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Oh brother

You better trust us that we've got some stuff down on state and main in A&E.

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On-campus cars targeted

◆ A new Public Safety study indicates that cars are growing targets for would-be thieves. There are, however, things you can do to protect yourself.

Jimmy Ryals
News Editor

Breaking and entering is on the rise at N.C. State, according to a recent Public Safety study.

The total number of reported incidents of breaking and entering in 2000 was 181, an increase of 31 over 1999. The total monetary value of damages and stolen items in those incidents in 2000 was \$103,244. "These types of crime are our major types of crime and they are 100-percent preventable," Sgt. Jon Barnwell said.

Barnwell offered the following tips to help car owners avoid having their vehicles broken into:

◆ **Do not leave car doors unlocked.**
Eleven percent of the reported automobile break-ins in 2000 involved unsecured cars. One of the reasons so many people at NCSU leave their cars unlocked is that they come from "small-town, Mayberry-type atmospheres" and are unprepared for living in a big city.

Barnwell said the N.C. State community falls somewhere between 13th and 15th among North Carolina cities in population; it is the third largest in Wake County.

◆ **Remove all valuables from your car when you park it.** Place any valuables left in the vehicle out of sight. "If it has monetary value, somebody's going to be willing to break in to get to it," Barnwell said.

◆ **Among items particularly attractive to prospective thieves are CD wallets, cellular phones, sound systems and video equipment.** Those who have car stereos with detachable faces should remove the faces from the car.

◆ **Report suspicious incidents or persons in a parking lot.**

Generally, experienced thieves will do their research before they reach into your car. Reporting people who linger suspiciously in parking lots or calling Public Safety when you see someone trying to get into a locked car can help officers concentrate their efforts. "We can't be everywhere all the time," Barnwell said. "We need help."

Barnwell advised that those who do fall victim to automotive break-ins not touch anything in the car. Doing so prevents officers from being able to lift fingerprints from the scene.

Also, one should have a copy of the make, model and serial number of any items taken from the car.

The Dan Allen and Reynolds Coliseum parking decks had the first- and fourth-highest report totals in 2000. Barnwell said that parking decks are particularly attractive to would-be thieves because they are not well lit.

Also attractive to thieves are areas like the Sullivan Gravel parking lot, which lies along a line of trees that offer cover for breaking in.

The Sullivan lot is also attractive because of the fence that runs between it and an adjacent railroad track. The fence is rife with holes that Barnwell said students make and the university consistently repairs. Though officers have not arrested any breaking-and-entering suspects escaping through the fence holes, Barnwell said he believes some subjects do just that.

NCSU has 16,000 parking spaces on a campus that is constantly growing. Much of the parking growth is vertical, with an expansion on the Coliseum deck in works. The increase in parking spaces within the same confined area creates more opportunities for break-ins.

"If somebody's getting a drink from a fountain, they're going to keep drinking until the fountain runs dry," Barnwell said.

Public Safety officers patrol the campus' parking lots on an hourly basis. They do so by driving relatively slowly through the lots and looking for violat-

ed cars or suspicious activity—a practice that Barnwell said some students find annoying. Doing so has meant that officers have discovered the majority of breaking and entering incidents before the victim arrives.

Among the vehicles broken into in 2000, there were 41 Hondas, 27 Fords, 24 Jeeps and Chevy 17.

According to the study, February and March saw the most B-and-E reports with 28 and 26 incidents, respectively. Barnwell sees no correlation between time of year and frequency of breaking and entering reports, aside from the fact that the summer months saw the fewest reports, since fewer people were parking on campus.

Students wishing to report suspicious activities or individuals can use the blue-light emergency phones scattered around campus or call Public Safety at 515-3333.

"Don't just assume it's nothing and then have someone become a victim," Barnwell said.



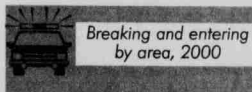
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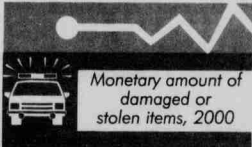
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Lock Bypass device--65



Breaking and entering
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Monetary amount of
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Passenger window--\$19,732
Drivers window--\$16,204
Unsecured car--\$12,802
Lock Bypass device--\$10,590

NCSU Library honors agriculture legend

◆ D.H. Hill's Jim Graham exhibits runs until April 4.

Tim Clark
Senior Staff Reporter

An exhibit at N.C. State's D.H. Hill Library chronicles Jim Graham's tenure as North Carolina's commissioner of agriculture.

Covering the last 36 years of Graham's career, "The Sodfather: A Friend of Agriculture in North Carolina" spotlights the work that Graham has done for the North Carolina farming community.

Graham was first appointed commissioner of agriculture in 1964 by Governor Terry Sanford. He filled the vacancy left by the death of Agriculture Commissioner J.Y. Ballantine.

Graham was reelected to office every four years until 2000. His 36 years of service made him the longest serving commissioner of

agriculture in the United States.

The exhibit showcases a brief biography of Graham, highlights from past Graham campaigns, personal photos and a pictorial history of North Carolina agriculture throughout Graham's term.

"The exhibit has been growing for some time according to Caroline Weaver, curator of exhibits and outreach for Libraries Special Collections. "It was something the [North Carolina] department of agriculture had worked on," Weaver said. "The exhibit, which was called at that time Footprints, had been done in the exhibit room at the department of agriculture." "It was later moved to the fairgrounds, then we brought it out here and added some material from the university archives that came from [Graham's] collections."

Making this extended exhibit possible was the donation of a collection of Graham's personal papers to NCSU Libraries' Special Collections. The writings and memorabilia come from throughout Graham's life and include both personal and professional documents.

"Part of the reasoning [behind the exhibit] was to promote the papers—to promote the libraries' agricultural collections, and then to let people know that we are interested in receiving other agricultural collections," Weaver said.

Special Collections is seeking to specifically expand on its collection of documents relating to North Carolina's agricultural leaders and organizations.

The Graham documents are currently the centerpiece of NCSU Libraries' agricultural collections.

The exhibition runs through April 4 in the D.H. Hill Library's Tower Lobby. The exhibit, along with an electronic copy of Graham's biography, is available from the NCSU Libraries website: www.lib.ncsu.edu.

Study deals gambling question to students

◆ Students at Northwestern University are among those polled.

Sara Melillo
Daily Northwestern
(Northwestern U.)

(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, Ill. — Six hundred Northwestern University students chosen at random received surveys last week for a national study assessing gambling practices on college campuses.

The 21-question survey, conducted by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, questions students' involvement in a variety of gambling practices such as purchasing lottery tickets, playing casino games and betting on sports.

All responses are confidential. "We hear a lot about gambling on college campuses," said Mary Desler, assistant vice president for student affairs. "But no one really knows the extent to which students are gambling."

Two sports-gambling scandals have rocked NU in recent years. A fumble by former NU football player Dennis Lundy during a 1994 game aroused suspicions of gambling among players, and federal investigations led to convictions of several players for sports bribery and perjury.

Lundy was among those sentenced for lying about gambling. In November 1998, two former NU basketball players, Kenneth Dion Lee and Dewey Williams, were convicted of accepting bribes for point shaving. The games took place during the 1994-95 season.

Desler said the study is not affiliated with these incidents, and that she is unsure whether students gamble excessively on campus. "I can't say that I personally see gambling as a problem on campus," Desler said. "Just like the national organization I am operating with, I am really curious to see if gambling is a problem."

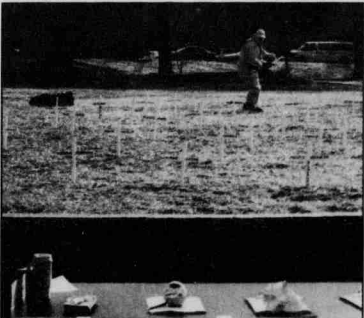
"Obviously, Northwestern has had a dark time with gambling, but we've come to accept that and get past it." Coughlin said the athletic department holds a mandatory gambling-awareness workshop every year for all student-athletes.

"It's an epidemic across all collegiate athletics," Coughlin said.

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STOP the War
against the Pool
PRESBYTERIAN CAMPUS MINISTRY, RALEIGH, N.C.

A member of the Presbyterian Campus Ministry of Raleigh places crosses by the whisper dishes adjacent to the Brickyard in protest of the School of the Americas soldier train facility in Latin America.

PATTY BRENNEMAN/STAFF

Voucher Pickup Schedule



Pickup Vouchers on Thursday
Ticket Pickup is Friday

photo by james curle staff

GAMBLE

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letes and also conducts individual awareness orientations for each team. The athletic department staff also receives additional gambling-related training.

Coughlin said the survey results could be beneficial for the athletic department and the university as a whole.

"Anything that draws attention to the problem helps," Coughlin said. "I think Northwestern is supportive of a survey because gambling is a problem everywhere."

Some students said assessing

college gambling habits through surveys could yield interesting results.

"I think (college gambling) is something of interest," Speech sophomore Yewaunde Dawodu said. "I haven't heard of it being a problem, but if they feel like it's a problem, then it should be addressed."

Ten colleges are participating in the survey.

Desler said she hopes more than 50 percent of students will respond by the Feb. 14 deadline.

The national results probably will be released at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators national meeting in March, Desler said.

crime report



Computer taken from NCSU academic department.

F. Donald Caulfield, a master's student in mechanical engineering, reported a Dell computer with monitor, modem, keyboard and speakers missing on Jan. 17. Caulfield had last seen the computer on the afternoon of Dec. 20, 2000, sitting on his desk in his office in Room 212 of Partners II Building. He returned to his office at 8 a.m. Dec. 23 and the computer was

gone.

Caulfield waited to file a report with Public Safety because he thought a student may have been borrowing the computer.

Caulfield did not have the computer's serial numbers, but he told Officer D. Harris he would try to get them from officials in the department of mechanical and aeronautical engineering.

Also missing was a \$700 data acquisition card. The value of the computer is \$1,074.

Watch missing from Wood Hall

Vernon James Haley of 503G Wood Hall A reported Jan. 17 to Public Safety that his watch, valued at \$500, was missing.

Haley, a freshman in textiles, said he last saw the watch around 3 p.m. Jan. 15; between then and the night of Jan. 16—when Haley realized the watch was missing—Haley's roommate had been in the process of moving out of the room and had left the room unsecured a few times.

Haley's roommate offered no time at which the watch may

have been stolen. Haley could offer no possible suspects. The missing watch is a Fendi, silver and gold in color.

Window broken at C-Store

Public Safety Cpl. Anthony Gurganus reported to the convenience on the Quad at 2:33 a.m. Jan. 16 concerning a broken window.

Lance Scales, Alvin Northern and Justin Hampton, all students, had been doing their rounds as Public Safety rovers when they discovered the broken window at 2:30 a.m. The group had seen the window undamaged at 12:45 a.m.

Gurganus checked the interior of the store and found no further damage; he also found nothing missing or out of place. The hole in the window was apparently too small for someone to crawl through easily, though the removal a few more pieces of the window could have made crawling in possible. Physical Plant officials were notified and secured the window.

There was no apparent instrument of breakage found in the area of the store. Total damage

to the window was \$150.

Beer bottle damages vehicle

Andrea Nichole Dawson, a sophomore in business management, was visiting a friend at the Aventura Ferry Complex Jan. 20 when a beer bottle shattered the sunroof on her Lexus.

Dawson had parked the car in Parking Lot F at Aventura Ferry. She and the unnamed friend saw the car from a balcony at 2:30 a.m., before it had been damaged. The two went inside, where they heard a loud noise coming from the parking lot 10 minutes later.

Dawson went back outside and found that a beer bottle had fallen onto her car and shattered the sunroof. The sunroof was composed of an exterior and an interior pane of glass; the exterior shattered, but the interior pane did not, protecting the inside of the car from damage and falling glass.

Dawson was uncertain whether the incident was malicious or accidental. Total damage to the car was approximately \$800.



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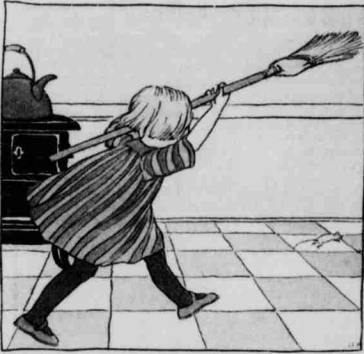
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Find the Floor

Ten Tips To "OverHall" Your Dorm for More Space, Time and Money



Janet L. Hall and Paula Langguth Ryan
Special to Technician

Does your dorm room look like Mt. Saint Helens spewed its guts? Can you not find the floor, your bed or the desk because of the clutter? Paying library fines for overdue books you know are "around here somewhere"? Are you constantly late for class because you can't find your notebook or your shoes?

Help is on the way. Take time today to eliminate the chaos in your living space, starting with these 10 things you should toss immediately:

- 1) Beer can wall murals.** Not only do those beer can pyramids take up space, they can be especially dangerous during sporting events, as students at James Madison University discovered a few years back while watching a televised football game. After a particularly exciting play they found themselves buried in an avalanche of beer cans when they jostled the couch too hard.
- 2) Old pizza boxes.** A.k.a. Bug Magnets: if the stench doesn't kill you, stepping on stale cheese in the dark just might.
- 3) Failed tests and bombed papers.** No need to keep these around as reminders. Post a test you aced on the wall above your desk (once you find it, of course!). Borrow an A-paper from your roommate if need be, as a reminder of all that's possible.
- 4) Laundry.** If you're not a fold-it-up-and-put-it-away kind of person, hang up hooks — lots of hooks — and then create one place to dump the dirties. Now you know that anything at floor level is quarter fodder. Anything else still has wear left in it. If you're not allowed to put up hooks, try using two laundry baskets in the bottom of your closet. One for the items that need to be washed before they see the light of day again, and one for the possible "recycle-ables."
- 5) Draft balls from in-progress projects.** If you have to, put that basketball hoop right over the trash can. You'll get a workout and keep the floor clean at the same time.
- 6) Old textbooks.** Whether you aced the course or just coasted by, stop cluttering up your bookshelves and floor space with old books. Sell 'em at the bookstore, or at an online book reseller like www.ecampus.com or www.classbook.com. You'll make a little extra dough in the process.
- 7) Plastic bags.** The bookstore, the grocery store, the record store, the student union. Paper or plastic is a clutterbug's mantra. Trash 'em or recycle 'em - it doesn't matter, just so long as you get them out of the room, now.
- 8) Dead plants.** Unless you've got an inside track to resurrection.com, you're not going to revive your dried up greenery. Give them new life on the compost pile.
- 9) Shoes.** Imelda Marcos groupies take note. Nobody needs more than two pairs of shoes per day — if you've got more than 14 pairs, or just have lots of "orphan" shoes, it's time to weed them out.
- 10) Post-it notes or scraps of paper.** Got scraps of paper everywhere and never can find the one you're looking for? Get yourself a spare notebook to jot things down in one place. Or, if you've got a paper fetish, get a huge manila envelope or a big bulletin board, and put them all in one place.

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William Redd
Staff Writer

Over the years, Hollywood has tried to produce monster movies with large, oversized creatures. Hollywood has not been that successful with their efforts, but Japan has created the ultimate movie monster.

In 1954, Toho Studios introduced "Gojira." The original Japanese version of the movie was very somber and serious like most monster movies and science fiction of the day tried to be. When Hollywood saw "Gojira," the big wigs had to make their own version for America. The resulting film was "Godzilla, King of the Monsters."

This Americanized "Godzilla" was not as good as the original, but it was moderately decent. The film was completely redone for an American audience. Raymond Burr was added to the film as American reporter Steve Martin. Martin tells the story of "Godzilla" from his perspective.

When ships begin to disappear of the coast of Japan, the Japanese government demands answers. While these disasters are being investigated, American reporter Steve Martin (Burr) arrives to see his old friend Dr. Serizawa.

Martin gets caught up in the investigation and soon comes face to face with an ancient creature of incredible size and ability. This relic from the Jurassic age was resurrected by testing nuclear weapons, and now it's rampaging across Japan.

At night, Godzilla attacks Tokyo leaving death and destruction in his path, disappearing into Tokyo Bay once his rage ends. Conventional weapons have proved to be useless against him, but renowned scientist Dr. Serizawa has discovered a deadly secret that would destroy all life in the bay, including Godzilla. But which disaster is worse, Godzilla's

fury, or the death of Tokyo Bay?

Toshio Honda (Japanese footage) and Terry Morse (American footage) directed "Godzilla, King of the Monsters." This movie inspired countless other monster movies including twenty-four more Godzilla movies. This includes a very bad American Godzilla movie made in 1998 with Matthew Broderick that left Toho laughing so hard that they even mocked the American model of Godzilla in "Godzilla 2000." The American version of "Godzilla" is available on video and DVD in finer retail houses everywhere.

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Starlite Shines

Chandler Carriker
Senior Staff Writer

Getting Thad Cockrell talking about music is not a difficult thing. Getting him to talk about his own music is a whole other story. Through a conversation, talk moved from Al Green to U2 to Willie Nelson and all forms of music in-between. "I'm such a fan of music," admits Cockrell, making all the more difficult to talk about his own music which has begun to cause quite a stir in Raleigh.

Cockrell, with his band, the Starlite Country Band, brings to the Triangle's ever growing and changing alternative-country scene music more rooted in traditional country than the area has seen in a while. The intensity and intimacy of their shows share in the punk rock spirit that a lot of this area's music shares, but the sound produced harkens back to late night country playing over AM radio. "I think the first time I remember really wanting to play music," shares Cockrell, "was after being sent up to my room as a kid and turning on my radio and hearing Charlie Rich's 'Behind Closed Doors'... I mean I could feel that that guy felt like I did... and even worse, which made me feel a little better."

From that early inspiration Cockrell's musical journey has been a hard fought road. From nights spent playing in a coffee house out in Wake Forest ("I only knew four and a half songs back then," said Cockrell, "so I repeat a couple verses a few times, then wait until there was a completely new crowd and start over again."), to getting

the attention of other local musicians (his band has consisted of former members of local favorites Two Dollar Pistols and Whiskeytown), to the struggle of getting shows in an area flooded with music, Cockrell is now a man on a mission trying



ing to get his music out and in front of as many people as he can.

And while Thad and his band's music are far from lacking tears and heartbreak, there is a great deal of joy to be found around every chord and beat. At a recent show at Raleigh's Humble Pie, every song had the crowd up and moving.

dancing and swinging like is rarely seen in any club show. With the help of a band, featuring stand-up bass and pedal steel guitar, which always seems to be tight and on, Cockrell's smooth country tenor floated over the crowd, breaking down even the most hardened listener. By the end of the set the entire house seemed to be wrapped up in the songs of loss and redemption dished up with a little twang and lots of soul.

Cockrell's push to get his music heard and seen has gotten a great boost with the release of his first disc (available now at Millennium Music in Raleigh and from the man himself at shows). Produced by Chris Stamey, the Triangle's most sought after knob turner, this introduction to an emerging talent combines the driving beats of numbers like "Pretending" and "Why?" with tear soaked ballads which highlights Cockrell's graceful treatment of these songs. In the album's centerpiece, "Vacancy," Cockrell sings "I guess there is some room for you in this heart of mine" with a skill and tact which usually only comes with age. Closing off the album with the solo gospel number "He Set Me Free," which in concert becomes a barnburner, Cockrell leaves the listener with a glimpse of grace after an album full of tears.

Thad Cockrell and the Starlite Country Band will be hitting the stage Fri., Jan. 26 at the Brewery as part of the SPITTLE fest, and then Wed., Jan. 31 at the Cave in Chapel Hill. It's on stage that the true power of this band, well on it's way to being the Triangles best live act, can be seen, felt and heard, for as Cockrell says, "We're going up there every night to set the record straight."

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

One for you, two for me

IN THE FACE OF A \$500 MILLION BUDGET SHORTFALL, WHY IS THE EASLEY ADMINISTRATION GETTING PAY RAISES?

New Governor Mike Easley and the incoming North Carolina General Assembly face a \$500 million budget shortfall. The state has totalled \$344.6 million in debt service payments thanks to November's passage of the \$3.1 billion higher education bond and previous already-in-play bonds.

So what is the Easley administration doing in response? They're giving themselves pay increases.

According to a report by the Associated Press, John McArthur and Franklin Freeman, a former chief counsel in the state attorney's general and a former Supreme Court justice, respectively, are earning \$139,000 a year. Susan Rabon earns \$119,000 annually. All three, who serve as senior assistants to the governor, earn more than Governor Easley himself, whose annual salary is \$118,430. Governor Hunt had only one senior assistant who made more than he did.

Furthermore, under the Easley administration, the annual salary of the state policy director ballooned from \$66,000 to \$99,000. Easley's patronage chief now earns almost \$10,000 more than Hunt's, who earned \$51,764 annually.

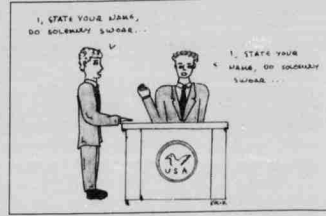
In the first place, the Easley promotions

are totally unjustified because they are, in effect, confirmations that the Easley administration is doing a job well done — before they've even really started at all.

Yes, \$10,000 here and \$30,000 there is only a drop in the bucket when compared to the \$500 million challenge looming ahead. Still, symbolically, self-gratifying promotions in a time of economic belt-tightening looks selfish, arrogant and narcissistic.

It is both disappointing and infuriating to see public servants serving only their own interests. Especially in a time of fiscal responsibility, the Easley administration is losing much of its credibility and its promise by giving in to the stereotype of the money-grubbing politician.

Easley will now have a much harder time convincing other departments and organizations to streamline their budgets. Leadership, even when it comes to money — especially when it comes to money — must start with genuine sacrifice and public humility. In lining the pockets of his inner circle, Easley is throwing away the political capital of a new administration.



A man's right to choose



Richard Morgan STAFF COLUMNIST

It takes one sperm cell and one egg cell to create a human baby. For some reason, however, the resulting new combination of cells — the zygote, embryo, fetus, whatever — becomes a woman's property simply by virtue of the fact that the dotted line of the mega-merger's contract was signed in the woman's womb.

Yes, women go through a lot in pregnancy and abortion and birth. OK. Point made. But men go through a lot as well. The feminist hypocrisy that denies the value of would-be father's emotional and cultural experiences is not just irresponsible; it's flat-out wrong.

By denying men a voice in abortion, women undermine every ambition of their liberation from patriarchal chauvinism, denying conviction to any of the values they espouse about gender freedom or sexual equality. Of course, women's anger at people making decisions about their children (or would-be children) is totally justifiable. So why not men?

"As it stands now," writes Thomas Lynch Milford, author of "Bodies in Motion and at Rest," about the feminist parental rights; "paternity, once determined, means fiscal responsibility of men for 18 years — not by choice, but by law. If they impregnate and the woman chooses to have the child, she

has a legal claim against the father's earnings. They may, of course, refuse to pay, refuse their paternity, in which case they are 'deadbeat dads' or some other media-made word for no good. Why oughtn't my sons have an equivalent choice — say, within the first two trimesters — to declare their decision not to parent, to void their paternity? Isn't this precisely the same choice given to women by Roe v. Wade and laws elsewhere that uphold this "right?" Milford, author of "Bodies in Motion and at Rest," raises a largely overlooked component in the abortion debate: men.

Women are like slumlords in this sense. They own all the property, so they control the living conditions without question. After all, fetuses can't survive anywhere besides inside women. So, essentially, women can do whatever they want with reproductive rights — including denying those rights to men — because what can men do about it? Where are they going to take their fetuses? Women are the only game in town. This patriarchal monopoly has resulted in the political castration of all men.

And, if you think about it, the consequences can be disastrous. Why, for example, should men bother with contraception? If women have all the say anyway, why should a man care if he impregnates a woman or not? Women heaped praise onto the birth control pill and RU-486 and Roe v. Wade as signs that society was finally treating women with their own rights, their own responsibilities. But, frankly, women have manipulated those responsibilities to lord over men in a semen-induced dic-

tatorship. Pregnant women can force men into fatherhood. Men, despite all the arguments about rape and cultural expectations of motherhood, cannot rule with the same iron-fisted genitalia.

We need to recognize the truth of "deadbeat moms," the women who don't bother to tell their mates about their pregnancy or their abortions, the women who "accidentally" get pregnant to force their men into something they're not ready for, the women who fight for equality throughout life even as they revel in tyranny throughout conception.

And for women to hide behind the sexist propaganda that men don't want to be fathers is just inexcusable. Such notions are disproved in the rare studies on fatherhood and abortion, like 1984's "Men and Abortion: Lessons, Losses, and Love" by Drexel University sociologist Arthur Shustak and journalist Gary McLouth. In the study, based on a survey of 1,000 men in abortion-clinic waiting rooms and some in-depth interviews, nearly half of the single and divorced men said that they had suggested getting married and having the baby.

Reproductive rights are a human concern, not a women's issue. Parenting and abortion rights need to be mutually inclusive, mutually respectful and mutually intimate as the act that makes it all possible to begin with.

Who's your daddy? Tell Richard at ncsu_writer@yahoo.com

Do something!



Josh Humphrey STAFF COLUMNIST

Part of this whole going back-to-school thing is that inevitably I'm made to feel old from time to time. Never was this more true than when I took classes in this past summer. In a conversation before class about funny movies, I happened to bring up "Blazing Saddles" as a particularly good one. I was met with a wall of blank stares. "You know, Mel Brooks, also did 'Young Frankenstein?'" I ventured.

More silence. Then it came. "Who is Mel Brooks?" said the maddest soul destroyer. In about 30 seconds I went from my normal even-keeled self to feeling the need for a walker and wanting to sport phrases beginning with "Back in my day..." at a volume indicating I believed the world had gone deaf right along with me.

Moments like this one have forced me to do a lot of introspection. As an older student, what do I have to offer the university? Am I here simply to take the classes I need and move on, or do I have a unique chance to make a difference in some small way? Being around such a large group of people who are at such an exciting and challenging point in their lives has also caused me to reconsider my own early undergraduate days. I remember them as exhilarating and terrifying at the same time. I remember the all-nighters before finals and the all-nighters that had nothing to do with finals. However, the one thing I don't remember and in hindsight most regret, is being involved in what was happening with the University and community.

I realize there are those of you who are already active in groups that give of themselves to aid a cause as activists or work for a better and stronger community through volunteering. Nonetheless, I believe the majority of university students spend their four years in school without really considering how much of a difference they could make if they were to back a cause or volunteer their time to charity.

The society we live in has made it very easy for us to not get involved. Our culture's preoccupation with amassing personal wealth means that we can dismiss volunteer or activist work, with its lack of a tangible reward, as a waste of time and energy. We are taught that success in this world means dying with the most toys, and the best way to accomplish that is to be good little corporate automatons and not rock the boat. The media portrayal of those who reject this doctrine as anarchists and rabble-rousers makes it easy for us to ignore injustice by disregarding the messenger before he deliv-

ers the message. And volunteer work generally gets ignored when it comes to news coverage. These factors make it extremely difficult for the average student to see the point of activism and volunteering; after all, you can't make a difference, right?

Wrong. The last half-century is rife with examples of students who worked for what they believed in and accomplished some amazing feats. University students in Iran were instrumental in overthrowing what they saw as an oppressive Shah in 1979. The majority of those protesting at and killed in Tiananmen Square in 1989 were Chinese University students. Closer to home, members of the United Students Against Sweatshops have successfully gotten some 50 American universities to join the Workers Rights Consortium, which inspects factories and ensures good working conditions for workers who produce college-licensed products. All of these movements began as a small group of students who found that they had a common belief. They were just like us: young, intelligent and full of energy. The difference lies in the fact that they saw something within their community that needed to be changed, and gave of themselves in order to see it happen.

If activism is not your style, then there are myriad opportunities to touch the lives of people who would appreciate your time and effort. Volunteer work is sadly not accorded the respect it deserves. It is often hard and dirty work in less than ideal conditions. Your only reward is usually heartfelt thanks followed by some cookies and punch. If you've never done it, I'm sure it sounds pretty unappealing. However, there is nothing quite so rewarding as seeing the smile on a child's face after you helped build him a playground, or seen how much more beautiful a roadway or beach can be after you've cleaned all the thoughtlessly discarded trash from it. It only takes a few hours a week to make a difference in the both the life of the community and your own life.

So where do you begin? Find something you believe in and advocate for it, or find a community project you see as worthwhile and work to make it happen. Protest the WTO, plant some trees, join the Young Republicans, it really doesn't matter what you do as long as you feel you believe you are making a difference. Take it from someone who has been there: once this time in your life is gone it only gets harder to get involved, and the first time you grew up calls you "Sir" or you hear a song you did with on the oldies station, you can be proud about what happened back in your day.

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CAMPUS FORUM

Patience 'gone' with Sendek

The statements of confidence by Athletics Director Fowler and Coach Sendek have been overwhelming this season without much evidence to support them. They each have reiterated again and again in the News & Observer, Technician and radio shows that NC State fans need to be patient. For many lifelong NC State fans, our patience is not dwindling; it is gone. We are constantly being reminded of how many great players Sendek has recruited, but without proper leadership this means little. Perhaps if Coach Sendek is truly as confident as he claims, he should make guarantees like Jim Eastell of the Super Bowl-bound New York Giants; he should guarantee an NCAA Tournament berth or force his immediate resignation at the end of the season if his fifth team fails to do so. We should refuse to accept mediocrity each season on the basis of patience and confidence.

Lucas Miller Senior Industrial Engineering

Technician 'racially inflammatory'

Technician, with its recent editorial on The Nabian Message (11 Jan.) chose to single out its sister publication of the Student Media Authority with racially inflammatory rhetoric. The amount of black students who have expressed anger at Technician for their audacity in questioning the legitimacy of its sister publication is striking! Furthermore, to receive such a journalistic rebuke from a bastion of journalistic ethics such as Technician is a compliment to the Nabian editorial board. Being a sister publication, I have — or I thought I had — a talking relationship with the editorial board over at Technician. The sheer fact that none — except the gentleman who wrote the article — has even made an attempt to discuss this issue with me or any Nabian editor is a clear example of racial fear and animosity. Such fear, or unwillingness to discuss issues regarding race, is the real hindrance to racial reconciliation because it leads to prejudice which leads to hate. Criticism is rarely unfair in and of itself but the question of legitimacy,

especially that of your own sister publication is wrong and ignorant. This arrogant, unwilling-to-start-a-discussion attitude you're wrong attitude is the real insult to NC State. Shame on Technician, for giving its small, weekly sister publication (with a very small circulation) a "black eye" for one article. Shame on Technician for insulting the black community at NC SU.

Adeyayo Barwo Editor in Chief The Nabian Message

Con artist scams students

I think it is important to inform Technician and all NC State students that the "local Raleigh man" in "desperate need of help," appearing in Technician's Classifieds, is a con artist. I spoke with the YMCA and found that Allen has no intention of helping himself get back on his feet. He is looking for a handout from unsuspecting, sympathetic students. I, personally, went and bought Allen new clothes and delivered them to the YMCA. I only to find out I had been scammed. I do not want any other students to feel betrayed and disappointed as I do. I am totally for helping the less fortunate, but when someone uses an agency's name (YMCA) without their knowledge to receive a handout, that is inappropriate.

Erin Smith Senior Psychology

British to the rescue

I discovered the coolest money saving trick for students at 3 a.m. the other day: You can order new textbooks for your courses from bookstores in the United Kingdom for prices substantially lower than the used book prices here! Take a look at the examples below. All prices are for new books, include shipping and can be found on www.amazon.co.uk: *MA 225 (ISBN: 0534440288): \$40, compared with \$65 (used) or \$86 (new) at NC SU bookstore. *ST 422 (ISBN: 0534209165): \$48, compared with \$77 (used) or \$103 (new) at NC SU bookstore. *MA 421 (ISBN: 0137463146): \$52, compared with \$66 (used) or \$88 (new) at NC SU bookstore

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Some other cheap bookstores are www.uk.bol.com, www.infront.co.uk, and www.bookstop.blackwell.co.uk. Delivery charges are around \$5-10 for delivery within 10 days (\$15-30 for delivery in 1-2 days). The best way to search all these bookstores and around thirty others in the United States and other countries is to go to www.addall.com. It will search 34 bookstores and list the cheapest ones first, which usually happens to be in the United Kingdom! Search using the ISBN # for the most reliable results. So, return all those books bought from NC SU bookstore or from those "cheap" bookstores on Hillsborough Street. Shop wisely and save tremendously!

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Technician sports 'off base'

As a student and faithful fan of the Wolfpack women, I feel [Technician sports' midseason report card on women's basketball] does not do justice to Carisse Moody or the rest of the front court, which was rated "C." The article is off base and does not truly represent the face of the Wolfpack women. [Sports writer] Rob Godfrey claims "Carisse Moody has been productive in the post for the Pack, having to play center in the wake of Kayla Chones' season-ending injury." One who truly knows about the women's team and all athletics in general — knows that Moody does not *have* to play center. In fact, she was not Yow's first choice. Christen Greene started the first two games at that position. But after Moody's performance in the Maryland game, when she led the Wolfpack in both scoring and rebounds, she became the starter in that position. Since becoming a member of the starting line-up, she has consistently scored in the double figures with the exception of the tough loss to Clemson, when she was held to only two. Additionally, she leads the team in steals and rebounds; only after the last four games has Senior Tyneshea Lewis moved ahead of Moody in points per game (13.8 compared to Moody's 13.6). I also have to disagree

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Man, not Jesse...

THE OTHER HAND

GEORGE W. BUSH

Hail to the Chief



Decker Ngonang

Just when we thought it was all over with sexual scandals, the last straw was presented last week when Jesse Jackson, under pressure from tabloid media, revealed to the public he had indeed fathered a child outside of his marriage. I was initially angered at the fact that someone I respect and look up to as a black male had abandoned everything he stood for...

I knew this issue would open the door for wide public ridicule, because of his affiliation with the political and religious community. I think the media is forgetting the real victims of this situation, the only ones who will live with Jesse's actions forever. I am speaking of first his family, most notably wife Jackie, secondly his alleged "lover" Karyn Stanford and lastly the daughter he has helped bring into the world during his extramarital relationship.

In all the bad aspects of his actions, the child he has produced in his relationship will remind Jesse of his indiscretion forever. This child, already more than two years old, is one of the true victims of this situation. It has been born into the world that sees it as the product of hypocrisy. Jesse has in his daughter the true test of his greatness. Can he give this child the normal upbringing all children deserve? He has pledged to pay \$3,000 a month in the form of child support but he still owes much more. In the age when a growing number of America's children are raised in single parent homes, Jesse is going to have to add role model to his various other titles. He is going to have to take responsibility for his actions and be a dad, not just the biological father.

As a reverend he is going to have to now preach with actions. He owes it to his daughter and he owes it to the millions of people who respect and look up to him as a leader for the unspoken.

Through all his accomplishments he has had one manstay: his wife Jackie and his family have been there. Jackie was there when he had to witness the murder of his mentor Martin Luther

King. She was there as he later solidified himself as the premier black leader in America. She was there when he ran unsuccessfully for president in 1984 and 1988. She is still there as they endure public ridicule. It upsets me that we don't highlight the disrespect the reverend showed his wife of 38 years and sympathize with the obvious pain this woman is going through. One thing that troubled me about the Clinton scandal was that he failed to apologize publicly to his wife. It is the wives during these situations that suffer the utmost in embarrassment, as well as loss of trust. I hope Jesse will find a way to publicly apologize to his wife whom he has publicly wounded. More important than him getting back to the political agenda at hand, he needs to do everything possible to fix things with his family and restore the trust and forgiveness.

I don't know what Jesse said to this woman or vice versa, but both Jesse Jackson and his "lover" were wrong in their acts. Karyn Stanford, the former head of the Rainbow/PUSH coalition is going to have almost as hard a life as Monica Lewinsky. In looking at her history, this shouldn't be. She is a Ph.D.-educated woman who had been involved and witnessed the politics and corruption of Washington. Yet she became its latest victim. Never again will she be known for her intellect, her accomplishments in the field of civil rights initiatives; instead, she will be known as the lover of America's black leader. The best thing she can do right now is find a way to raise her daughter the best way possible, away from the media allowing as normal a life as possible. It is sad this stuff happens but it can only serve as a warning to other high profile figures that engage in such behavior.

As a black male I was discouraged to hear such news about a figure I looked up to — for his political prowess, as well as his civil rights initiatives. It upsets me that the corruption of Washington could claim someone so many people looked to as a spokesperson for Americans and people. I think Jesse will grow stronger, and that his family will grow stronger. He is a very religious man and that faith will sustain both he and his family. I hope though that he can provide a life for his new daughter and restore the trust into his relationship with his wife. I condemn Jesse only so much for what he did. We have all messed up and we all must take responsibility. I hope America and the media learn from this, not just "cover" it only to leave room for someone else to do the same thing.

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The realization that there now is and will continue to be a Bush administration is, for some Americans, a hard pill to swallow. Yet if this country is to abandon the divisive attitude it has harbored for the last eight years, and achieve real, effective and beneficial change, we must realize our president is a working one who does not intend to be characterized in years to come as inconsequential.

Bush's meeting Monday concerning \$5 billion for educational reform is expected to be greeted by both parties and concentrated on areas most in need of help first. Making much needed changes in the educational system the primary focus of his administration reveals not only that our chief executive is compassionate, but that 1) he realizes there is a problem and 2) he intends on wasting no time fixing it. These two no-nonsense traits were the bread and butter of his campaign; expect them to be defining characteristics of his administration.

The proposal to grant students in failing schools federally funded vouchers has been hotly contested by Democrats, but actually proves the president is more in touch with his rival's constituents than they are. The majority of the black population is reportedly in favor of vouchers as are most in middle to lower economic households. The only ones who oppose student vouchers are Democratic politicians and powerful special interests like teacher

unions. This should reveal to citizens of all political affiliation that it is the president and Republicans who are willing to listen to the people — not powerful interests — and come together to solve major problems.

Bush's tax cut is also expected to take top priority on the early road to legislation. The hoped-for \$1.6 trillion package is gaining support among Democrats and is expected to become effective sometime this spring. Democratic Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia stated he would join Republicans on Monday to introduce the plan. Tax relief was ridiculed by Democrats during the campaign as excessive and only for the rich, but is now largely accepted by the left as necessary to stimulate a slowing economy. Soon this administration will have everyone looking forward to sending Washington less every year.

Bush is also expected to formulate a domestic energy policy that will help reduce the price of gas and American foreign dependence. Assuaging complaints by Democrats and Republicans alike about poverty-at-the-pump and eliminating the extent to which rigidly acts from oil producing countries hostile to the U.S. can affect the nation's economy. Speaking of hostile nations, this administration is prepared to diminish the effectiveness of their intimidation by beefing up a much neglected military, and establishing a highly conscious and more stringent foreign policy headed by seasoned and highly qualified veterans like Powell and Rice.

The best way to characterize Bush's administration is to assert that it will be one of not appearance but of action, not of polls but of confidence, and not of

parties but of a nation. Those who have asked that Bush assemble a cabinet that represents the face of America can not be disappointed that, though America's cultural diversity is doubtless reflected in the faces of his nominees, the true face of this administration is that of America's ingenuity, nimbleness and aptitude. Neither is there any need to worry that the president lacks the capability to be a great or even competent leader. The talent, experience and proficiency that he has surrounded himself with prove not that he is wanting of any mental faculty, but quite the contrary; that he is the perfect man for the job. Great leaders are thought so not because they attempt to micromanage that which they oversee, but because they are wise enough to encourage the inability to do so. The president set an agenda that he has intimated will not fail to be mobilized; this administration will see that it, along with future ones, are realized.

Yet those goals that are best for the nation and every individual cannot be attained without the sensible cooperation and input of a responsible and attentive populace. Perhaps the best person to explain what can be expected from the Bush administration is the president himself. In his inaugural address he stated, "What you do is as important as anything government does. I ask you to seek a common good beyond your comfort; to defend new forms against easy attacks; to serve your nation, beginning with your neighbor. I ask you to be citizens. Citizens, not spectators. Citizens, not subjects."

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Hail to the Thief



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Forget for a moment the ignominious nature of a President's resignation. Presidential Cabinet. Try to imagine that George II is not just re-assembling George I's good old boys network. Let's pretend that Dubya is the first president of the United States. Who would want the following people to serve the highest administrative offices?

Attorney General John Ashcroft. While counting the right wing in his 1998 bid for Republican presidential nominee, the Missouri senator told the Southern Partisan Confederate soldiers were "patriots" and that the journal "helps set the record straight." The journal has called Abraham Lincoln "a consummate con man, manipulator, and liar." It says the South is the "C.S.A." (Confederate States of America), blacks are "Negroes" and Union forces were "Yankee invaders." Ashcroft also scuttled a federal judgeship for Missouri Supreme Court Justice Ronnie White, the first black on the state's high court. Ashcroft claimed White, who chose the death penalty option 41 of 59 times, was too soft on capital punishment.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. In a July 22, 1971, taped conversation with President Nixon, Nixon says about black Americans that "most of them are basically just out of the trees... Now, my point is, if we say that, they (opponents) say, 'Well, by God.' Well, all even the Southerners say, 'Well, our niggers is (unintelligible)'. Hell, that's the way they talk!" to which Rumsfeld replies, "That's right." Environmental Protection Agency Director Christie Whitman. After becoming New Jersey governor in 1990, Whitman slashed the state's Department of Environmental Protection budget. "The budget cuts are

of such depth and magnitude that they will severely undermine the DEP's ability to effectively safeguard the environment and protect the public health."

Senate Majority Leader John Bennett declared at the time. Whitman has also favored a "voluntary compliance" program, under which polluters are allowed a "grace period" to negotiate with state agencies before fines and penalties are imposed. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson. During the 1990s, Thompson traveled to England, Africa and Australia on trips arranged by the National Governors Association and substantially funded by Philip Morris. "I value your loyalty and friendship," Thompson wrote Andrew Whist, a Philip Morris senior vice president, after the Africa trip in 1995. Following the 1996 trek to Australia, Thompson wrote Philip Morris lobbyist Jack Lenzi that he was "especially grateful you agreed to take the scuba diving plunge with me." When the Wisconsin governor's state was awarded \$170 million a year in anti-tobacco settlements, he dedicated only \$5 million (3 percent) to smoking prevention.

Interior Secretary Gale Norton. As Colorado attorney general, Norton planned to sue — but never did — the federal government for forcing the state to add a wheelchair ramp to the statehouse under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, calling it "a really ugly addition to the state capitol." As secretary, Norton would be responsible for making national parklands accessible — or inaccessible — to the disabled. The Washington Post, which has applauded most of Bush's picks, wrote in an editorial that Norton "comes from a school of thought that leans toward the exploitation over the conservation of western resources."

Chief of Staff Andrew Card. Card served as president and chief executive officer of the American Automobile Manufacturers Association from 1993 to 1999. During that time, he and the AAMA were among the most vocal opponents of U.S. ratification of the power will ignite in the hearts of all Americans a commitment to personal excellence, for each heart is the shelter of freedom; a passion for service to others, so that freedom may permeate their lives; too, and a dedication to maintaining the values that forged and sustained our nation's freedom through the centuries. Freedoms used wisely, it enlightens; used carelessly, it entangles. Let's commit each day to meeting its challenge.

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Kyoto Protocol on global warming. After that, he took a job as vice president and chief lobbyist for General Motors.

Commerce Secretary Don Evans. A lifelong friend to Dubya, Evans served as chairman of the University of Texas Board of Regents. In 1997, UT Professor Lino Graglia said, "Blacks and Mexican Americans... have a culture that is not meant to encourage achievement. Failure is not looked upon with disgrace." Although citing anger at the comments, Evans did not fire Graglia. Bush called the remarks "inappropriate and insensitive," meaning Republicans should think such things, but not actually say them. Like Bush and Cheney, Evans is a Big Oil tycoon as chairman of Tom Brown, Inc., a natural gas and crude oil company based in Denver. As Commerce Secretary, Evans, who was Bush's campaign fundraising chief, would be in a prime position to offer economic payback to the hundreds of private companies and individuals who bought the election for Bush — especially if Dubya realizes plans to remove the U.S. trade representative from the Cabinet, as reported by Reuters.

This is not a Bush administration. And it is definitely not a bipartisan all-American administration. It is a lobbyist's administration. It is Big Industry sending their Big Oil men to the top seats in the country and getting them to make sure all their Little But Still Dangerous Industry reps get high-falootin' jobs, too. George II will be our president for the next four years. But at what cost? I, disgraced immensely with Clinton's adultery, but, at this point, I'd almost rather have a president conduct a low-key sexual tryst than one who blatantly and proudly initiates wide-scale cultural, social and environmental rape of the nation.

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with [Godfrey's] statement that, in the absence of Chones, "Moody has been consistent, though not dominant." Moody has been consistent and dominant. She is the only player on this year's squad to have a double-double this year, and she has four — yes, four of them. Moody has also been named to two all-tournament teams this year. No other player for the Wolfpack has turned their game around as much as Carisse Moody has done this year. I hope the entire Sports & Special Activities staff will re-evaluate his evaluation of the Wolfpack women's front court.

Amanda MacIntyre Freshman Engineering

Warning: campus toxins

Editor's Note: Due to the nature of the content, the word limit has been waived.

As a parent of two N.C. State students and visitor to the campus, I'm very concerned about any use of volatile, hazardous pesticides on campus, especially since I am unaware of any campus-wide policy of least toxic integrated pest management or notification on doors of treated buildings where these pesticides are used.

The highly toxic Dursban (chlorpyrifos) was banned for some uses last summer, yet the EPA made a deal with Dow Chemical Company, allowing schools and other organizations to continue spraying the poison indoors. NCSU has a history of using Dursban, but I have been unable so far to get a complete or current list of pesticide products used on NCSU campus. I have requested a meeting with someone involved in campus-wide regulations to discuss the need for a policy on pesticide use at NCSU. I would appreciate

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A note on freedom, responsibility

As a Cuban-American I am intensely moved by the Inaugural Ceremony we witness every four years. My childhood in Cuba has left many memories that I do not wish any human being to harbor in his own heart. We are blessed in this nation with the precious privilege called freedom. Freedom is fragile — as it paves the forward path of our lives, it requires sound judgment on our part in order to thrive. My hope is that the recent change of presidential

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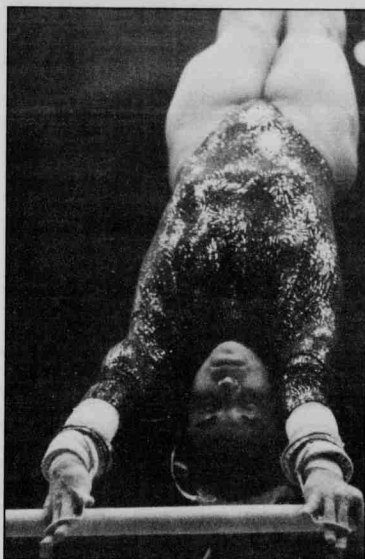
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The Pack and Gators both opened the season ranked.

GATORS

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Stevenson said.

The attitudes of the injured gymnasts have also helped the team deal with their absences in competition.

"They're in the gym, and they're helping coaching," Charles said. "And that's good for us to have them in here because they're such good gymnasts, and we always need the extra help."

State could even get a few gymnasts back in the lineup in the coming weeks. Stevenson said that junior Angie Welch is returning to full strength after a twisted ankle and should return to balance beam soon. Sophomore Marilyn Maley has not appeared yet this season due to bruised ribs but should make her debut in two

or three weeks. And junior Lauren Palefsky could find herself in the mix once she's fully recovered from a stress fracture in her leg.

"We're going to have all these kids that don't really do all the events for us but are going to fill slots that we desperately need filled with a high-level routine back in mid-February," Stevenson said. "When we get all those guys back in, we'll be easily as good a team if not a little better than last year."

The Pack's opponent, Florida, comes into the matchup ranked eighth in the country. The Gators narrowly missed a trip to the National Championship meet last season, finishing the year at No. 14.

Thus far this season, the Gators have produced strong scores against some of the top teams in the country. At its last meet against Alabama, Florida posted a season-high total of 195.53

ACC Basketball Notes

Battier, Joiner take weekly honors

Duke's Shane Battier was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Week Monday, while Florida State's Michael Joiner was selected as the ACC Rookie of the Week.

Battier averaged 28 points, 6.5 rebounds, 4.5 blocked shots and two steals in winning player of the week honors for the second time this season. Against No. 25 Boston College, Battier had 22 points, six rebounds and four blocked shots in a 97-75 victory. He later tied a career high with 34 points in Saturday's 98-77 win at Georgia Tech, the 17th victory for second-ranked Duke in 18 games.

Joiner averaged nine points, seven rebounds and one blocked shot in two Florida State games last week to win the rookie

award for the second time this season.

Five ACC teams in Top 25

Four ACC teams are in the Top 10 of the latest Associated Press Top 25 poll, which was released Monday.

Duke remains at No. 2 nationally with a 17-1 record after easily taking wins over Boston College and Georgia Tech last week. Meanwhile, the Blue Devils' archrival, North Carolina, moved up a spot to No. 5. The Tar Heels are currently on a 12-game winning streak.

Maryland jumped four spots from 12th to eighth in the country, while Wake Forest climbed a spot from 10th to ninth. The only other ACC team ranked is Virginia, which falls in at No. 13 with a 13-3 record.



AROUND THE ACC

Standings:

Team	ACC Record	Overall
Duke	5-0	17-1
North Carolina	5-0	15-2
Maryland	5-1	14-4
Wake Forest	3-3	14-3
Virginia	2-3	13-3
Georgia Tech	2-4	10-7
N.C. State	1-4	9-7
Clemson	1-4	10-8
Florida State	0-5	5-13

Wednesday's Games

No. 13 Virginia at No. 5 North Carolina, 7:00 p.m., ESPN

The Tar Heels are on a serious roll. The Wahos were able to pick up a needed win over Missouri this weekend. Last season, UVA swept the season series against North Carolina and then watched the Heels get in the NCAA tournament over them despite the fact they were both 9-7 in the ACC.

Georgia Tech at Clemson, 7:00 p.m.

Sixth place in the ACC is on the line in Littlejohn (not technically, but in the grand scheme of things it probably is). The Yellow Jackets have lost two in a row, but have wins over Wake Forest and Virginia. Clemson beat N.C. State Advantage, Georgia Tech.

No. 9 Wake Forest at No. 2 Duke, 9:00 p.m., Raycom

Duke at home in the ACC. If there were guarantees in college basketball, this would be it. Wake Forest needs a big ACC win as it has lost to both Maryland and UNC since beating Virginia way back on Jan. 2.

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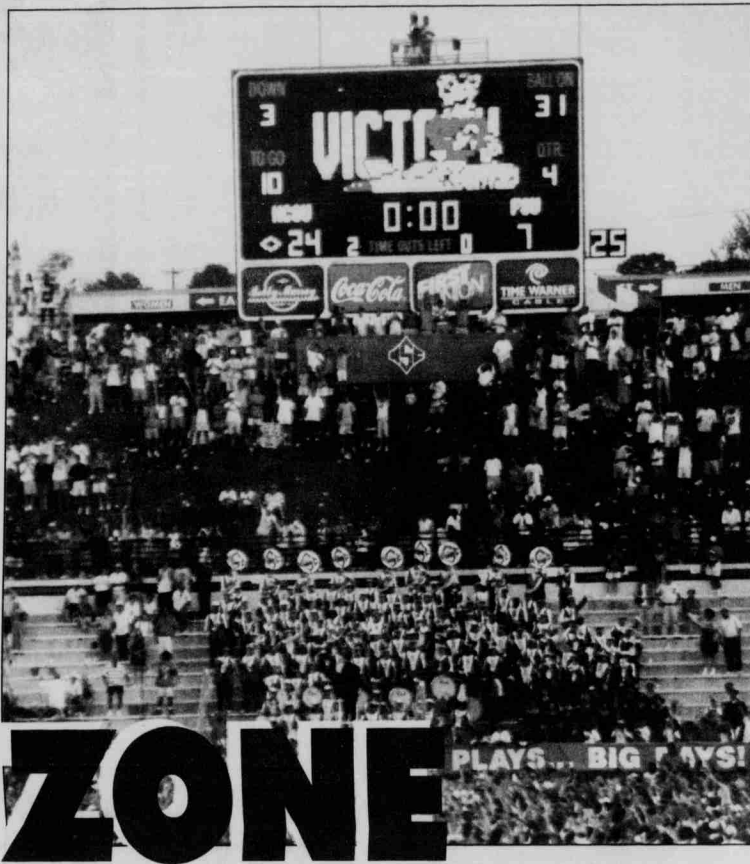
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The scoreboard at Carter-Finley Stadium that showed the final score of N.C. State's historic upset of Florida State in 1998 will be replaced by the start of next season. And seats will line the grassy knoll.

Changes to Carter-Finley on the way

◆ The planned renovations for Carter-Finley Stadium could finally begin as early as March 1.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

When N.C. State fans journey to Carter-Finley Stadium on Saturdays this fall, they might notice a few changes.

The grassy hill that sits in the south end zone will be removed in favor of a new section of 5,500 seats. And the stadium's current scoreboard will be replaced with a larger one, which will feature a state-of-the-art sound system and a video display screen for instant replays.

Athletics director Lee Fowler said earlier this week that he hopes the installation of the seats will begin around March 1.

The planned renovations have been talked about for a while but have not begun yet because the athletics department is still waiting for state approval on the designs. Fowler said the proposed design for the new scoreboard is also getting one final check from a design and review committee at State to make sure it looks "more like the [Entertainment and Sports] Arena."

"Everything is having to be reviewed, and nothing has started, and really, nothing will start until March 1 down there," Fowler said.

These changes are just the beginning of the athletics department's plan to upgrade Carter-Finley. After the renovations are finished, the Wolfpack will have a new football operations complex, a new press box and luxury suites.

The football team won't be the only one reaping the benefits of the renovations at Carter-Finley.

"Football's getting the big project, but the renovations will benefit the entire

program," Fowler said. "There won't be any athlete here that isn't positively affected by it."

Once the football personnel make their complete move out to Carter-Finley, the offices and practice facilities in the Weisiger-Brown building that they currently occupy will become free. That leaves more room for other sports, which are cramped in other portions of Weisiger-Brown and Reynolds Coliseum.

"We'll move some teams out of Reynolds, locker rooms and office space, over to where football was," Fowler said. "It'll be kind of a domino effect. When football moves out of Weisiger-Brown, there's 28 offices over there that'll be freed up."

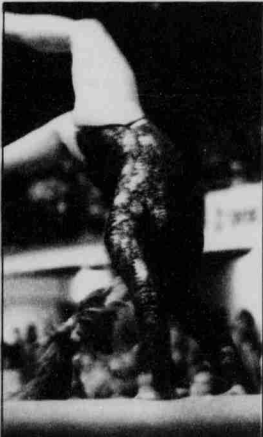
Fowler said that the athletics department plans to hold a press conference during the first half of February to announce what it will do with this space after the football team's move is complete.

Fowler believes that the construction at Carter-Finley should be done before the start of the football season on Sept. 1 against Ohio. But the renovations could have an effect on game-day parking.

"Basically, it'll just take away some parking," Fowler said. "It'll be a fenced-off construction site so people will just walk around it. It shouldn't have any effect on the games at all."

The project, which will cost more than \$100 million, will be funded by donations. Fowler said the Pack's 38-30 victory over Minnesota at the Micronpc.com Bowl could help in that fund-raising effort.

"Hopefully, it will help us raise more money because it's all going to be done by donations," Fowler said. "I think all that helps us when you're going out fundraising and positive things are going on."



JASON HYESTER/STAFF
N.C. State topped six other gymnastics teams last weekend to win the George Washington Invitational.

Pack, Gators meet in Reynolds

◆ The gymnastics team continues to thrive despite a wave of early season injuries.

Jeremy Ashton
Sports Editor

After a grueling weekend in the nation's capital, the N.C. State gymnastics team is back in familiar territory this weekend.

The Wolfpack (7-2) returns to Reynolds Coliseum on Saturday at 7 p.m. to challenge Florida. State hopes to continue building on the success of its first two meets with another solid showing against the Gators.

The Pack won the George Washington Invitational on Sunday with a score of 193.375, just one week after posting a 193.375, just one school record for an opening meet. State showed no signs of a letdown in its second meet, when senior Kara

Charles said is often the worst of the year.

"The first meet is just so exciting that the second meet is real, and so it just kind of hits you," Charles said. "But we did really well as a team. Everybody was really positive."

Saturday's meet provides a stark contrast to last weekend's trip to Washington. From warm-ups to the awards ceremony, State spent more than six hours in the Colonials' Charles E. Smith Center for the seven-team meet.

"It was a really, really long meet," junior Laura Jazab said. "I think it took a lot out of us to have to wait around for so long. I know I warmed up bars and beam, and then for like two and a half hours, I didn't do anything before I competed."

While the constant waiting tested the team's patience, the experience at large meets should be useful once the post-season rolls around. The East Atlantic Gymnastics League Championship meet will have eight teams competing, while NCAA Regionals will have six.

"It's a good experience because there's a lot of teams at Regionals, too," Jazab said. "To have one of these earli-

er and know that we can do this well and keep it all together is a confidence booster for when we get to Regionals."

A major concern for the Pack heading into last weekend's meet was finding gymnasts who could step into the rotation after a slew of injuries put three key members of the team out for the season in a two-week stretch.

Junior Aimee Pantan broke her arm while practicing on the uneven bars. Freshman Cheryl Potocnik ruptured an Achilles tendon while warming up for the season opener. Later that day, senior Amy Langendorf, a two-time All-EEAGL selection in the all-around, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in one of her knees when she landed her first vault of the season.

All told, those three accounted for nine of the Pack's 24 routines. But the Pack has found gymnasts who will work hard to fill the void.

"I think the thing that I'm most impressed with is how the kids that probably wouldn't have competed as many events or not at all have stepped up and are out there working hard and being successful in the routines that they're doing," head coach Mark

basketball The untouchables

Atlantic Coast Conference basketball is tradition-rich. Duke, North Carolina and N.C. State have combined for seven national championships, three of which came in the 1990s.

Perusing the conference basketball record book, it's not surprising that great teams and players have set nearly unbreakable records. Below are several men's basketball records that will endure as long as the conference.



Rob Godfrey

Duke's road win streak

This record, a continually evolving story this season, stands at 22 games. That's right; in what many argue is the most competitive basketball conference in the land, Duke has won 22 consecutive road games and is still counting.

Christian Laettner's single season three-point percentage

Second only to David Thompson as the greatest player in conference history, Laettner was one of the most versatile big men in NCAA history. While combining strength and finesse on the interior, his shooter's touch solidified his perimeter shooting, as well. Laettner, in his senior season, shot 55.7 percent from three-point land. He connected on 54-of-97 attempts. Hard-pressed would one be in searching for a center or power forward then or now who could contest Laettner in this category.

North Carolina's undefeated national championship season

In 1957, Frank McGuire and Lenny Rosenbluth, some sports-writers argue, introduced college basketball to the South. UNC edged Wichita Chamberlain-Kansas 54-53 in triple overtime, winning the NCAA Championship. An overlooked footnote to that story-book season is the perfect 32-0 record amassed by the Tar Heels.

Since then, one team, State in 1973, has finished ACC Tournament play undefeated overall. Conference parity and the three-point shot make every team vulnerable, no matter how dominant.

Ron Shavlik's 19.5 rebounds per game in 1953

Shavlik, a two-time All-American, owned the boards in the ACC in 1956, his senior season. Averaging 19.5 rebounds per game, he pulled down 545 in 28 contests.

Tim Duncan is the lone player of the modern era to come close to Shavlik's mark. The 1997 National Player of the Year averaged 14.9 rebounds per game in his senior season.

Ralph Sampson, three-time National Player of the Year

Four of the last five national players of the year from the ACC have been underclassmen (Joe Smith, Jerry Stackhouse, Antawn Jamison and Elton Brand). Three of those four — Smith, Stack and Brand — went pro after their sophomore years. Simply put, great basketball players just don't play three or four years of college basketball anymore.

Therein is the reason that Sampson's streak of back-to-back-to-back National Player of the Year awards is in no danger. Sampson averaged a double-double in four years at Virginia with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

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