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Brent Road: year two, after crackdown

Students respond to police presence

◆ Police presence was both welcome and resented at this year's Brent Road party.

James Sellers
Staff Reporter

Student reaction to the police presence at Brent Road Saturday ranged from friendly offerings of cold beer and warm burgers, but as the sun set and the amount of partygoers increased, police became less playful and settled down to business.

Some students felt that the police presence was unnecessary and only served to spoil back-to-school celebrations.

"I thought that the Brent Road bash was supposed to be fun. I came to college to learn, but I also came to party," said Will Postley, a freshman in First Year College. "If the cops are going to ruin a little bit of fun on the weekends, then what's the point of coming out to Raleigh and spending ten grand a year?"

Other students felt differently. Residents of Brent Road welcomed the police presence, but wished that they would be less obtrusive.

"I wish they'd just block off the street like they did two years ago and let us party," said Chris Sessens. "As long as nothing gets out of hand."

Many police officers said they weren't there to ruin anyone's

fun, only to prevent dangerous situations by being present in large numbers.

As police stationed themselves at regular intervals along Brent Road, several partygoers began to test the police, gauging how far they could go before they would be arrested. Tests varied from questioning whether or not it's "illegal to do the hammer and the cabbage patch" while dancing various dances to outright insults and questioning officers' sexual orientation.

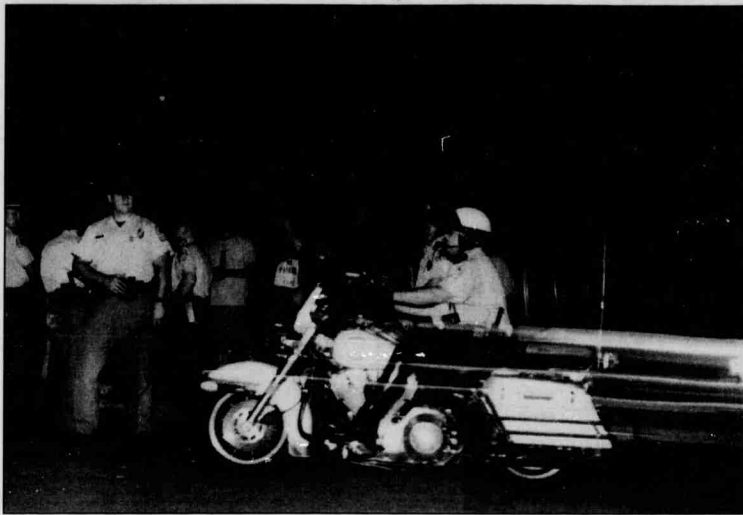
Some police officers took the insults in stride and even laughed them off, but many responded with affirmations of their power to arrest individuals that refused to cooperate with the police.

Jeffrey Junker, a junior in mechanical engineering, feels that he was being picked out of the crowd by a harassed police officer when he was arrested Saturday.

"[The police officer] was arguing with someone who was in the group I was with," said Junker. "And I said 'Why don't you just leave him alone?' She said, 'I wasn't talking to you,' very sternly, so I said, 'Well, I was talking to you.'"

Junker was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and his bail was set at \$2,000 or release into parental custody. Although Junker was arrested because of an altercation with a police officer, he felt that most of the police were pretty nice once he was in custody and his only complaint was how cold the jail was.

"It was really cold. I was real-



For the second year in a row, Raleigh Police Department officers lined the streets of Brent Road.

◆ The annual Brent Road party went ahead as planned, despite massive police presence.

Perrin Fourmy
Staff Reporter

As expected, Saturday night the annual Brent Road party was held, and as expected, the police were out in force. According to Captain Don Weingarten of the Raleigh Police Department, the chief coordinating officer on scene, there were approximately 535 law enforcement officers from a dozen different agencies helping to ensure a peaceful and safe atmosphere.

Although various agencies were assisting, the only officers actually patrolling Brent

Road were RPD officers. All other agencies were relegated to support roles on the perimeter of the area, primarily assisting with the three driving checkpoints set up nearby. At around 5 p.m. Saturday evening, the police set up drivers license and registration checkpoints at Gorman Street and Kaplan Drive, and near the Octavia Street intersection with Brent Road, causing a traffic slowdown throughout the evening.

Another checkpoint was set up at the Gorman Street intersection with Avert Ferry Road around 7:30 p.m. Sgt. Johnson of the North Carolina Highway Patrol, the officer in charge at that intersection, said that it was being used as a DWI checkpoint, although they were citing for all types of infractions. Late in the evening, traffic in

the northbound lane of Gorman Street was backed up almost to the Bellline.

Sgt. West, also on scene Saturday, said that the 50-55 officers issued citations and arrests were made for everything from a broken taillight and failure to sign the registration card to DWI and drug offenses. In addition, there was a magistrate on site at the Avert Ferry checkpoint to set bond for those individuals charged with DWIs.

In the whole Brent Road operation, there were 337 individuals charged with 377 offenses. Of those individuals, 295 were cited and 42 were arrested. Sixteen of those arrested were N.C. State students, most of whom were processed and released the same evening. NCSU Public Safety Chief

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Second annual 'The Crossroads' draws praise, criticism

◆ The festival offered food, games and musical entertainment for students.

Spaine Stephens
News Editor

After the first week of classes, many students opted to ease the tension of school by duking it out in a boxing ring or riding a mechanical bull at The Crossroads 2001 Saturday.

The event, which aimed to make "back 2 school hot" for students, attracted many students and volunteers. Sponsored by the Union Activities Board, with help from Student Government, the Interfraternity Council and the National Panhellenic Council, the event was organized to provide students with alternative amusement.

"In place of a tradition as big as Brent Road, we're trying to offer a broad spectrum of things to make it a good experience for the students here," said Student Body President Darryl Willie. "This is a conglomeration of student groups working together — Student Government, UAB, IFC and NPHC."

"We're hoping that more people will come after nightfall to hear the big names," said Willie during Saturday afternoon's events.

The event was held on the corner of Cates Avenue and Dan Allen Drive, with most of the attractions in Harris Field.

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox served ice cream and chatted with students

on the edge of Harris Field.

"It looks like they're having fun," she said, watching students playing laser tag, boxing and competing in several physical challenge games in Harris Field. "The turnout's good."

Fox thinks The Crossroads has the potential to become a tradition at NCSU.

"I sure hope that's the case. It's so much better than taking the risk that can be imposed at Brent Road," she said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Tom Stafford praised the student organizers of The Crossroads for putting in the time to provide other students with an alternative for entertainment.

"I'm extremely pleased with the time, effort and planning that Jamar [Owens, president of UAB] and the UAB put into this event," he said. "This is one of the most major efforts I've seen students put into a project."

Students who attended The Crossroads had access to drinks, pizza and ice cream and games and amusements, including a mechanical bull and a caricaturist free of charge. Those planning to attend Saturday night's concert paid \$10 with their student ID's. The featured artists were YahZarah, Beatnuts, Naughty by Nature, Far Too Jones and De La Soul.

Student response to the event was mixed. Many students were satisfied.

"It's fun, and it's different," said freshman Autumn Teal. "It's something to do, and I really like Far Too Jones."

"This is very fun," said Robbie

Alford. "Whoever thought of it, I give you two thumbs up."

"It was fun, a great alternative to Brent Road," said Kathleen Murphy, a senior in communication, who also lives on Brent Road and volunteered at The Crossroads. "There were so many fun games to play, and even caricatures. It was like the circus brought to NCSU."

Others were somewhat indifferent to the event.

"I just came to see De La [Soul] because they are hip-hop legends," said Joe Hedrick, a junior in English. "Other students were not impressed with the event."

"It's no Brent Road," said Shannon Shipley, a junior in political science and psychology.

"It looks as though a lot less people are showing up because it costs \$," said Scott Moore, a senior in chemistry and biochemistry. "As an alternative to Brent Road, I think it falls short, definitely. There were supposed to be other things going on, but the concert is the only thing I've seen ... I just heard about it tonight, I didn't see any advertisement for it."

"I think a lot of students were displeased because there was not a lot of food," said Katie Harper, a student senator and senior in biology and microbiology. "But overall, the day turned out great. The community really came together."

Michelle Evans volunteered at The Crossroads from 2 to 4 p.m., picking up subs from Subway for the workers and setting up the hospitality suites

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Laura Mitchell of the NCSU club field hockey team demonstrates her form in the Brickyard.

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Thomas Younce said that 13 of the 16 were arrested for underage possession of alcohol.

All of those arrested will be receiving notice to appear before the Office of Student Conduct for disciplinary measures.

Although there were no immediate estimates as to the number of people present, partygoers acknowledged that it was definitely larger than last year. Even so, Weingarten said that compared with last year, the party was "very toned down." As a result, there was no need for foot patrol officers until late in the evening. As late as 9 p.m., the only police on Brent Road were those in patrol cars and the occasional motorcycle officer.

Brooks Deaton, an NCSU student who lives at 535 Brent Road, said, "The cops are being really cool, but I wish they didn't scare people away."

Deaton threw a party at his residence for friends, but also said that any neighbors were welcome as well. Although he is underage, he said the police were not hassling him as long as he stayed on his property and wasn't causing any problems. As the first big party of the year, Deaton thought that it was "a social event" that "brings people together."

Brant Wellons, a resident of 527 Brent Road, was having a party of his own and felt that the number of officers involved was "not a good use of taxpayer money."

Many other residents echoed that sentiment. Wellons thought the police

would allow his music to play after 11 p.m., the time when the noise ordinance says music must be turned off, and thought since the police were being more lenient this year that it would not be a problem.

Twenty minutes later the police began to go from house to house telling residents to turn off their music.

Many people on Brent Road brought up the possibility that there would be other parties to replace the Brent Road party, because all of the available officers were located in one small area. When asked about that, Chief Knox, interim police chief, said the police could relocate quickly to handle any situation or party that arose nearby.

"If we hear the Abbey is having a big beer blast...we're gonna shift a bunch of cops over there to shut it down," he said.

Due to the schedule structure, handling the Brent Road party was the same as any special event.

Capt. Matthews, in charge of designing the officers' schedules, said that the rest of the area coverage was no different than it would be on a day when there was a parade or some other function requiring a large number of officers.

Although some thought that the tradition of Brent Road was never going to be the same, others took a different stance.

Kevin Wright, a resident of 508 Brent Road, allowed members of The Wolf Web to put up web cams to view the event and the large police presence online. He thought that just as the party of 1999 was a major event, so was seeing 500 police officers in such a small area.

"We traded one spectacle for another," he said.

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for the bands. She said there were not many people there when she volunteered, but as the afternoon went on, the turnout grew larger. She thought if the bands had started playing earlier, the turnout would have been better.

"This was such a great event to have right when school starts," she said, "because it gets the students out, especially if they don't have cars. It's a chance to see the university come together as a student body."

"UAB and various others put in a lot of time and effort to plan Crossroads," said Takicha Lee.

secretary of UAB. "I was very pleased with the final outcome and with the number of people that showed up. I think everyone had a great time, and I look forward to next year."

Stafford said that around 10:30 p.m., the crowd at The Crossroads "might have been the same size, but certainly wasn't bigger than last year."

He said there were no problems during the on-campus festivities.

"Everything was fine at The Crossroads," he said. "The students who were there had a good time, and enjoyed the food and amusements and the concerts, too."

Staff reporters Cara Froedde and Dominique Donato contributed to this article.

POLICE

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ly shaking a lot," said Junker. "You definitely couldn't sleep well. I guess when they get you into the jugsuit you can, but I was in shorts and a T-shirt, as most people were."

Although arrested for disorderly conduct, Junker's case went down as alcohol related.

"They put alcohol-related on [the form] just because it was

Brent Road," said Junker. "The officer wrote on the form that I hadn't been drinking."

Junker expressed concern that he would have to take alcohol classes because he "stood up to a police officer."


As the night drew into the small hours of the morning, police began collecting no parking signs and encouraging partygoers to go home so that they could in turn leave. Police began to approach lawn parties asking the owners of the houses to tell anyone who did not live there to leave.

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Bob Stevens, Bob Valvano and Pam Valvano (wife of the late Jim Valvano) (from left to right) commented for ESPN Classic at the 7th Annual Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic from Prestonwood Country Club in Cary on Sunday. See the story on Features, page 5.

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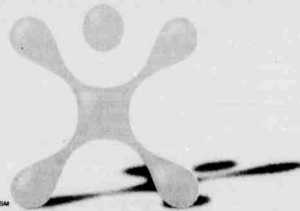
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Hip-Hop Hooray!

Crossroads returns with a loaded hip-hop lineup that includes De La Soul.

Chad Butterworth
 Staff Writer

With the Brent Road tradition on its way out the door, N.C. State students had to try and have fun without alcohol during that hallowed time. Those who did dare were treated to live shows from some of the best hip-hop artists around on Saturday, as well as some local talent.

The performances were in conjunction with Crossroads, referred to by UAB Vice President James Reed as "the end-all, be-all summer event."

The alcohol-free event started in the afternoon with inflatable games and ended with students listening to hip-hop in an empty parking lot, rather than consuming alcohol in an empty street.

Loosened up by North Carolina Central grad Yahzarab's set of neo-soul songs, and, unimpeded by alcohol, the crowd decided it would provide its own entertainment until the Beat Nuts hit the stage. The Beat Nuts' DJ (who one of the MCs would later refer to as "DJ White Boy," joking that "The Beat Nuts are an equal opportunity employer") was already spinning beats on stage, and dancing broke out.

It started with a few couples, then a dance troop of around 10 people started into what appeared to be a choreographed routine. Once an unidentified girl started into her break-dancing routine, the crowd converged to watch, and it was clear that everyone was ready to have a good time.

The Beat Nuts started their show with a two MC attack and brought out the rest of their MC arsenal, one by one. Once all four MCs were on stage, the Beat Nuts proved to have a well-coordinated show, with lots of interplay between the four MCs. Despite the energy of the Beat Nuts' performance, there was still an unacceptable amount of parking on the dance floor.

Disappointed by the initial lack of energy, one of the MCs asked, "Do y'all want to hear the Beat Nuts' ... No?" The point was well taken by the audience and the parking lot was moving in no time.

The UAB claims that it did not plan the event with the intention to keep students away from Brent Road. It became apparent that staying away from drugs and alcohol was far from the Beat Nuts' minds when they asked, "Where are my Buddha heads at?" Similar comments from Naughty by Nature and De La Soul also implicated that the UAB hadn't

stressed the theme of sobriety to the night's performers.

In keeping with the night's theme of authority versus lighthearted recreation, the security guards wouldn't allow the Beat Nuts to let women from the audience onstage for their show.

The crowd was more prepared to get down by the time Naughty by Nature took the stage. After their first song, Naughty by Nature spokesman Treach fell on the floor and played possum. His fellow MC, Vinnie, exclaimed, "Treach fell out! You've got to help him get back up!"

Just like bringing Tinkerbell back to life, this would involve audience participation. After a little bit of call and response to bring Treach to, they broke into an energetic version of "Get Up," as members of the audience jumped up and down like they were on pogo sticks.

Halfway through the set, the group requested for aspiring MCs to come to the stage, and about a half a dozen audience members got to show the crowd their rhyming skills. They finally ended their set with their anthem, "Hip-Hop Hooray," the chorus of which lends itself to the kind of audience participation that made the event so much fun.

In the downtime before Far Too Jones played, another break-dancing showdown broke out. This exhibition involved a talented young break-dancer named Josh Proffitt and our student body president, Daryl Willie. He may be a charismatic leader, but his moves couldn't compare to the one-handed, hand-standing contortions of Proffitt.

Far Too Jones' set didn't elicit the kind of crowd response that the other groups got. Much of that could be attributed to the fact that their Alternative Pop sound doesn't lend itself to the kind of high-energy show that hip-hop does.

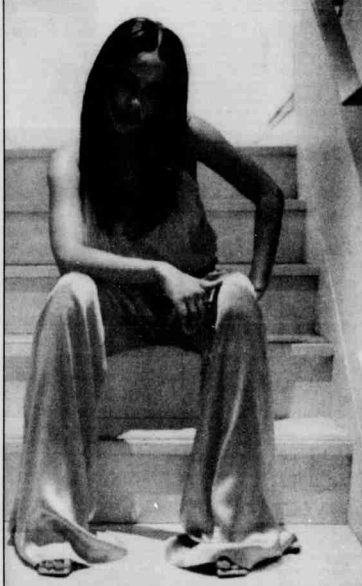
De La Soul lived up to every word of their reputation. From the start, their DJ, Masco, was spinning beats and interacting with the crowd. He used his mixing skills to move the group seamlessly from song to song without a pause in-between.

MCs Truogy and Posdnous added their clever lyrics to Masco's beats to whip the crowd into a frenzy. By the time it was all over, everyone there had to wonder why anyone would miss such a show to get drunk in someone's front yard.

◀ SPB DANCER, WILIE AND CHANCELLER FOX GET DOWN AT CROSSROADS SATURDAY NIGHT. ALL PHOTOS BY MILTON WEATHERS/STAFF



One In a Million



Ryan Hill
 Staff Writer

Hip-hop singer and actress Aaliyah died in a plane crash Saturday as it was taking off from an island in the Bahamas. According to the U.S. Embassy, the plane burst into flames immediately after hitting the ground just after take off. All nine people on board the plane died.

Aaliyah, 22, was finishing shooting for her latest music video shortly before the crash. Reports are that the plane experienced engine failure, which caused the accident. It's

reported that the baggage handlers and the pilot complained of excess luggage, but the passengers insisted that everything come with them.

Slated to appear in the two upcoming "Matrix" sequels, Aaliyah made her acting debut in the first film, "Matrix Reloaded," co-starring DMX. She also stars in the adaptation of Anne Rice's "The Queen of the Damned."

Her self-titled third album was recorded while she was filming "Dannned." IMAGE: BEHOLD HIP/HYP/NEWS/ASE.COM/MILTON WEATHERS/STAFF

•NOT GIVING UP.

The weather abridged last year's Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic. Not so this year.

Jimmy Ryals
 Staff Writer

After rain, sweltering heat and finally thunderstorms cut short the 2000 Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic, tournament public relations director Graham Wilson was pleased just to see clear skies for this year's edition, held Sunday at Prestonwood Country Club in Cary.

Of course, the more than 70 celebrities and nearly 20,000 spectators who showed up for the classic also helped to raise Wilson's spirits. "It's been as smooth as any classic we've had," Wilson said.

Among the celebrities playing were former NBA player Charles Barkley, "Survivor" Tina Wesson, professional wrestler and former Georgia Tech football star Bill Goldberg and former NFL quarterback Joe Theismann.

The classic began in 1994 to raise money for the Jimmy V Foundation, a cancer research foundation named for former N.C. State men's basketball coach and athletics director Jim Valvano. During its seven-year history, the event has grown into a three-day weekend, including a Saturday night gala, a basketball clinic and the V-Jam, a charity concert held the Friday before the tournament.



and Tiger Woods, respectively. Barkley paid \$50,000 during the live auction for a golf cart donated by Ryder Cup captain Curtis Strange and an hour of golf instruction from Strange.

Available as part of the silent auction were a pair of Chicago Bulls basketball shorts autographed by Michael Jordan and a soccer jersey autographed by soccer star Mia Hamm.

Wilson was uncertain about how much money this year's tournament will bring the foundation, he did say that last year's tournament earned \$1.85 million. All told, the golf classic and its surrounding festivities have brought in \$7 million for cancer research.

Overall, the foundation has raised more than \$18 million for cancer research and has awarded 135 research grants since 1993. Valvano died April 28, 1993, after a year-long battle with cancer. His shadow looms large over

the tournament that bears his name.

"[Valvano] is always on my mind," NCSU women's basketball coach and Jimmy V Foundation board member Kay Yow said. "We're doing [the tournament] for the foundation and we're doing it for him."

"[Thinking of Valvano] can make you happy and sad at the same time ... it runs the whole gamut," Yow said.

Yow played in the tournament Sunday, but her most meaningful work with the V Foundation comes away from the course. To that end, the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce's Sports Council announced Friday the Jimmy V Women's Classic; a doubleheader scheduled to take place at the Entertainment and Sports Arena next year.

Participating in the women's classic will be women's basketball teams from NCSU, Duke, Tennessee and Connecticut.

Yow called the women's classic the fulfillment of Valvano's vision.

"For us to have the Jim Valvano Classic for Women in Raleigh and have N.C. State be the host ... that makes me feel great," Yow said.

Sidney Lowe, currently the head coach of the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies and also a member of Valvano's 1983 NCAA championship team, also felt the coach's presence.

"It means a great deal to me to participate in something like this," Lowe said. "It's also good to see everybody here together. We're adding members to the Jimmy V family."

◀ SEE MILLS OF REM AT THE JIMMY V CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT. PHOTO BY JASON MEYER/STAFF

Bladder Control

Joel Isaac Frady
 Assistant Features Editor

As this year's famous Brent Road party was trying to get on its feet, every form of opposition came against it. For one, the university was against it, going so far as to spend extravagant amounts of money and bring in five bands to keep as many students as it could away, not to mention the harsh punishments for those who got into trouble at Brent Road.

The police also put up a big fight, sending over a hundred cops to the street, in addition to DWI checkpoints on Gorman Street and Western Blvd. These checkpoints, which held up not only partiers but typical pedestrians from 10 to 30 minutes, consisted of police checking the license and registration (or the ability to get license and registration) of every person driving on Western Blvd.

They also put signs up all over Gorman and a three-block radius around the party, informing people that parking on the street was illegal, and anyone who parked on the street would be towed. This policy went into effect at 8 a.m. on Saturday for some unknown reason and successfully kept people from being able to park anywhere near their apartment the entire weekend.

On the actual street, there were almost as many cops as people having fun, but that's not where the real story is. The real story is in the cars that were lined up hundreds of yards down Western Blvd., as a majority of these people had no interest in the party and simply wanted to get to their apartments, or the store, or the park, or in my case, they just wanted to use the f---ing bathroom.

People like me, who hadn't thought about being in traffic for 30 minutes after consuming an



entire Super Nacho Platter and three cups of iced tea at Sammy's. People like me, who were not only getting closer and closer to the DWI checkpoint but closer and closer to soiling their pants. Which became hard, because there's nothing that points out a drunk person faster than running out of your car close to the DWI checkpoint to urinate on the side of the road.

At the same time, after a Super Nacho Platter and three 20-ounce glasses of tea, there's nothing that looks more tempting than the trees (and occasional fire hydrant) that are lined up along the side of the road.

Once the checkpoint is finally passed, then the parking problem kicks in, as all of the parking spots by my apartment are taken up, and I can't park on the road for fear of the police towing me.

So, after using the restroom and feeling bad for the guy at my apartment who had his car towed in all this madness, I spend another half-hour finding a parking spot and 10 minutes walking home, and all the time I had no desire to even go to Brent Road; I was just wanting to spend a peaceful night at home.

Which really makes us wonder: is all the hassle really worth it?

Last year, the university spent an insane \$175,000 on the Crossroads event, and there were hundreds of police on the Road. This year, all the same happened, but instead of stopping the party, they were just a hassle for every person who lives around Brent Road.

That was a lot of money spent by the university that could've gone elsewhere, especially with the budget crisis.

I'm not for or against the Brent Road party, as it's not my job to decide whether or not this party should happen, but someone has to ask the question, "Is it really worth all of this?"

Is it worth wasting all this money, worth causing the big inconvenience, worth hurting my bladder simply to keep a few hundred students from having a good time?

We only know one thing for sure, and that's this: when everyone else is busy at Brent Road or Crossroads or stuck in this traffic, the lines at the theater and video store are much shorter than they normally are.

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BUTLER

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ation of years past," said Butler. "I lead by example. This year, I will also look to control the tempo a little more.

"The offense will probably build from the defense, with me and [Kaufman] and [Watson]. With all the new players, we will likely have to get things started in the back."

During last year, Butler's game became decidedly more offensive, as he pushed forward whenever possible. After scor-

ing only one goal in his first two years at State, Butler chipped in three goals last year, including the game winner against Gardner-Webb.

On the season, he finished third on the team in scoring with eight points, adding two assists along with his three goals.

"Always," said Butler when asked if he was looking to push forward this year. "I always look to contribute offensively."

As he enters his senior year at State, Butler will also enter his 16th year of playing soccer. Growing up in Ohio, Butler began playing soccer at 6. By the time he reached high school he was starring.

Butler was selected to train with the national developmental team, while also earning all-conference, all-state and all-American honors for his high school.

In a feat that still ranks high among Butler's all-time accomplishments, he was a member of the International Soccer Club team that won the 1996 Dana Cup, the second-most prestigious club tournament worldwide.

Head coach George Tarantini, who saw Butler play at a tournament in Ohio, recruited him to State, where he has been a three-year starter.

Butler hopes to use a success-

ful senior year to boost him into professional play. During his time at State he has already defended many players who are currently in the MLS, including former Tar Heel Chris Carrier and Duke's Ali Curtis.

"Damon brings extreme hard work and dedication to the team," said Tarantini. "We have a nice group of people including Damon and Mitch who will lead this team."

For Butler, the team goals come first and start small.

"Our goal right now is to win the first game," said Butler. "After that the goal will be to win the next one and so on."

The Tar Heels have one other game on the schedule that they're particularly looking forward to playing. The UNC players remember last year's 38-20 loss to State in Chapel Hill very well.

"We feel bad because we were the only team in [seven] years to lose to them," Sims said. "That's what makes it worse is the fact that we lost to State. Other people can't even say that. So when we win this year, it's going to be a whole lot better."

program," Bunting said. "I want to change the mindset of this football team."

The Tar Heels will need every bit of that conditioning as they tackle a tough schedule. They opened the season at No. 3 Oklahoma, the 2000 national champion, with a 41-27 loss. Two weeks later, they play at No. 5 Texas, then they have to worry about a conference schedule that includes No. 6 Florida State and road games at No. 10 Georgia Tech and No. 19 Clemson.

HEELS

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past because of their basketball commitments. Bunting thinks that should make both of them better players this season.

"I haven't been here long enough to say that Ronald really hurt himself by playing basketball," Bunting said. "I haven't been here long enough to say that Julius could have been a

much better player in football if he had not played basketball. I don't have that history to make a real comparison. But I will say that it is very, very difficult to do."

Overall, the Tar Heels will have much to focus on this season. Not only is it a rebuilding year, but where some take it slow, Bunting has UNC stronger and well conditioned.

"Strength and conditioning is the number one thing that we wanted to do, which will help us turn the mindset of our football

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identity.

"It will take time and patience for us to develop as a team," said Tarantini. "We might struggle early, but I think by midseason we will really come together."

Goalkeeping, however, is one aspect of its game that State can feel great about. Watson returns to the box for his third straight year as a starter. Last season, the steady and consistent Watson led the ACC in saves with 121.

State's other captain, Butler, will be right ahead of Watson anchoring the Pack's back line. Coming off career highs in goals (three) and assists (two), Butler will be counted on to provide State with his usual awesome play. Junior Marcus Johnson will play stopper this year after filling in as sweeper due to last season's injuries. Kaufman, rehabilitated from a nagging thigh injury, will return to his natural sweeper position.

Sophomore David Snoke and highly touted freshman Chiedu Chukwumah will wage a battle for the remaining starting position on defense. Also in the mix for playing time will be junior Phillip Herndl, sophomore Matt Truscello and freshmen Sahar Asad and Kyle Fragakis.

Similarly to its defense, State's talented midfield should be very strong. Baldwin, a senior transfer, is coming off a brilliant season in which he led the Pack in assists and was second on the team in both goals and points. Joining Baldwin will be junior Michael Karim, who was redshirted last season after suffering an ankle injury.

Sophomores Scott MacNeel and Israel Mejia will most likely round out the starting midfield positions.

Added depth, which the Wolfpack sorely missed last season, will surely help in its midfield this year. Sophomores Jeff Cline and Hiroki Kawase and freshmen John Mason, Sean Neville and Brock Trejo will provide State with strength in numbers.

The forward position is by far State's most pressing area of concern. Nick Olivencia, who was named to the All-ACC second team and led the Wolfpack in goals and points last season, is gone after graduating last spring. State returns only one starting forward in Tabors, and it will rely on a trio of freshmen to step in and contribute immediately. Karim Sesay, of England, is one of the young guys that Tarantini hopes will make an impact from game one. In addition to the gifted Sesay, Bandy Adebajo and Justin Branch will be thrown into the fray early.

"It will certainly take time," said Tarantini of how fast he expects his young guns to develop into steady performers. "But we can't panic. We need to be positive and supportive of each other."

No matter how much time it takes for State to develop into the team that Tarantini envisions, one thing is almost certain: the Pack will be better than last season. And with time, State should rejoin the ACC's elite teams once again.

"The ACC is a wonderful league," explains Tarantini. "Every year, you have great teams competing. My goal is to develop our team into one that's successful in the ACC."

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2001: "Beginning of something special"

◆ Men's soccer strives to return to the winning ways of the past in 2001.

Andrew B. Carter

Staff Writer

It wasn't that long ago when N.C. State was the most powerful team in a highly powerful Atlantic Coast Conference.

In the early '90s, the Wolfpack was among the most feared teams in the country, as it played an attacking, smooth and relentless style of soccer that routinely pushed it deep into the NCAA Tournament. Simply put, State was a giant of a college soccer program.

But over the past few seasons, the giant that State once was has fallen asleep.

Last season, with a 3-12-3 record, State stumbled to its worst finish in coach George Tarantini's 15 years as leader of the Pack. A team that was marred with injuries and inconsistent and poor play in 2000 is glad that such a year is behind it.

"Last season is in the past," Tarantini said.

"And this season, I believe, is the beginning of something special for our soccer program."

As Tarantini well knows, any high hopes and lofty goals for 2001 ultimately begin with leadership, something that the Pack has plenty of to start the 2001 campaign. State will return eight starters from a year ago and among them are the Wolfpack's two captains: senior fullback Damon Butler and junior goalkeeper Mitchell Watson. Of his two captains, Tarantini has been pleased early with their eagerness to lead.

"A good team is based in its leadership," Tarantini said. "And our two captains are doing a great job."

In addition to its two captains, the Wolfpack will look for three other talented seniors to assume key roles during the upcoming season. Defender Eric Kaufman, midfielder Lee Baldwin and forward Matt Tabor have been through much in their three seasons with the Wolfpack, yet all three will have the opportunity to end their careers at State with a positive finish.

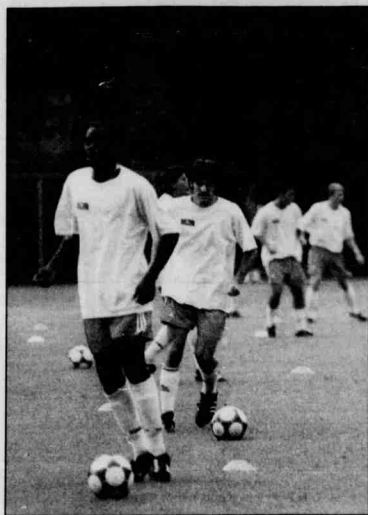
And if there is any chance that the Pack

will finish well this season, then a good portion of its 12 freshman must contribute early and often. State expects its abundance of newcomers — 10 true freshmen and 2 redshirt freshmen — to jump-start an offense that was uncharacteristically weak last season.

"Last season, we didn't have any numbers or depth," said Tarantini. "This season, we have lots of depth, and we're going to try to play an attractive style of soccer where we can score lots of goals."

Scoring lots of goals has always been a trademark of Tarantini's best teams. In 1990, his best Wolfpack squad scored 76 times on its way to winning the ACC title and advancing to the NCAA Final Four. It is that kind of play that State hopes to return to in the very near future.

Though offense is a primary concern for the Pack, perhaps the largest uncertainty it faces will be team chemistry. With a mix of veteran and inexperienced players, patience will be needed as the team forges its own



The men's soccer team is preparing for its 16th season under head coach George Tarantini.

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ACC loaded in men's soccer

◆ North Carolina, Virginia and Clemson all eye an ACC title.

Steve Thompson

Assistant Sports Editor

Teams who lose nearly half their starters usually look to rebuild.

But despite losing the scoring tandem of Chris Carrieri and Caleb Norkus to professional soccer, North Carolina still remains the favorite to win a talent-loaded ACC.

The Tar Heels, ranked fifth by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, return a star-studded defense led by All-American Danny Jackson and goalkeeper Michael Ueltschey, who lead the ACC with a 0.75 GAA and 11 shutouts. All-ACC caliber players Chris Leitch and David Stokes round out the defense for UNC.

The Tar Heel defense will have to come up strong, since UNC will have to look to new places for scoring. In addition to the loss of Carrieri — the No. 1 player drafted for the MLS — and Norkus, UNC will also be without Logan Pause, its third-leading scorer, due to

injury. A pair of freshmen high school All-Americans will be counted upon to come up big offensively.

If UNC is unable to find goals, there are many teams who could take the ACC title. Virginia, Clemson and Duke are all ranked in the top 15 in the nation. Maryland, who had a down season last year, also has high expectations.

Ranked No. 7 by the NSCAA, Virginia is primed for a run at both the ACC title and a national title. Led by Herman Trophy candidates Alecko Eskandarian and Kyle Martino, the Cavaliers have their sights set on the national title.

"In my mind, this year's team has as good of a chance as we have ever had," said Virginia head coach George Gelnovach in an interview on Virginia's athletics Web page. "I know every year I say we have a good chance to win a national title, and we will be able to compete for one — and we can — but this year's team has a better shot at doing it than the team of 1998, the team of 1999 or the team of 2000."

Last year, Virginia closed strong after a shaky start to the season, finishing second to UNC in the ACC

Tournament and losing in the NCAA quarterfinals. Only two players departed from that team, and Virginia's experience should be a strong point.

Another team deep in experience is No. 8 Clemson. The Tigers return eight starters and 16 letterwinners, including Herman trophy candidate Oguchi Onyewu and All-ACC forward Fabio Tambosi. Clemson's strength is its defense, with Onyewu and All-ACC goalkeeper Doug Warren, a transfer from Indiana.

UNC, Virginia and Clemson are widely considered the top three teams in the league; however, the fourth spot is up for grabs.

The ACC coaches tabbed Maryland for the spot in their pre-season poll, but Duke begins the season ranked No. 13 in the nation. A young team last year, Maryland finished sixth in the ACC, winning only one game. More experienced this year, the Terps have three pre-season All-Americans who are intent on moving up in conference play.

As a freshman last year, Abe Thompson led Maryland with 13 goals and five assists. This year, Thompson will again be relied upon for much of the scoring. Defenders Phillip Salyer and Beckett Hollenbach will look to protect an inexperienced goalkeeper.

Two years removed from being the No. 1 team in the country, Duke looks to rebuild this year following the loss of seven seniors, including former Herman Trophy winner Ali Curtis.

With new players all over the place, the Blue Devils will have to rely on second-team All-ACC forward Jordan Cilia to provide leadership. Duke will have to account for the loss of its goalkeeper, best midfielder and best forward, but the Blue Devils have a strong group of incoming players.

Rounding out the conference will be Wake Forest and N.C. State. Both teams will rely on younger players a lot, which will be difficult in the talent-laden ACC.

Men's Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Date	Opponent
Sept. 1	Northeastern ¹	Oct. 10	Elon
Sept. 2	Massachusetts ¹	Oct. 14	at Duke
Sept. 7	Florida ²	Oct. 17	at UNC-Wilmington
Sept. 8	Richmond ²	Oct. 21	at North Carolina
Sept. 16	at Maryland ²	Oct. 26	Charlotte ³
Sept. 19	Charleston Southern	Oct. 28	at Greensboro ³
Sept. 23	Clemson	Oct. 31	at East Carolina
Sept. 30	Virginia	Nov. 4	Georgia State
Oct. 3	High Point	Nov. 14	ACC Tournament ⁴
Oct. 6	at Wake Forest		

1 Wolfpack Classic
2 addis Tournament at Durham
3 Big Four Tournament at Durham
4 at Clemson, S.C.

Butler leads by example

◆ As the co-captain of the men's soccer team, Damon Butler will try to lead the Pack back to prosperity.

Steve Thompson

Assistant Sports Editor

For Damon Butler, nothing was worse than last season. N.C. State struggled with injuries and inconsistency, finishing the season 3-12-3 and winless in ACC play.

"I would say last season was the low point of my career," said Butler. "We had a lot of injuries and just weren't able to win many games. This year, we have a lot of healthy players coming back, and we should be a lot stronger."

The success of this year's team will likely build from Butler, who was one of the most consistent performers for the Pack. During his three years at State, Butler has started 49 games at marking back, often drawing the toughest play from the opposing squad.

This year will be more of the same for Butler, but he expects a completely new look from the team.

"Practice is going pretty well," said Butler. "This year, we have a lot of new players which creates a lot of competition for spots. That makes practice more beneficial."

With the influx of new players, Butler and the experienced defense will look to



Damon Butler is one of N.C. State's co-captains.

stabilize and control the tempo of play. In addition to Butler, the Wolfpack also returns sweeper Eric Kaufman, stopper Marcus Johnson and goalkeeper Mitchell Watson.

"My role on defense will be a continu-

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The Wolfpack will face a difficult ACC schedule this year.

Heels, Bunting entering a construction zone in 2001

◆ New head coach John Bunting has added his special touch to the North Carolina football team, which he hopes to make one of the best in the nation.

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There is a ton of rebuilding going on in the Atlantic Coast Conference, whether it is transforming a stadium into a state-of-the-art facility, like N.C. State is doing, or simply trying to restore a positive feeling about a football team by hiring a new head coach.

Out of the nine schools in the ACC, new skippers will lead four into the 2001-02 season. One such team is North Carolina, which followed in the Wolfpack's footsteps and hired an alum, John Bunting.

Bunting was a favorite at UNC back in the

early '70s, earning All-ACC and honorable mention All-America honors at linebacker. The Philadelphia Eagles later drafted him, and he started 119 of 133 career games in the NFL.

Bunting made his coaching debut at Glassboro State (now Rowan) and helped the Profs to the NCAA Division III playoffs for the first time in school history. In 1993, Bunting returned to the pros, time as an assistant coach for the Kansas City Chiefs. Four years later, he moved to the St. Louis Rams and was promoted to the co-defensive coordinator position. Most recently, he was the linebackers coach for the New Orleans Saints.

Bunting takes over an experienced team that returns 47 lettermen. Of those 47, 16 were starters on last year's squad, including quarterback Ronald Curry, wide receiver Bosley Allen, defensive tackle Ryan Sims and defensive end Julius Peppers.

Offensively, Curry will be looked to for senior leadership along with that extra spark that will be needed if UNC desires to be competitive on the scoreboard. Last season, Curry set the single-season school record for total offense at the quarterback position with 2,676 yards, of which 2,325 were passing yards that resulted in 11 touchdowns.

On defense, all eyes will be on Peppers, who some have labeled more than human. Registered at 6-6, 270 pounds, Peppers has made a name for himself as one of the Tar Heel's best defensive players ever. Last season, Peppers struck fear into the hearts of UNC's opponents with his bone-cracking tackles, racking up a nation's-best 15 sacks, which made him a first-team All-American.

Curry and Peppers should both benefit from having a full spring with the football team, something that hasn't happened in the

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