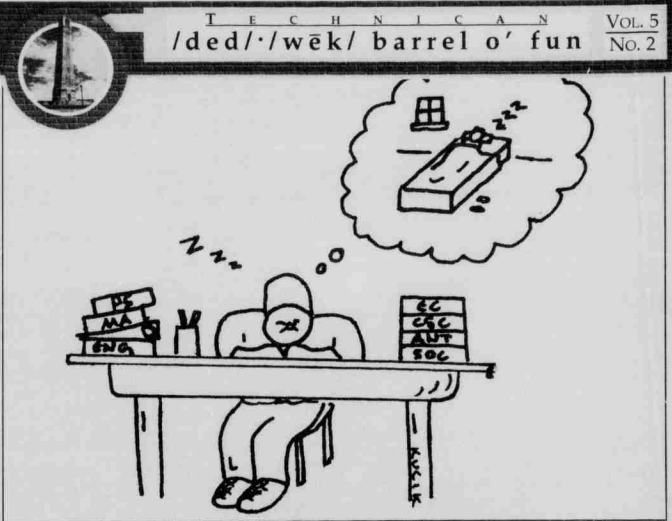
Helms' logic (using the term loosely) assumes that the U.S. is some sort of squeaky clean poster-child for democracy and that the last remaining bastion of liberty is somehow infallible when it comes to freedom fighting.

But the U.N. isn't some subsidiary of U.S. national interests. And why should it be? The United States represents only 300 million of the world's six billion residents. The United States' cultural imperialism is already widespread enough; do we really need to branch out into flagrant military imperialism to boot?

What's the message here? Let our military do whatever we want or else?

If anything, the ICC should be welcomed by Republicans as an opportunity to practice the independent accountability upon which their party's ideology is based. In that regard, we have two options as a nation: 1) lord ourselves over the rest of the world as the last remaining true superpower or 2) humble ourselves in a process of equal cooperation and opportunity for humanitarian service.

Either way, we must remember that as a member of the U.N., the United States must honor a certain commitment to global — not national — interests. Our many honorable actions can be easily cancelled out by any number of dishonorable reactions or inactions. Besides, who's to say that what is "un-American" is necessarily inhumane? Oh, right. We keep forgetting: Jesse Helms.



Bring on the gladiators



Patricia Crane
STAFF COLUMNIST

Women want men. Yeah, I know: news flash. But before you file that in your mental folder of Top Ten Obvious Remarks, let me clarify what I mean by the word "men."

Big, strong, sweaty men who can move mountains and slay dragons. OK, not literally, but we want men who seem like they could if they really wanted to. Guys with the confidence to kiss a girl they barely know while getting off an elevator; quarterbacks who bring the ball to the end zone themselves to win the game against Carolina.

Girls, back me up here. Yes, we fall for our French tutors, and we're intrigued by that quiet guy in choir with the dark eyes, but more often than not, we go with the guy who has the guts to ask us to dance. The others sit and wonder, why do girls pick these Neanderthals covered head-to-toe in Abercrombie & Fitch?

The Abercrombie thing is totally a matter of preference; you know what I mean.

But dressing isn't what I'm talking about. I'm talking about the things that make us want to undress a guy, whatever he's wearing; things we talk about when we're hanging out with the girls and being honest.

I can speak for most girls when I say a guy like Russell Crowe's character in *Gladiator* typifies what I mean by "man." Maximus is a super-badass in battle, subduing his enemies and earning respect, yet he wants to get back to his wife and kid and his farm. In the meantime, he's up to the challenge of conquering nations and evil emperors. And the American's cultured stier totally dug him. See my point?

For those of you guys who have been steeped in the post-80s "sensitivity training" they've hammered into you, let me give you the heads-up on what women really want: We want you to be sensitive to us, respecting our feelings and listening to us, but we want you to be manly and brutish when you have to be in the outside world.

This doesn't mean you'll get chicks if you go around starting fights in bars and kicking the crap out of unsuspecting frat boys. First off, their brothers will revisit it on you tenfold — ouch. And you won't get the sympathetic girl dressing your wounds after you get your butt kicked in a fight you started. Be mature about your manliness; defend a girl's honor, or tell a drunk friend when to go outside and cool off. These are the things that show you can take care of yourself and therefore, perhaps, take care of us too.

And sometimes, we all want someone to take care of us. It's just human nature. Especially these days, when women are taught from the cradle that we can do and handle anything; we start to feel like we

have to. We worry that it seems weak or antiquated to want a guy to look out for us. But it's just the way things are when we really look underneath our cultural training and start being honest.

Women want men; manly men who know their way around the outdoors and can box, or equivalent manly activities. I don't envy today's guy, balancing between the sensitive poet and conquering hero. But seriously, guys, if you have to lean to one side or the other, in most cases it's better to err on the side of the gladiator. It wins on a biological level; we simply can't resist your masculine hormones.

And those girls who are disagreeing violently, insisting they don't want any of the rude beasts I've described? They're putting up a front. They think it's what they're supposed to say, just like guys think they're supposed to be sensitive all the time.

Let's put aside our pretenses and see where it gets us. Boy, just kiss the girl and see what she does — provided you've spoken to her at least once, and not just about the food in the dining hall. She might be a little pissed, a little confused, but I'm impressed — she'll be impressed on some level.

A little confidence goes a long way; isn't that what it's all about?

Attracting the opposite sex in college is not an equal-opportunity occupation. If you have something to say to Patricia, have the guts to come right out and say it at pscrane@unity.ncsu.edu

Christian heaonism



Rhett McLaughlin
STAFF COLUMNIST

Blaise Pascal, prominent mathematician and philosopher, offered a petition to the religious skepticism of his day commonly known as "Pascal's Wager": if one postulates that there is no God and he is in error, he loses everything, while if he assumes there is no God and he is correct, he gains nothing. However, if someone postulates that there is a God and he is in error, he loses nothing, but if he chooses to believe in God and is correct, he gains everything. The logic is simple, but this wager has proven to be largely unconvincing to the atheist mind.

That's likely because historically many have misunderstood Pascal's Wager. On the surface, it seems a very empty plea for a pseudo-faith instilled out of fear. It's important to remember that we are dealing with a fairly intelligent man in Blaise Pascal. There is more to this wager.

Ravi Zacharias, modern day religious philosopher, serves to shed some light on the matter by offering his perspective. He explains that Pascal argued in the context of the philosophy of existentialism. The existentialist's motto is to "do whatever it is that makes you happy." Pascal's reply was, "I am happy serving God." So, the theist has lost nothing in serving God, even if he is wrong. But as I have mentioned, if the atheist (or existentialist, for that matter) errs in denying God, he has gained nothing over the Christian, while subsequently losing everything. Pascal cannot be criticized by the hedonist, because he assumes that very title. His pleasure comes from God.

From this particular standpoint, Pascal's Wager becomes personal to me. I am a Christian. I believe all of humanity and years for an intimate connection with

the God of our universe. There resides, somewhere deep within each one of us, a sense that someone is seeking to reveal something beautiful to us. I believe this is God longing to give us his heart, and I believe he offered it perfectly in the person of Jesus Christ. I am convinced this belief stands up to scrutiny and critical examination, remaining logical and factually based. Even more so, I have been overwhelmed by the powerful presence of Christ in my life. My relationship with God has resulted in an indescribable peace and joy that permeates every element of my life. I, too, am a happy serving God.

I have lost nothing in my walk with God. Instead, I have gained everything in daily experiencing him. The unconditional love and fulfillment found in Jesus Christ have left me satisfied. It has become obvious to me that the joy God has given me is more authentic, more lasting and more complete than anything that I might find on this earth, whether that be a person, substance or philosophy. God is better than anything I have ever tried. I, too, am a Christian hedonist. I have no reason to abandon God and pursue other things because God has given me his best.

I am no Blaise Pascal, but I feel that every rational human being must examine this issue for themselves. It would be incredibly dishonest and irresponsible of me to remain silent about my experience, considering that I believe each person reading this article can have the very same life-changing connection with God. Likewise, it would be a shame for any reader to dismiss Christianity as an archaic, illogical, superstitious obsession for the intellectually weak without truly examining it.

Consider the claims of Christ. Consider what He offers freely to you. I can attest that you will never be the same.

Want to talk more about this? Do it now because this is Rhett's last column, so email him at rjmcclaugh@eos.ncsu.edu

Politics in the Christmas Spirit



Justin Greene
STAFF COLUMNIST

The year 2000 has been full of truly strange events. It is now only the 5th of December and in the last two weeks, almost all of North Carolina has been graced with a substantial coating of grade-1 winter wonderland. A fall hurricane season that news commentators and scientists were predicting to be one of the worst ever has not seen one hurricane making it ashore! New football coach Chuck Amato and the team gave State fans that long forgotten feeling that our team could win on any given day; not because of divine intervention, but because our team simply played their hearts out.

Arguably the strangest development of the new millennium has been the outcome, or lack of an outcome, in the Presidential Election. While the last few weeks of my legal wrangling and nonstop analysis have certainly energized the wallets of C-Span and lawyers alike, it can safely be said that the cause of national harmony has not seen its finest hour. Our country is currently divided sharply along party lines and discussions of what should be a straightforward legal process often degenerate into the demonizing of those on the opposite side.

That very sentence, to me, is one

of the greatest problems in American politics today. The fact that I, and probably most of you, did not think twice about the use of the phrase "opposite side" speaks volumes about the direction this country is headed. I realize that there are very real and serious conflicts over certain issues such as abortion, homosexuality and gun control, but does choosing sides on a particular issue mean that we are on totally opposite sides all together? I don't think so.

I propose that we all take the lessons of Christmas and apply them to our discussions of politics and political leaders. After all, Christ came to this world to offer true love, forgiveness of sin and hope. Can't we as Americans take these principles and use them to make a political New Year's resolution to recognize and verbally confess that we are all really on the same side?

Some of you are thinking, "He's crazy, there's no way I'm going to be on the same side with a fundamentalist Christian, a liberal homosexual, an NRA member, a pro-choice advocate, or any other combination of political foes. I tell you, it can be done. I think what often happens in politics is that serious disagreements, such as those over abortion, end up being carried over to other less conflicting issues, such as prescription drug benefits. Instead of looking for common ground, partisans will fight for every inch they can get, trashing alternative viewpoints and distorting the real issue beyond all recog-

nition, all in an effort to not give any credit to "them".

Here are the facts in America: Republicans, as a whole, do not hate old people or children. Democrats, as a whole, do not want to reward lazy drug addicts with cash payments. Most members of both parties want a strong military. Most elected members of both parties are richer than you or I will ever be. At the same time, rich people are as inherently evil as poor people are inherently lazy (if you believe both of those, there's no hope for understanding in you).

Just like I can talk with my liberal friends about many things and still love them and just like Republicans and Democrats can both cheer for N.C. State, I think America can learn to avoid name-calling and mud-flinging as we learn to find that common ground and make true progress. Let's make 2001 a truly strange year, one in which we all take steps to compromise our prideful egos without compromising our principles.

Happy Holidays to all. Thank you for reading...

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WHAT THE WU HAPPENED?

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Hip-hop history is littered by the remnants of failed hip-hop groups. Some groups fall prey to swollen egos and greed. See the Fugees. Others simply piggyback off the success of one of the group's members. See The Firm. Others simply lack talent. See Murders, Inc. But despite all the possible pitfalls, the Wu-Tang Clan has managed to survive and thrive as the genre's most influential group. That's not to say that the group hasn't been susceptible to society's ills. Most notably, of course, are the appearances and subsequent disappearances of Clan member Ol' Dirty Bastard. Despite being in and out of rehab for most of 2000, ODB reaffirms himself as a member of hip-hop's greatest

alliance. Additionally, a majority of the group has spent the time since the release of *Wu-Tang Forever* to pursue their own solo albums—Inspectah Deck, ODB, RZA (and his alias Bobby Digital), Ghostface Killah and U-God. Redman and Method Man finally collaborated to put out a full-length album, *Blackout*. And despite all their solo efforts, the group has regrouped to release *The W*. "I think that n— ain't gonna figure it out to the year 2G. The next Wu-Tang album ain't even gonna come out until 2000," the RZA promised on *Forever*.

A promise made is a promise kept. But if you expect *The W* to pick up where *Wu-Tang Forever* left off, you'll be sorely disappointed.

The main difference between *Forever* and *The W* lies in the style of the music. There was

something inherently simplistic about *Forever* ... the simple high-hat and piano mix on "The Projects." But *The W* is a definite departure. "Chamber Music," the first track on the album, is a more up-tempo, ambient collection of beats. There's definitely an air of commercialism on *The W* that you won't find on previous Wu albums.

Perhaps the greatest indication of Wu's new commercial sound is the guest artists that appear on the new album. Whereas past Wu albums were typically reserved for the nine members of the Clan and Wu-affiliates, *The W* taps the likes of Redman, Busta Rhymes, Nas and Snoop Dogg. Sure, Red and Meth have an incredible amount of chemistry

between them, but that chemistry doesn't translate to the entire Clan on the track "Redbull." ODB's collaboration with Snoop on the track "Conditioner" seems horribly out of place on this album. More awkward, however, is Busta's appearance on "The Monument" — his fast paced rhyming doesn't fit with the slower methodical Wu-Tang beats and lyricists.

"Gravel Pit" and "Protect Ya Neck (The Jump Off)" were already given *The W* some exposure on the commercial front (radio, MTV, etc.). Frankly, I can't stand either, particularly "Gravel Pit," which sounds a lot like "Judgment Day" from Meth's second solo release. My prediction is that "Do You Really

(Thang Thang)" will be the next commercial hit for the Wu-Tang Clan. It comes complete with a head-bobbing beat, infectious chorus and cliché.

Whereas tracks like "Little Ghetto Boys" and "The City" were obvious commentaries on life in the Queensbridge Projects on *Wu-Tang Forever*, the social commentary on *The W* is a little less overt. The only track on that even comes close to any featured on the Wu's previous albums is "I Can't go to Sleep."

The track features the hook from Isaac Hayes' "Walk on by" and even has a guest appearance by the man himself. The chorus of strings and drums add an eerie atmosphere. But the performances by Ghostface and RZA make it the best track on the album ... hands down. "They shot Malcolm in the

chest in front of his little seeds/ Jesse watched as they shot King on the balcony," RZA cries. "America's watching, bloodstains, ink blotches/ Medgar took one to the skull for integrating college."

It's quintessential RZA and it used to be quintessential Wu-Tang. *Wu-Tang Forever* was a groundbreaking album — arguably, one of the greatest hip-hop albums of all time. The album raised the bar for all other hip-hop acts and *The W* falls horribly short to attaining that bar.

Natalie's a big fan of the Wu, so she's pretty disappointed in their latest effort. If you're like to hear her review, e-mail her at technician@journalist.com.

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WOLFPACK VILLAGE PULLEN HALL

Rachael Rogers
 Staff Writer

Boring pasts are never fun. Everything needs some kind of asterisk beside its name that gives some unique insight into its past. There needs to be an unusual fact or dramatic story that attaches itself to a particular thing. In general, the longer the past the more unique something becomes.

The drama connected to people, buildings or institutions is what makes them alive. Why do you think people like to watch soap operas or horror films? It's because of the drama, the way it provokes thought and seems to be emitting all kinds of energy.

The same goes for buildings. There are some pretty funky stories that associate themselves with certain buildings on the N.C. State campus, particularly the older buildings. Numerous people have drifted in and out of these buildings. These older buildings have witnessed petty conversations, romances amongst students, lectures spanning nearly a hundred years and brilliant discoveries. And they all seem to have some defining story.

Pullen hall is no exception. Pullen hall started out like many other buildings. There was a need for it, it was built and then named after

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A Madrigal Time

Spaine Stephens
 Staff Writer

Once again, University Theatre has kicked off the holiday season with a three-course feast of dining, drama and medieval dress. The twenty-first annual Madrigal Dinner opened Nov. 29, and will run through Dec. 4.

At last Thursday's performance, the audience was greeted by servers dressed to the hilt in medieval gowns and suits of all colors, and were presented to the royal court and ushered to their seats. Each table was decorated with candles that cast a romantic holiday glow on the castle backdrop and Christmas decor that transformed the Talley Student Center Ballroom into a feast hall for a king and queen and their lords and ladies.

"I thought the way they decorated for it was nice," said audience-member Erica Renfrow. "The meal was designed around how it used to be, with a 'serving wench' and a 'boy utensil.'"

While the audience snacked on bread, cheese and fruit at the long tables, the Chamber Singers who set a festive mood with carols such as "Wassail Song" and "Wexford Carol" serenaded them.

The servers began passing out bowls of French onion soup and plates of orange glazed Cornish hen, which the audience ate using only a knife and wooden spoon. Members of the cast floated from table to table, performing witty dialogues and visiting with the guests. When the king and queen were announced and honored with a trumpet call, everyone stood up and made a toast to the holiday season with glasses of wassail,

traditional spiced cider.

With the atmosphere appropriately festive, the audience turned its attention to the stage, where jugglers and jesters entertained them before several short plays began.

The crowd's favorite performances included

"Partridge in a Pear Tree," in which a daughter and her conniving mother attempted to trick a village boy into marrying the daughter. The daughter, Tib, played by Amber Haigler, sweet-talked her way into taking the belongings of the boy, Simon, played by Ryan Brock, and pretending to accept them as gifts of the twelve days of Christmas so he would have to marry her. The story was punctuated by the choir, which sang verses of the popular Christmas song.

The singing and acting in the play was superb, and the audience hung on every humorous line, right up until the



twist at the play's end. Brock felt the best aspect of performing at the Madrigal Dinner was the ability to enter-

tain an audience. "It's a bit different (from other

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an important person associated with this university. Pullen Hall was constructed in 1902 and named for Richard Stanhope Pullen, this college's greatest benefactor. Stanhope gave 60 acres of land in 1889 to establish NCSU.

Now Pullen is divided into classrooms, an auditorium that seats 800 people, a library and reading room, but its birth, like many other developments, arose from the demise of something else.

On Nov. 29, 1901 a fire destroyed the mess hall, kitchen and largest dorm. 60 students were sent home, and the college faced the threat of being closed. The Board of Trustees decided to rebuild Watauga Hall, and, as protection against future fires, decided to build Pullen as a place to house such things as a mess hall, kitchen and personal records.

Pullen, known as the Academy to students whose

daily lives revolved around it, became a meeting place for the weekly disliked assembly and, as a result, a scene for numerous student pranks. For example, one time some cunning student decided to place a bunch of beehives was placed in there. One other prankster turned a cow loose in there. What other building on campus can boast such an interesting tale?

Disaster was not far off for Pullen Hall, however. On Feb. 22, 1965 at approximately 10:25 p.m., students watched Pullen Hall gasp for its last breath as it, ironically, went ablaze in horrendous flames. Two design students, Alice Huarter and John Klutz, were the ones to first recognize the disaster and report it. By the time the fire department arrived, however, Pullen Hall had met its death. It was arson; perhaps another prank from one of Pullen's many admirers. State's first basketball game had been played in Pullen just two days prior to this fire.

Pullen's fire had extended to Peele and created damage at around \$500,000. Another

50,000-60,000 dollars was lost in damaged instruments. Because of this fire, a 6:00 p.m. curfew was set on all buildings.

Pullen stood for a while looking like Roman ruins, but eventually it was knocked down by a wrecking boom. This would not be the end of Pullen though. A 1.29 million dollar, 16,400 square foot "new" Pullen would be designed and erected by McClure NBBJ. This new Pullen was completed in 1987 and dedicated on Oct. 12, 1990.

The "new" Pullen soon became commonly known as the Student Services Center. It housed the cashier's office, housing and residence life, study abroad and career planning and placement office.

So, the "old" Pullen, born and killed because of a fire and the new Pullen built because of tradition, has truly survived the test of time and become a great building on our campus. A past like that makes everything a little less mundane.

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plays) because the audience can get more involved," he said.

The actors then launched into a unique version of the story of Noah's Ark, complete with a skeptical Noah and a difficult wife. The howls of laughter from the audience accompanied the animal calls emitted by "Noah's animals," who, along with Noah and his wife, were pitched around the stage by the breath and fury of God, played by Brock. The pace of the play was quick, and the lines delivered were sharp and witty.

The mood of the Madrigal

Dinner then relaxed, as the Chamber Singers once again took the stage. The audience sat back to enjoy coffee and Madrigal bysette rounds and the soft strains of "Hodie Christus Natus Est" and "Still, Still, Still." After the music, the royal court sent the guests on their way, or, in many cases, to the lobby to purchase bysette rounds and Madrigal bread.

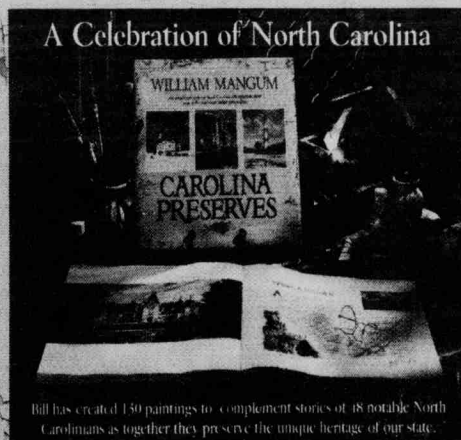
For the past 21 years, NCSU University Theatre has presented the Madrigal Dinner to welcome the holiday season. The event is well attended and anticipated for its Merry Old English charm, and has become a strong Yuletide tradition for the University.

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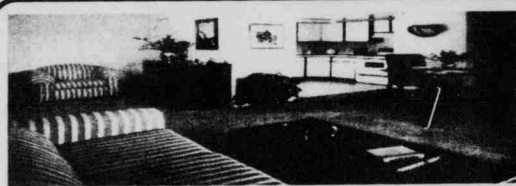
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Lindsay Greco scored an unassisted goal for the Bruins. ULCA star forward Stephanie Rigamat won a ball at midfield, raced up the right sideline and served a ball into the box. UNC goalkeeper Jenni Braman collided with Tar Heel defender Catherine Reddick, who was making her first career start and the ball fell to the turf. Greco pounced on it and scored easily into the unprotected goal.

UCLA held the lead for over 21 minutes before the Tar Heels finally found the back of the net courtesy of the 26th goal of the season by National Player of the Year candidate Meredith Florence. The scoring sequence began in the midfield when UNC junior midfielder Anne Remy won a 50-50 ball, got to her feet and forwarded the ball

up the right sideline to junior striker Danielle Borgman. Borgman's speed allowed her to turn the corner and serve a ball into the penalty area that freshman striker Alyssa Ramsey was able to trap while warding off a defender on her back. Ramsey flick the ball back to the streaking Florence who pummeled the ball into the top shelf for the tying tally at 75-11.

The game winner came on an own goal, the first time in NCAA championship history the game was decided on an own goal. It was reminiscent of the 1995 NCAA semifinals at UNC's Fetzer Field when Notre Dame upset and undefeated UNC team 1-0 on an own goal. Reddick was the impetus for the play. After a UNC corner kick she stole the ball from a UCLA player in the lower right corner of the box and served a ball in directed at either Leslie Gaston or Kalli Kamholz. The ball split the two and hit the leg of UCLA defender Krista Boling,

changed directions and fell two years inside the goal on the left side. The time of the goal was 82:18.

Florence was named the Offensive MVP of the NCAA College Cup and Reddick earned defensive MVP honors. Other Tar Heels on the All-Tournament Team were Borgman, junior midfielder Jena Kluegel, sophomore forward Kim Patrick and freshman midfielder Jordan Walker. Meotis Erickson, Liz Wagner and Amy Warner represented Notre Dame on the All-Tournament Team along with Portland's Cheryl Loveless and Lauren Orlando and UCLA's Karissa Hampton and Venus James.

The Tar Heels became the lowest seeded team in NCAA history to win the women's soccer title. The Tar Heels entered as the #5 seed. UNC's final season record is 21-3. UCLA finished with a 19-4-1 mark.



Nanna Rivers and N.C. State are now 5-1 on the 2000-01 basketball season.

OLAN WILSON/STAFF

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"best" in the eyes of the bowls means winning one of the six major conference titles or being able to attract a lot of fans and money.

Notre Dame, the nation's No. 11 team according to the BCS with a 9-2 record, will play in the Fiesta Bowl. The Fighting Irish got in because, well, they're Notre Dame.

Parade will play the Huskies in the Rose Bowl because they won the Big Ten title. No one actually knows how high the Boilermakers, which finished 8-3, ranked in the BCS because the guys who run the computers only release the top 15. Meanwhile, several other qualified teams with two or fewer losses are reduced to playing in lesser bowls.

Like I've said before, the only way to really solve these problems

is to set up an eight-team playoff. Use the BCS standings to get the eight top teams in the country together, regardless of their name or whether or not they won a conference title.


A playoff still wouldn't be a perfect system. The NCAA men's basketball tournament takes 64 teams, and there are always squads left out that feel they have legitimate cases. But a playoff would be better than having a split national title.

As for the Orange Bowl, I think the right two teams are playing each other. The Sooners have worked their way up the rankings to earn the No. 1 spot, and the Noles have played well enough to deserve a chance to defend their national title.

With two of the premier quarterbacks in the country — Josh Heupel and Chris Weinke — involved, it should be an exciting national championship game. That is assuming that it's remembered that way.

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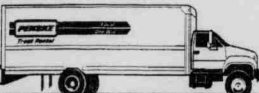
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N.C. State wins fourth straight

◆ **Tynessa Lewis scored 21 points for N.C. State, who improved to 5-1 with the win over South Carolina.**

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Tynessa Lewis hit a go-ahead three-pointer with 1:58 to play and finished with 21 points as 21st-ranked N.C. State eked out its fourth-straight victory, 55-48 over South Carolina.

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Lewis started a 46-46 tie with a 20-footer, snapping the Wolfpack on a 9-2 run to close the game. She scored the final four points on a jumper with 28.5 seconds left and a pair of free throws.

Carisse Moody added 11 points for the Wolfpack (5-1), who shot just 36 percent from the field (22-of-61) but won another low-scoring affair. They have scored 55 points or fewer in each of their last three games.

State, which trailed only twice, hit only 3-of-18 shots from 3-point range and 8-of-13 free throws. The Wolfpack also was outrebounded 39-29 but forced 27 turnovers.

Tatyana Troina gave South

Carolina a 43-42 lead on a layup with 3:17 left and 44 seconds later tied it at 46-46 with a 3-pointer. She scored a team-high 13 points.

Shaunzinski Gortman scored 10 points for the Lady Gamecocks (2-6), who shot 43 percent (19-of-44). South Carolina's starters went 12-of-34 from the field.

State's has won four in a row since it lost to Oregon on Nov. 19.

The Wolfpack will next be in action Wednesday night when it hosts Georgia Tech at Reynolds Coliseum at 7 p.m. The game is the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both schools.



Daphne Hutcherson and the Pack won Monday.

football Making sense of BCS math

The numbers were fed into the Bowl Championship Series computers, and the results were spit out this weekend. Not everyone agreed with the outcome.



Jeremy Ashton

Undeclared Oklahoma will play defending national champion and once-beaten Florida State on Jan. 3 in the Orange Bowl, this year's national title game. Once-beaten Miami, which beat the Seminoles 27-24 on Oct. 7, thinks it should be playing Oklahoma. Meanwhile, once-beaten Washington has a claim of its own after beating the Hurricanes 34-29 on Sept. 9.

Aside from giving sportscasters everywhere the opportunity to make "witty" jokes about another vote in Florida getting screwed up, the results have called into question the validity of the BCS system.

The BCS was created so that college football would never again be placed in the position of having co-national champions, but there's a very real possibility that could happen. While the coaches who vote in the ESPN/USA Today poll have to pick the Orange Bowl winner as the No. 1 team in the country, The Associated Press pollsters do not. If FSU, ranked third by the AP, beats Oklahoma, and Miami, ranked second by the AP, beats Florida in the Sugar Bowl, then the media could very well go with the Canes.

There should be no question about the Sooners' status as the top team in the country, yet for some reason, Oklahoma isn't a unanimous No. 1 in either poll. The Cinderella Sooners won four games against three of the top 12 in the BCS, including a three-game October stretch in which they beat Texas, Kansas State and Nebraska.

Six teams finished their seasons with just one loss, but the Noles, Canes and Huskies had the best claims to the No. 2 spot in the BCS.

FSU had the second-toughest schedule in the country and was ranked first in five out of eight computer rankings. The Noles beat five teams that finished the year in the AP top 25, four of which were ranked in the BCS top 15. But FSU finished the year ranked third in both polls and had the loss to Miami hanging over its head.

Miami was right behind FSU in strength of schedule and was ranked second in both polls. In addition to their victory over the then-No. 2 Seminoles, the Canes beat then-No. 2 Virginia Tech 41-21 on Nov. 4. But Miami placed out of the top two in five of the computer rankings and had the loss to Washington hanging over its head.

Washington won the top-heavy Pac-10 this year and played the sixth-toughest schedule in the country. The Huskies beat the Canes and No. 5 Oregon State 33-30 on Oct. 7. But Washington wasn't even in the top 10 of two of the computer rankings and had a loss to Oregon hanging over its head.

All three have viable claims to the second spot in the Orange Bowl. With the way Oklahoma has played of late, all three would have a good chance of knocking the Sooners off their perch. So which one should play in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3?

The questions aren't limited to the national title game. The eight "best" teams in the country are selected to play in the four major bowls — the Orange Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, the Rose Bowl and the Fiesta Bowl. But somehow two of the top eight teams in the BCS standings, Virginia Tech and Nebraska, were left out because

Pack looks to keep streak going

◆ **N.C. State continues the non-conference portion of its schedule tonight against UNC-Greensboro.**

Jack Daly
Sports Editor

N.C. State will look for its fourth straight win when it hosts the UNC-Greensboro Spartans tonight at the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

The Wolfpack (4-2) downed Old Dominion 87-78 Saturday

night in Norfolk, Va. Archie Miller and Kenny Inge both scored over 20 points, with Miller tallying a career-high 22 points and Inge scoring 21 in front of the home crowd. Inge is from Virginia Beach, which is close to Norfolk.

UNCG comes into the ESA with a 2-3 record. Over the weekend, the Spartans split contests against Northeastern and St. Peter's. The win against St. Peter's is the only win against a Division I school for UNCG. The team's other win was against Division II Guilford.

Friday night, UNCG lost 89-77 at Northeastern. In that game, UNCG guard Courtney Eldridge scored 25 points while forward David Schuck had 21. Two days later, Eldridge had 30

points and the Spartans were able to pick up a win against St. Peter's, 79-73. For the season, Eldridge is averaging 15.2 points per game and 5.4 assists. Schuck is UNCG's leading scorer with 16.4 points per contest.

Meanwhile, for the Pack, the game is an opportunity to continue to improve over its early season form. After being blown out in consecutive games against Charlotte and Fresno State, State has put a modest three-game winning streak together.

The key game was last Wednesday against Penn State, when the Pack's defense held the Nittany Lions' Crispin brothers to a combined 15 points. The Crispin brothers scored 57 against Kentucky earlier in the season.

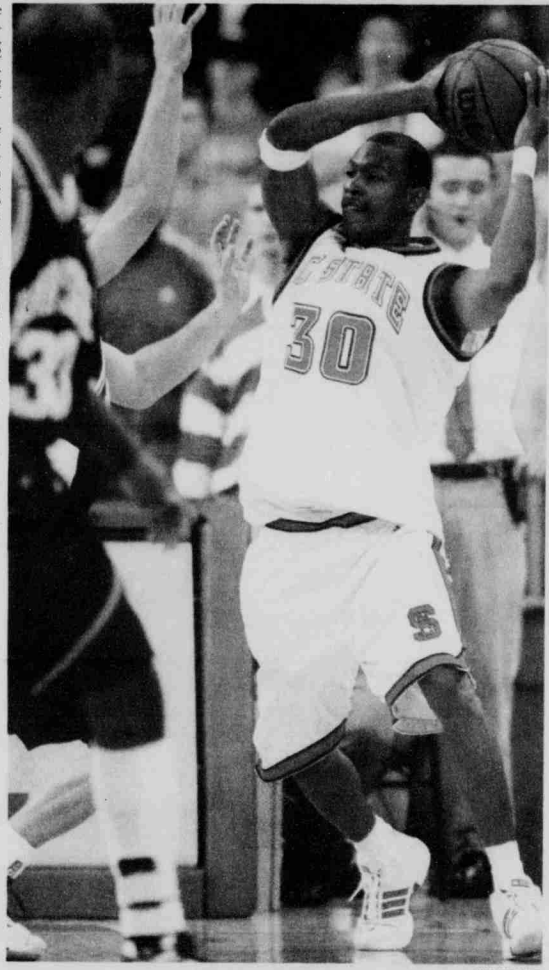
Saturday against ODU, Miller and Inge ensured the Pack a victory with their key baskets and free throws. State got out to a big lead in the first half, but the Monarchs managed to crawl within six points in the second half until Miller hit a three to give State a comfortable lead the rest of the way.

"I just couldn't be prouder of the way we've continued to weather adversity," said Wolfpack coach Herb Sendek after the ODU contest. "Once again it was a real team effort. We really came out of the gate strong tonight and accomplished our goal of getting the ball inside. We were really good at both ends of the floor early."

State will likely be without the services of forward Damien Wilkins. The sophomore is still nursing a left-ankle sprain and might not return to action until Saturday, when the Pack takes on Georgia in Atlanta. For the season, Wilkins is averaging 10 points and 6.3 rebounds per contest. He is, however, only averaging 25.6 percent from the floor on 10-of-39 shooting.

This is the third meeting between State and Greensboro. On Feb. 15 1993, the Pack won 87-65, while on Dec. 2 1993, State was victorious by a 75-65 count. State is 168-30 all time against teams that are currently in the Southern Conference.

Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.



Clifford Crawford had perhaps his best game this season against ODU Saturday when he had 10 assists and no turnovers.



Scooter Sherrill dribbles.

ACCNotes

Williams, Lewis win honors

Duke's Jason Williams was tabbed as the ACC Player of the Week while Georgia Tech's Marvin Lewis was selected as the ACC Rookie of the Week in voting by a select panel of the Atlantic Coast Conference Sports Writers Association (ACCSWA).

Williams earned Player of the Week honors following his performances in two Blue Devil wins over ranked opponents. The 6-foot-2, 196-pound

sophomore from Plainsfield, N.J., averaged 26.5 points, 5.0 assists and 2.5 rebounds in wins over No. 8 Illinois 78-77 and 15th-ranked Temple 93-68. Williams established his career high in scoring twice last week totaling 23 points against the Fighting Illini and 30 points against the Owls. Williams hit on 18-of-28 field goal attempts (.643), including eight-of-16 from three-point range.

For the second straight week, Georgia Tech forward Marvin Lewis has been tabbed as ACC

Freshman of the Week. Lewis, a 6-foot-3 guard from Germantown, Md., had a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds in Georgia Tech's 72-67 victory at UCLA in the Wooden Classic Saturday afternoon.

Earlier in the week, Lewis had 15 points, three rebounds and three assists in Tech's loss at Iowa.

For the week, Lewis averaged 15 points and 6.7 rebounds in Tech's two games. He shot 52.9 percent from the field (9-17), including 4-8 from three-point range. He also

hit eight of nine free throws.

UNC champs again in women's soccer

For the 16th time in the last 19 years the North Carolina women's soccer team reigns above the world of collegiate soccer. Head coach Angus Dorrance's Chansons won their 16th NCAA championship Sunday afternoon at San Jose State's Spartan Stadium, coming from

behind to beat sixth-seeded UCLA 2-1.

It was Carolina's third 2-1 comeback victory in the last four games as the Tar Heels scored their sixth come-from-behind win of the season. Ironically, it was an own goal in the game's 83rd minute of play which decided the contest between the tournament experienced Tar Heels, making their 19th straight NCAA Final Four appearance and newcomer UCLA, which was in the Final Four for the first time.

Just as in Friday night's

2-1 win over top-seeded Notre Dame, the Tar Heels struck for two second-half goals to achieve the victory. The scenario was similar on November 18 in Chapel Hill when Carolina had to come back in the second half to beat Virginia in the NCAA third round and stay alive in the tournament.

After an evenly played first half it was UCLA which dented the scorebook first. The Bruins struck at 53:37 when