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Men's Basketball Ticket Distribution



Ticketing replacement in place

◆ The new ticket distribution policy goes into effect today for the men's basketball game Wednesday against Duke.

Spaine Stephens
News Editor

After last semester's Florida State ticket distribution fiasco, university leaders have worked to come up with a new policy that will give all students an equal chance to attend the games—without the fear of injury or unfair advantage.

The new policy goes into practice today for tickets to the N.C. State men's basketball game against Duke. The game has a 9 p.m. tipoff.

Between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., students can go to Reynolds Coliseum and present their student ID for one voucher with a number on it.

"Everyone (who wants one) will get a voucher," said Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs. "Everyone will have an equal chance for tickets."

At 5 p.m., 2,700 winning vouchers—of equal value to the allotted number of student tickets—will be chosen by random drawing. One number will be drawn; the holders of that number and of every voucher number after it

will receive tickets, until only 2,700 tickets have been distributed.

If the number drawn goes over the highest voucher number assigned, the counting starts back at one. Stafford said students' first thought might be to try to get tickets somewhere in the middle, but due to the random drawing, it does not matter at what point in line students are or what number they get.

The winning voucher number will be published in Tuesday's *Technician* and will be broadcast on WKNC and published on GoPack.com.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, the holders of the winning vouchers can get their tickets at Reynolds Coliseum by redeeming their vouchers and showing a valid student ID.

Tickets will be given out randomly, so students at the front of the line will not necessarily receive better seats. Response to the new ticket distribution system has been mixed, said Stafford. He has received numerous emails with divided thoughts on the new policy, which he proposed.

Harold Pettigrew, student body president and member of the ticket distribution task force, said he has gotten good reviews from students on the policy. He said students had input on the

policy because it "wasn't something students didn't endorse."

Stafford said the main goals for the new procedure are to create a situation where students do not need to rush to be first and to create a safer environment for students. Stafford wanted to retreat from any method that would put any student in "any sort of danger or jeopardy for their physical safety."

"If it doesn't work, we may make changes as we go along," he said.

Stafford pointed out that, with a schedule that includes teams like Duke, UNC-Chapel Hill and Georgia Tech, demand for tickets will increase; that demand exceeds the supply.

"This is a good process we can use as we go through this year," Stafford said of the new distribution method. "It doesn't necessarily have direct impact on what we decide about campout."

The ticket distribution task force voiced fears that the new system will work so well that efforts to revive campout will die out. Pettigrew, however, does not feel the new policy hurts the possibility of campout returning. He said there will be many discussions about the conditions of campout and that it will be "dramatically different" if it returns.

"The issue is not totally dead," said Stafford, although he said chances of going back to a campout system are "very, very slim."

"There are a lot of significant concerns about [campout]," he said.

The ticket distribution task force initially came up with a suggestion that involved a method similar to campout, with participants picking up their places in line and then "just going home," said Katie Harper, co-chair of the task force.

Harper said Stafford came up with the new procedure after some concerns were raised about the task force's suggestion. Questions arose as to how to control people coming to the lottery completely run by students. Harper said concerns were raised about the "big massive gathering."

Harper had originally planned for the task force to hold a Town Hall meeting, but since Stafford's plan replaced that of the task force, it was not necessary.

Harper does feel confident about the new method. She said students in general are likely to agree with it "after they get over the initial confusion."

She compared it to UNC-Chapel Hill's ticket distribution

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Dot.com bowl game brings NCSU profit

◆ N.C. State athletics projects a \$70,000 profit from the football team's victory in the Dec. 28 Micronpc.com Bowl

Jimmy Ryls
News Editor

N.C. State's football team did not compete for a national title, did not finish in the Top 25 and did not challenge for the conference title.

The Wolfpack, however, will likely make out better financially on its bowl trip than most of the teams who competed in this year's NCAA bowl games.

Officials in the athletics department project a \$70,000 profit from the Micronpc.com Bowl, which offered a payout of \$750,000 to NCSU and the University of Minnesota for playing.

According to Athletics Director Lee Fowler, roughly two-thirds of the teams who play in bowl games lose money, after paying for the expense of transporting and housing the team, band, cheerleaders, trainers and administrators to the game.

Fowler said it was "very unusual" for a school to make a profit from a bowl game.

Fowler said that Minnesota lost about \$300,000 on the bowl game. He attributed the loss to the fact that Minnesota took a larger band and had a longer way to travel to Miami.

The \$70,000 profit athletics officials project does not include the payout that NCSU will receive from the Atlantic Coast Conference from all bowl money made by ACC schools.

"[Conference teams] split up all of the money equally, so Duke will get as much as Florida State," Fowler said.

ACC officials could not be reached for comment on the conference's total bowl revenue or how much money the nine ACC schools will receive.



N.C. State Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and head football coach Chuck Amato share words after the Micronpc.com Bowl.

According to csmi.com, other ACC bowl payouts included Virginia's \$750,000 (Oahu Bowl), Clemson's \$1.4 billion (Outback Bowl), Georgia Tech's \$1.8 million (Peach Bowl) and Florida State's Orange Bowl payout somewhere between \$11 and \$13 million.

NCSU was the only ACC team to win its bowl game.

Associate Athletics Director for Business and Operations Diane Moose credited the ACC for helping NCSU make money on the Micronpc.com Bowl.

"The ACC helps us incredibly," Moose said. "I'd find it almost impossible for teams to

break even without help from the conference."

The ACC guarantees \$1 million to any conference team that makes a bowl game. In NCSU's case, that meant the conference paid out \$250,000 to make up the difference from the bowl's \$750,000 payoff.

A large chunk of NCSU's bowl expense came from paying for tickets to the game. The Micronpc.com Bowl committee required NCSU to be financially responsible for 12,500 game tickets.

At an average of \$42 per ticket, that figure left a \$525,000 ticket responsibility.

The university bore the full bur-

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Hall hits the road

◆ Members of the N.C. State community gathered in Talley Student Center Dec. 7 to see Provost Kermit Hall off.

Tim Clark
Senior Staff Reporter

The N.C. State community came together Dec. 7 for a reception to bid farewell to Provost Kermit Hall. The welcoming line to say goodbye to Hall stretched out of the ballroom of Talley Student Center as faculty and staff stood in queue to speak with Hall.

"I'm moved by this occasion, out of respect for faculty and students, and out of humility for higher education in the state of North Carolina," Hall said.

"This reception is one that will be attended by people from all around campus," said Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs, who was waiting in line to speak to Hall.

Following the welcoming of guests, speeches were given by Chancellor Marye Anne Fox, members of the provost's staff and Hall himself.

"This is a sad day for North Carolina State University, but very positive for Kermit," said Chancellor Fox in opening the reception.

She went on to speak of Hall's accomplishments during his time as provost and wished him well with his current position.

"Hall's departure is a significant loss, but he's going on to a position that will further his career," Fox said.

Frank Abrams, senior vice provost for academic affairs, was next to speak.

"We chose to focus not on the loss that this brings us, but rather on the positive things [he's] brought to this institution," Abrams said.

Abrams presented Hall with a letter from the provost's office, which had been personalized by his staff.

Margaret Zahn, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, spoke of the many advances made in her college during Hall's time with NCSU.

"You've made not only a great administrator, but also a great faculty member," said Zahn. "N.C. State is fortunate to have been part of your journey."

The college gave Hall a day-long whitewater rafting trip on Utah's Green River as a gift to commemorate the "great waves of success" he should expect at Utah State.

Chancellor Fox presented Hall with a wooden chair sporting the NCSU seal, citing the fact that she had never caught the provost "sitting on his laurels."

Hall's wife, Phyllis, received a woven basket filled with products from across the state to remind her of her time in North Carolina.

When Hall finally had his turn at the podium, he laughingly

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Micki Lewis, a photographer with the New York Times, passes the time before the Micronpc.com Bowl game by crocheting.

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den for the first 6,000 game tickets, part of the roughly \$252,000 needed to buy them came from fans who bought 1,700 tickets. That alleviated approximately \$71,400 of NCSU's burden on the first 6,000 tickets.

ACC money helped pay for tickets beyond the first 6,000. For the first 1,000 tickets past 6,000, NCSU and the ACC split ticket costs in half.

For the second 1,000, the ACC paid 75 percent of the burden and NCSU paid for the other 25 percent.

The ACC paid in full for the last 4,500 tickets.

Moore said that the ACC was "terribly fair" in dealing with finances surrounding the bowl game; the university did make

some concessions to save money. Among those concessions was booking late-night flights to Miami.

The athletics department's other bowl expenses came from transporting and housing approximately 430 people and paying out bonuses to the football coaches and other athletics support staff.

Each coach received one month's salary in bonus money for making the bowl game. Bonus payouts to the 10-member coaching staff and the athletic support staff totaled about \$144,000, according to Moore.

NCSU also played in the MicronPC Bowl—in 1998. Fowler estimated that the athletics department sold 900 tickets that year; Moore surmised that the athletics department had \$100,000 less for expenses and lost between \$10,000 and \$15,000 in 1998.

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method, in which bracelets are used instead of vouchers. She said that system has been foolproof.

Harper knows students will question the new policy and its guidelines. She said many students are wondering whether they will be able to sit with their friends. She said the policy will be successful with smaller groups of around six or 10 students who all have winning vouchers.

"If you wish to sit together [and have winning vouchers], come to the ticket office and get tickets together," said Stafford.

There may also be questions about acquiring guest tickets. For games with high student ticket demand, it was agreed that the distribution of guest tickets would not be appropriate, since so many students would want tickets and are entitled to them first.

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remarked at the reception's positive turnout, wondering, "Why are you here?"

Hall gave thanks to his support staff, the general faculty and staff of the university and to the students, especially those who served as Provost for a Day.

"Those lucky few learned that their guidance counselors were right: they did not want to be a provost," Hall joked.

Hall concluded his speech by saying, "I've had a long history of leaving institutions that immediately get better. I wish N.C. State the best of luck."

Kentucky State U. students prevail in landmark censorship ruling

Zeb Eckert

U-Wire DC Bureau

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — In a clear victory for student journalists across the nation, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit ruled Friday that Kentucky State University administrators violated the First Amendment when they seized all copies of a 1993 student yearbook they claimed lacked quality.

The landmark 10-3 ruling in Kincaid vs. Gibson reversed a 1990 district court ruling and decided not to apply the Supreme Court's 1988 Hazelwood School District vs. Kuhlmeier standard to college publications. In that decision, the court ruled that high school newspapers do not qualify as a public forum and that administration has the authority to prevent speech it considers against the school's educational mission.

"Confiscation ranks with forced government speech as amongst the purest forms of content alteration," Judge R. Guy Cole wrote in Friday's decision. "We will not sanction a reading of the First Amendment that permits government officials to censor expression in a limited public forum in order to coerce speech

that pleases the government. The KSU ... officials' actions violate the Constitution."

The case stems from the publication of the Thorobred, KSU's student yearbook, in an edition that covered the 1992-93 and 1993-94 school years. University officials deemed "was not of proper quality and did not represent the school as it should." The university looked away all 2,000 copies of the yearbook.

Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center, said the Cincinnati court's ruling reaffirms three decades of similar decisions.

"In many ways, this doesn't change the law — it strengthens it," Goodman told U-WIRE Friday. "I think the most significant thing about this ruling is that it just reinforces 35 years of court decisions from all around the country that have consistently said college journalists are entitled to strong First Amendment protection."

Goodman called the university's initial actions "absurd."

"It would hope the university has gotten to the point that it is embarrassed by what was done here," he added.

KSU Director of Public Relations Jacqueline Bingham said Friday the university had just received the decision.

"An appeal would be an option," Bingham said. "We're a long way from that."

Bingham said she had no sense of how or when the confiscated yearbooks would be returned.

The yearbook featured the theme "Destination Unknown" and a purple cover. University officials claimed the theme was vague and inappropriate and the cover did not feature school colors, according to the court decision. Then-KSU President Mary Smith also objected to a lack of captions under photographs and the inclusion of too many photographs depicting celebrities and current events, the court decision said.

Yearbook editor Capri Coffer said during the proceedings that she was simply conveying the thoughts and feelings of KSU students at the time, when uncertainty about the future dominated campus life.

In the days following the university's confiscation of \$9,000 worth of student-funded yearbooks, student publications adviser Laura Cullen was relieved of her duties and placed on temporary secretarial assignment in the university's Office of Housing.

In 1995, Coffer and fellow KSU student Charles Kincaid filed suit against KSU President Mary Smith. Vice President for

Student Affairs Betty Gibson, and individual members of the Board of Regents. Their suit alleged the violation of their First and 14th Amendment rights.

The students' case navigated more than five years of legal wrangling and took a setback in September 1999 when a divided three-judge panel on the Sixth Circuit ruled in favor of the university — a decision that stood in stark contrast to rulings of the previous 30 years. In a rare move, the Court of Appeals scrapped its initial decision and agreed in November 1999 to rehear the case before a larger panel of judges.

Friday's ruling sends a clear message to university officials, SPLC's Goodman said.

"I think the message it sends (to universities) is back off," he said. "The courts are not going to tolerate their efforts to control content."

Goodman encouraged students to challenge censorship on their campuses.

"It makes clear that these battles are worth fighting on the part of college journalists and the courts are on their side," he said. "Those who are experiencing censorship should stand up, condemn it and fight for their rights."

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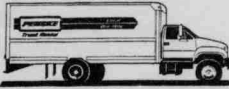
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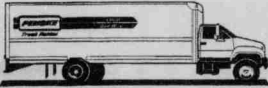
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A victory for the Pack in the 2000 MicronPC.com Bowl

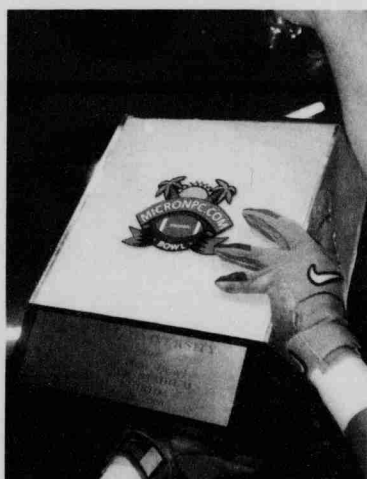
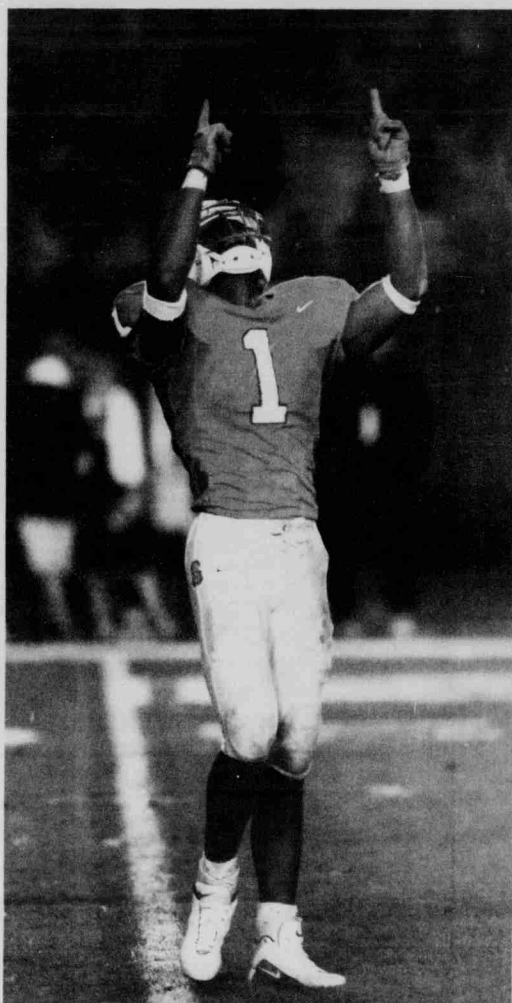
1995. It was six years ago that the Pack finished a season hoisting a bowl trophy above their heads, pumping their fists in victory over the Mississippi State Bulldogs in the 1995 Peach Bowl. The Pack tasted postseason victory once again on Dec. 28th, 2000, as they defeated the Minnesota Gophers in dramatic come-from-behind style in the MicronPC.com Bowl, giving Chuck Amato his first bowl victory as head coach at his alma mater.

Hopefully, the first of many to come.

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except:

Philip Rivers holding MVP Trophy, lower right and Ray Robinson falling into endzone, mid-left.
By James Curle



On the money

IS PRESIDENT-ELECT BUSH TALKING THE NATION INTO A RECESSION TO JUSTIFY HIS \$1.3 TRILLION TAX CUT OR IS HE TAKING LEGITIMATE STEPS TO COUNTERACT GENUINE DOWNTURNS IN THE ECONOMY?

"In order to enhance economic recovery, we need tax relief," president-elect George W. Bush said at his "Western White House" ranch outside of Waco, Texas. "We want those Americans to be able to pay off that debt."

Lance Lindsey, Bush's chief economic adviser, recently said the U.S. economy "is having some trouble." Vice President-elect Dick Cheney used the r-word: "We may well be on the front edge of a recession here."

Bush campaigned on a promise to deliver a \$1.3 trillion tax cut. He contends that the tax relief will help all taxpayers—from struggling rural farmers to failed Silicon Valley dot-com dot-gones.

But Gene Sperling, President Clinton's chief economic adviser, scolded Bush for "taking down our economy" and "hurting confidence...to gain short-term political positioning."

Are such accusations justified? Or is the president-elect just coming to terms with a cooling down of America's recent red-hot markets?

Such fears are legitimate. A government report out last week declared private sector job growth to be at an eight-year low during the last three months of 2000. In reaction, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan cut interest

rates by one-half percentage point, the largest reduction in the Clinton Era, in order to spur growth.

So, who exactly is reacting to whom? Greenspan obviously is not a player in party politics. He cares a lot more about the state of the money being spent than the administration spending it. His recent drastic actions do evidence a formal recognition of economic slow-downs.

But Greenspan's interest-rate cut—not Dubya's tax plan—is the answer. It takes more than a four-year presidency to affect 30-year mortgages. Yes, tax cuts boost consumer confidence in the short term, but they don't affect long-term prosperity. So, what then is Bush doing?

He may, as hard as it might be to believe, be trying to fling (that means outsmart) his way around his critics. By playing off the media's tendency to polarize complex economic variables into rigid "good" or "bad" dichotomies, he can essentially speed up a recession that was coming anyway. That way, he gets to inherit (and save) a struggling economy rather than the time-bomb boom times of the Internet revolution.

It'd be the Cowboy Way: riding off into the sunset while also writing off the recession-era sins of his father.

Believe in politics



Michael Coutouzis

Well folks, this is my last column. I must say it has been great writing for you guys and judging from emails and rebuttals, my readership now exceeds 23 people! Yeah me. Who knows what could have happened if my stay was extended

but, as the man says I have to go. Well, all good things must come to an end. Why else do you think that they make "fun-size" snicker bars so short (Besides the fact that they are trying to cut their costs)?

I'm sure by now, all of you guys are saying, "No Mike, You mustn't go! Why do you have to go? Well it is just my time. Looking back at some of my responses, evidently, talking about stuff like God, plastic gladiator swords and Florida voters really irritates certain people (probably the descendants of pagan Romans now living in Palm Beach). Seriously though, I did catch a lot of flak for talking about God in many of my arguments.

Why has talk about faith and religion been knocked out or regarded as inappropriate in academic and public discourse? The common answer is that not all people believe in the same thing. Talking about faith and religion can bring out strong emotions that could lead to conflict. This is true. I do, however, pose this question: Have you ever talked politics with someone before? I've seen people go eye to eye and almost come to blows with one another because of political differences. As you can see, religion is not the only thing that can draw out fierce emotional response.

But politics is different, right? Politics is something that affects everyone, right? Yes, politics does affect everyone. But so do faith and religion.

A discussion about politics, if you wait long enough, will eventually get into religion. Has that ever happened to you? Ever wonder why? It's because political belief is a direct manifestation of our moral and ethical standards. Everything we believe, whether it be politics or lifestyle choices, all fall on the notions we hold to be true. In essence, they are all based on our faith. *The American Heritage Dictionary*

defines faith as "a confident belief or trust in a person, idea, or thing." Religion is defined as "a cause or activity pursued with zeal or conscientious devotion." If this is true, then all of us practice some form of faith or religion. It may not involve rituals like those found in certain world religions, but you still fall in the category. I'm sure some of you are screaming, "What herpibole! You are full of it! I don't follow any religion!"

To you guys, I say this: You do follow a faith. It's called secular humanism. You believe right and wrong is based on humanity's rationale and intuition. You believe truth is determined by humanity (be it as an individual or group) and that God is just some archaic creation used by those in power to control the masses. If that is not it, then it is something along those lines or a variation of it.

Remember faith is a doctrine of belief and academic discussion. Our lives are in accordance with their beliefs and that challenge those who go against them. I guess we are all in the same boat. That means both secularist and theist. Since we are all part of a particular faith or religion, it shouldn't be taboo to talk about religious views in public and academic discussion. Our belief systems influence how we act, what we say, what we do and what we believe. Discussing these aspects are very relevant when debating issues in question. To say that one shouldn't be able to speak of his personal beliefs because those with whom he is talking with may not agree with them is stupid. If we did the same with politics (which is based on our notions of truth in the world) then we wouldn't be talking about anything. We would be too worried if we might offend someone.

Religious discourse should be allowed to take place when we talk on any issue since religious views shape the ideas that many of us have. Everything is a belief system, including secularism. Our society likes to push secularism but what most fail to realize is that it is just as biased as the rest. Instead of trying to silence the opposition by denying their right to speak, how about letting everyone have an equal say through open debate. I'd like to thank all the people that made my articles possible (i.e. stupid voters, 109ers, Pagan Romans and Chapel Hill cops).

Questions? Comments? Pulitzers? Email keel7@hotmail.com

Technician Readers,

These are strange times. This (real) new millennium lacks the dazzle of flying cars and underwater cities, but oddities still abound.

Tom Hanks was hailed for the acting job he did with a largely silent role in a soundtrack-less movie... while, with English's "This I Promise You" and Spanish counterpart "Yo Te Voy A Amar." 'N Sync was rewarded for gaining the ability to run music in two languages. Convicted terrorist Timothy McVeigh actually waived his appeals and begged for an execution date, while most New Year's Eve toasters just waived their appeal and begged for any date whatsoever. Our own Koren Robinson went pro even as our own White House entered the Bush League.

This is a strange world, indeed. Still, take comfort. There is hope. There is security. There is, after much waiting, Opinion 2.0. Yes, welcome to Opinion 2.0! We've taken the bribes we get from the Republican Party to push conservative propaganda, added the kickbacks we get from the Democratic Party for pushing liberal propaganda, and pooled it all with the bush money we get from Chancellor Fox, finally managing to afford an upgrade of Technician's opinion department.

But wait! Didn't I give this same spiel last semester? Aren't I just shamelessly practicing Alzheimer's journalism, where I strategically pretend that some things never happened (like my calling Technician "a powerhouse...that's right...a powerhouse") OK, so the procom debates fizzled out. And the advice column never really got off the ground. And U2 belted on the annual Opinion Department Rockin' New Year's Eve Bash. But the groundwork for greatness was laid.

Chancellor Fox is answering all the questions you send her every month. And the faculty gave you their opinions on everything from animal rights to race to sexvorn. Yes, maybe we focused too much on electing the leader of the Free World when we should have rallying against the campus ban. Yes, maybe in our coverage of the Florida State ticket fiasco, we forgot to include the anti-Nuisance-Ordinance angle. Sorry, we covered our own agenda of Public Safety's \$2.2 million mismanagement of funds and the sudden departure of Provost Hall when we should have been brainstorming on real student issues—like campus and Brent Road.

[Sidenote: Hey, maybe we can have a campus protest in protest of the Nuisance Ordinance. Get two birds with one stone.]

But let me ring in the new millennium by telling you that if Opinion sucks, it's your fault. Yes, your fault. Opinion is the only department that engages direct student influence through Campus Forum and the newly added Poll Position in Fountain Dining Hall. There are no excuses.

So don't whine to your roommate about such-and-such issues. Write to your paper about it and let the whole campus join in the discussion. As long as your Campus Forum submissions are within the 400-word limit and include your name, class and major, they will be printed. No submission that has met those basic guidelines has been turned down.

And let me just specify that the Campus Forum isn't limited to your reactions to the ideas expressed by the Opinion staff. Feel free to add your own ideas to the pot.

In cooperation with Fountain Dining Hall, we've added a daily poll (starting next week) to run on the days that Campus Forum doesn't so that every issue of Technician will have the students' voice. And we've amplified that voice by taking the spots that served as soapboxes for faculty members last semester and given them to student organizations for this semester.

As editor, I can only give you what you give me. So, I'm giving you a voice. What are you going to say? Let us all know by emailing the Opinion Department at oped1@hotmail.com. But either do something or say nothing. Either take this opportunity, or watch others take it from you.


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If wishes were foxes...



Richard Morgan

MARK MCLOWHORN
CHIEF COLUMNIST

Editor's Note: The following interview never happened. It is a work of fiction designed to (hope fully) address issues with Chancellor Fox's administration.

Just who is our beloved chancellor? What makes Marye Anne Fox tick? I, like most students, wanted to know the answers to these and other questions, so I called up the Chancellor's Office (515.219.11) and arranged to have lunch with Marye Anne, sharing our thoughts and our beers at Mitch's Tavern on Hillsborough Street. This was our conversation:

Morgan: When you accepted the role of Chancellor in April 1998, you said "greatness is within our grasp." What exactly did you mean by greatness?

Fox: I meant money. Money is within our grasp. I mean, just look at this place, Ricky! It's a gold mine: Centennial Campus, the Entertainment Sports whatever-it-is. Don't you see it?

Morgan: I guess. I just always thought that universities were supposed to turn students into philosophers, thinkers and artists—not corporate drones.

Fox: Sorry, Rich. It's corporate drones all the way. Actually, no. I take that back. It's all about making alumni. If I could snap my fingers and turn freshmen into alumni, I would. Man, that'd be sweet. It's the alumni that give the big bucks, the buckets of no-strings-attached cash. Sure, they want a building or a library wing or something named after them, but there are ways

around that. Have you seen the election in the ESA? I was particularly proud of that.

Morgan: In your last Technician Q&A column (Dec. 08, 2000), a student asked you about the ESA and the whole issue of choosing a corporate name for the building rather than naming it after Everett Case or Jim Valvano. The student asked what was more important: money or tradition? You responded by saying "the naming of the Arena by a corporate sponsor would provide funding that will help NCSU...[b]el...financially sound...That's a tradition we all can support." Is money really more important than community?

Fox: Where are we now, Rupert? We're in a restaurant, a place of business. Where did you get your gas for your car? Where did you buy your shoes? Places of business. Raleigh's business is its community, and its community is its business. Hey, I like the sound of that. Make sure to put that in the interview. And use, like, nice italics or something. Make it good.

Morgan: Well, as far as your relationship with the students—

Fox: The what?

Morgan: The students, the student body.

Fox: Oh, right. Them.

Morgan: To the students, it matters that N.C. State is not literally a sell-out, but in your speech, "Challenges to Greatness: A View from the Chancellor's Office" (Jun. 12, 2000), you call NCSU a "business incubator" and in a Sept. 1998 speech to the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce you called NCSU an "economic engine."

Fox: Rightful. Your point being...

Morgan: Let's move on to talking about the faculty. In your two years

here, two provosts and the athletics director have left. In November 1999, you personally fired then-football coach Mike O'Coin by showing up to his doorstep on the day before Thanksgiving and breaking the news to him there. Do you think that was appropriate?

Fox: And fun, too. Man, Raj, you should have seen his face. He was like (bugs her eyes out). He didn't cry, though. Bummer, huh? I was thinking of doing the same to Sendek on Christmas Eve, but even I have my limits. You going to finish that beer?

Morgan: Also in regards to athletics, you support an unpopular ban on campus, another tradition. How do you feel about that?

Fox: Well, young people are difficult to deal with, because on the one side they have all the naïveté, which is great to exploit, but then they also have this annoying energy, this spirit. I think the campus ban and the nuisance ordinance for the Brent Road party did a good job of breaking that spirit. The devil's in the details. Robert, I'm thinking of getting the dorms to start using the scratchy kind of toilet paper, that'll be good. Damn, I'm good.

Morgan: In line with the discussion of parties, there are Republican party rumors floating around that you might be up for a position in Dubya's administration, maybe head of the National Science Foundation. Would you take that job even though it might alienate NCSU from the Democratic state leadership in North Carolina?

Fox: This interview is over.

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Clemson tops Wolfpack in ACC clash

Associated Press

Chrissy Floyd and Krystal Scott each scored 17 points as No. 18 Clemson beat No. 16 N.C. State, 67-52 Friday in Reynolds Coliseum.

Clemson (11-3, 2-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) shot 29.8 percent in the contest, marking its worst shooting performance of the season. The Tigers made up for that poor shooting from the floor by hitting 38 of 44 free-throw attempts, keying their 10th win in the last 11 games.

The Tigers also stepped up on defense, holding the Wolfpack to 32.8-percent shooting.

It was the third consecutive loss for the Wolfpack (9-3, 1-3), who were led by Tynasha Lewis' 12 points. Lewis was the only State player to score in double figures.

Leading 33-20 at halftime, the Tigers started the second half slowly, missing six of their first seven shots and committing three consecutive turnovers. The Wolfpack took advantage, clawing to within 40-33 on a 3 from Amelia Labador with 13:15 to play.

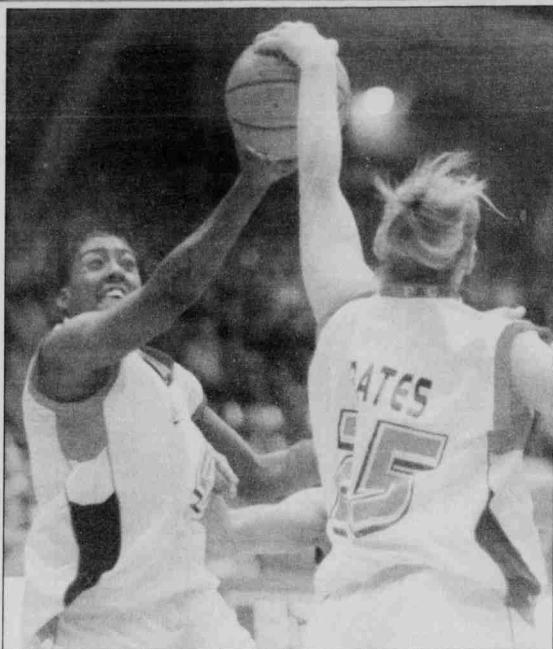
Clemson's defense, however, had an answer, forcing five Wolfpack turnovers on the next seven possessions and holding N.C. State to one field goal over

the next six minutes, 43 seconds. The Tigers pushed the lead back to 48-35 with 7:45 to play and hit 17 of their last 19 free throws to seal the win.

The Tigers jumped ahead early, going on a 19-6 run midway through the first half to lead 23-12 with 6:05 to play in the half. Floyd hit four of her first eight shots, including a 3-pointer, and scored 11 points in the period to pace the Tigers to their halftime lead.

Erin Bath chipped in 12 points while Marci Glenney added 11 for Clemson.

The loss kept N.C. State head coach Kay Yow two wins shy of the 600-win plateau.



Monica Bates and the Pack easily defeated Wake Forest 75-35 Sunday at Reynolds Coliseum.

Chones, James to miss 2000-01 season

◆ Both players will have three years of eligibility remaining.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State has announced that sophomore women's basketball players Kaayla Chones and Terah James will sit out the 2000-01 season. Both have missed the first part of the season with knee injuries.

Chones suffered a partially torn quadriceps tendon in her left knee in mid-November and has decided to redshirt this season.

The 6-3 center started all 29 games a year ago and averaged 11.4 points and 7.9 rebounds for the Wolfpack. She posted seven double-doubles during the 1999-2000 season and was selected to the ACC All-Freshman team.

Chones was selected to the preseason honorable mention All-America team by Street & Smith this fall.

James had reconstructive knee surgery on her right knee last spring to repair a torn ACL. She missed the preseason workouts

and did not return to practice until mid-December. After playing briefly against East Carolina on Dec. 21, James decided she was not fully recovered enough to compete. State will apply for a medical hardship for James. The 5-foot-7 point guard started all 29 games a year ago for the Wolfpack and averaged 7.9 points, 3.9 assists and 2.8 rebounds per outing.

Both players have three years of eligibility remaining and are expected to make full recoveries prior to next season.

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Tonia Brown hit a driving layup in the lane.

Seconds later, however, Carisse Moody countered with a baseline jumper that started the State run.

Then State employed a trapping defense and suffocated Wake's offense for the remainder of the game. The Deacons committed 16 turnovers that the Pack converted into 20 points.

"We did a good job getting the trap and then rotating," Yow said. "I thought that was when the game really started to change."

The Pack used a barrage of free throws, put backs and fast-break layups to charge ahead of the Deacons. By the end of the first half, State had gone on a 21-5 run to open a 32-20 lead.

Along with the solid defense, State also found its shooting touch. The Pack hit 27-of-52 field goals for 51.9 percent. It was the first time this season that State has managed to shoot over 50 percent.

Senior guard Tynasha Lewis led a balanced scoring attack with 19, including a trio of three-pointers. Talisha Scates came off the bench to hit all four of her shots and score a season-high 13 points. Ten of the 11 players who saw action for the Pack contributed in the scoring column.

"They just really came to play on both ends of the court," Yow

said of Lewis and Scates. "I thought that set a good standard for everybody else to follow."

State's stifling defense and hot shooting continued in the second half. As the Pack's lead steadily grew, the Deacons began to crumble.

"It's always good to see the other team frustrated, and I think that happened," Lewis said.

Wake couldn't find a way to stop the Pack's offense. State connected on 16-of-29 second-half field goals.

It wasn't any better on the offensive end for the Deacons as they shot a paltry 31.9 percent for the contest.

After holding its first 10 opponents to 48.3 points per game, State's defense faltered in the recent conference losses. The Pack allowed an average of 72.7 points in its three previous games.

The ferocious defense returned Sunday and held the Deacons to a season-low point total.

Lewis said that she could sense a difference in her squad's attitude during the game.

"We played like we liked what we were doing, actually like we loved what we were doing," she said.

State was aggressive in driving to the basket, and Wake defenders routinely sent the Pack to the line. State hit 17-of-21 free throws, while the Deacons made only 3-of-6.

After Clemson outscored her team by 26 Friday from the charity stripe, Yow was

impressed with Sunday's turnaround.

"We wanted to make sure we didn't put Wake on the line," Yow said. "I think we lost the past three games on the free-throw line."

State also dominated the boards, pulling down 42 rebounds to Wake's 19. Moody led the way with seven caroms and chipped in with 10 points.

With the victory, State leads the all-time series with Wake 42-5. The last time the Deacons beat the Pack was on Feb. 25, 1996.

Sunday's victory moved Yow to just one win from 600 for her career. She has an overall record of 599-243 and ranks fifth in career wins.

Yow downplayed her lifetime accomplishments, instead stressing her current team's situation.

"The biggest thing about this game to me was that it was No. 10," Yow said, referring to her team's 10th victory of the season. "Ten is about now, and 599 is about a lot of the past. I'm here right now."

The players are aware of their coach's impending milestone, but they don't want it to be a distraction.

"We talk about it in the locker room, and obviously we're excited about it," Lewis said. "But we know coach wants us to come out and be focused."

Yow will have a chance for her 600th career victory in a non-conference tilt with Temple Thursday night at 7 p.m. at Reynolds Coliseum.

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Bowl Notes

Attendance just beats all-time low

a single player.

Just 28,359 people showed up at Miami's 75,000-seat Pro Player Stadium for the Micronpc.com Bowl. The all-time low for attendance at the bowl came was 28,262 in 1997 when it was known as the Carquest Bowl.

Those figures are a far cry from the inaugural game in 1990 when it was known as the Blockbuster Bowl. That year, 74,021 watched No. 6 Florida State defeat No. 7 Penn State 24-17.

State gains winning bowl record

N.C. State moved to 10-9 all-time in bowl games with its 38-30 victory over the Gophers. The Wolfpack had lost four of its last five post-season appearances, including a 46-23 defeat at the hands of Miami in the 1998 Micron PC Bowl.

Rivers, Robinson set new school marks

Freshman Philip Rivers and sophomore Koren Robinson each established new school records for bowl games.

Rivers, the Micronpc.com MVP, broke Shane Montgomery's marks for completions and passing yards with 24 and 310, respectively. He also tied the record for touchdown passes in a bowl game with two, which is shared by four other players.

Robinson set a new school high with 157 yards receiving yards, which was also a Micronpc.com record. He also tied Eddie Goines and Tory Holt for the State record for receptions in a bowl game with seven.

Redmon runs wild

Minnesota running back Tellis Redmon's 42 carries and 246 yards easily eclipsed the previous Micronpc.com records held by former North Carolina running back Leon Johnson. Those were also the most rushing yards State ever allowed to



State's Terrence Holt makes the tackle against Minnesota's Tellis Redmon.

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"If Koren goes out, God bless him, and I wish him the very, very best," Amato added. "We'll miss him, obviously. He's a big-time player."

Robinson and Amato occasionally didn't see eye to eye in their only year together at State. Amato suspended Robinson for the first quarter of the Maryland game and the first half of the season finale against Wake Forest. But Robinson said his relationship with Amato had no effect on his decision to turn pro.

"I guess we give you all something to write about when weicker back and forth," Robinson joked. "But my relationship

with Coach Amato didn't play a factor in it at all."

Robinson leaves State after two outstanding seasons with the Pack. During his freshman campaign, he caught 48 passes for 853 yards and two touchdowns despite catching just eight passes in the first six games of the season. He finished the year with six 100-yard receiving games and was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Year.

Robinson earned national attention in 2000 as a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award with 62 receptions for 1,061 yards and 13 touchdowns. He made the All-ACC first team twice, once as a receiver and once as a kick returner. He finished the year in the top three in several single-season categories at State, including tying Tory

perimeter guys got beat on the perimeter, shots weren't as contested as they were in the first half."

Crawford was the first to foul out, doing so at the 5:32 mark. Thornton followed suit with 7:06 to go. Wilkins was disqualified with 3:05 remaining. Inge joined the other three on the bench with 1:09 left in the game. At least Inge got his money's worth with his elbowing of Chris Williams; the other three fouled out on questionable calls.

What's more, State was unable to take advantage of Virginia's foul trouble.

Williams, who has averaged 14.6 points per game this season for the Cavaliers, picked up his fourth foul of the game 21 seconds into the second half.

Cavalier coach Pete Gillen left Williams in the game, but State never went after Williams on the offensive end, and the 6-foot-7 forward scored 17 points, all after he picked up his fourth

Players select permanent captains

Prior to leaving for Miami, the Pack selected three seniors as the permanent captains for the 2000 season. Tackle Jarvis Borum was selected from the offense, linebacker Clayton White was picked for the defense and kicker Kent Passingham got the nod for special teams.

All three players made significant contributions in the bowl game. Borum was part of an offensive line that allowed no sacks. White intercepted a desperation pass by Minnesota backup Asad Abdul-Khalik late in the fourth quarter. And Passingham kicked a 37-yard field goal in the third quarter that cut the Gophers' lead to 24-19.

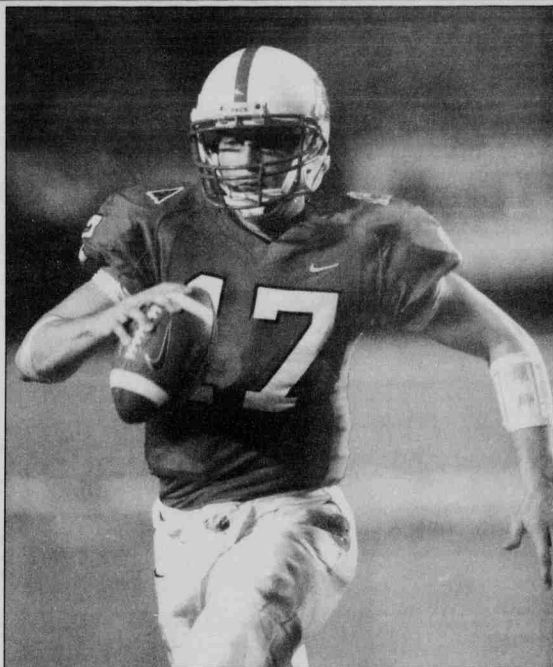
Penalties costly for Gophers

The Golden Gophers were penalized a season-high 14 times for 107 yards. Several of those came at crucial times for the Gophers, including a series of penalties that led to Minnesota's only punt of the first half.

In a fourth-and-1 situation at the State 29 in the first quarter, the Gophers planned on going for the first down. But two false starts pushed Minnesota into fourth-and-11. The Gophers then intentionally took a delay-of-game penalty to try to get more room for their punter. State declined that penalty.

They said it

"We're on television; I can't do that. I got after them. They saw the true Chuck Amato. That's the first time I've really done that because usually at halftime, I like to be as positive as I can. But I was positively negative in a very negative way, or a positive." —Chuck Amato when asked what was said during his halftime speech



Philip Rivers was the Micronpc.com Bowl's MVP.

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Trailing 24-0 midway through the second quarter, State covered 72 yards in 11 plays and scored for the first time with 2:00 left. Rivers, who had struggled up to that point, completed 7-of-7 passes on the drive, including a 2-yard touchdown pass to senior tight end Andy Vanderveer. Following the score, Rivers connected with junior tight end Ray Robinson on the two-point conversion attempt to pull the Pack within 16.

"To get a two-point conversion and a touchdown, that just kind of gave us a spark, especially since it was a long drive," Rivers said. "That's the time I can say we were so confident in the huddle. When we were down 24-0 in the second quarter, for some teams, it's over. But it wasn't [for us], and we moved ourselves forward, and that was big momentum."

The momentum completely turned in State's favor, however, when the special teams unit came through with a big play early in the second half.

After the defense responded to Amato's challenge by forcing the Gophers to punt from their own 42, Brian Williams reached punter Preston Gruening untouched and blocked his kick. Brian Jamison recovered the

ball at the 19, and on the ensuing play, Koren Robinson scored the first rushing touchdown of his career off of a reverse. State converted another two-point attempt and got a 37-yard field goal from senior Kent Passingham later in the third quarter to cut the lead to 24-19.

"The whole week we've been stressing special teams, special teams," Fisher said. "The guys knew that. We knew we could block one of their punts if we got them in the situation to punt."

The Pack struck again before the quarter was over. With the ball on the State 39, Rivers tossed a pass down the left sideline for Robinson, who made a juggling catch and then sprang all the way across the field and down the opposite sideline before getting pushed out of bounds at the 3. Ray Robinson dove into the end zone on the next play to put State ahead for the first time.

The Gophers instantly responded behind the running of Redmon. Minnesota drove down to the State 6 before the Pack defense firmed up. Dan Nystrom kicked a 23-yard field goal to put his team in front 27-25, but Amato felt good about State's stand on the defensive end.

"With all the momentum going, I didn't feel that they could beat us with field goals," Amato said. "Every time they came off the field and

Minnesota kicked a field goal, we felt proud because they didn't get seven."

Minnesota's latest lead would last for less than a minute. A personal foul on the field goal forced the Gophers to kick off from the 20, allowing Koren Robinson to return the ball just beyond midfield. Four plays later, Rivers hit Robinson on a fade pattern for a 23-yard touchdown, giving State a 31-27 edge.

"Not to take anything away from North Carolina State, but we made a lot of mistakes tonight," Minnesota head coach Glen Mason said. "We got ourselves in position that if you don't shoot yourself in the foot, you win the game. We shot ourselves in the foot."

Another Nystrom field goal reduced State's lead to one, but Minnesota would get no closer. After the Pack was forced to punt, freshman Ricky Fowler forced quarterback Travis Cole to fumble at the Gopher 8. Ray Robinson scored one play later to effectively seal the victory for State.

"It's obvious when you look at the game that the Gophers owned the first half and N.C. State owned the second half," Mason said. "It's a credit to Coach Amato, his players and his staff. You preach to your team that the game is played for 60 minutes and all of a sudden momentum switches and things go the other way."

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from the field, equaling the percentage it shot against Virginia in the ACC Tournament last year. It was the second-best shooting night for the Pack this season and far above the Pack's normal 49-percent shooting mark.

For Virginia, the game was won at the free-throw line. Despite shooting only 42 percent from the field, the Cavaliers hit 31-of-35 free throws, including 24-of-26 in the second half. The Cavaliers also had 14 offensive rebounds, which led to 22 second-chance points. In contrast, the Wolfpack was only able to score eight second-chance points off five offensive rebounds.

Mason led the Cavaliers, scoring 26 points, including the key three-pointer that tied the game at 73-73.

"He played like a primetime, big-time player," said Gillen. "He gained a lot of confidence and then hit that big three, which might have been the shot of the game."

Chris Williams, who scored no points in the first half, also came up big for the Cavaliers. Despite having four fouls most of the second half, Williams scored 17 points. Adam Hall and Travis Watson also scored in double figures for Virginia.

The Pack had three players in double figures, Grundy led the team by scoring 17, while Wilkins and Archie Miller chipped in 16 and 15.

The Pack will have little time to dwell over this loss, as State faces No. 3 Duke on Wednesday at the Entertainment and Sports Arena.

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State saves best for last

◆ The Wolfpack rallied from a 24-point deficit to beat Minnesota 38-30 in the Micronpc.com Bowl.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

MIAMI—N.C. State made comeback victories its specialty during the 2000 regular season.

The Wolfpack (8-4) won five games over the course of the year after heading into the fourth quarter tied or behind. But what State pulled off in the 11th annual Micronpc.com Bowl on Dec. 28 topped them all.

The Pack spotted Minnesota (6-6) the first 24 points of the game then rattled off 25 unanswered before eventually taking the game 38-30. The comeback was the largest in Micronpc.com history and is State's largest since it began keeping track of the statistic in 1981.

"They're a bunch of fighters," State head coach Chuck Amato said. "If you take the measurables of our players — height, strength, speed, quickness — we're not going to awe anybody with that. But as a team, they do play together."

Freshman quarterback Philip Rivers overcame a shaky start and two interceptions to earn MVP honors by completing 24-of-39 passes for 310 yards and two touchdowns. In his final game at State, wide receiver Koren Robinson contributed two touchdowns and caught seven passes for a Micronpc.com-record 157 yards.

The Pack managed to pull out the win despite allowing the Golden Gophers 502 yards of total offense. Minnesota running back Tellis Redmon accounted for nearly half of that, carrying the ball 42 times for 246 yards, both Micronpc.com records.

The Gophers dominated the first half behind Redmon, who already had 137 yards and two touchdowns by halftime. Minnesota moved the ball

downfield at will, scoring on four of its first five possessions.

"They have great offensive linemen, big, strong," All-Atlantic Coast Conference line-backer Levar Fisher said. "And they basically just pushed us around in the first half."

Amato challenged the defense to pick up its play with a fiery speech at halftime. The Gophers still accumulated more than 200 yards of total offense in the second half, but they never reached the end zone again.

"That was the first time all year that he got real fired up," Robinson said. "That got to us. He said that Minnesota was questioning the defense's manhood, and the defense didn't really like that. They came out and stopped them, and fortunately the offense got rolling."

But the initial spark for the comeback came before the half.



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Robinson headed to NFL



◆ Sophomore wide receiver Koren Robinson entered his name in April's NFL draft on Thursday.

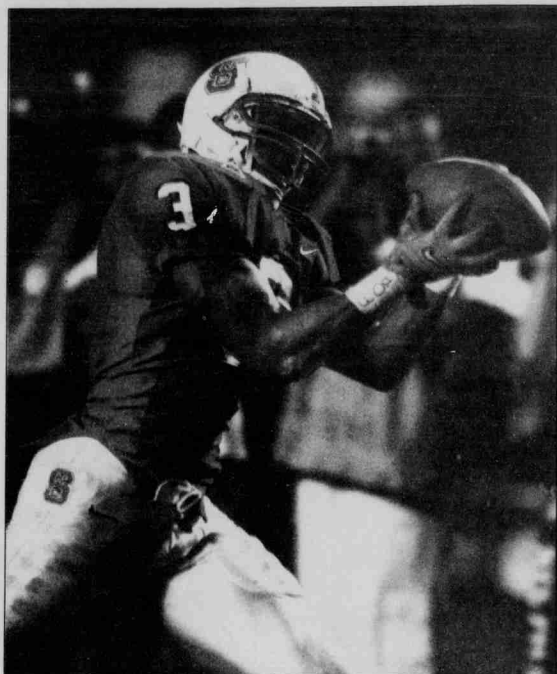
Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

After a standout performance in the Micronpc.com Bowl,

Koren Robinson got a little advice from Minnesota defensive back Mike Lehan.

Robinson said Lehan told him that he is ready for the next level. Apparently, the Wolfpack's star wide receiver agreed.

Robinson, accompanied by his mother, announced Thursday at a press conference that he will forego his final two years of eli-



Koren Robinson had 157 yards receiving against Minnesota in the Micronpc.com Bowl.

gibility at N.C. State and enter the NFL draft in April. He said he finalized the decision last week after consulting with family and "some influential people in my life."

"I'm doing this because I feel this is a great opportunity for me personally and my family," Robinson said. "This has been a dream of mine ever since I was young. I feel with the money I will be able to give back to my family. They have helped me, and they have supported me all

through my life, regardless of what decisions I have made."

State head coach Chuck Amato did not attend the press conference because he was on his way back from Miami after watching his former team, Florida State, play in the Orange Bowl the previous night. Robinson said that he informed Amato of his decision via telephone and that Amato "backed me 100 percent."

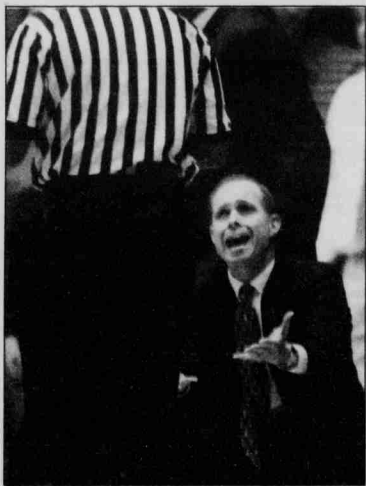
Although he wasn't available for comment Thursday, Amato

did discuss the possibility of Robinson going pro following the bowl game.

"Somebody asked me to compare him to some of the wide receivers that I've been around at Florida State, and he's comparable," Amato said. "But I've never been around a player who has done three things as well as he does — his receiving, his punt returns and his kickoff returns. It's amazing what kind of player he is."

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State runs out of steam against UVa



Herb Sendek pleads with a ref during the Saturday's game.

◆ Foul trouble and turnovers cost N.C. State an opportunity to end its losing streak at University Hall.

Steve Thompson
Staff Writer

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Road wins are scarce in the Atlantic Coast Conference, and Saturday night the Wolfpack was unable to pull out the victory at Virginia, falling 88-81.

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N.C. State (8-4, 0-1 ACC) has now lost 11 of its last 12 ACC road games and 13 straight at Virginia's University Hall.

Trailing 73-67 with 5:36 remaining in the game, Virginia (11-1, 1-1) staged a dramatic comeback. The Cavaliers reeled off 10 straight points, a run spurred by Roger Mason's three-pointer and punctuated by a Travis Watson power slam.

The run gave Virginia its first lead since taking a 13-11 advantage early in the game and provided the fatal blow to the Wolfpack, which was saddled with foul trouble and did not have the personnel available to make a late run.

"We had a tough time overcoming the foul trouble we were in," said Wolfpack head coach Herb Sendek. "[Cliff] Crawford, [Damien] Wilkins, [Damon] Thornton all fouled out, [Kenneth] Inge finished the game with [five]. We were just fiddled in foul trouble."

In the second half, the Pack's foul trouble began to affect its play. Less than seven minutes into the half,

Virginia was already shooting in the double bonus and the Pack had four players with four fouls.

The game began solidly for the Pack as State built a 27-17 lead with 9:28 remaining in the first half. A mini-run by Virginia narrowed the lead to 40-35 at the half.

"In the first half, I thought N.C. State outworked us, outscraped us, was a little tougher than us, a little more aggressive," said Virginia head coach Pete Gillen. "In the second half we really dug down and found a way to win."

In the second half, the Cavaliers turned up the pressure, forcing the Pack into two early turnovers and knotting the score at 40-40. The Virginia press, which was not effective in the first half, forced 12 second-half turnovers resulting in 20 points.

State responded with a 15-4 run, keyed by six points and a steal by Anthony Grundy, to give the Wolfpack its largest lead of the game at 55-44.

Virginia continued to press and chip away at the lead, however. A 7-0 run drew the Cavaliers within two points with 11:04 remaining in the game, yet the Wolfpack responded. Thornton hit two inside shots and Crawford added a fast-break layup to build the Pack lead back to eight points.

Two more times, Virginia would draw within a basket of the lead, only to see the Wolfpack respond with a run of its own. In the end, however, the foul trouble and the Virginia press wore down the Pack.

"Our guys fought," said Sendek. "Guys laid it on the line, poured their hearts out. The young guys who came into the game responded well. It was a real team effort."

For the game, the Pack shot 61 percent (30-for-49)

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Yow picks up win No. 599 against Wake

◆ N.C. State had its way with Wake Forest Sunday at Reynolds Coliseum.

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After dropping three consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference games, the N.C. State women's basketball team would have settled for any win.

Turns out, it got more than necessary Sunday afternoon.

The 16th-ranked Wolfpack (10-4, 2-3 ACC) released its pent-up frustration by thrashing Wake Forest 75-35 at Reynolds Coliseum.

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The victory was head coach Kay Yow's 599th career win. Losses to Florida State, Virginia and Clemson had left her stuck on No. 598 for longer than expected.

"I'm really proud of our team," Yow said after Sunday's dismantling of the Demon

Deacons. "The losing streak we got on — it was a downward spiral. It's tough to come out of that sometimes. We had our work cut out for us."

In an effort to jump-start her squad, Yow shuffled the lineup before Sunday's game, starting Amy Stimpson, Ivy Gardner and Amelia Labador. Wake (8-6, 1-3 ACC), coming off a win over North Carolina, was confident and played with the Pack for the first 10 minutes. The Deacons actually led 15-11 when

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Tynasha Lewis.

The Cavaliers came up with steals on State's first two possessions of the second half to quickly negate a 40-35 halftime Wolfpack lead. Virginia's momentum was halted — temporarily, as it turned out — when Donald Hand picked up a technical foul for pushing Archie Miller after Miller called a timeout deep in Pack territory, but the tone for the

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