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Going home: the college experience

◆ Some N.C. State students talk about going back to their hometowns. Some of them have to go no further than Cary; others have to cross the ocean to see their family and old friends again.

Dominique Donato
Senior Staff Reporter

Home is where the heart is. Or where your rump rests?

N.C. State students often have two places that they refer to as home — their residences in Raleigh, and their parents' homes. But going home to the parents can either be a relaxing break or stressful trip for some students.

Old friends have moved away, old bedrooms have been changed around and old hometowns sometimes just don't seem to have the same qualities that they used to have.

Blair Keeling, a senior in zoology, said that her room has been changed into a laundry room. "I have the smallest room in the house. I still have a bed in there but there's laundry racks, sweater racks ... it's basically a full-blown laundry room," Keeling said.

Still, she said, "I'm used to it now. It was weird at first to go home and know you can't go back to your old room. But I mean, I have my own place now, so I understand."

Andy Stover, a fifth-year senior in middle school language arts and social studies, has also had to deal with a sudden change in his old home. It's basically the same as it was, he said, "but there's an extra bed because my brother doesn't have his room."

Stover is the last of his siblings to leave the house. "I talk to my mom on the phone a lot. Since I'm the last child in the house, it pleases my mom a lot," he said. "I go home if there's something going on or if my mom wants me to come home. Usually I just stay in Raleigh and try to work some."

For Keeling and Stover, going home is just a few hours' drive to Reidsville and Concord, N.C., respectively. But for Mustafa Dagtekin, a doctoral student in electrical engineering, trips home require long flights on an airplane and come only once every other year.

Dagtekin is from Elazig, Turkey. "My

parents always lived there, but I moved around," he said. "I was in Istanbul for college."

Like many other students have noticed in their hometowns, Dagtekin has seen his small hometown grow. "It's like taking Raleigh and putting all the people together in a much smaller place," he said.

"I miss my mother," Dagtekin said. And apparently she misses him too. When Dagtekin goes home, his mother prepares some of his favorite dishes. "She makes borek, it's made from flour ... it's a pastry, a dessert. She makes all kinds of desserts when I'm there," he said.

Keeling's parents have adopted a new tradition since she moved away. Now, whenever the family has dinner together, they all sit around the dinner table. "We didn't used to do that. We used to just eat in front of the TV," she said.

For Stover, going home is pretty usual. Most of his friends have moved away, but life at home doesn't seem that much different for him. At times, it even gets a bit boring, he said. Still, there are some things that he looks forward to when he returns home.

"I love my church at home. If I go home, I make it a point to go to church. There may be one or two people I like to see," he said.

Keeling said that going home has become a bit strange for her. "All of my old friends from high school are married. Most of them are working on their second kid, but I do have one that's working on her third," she said.

She also noted that going home can be stressful. Raleigh is her home now, she said. Stover and Dagtekin agree. Stover said, "I hate not having a good computer connection."

Dagtekin said, "After two weeks I start to miss Raleigh. Two weeks is the most I can stay at home."

No matter how well intentioned parents might be, going home after being in college is not the same as living there all your life. Even for Dagtekin, who still gets to share the same room with his siblings. He said that when he goes home he feels like a guest.

Going to college has caused many students to lose contact with their old friends, but they have made new friends and established new lives. And for many students, home is simply what you make of it.



Mother Nature dropped about eight inches of snow on the Triangle last week.

JASON WESTERSTAFF

Campus Police gets new look, new initiative

◆ Along with the new year, the N.C. State Campus Police have new goals and a new uniform.

Spaine Stephens
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The N.C. State Campus Police are moving in a new direction, and they're working from the outside in. To accompany internal changes to improve the force's visibility and efficiency, including the phasing out of the name "Public Safety" and the use of "Campus Police," the officers now sport brand-new uniforms.

The solid navy blue uniforms are part of a conscious effort by the department to be more readily identified as a full-service police department on campus and to make the public aware of the improvements being made within the division. "This is an effort on our part to recognize the differences of law enforcement authority," said Campus Police Chief Thomas Younce.

Younce added that with the old uniforms of red, black and gray, it was difficult to distinguish the officers from security guards, and the roles of each position were often misconstrued.

"This way, we're more readily identified as police officers," he said. The new uniforms were designed and selected by the officers themselves, and a committee researched different styles and colors that would present a professional police department image.

Embracing the effort to be more involved with the campus community, the department introduced the new uniforms not only in the line of patrol duty but in the serving lines at Fountain Dining Hall. On Dec. 11,

some of the officers, including Younce and Deputy Director John Dailey, served food to students at the Night Owl meals during exam study hours. Many students noted the officers' change in uniform and liked what they saw.

The yearly cost of the new look is more attractive as well. Approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000 will be saved with the new uniforms, which are replaced yearly.

In addition to the aesthetic and financial benefits of the new uniforms, Younce said they also represent movement in a positive direction away from negative "perceptions and images of the past." Such progress will be made with additional changes being made in the department, including name and a new shift plan, which will be enacted later this month. The new shifts will "put more officers on at the time and day they're needed," said Younce, and will cut back on overtime costs.

Another big visual change in the works for the Campus Police is a switch from the familiar red and gray patrol cars to plain white vehicles with decals on the sides. This change would also be more cost effective because the cars come from the state motor fleet, are painted the appropriate colors, and then repainted back to their original color before being turned back in to the motor fleet. Avoiding having to paint the cars twice could save \$800 per car.

Younce said that so far, there has been a positive response from the campus community.

"The feedback has been very positive from campus as a whole," he said.

He and other officers have met with different student, faculty and staff organizations to outline the role of

Campus Police and to explain the purpose of all the changes that will be noticed within the department.

He said the uniform changes are only one part of a concerted effort to "improve the level of service to the community."

Members of the community are not the only ones who are benefiting from the improvements.

"The new uniform is a morale booster," said Sgt. Jay L. Dudley. "It's more of a modern style, and it's a uniform that a lot of police agencies are wearing. It has a more professional look consistent with many police departments across the country."

Dudley said the new look is only the outside view of changes being made within.

"It represents a new beginning for what the public perception was of the 'old' Public Safety," he said. "Everyone loves the change. It's a better quality uniform in itself."

Dudley said the uniforms help people recognize the "true identity of campus police that's warranted for this day and time."

He said the uniforms have a lot to do with misconceptions that people have about campus police and their capabilities.

"A lot of people don't realize that we receive the same training as any other officer in the state of North Carolina," said Dudley. "Hopefully, this will greatly change those perceptions."

Chief Investigator Martin Moody echoed Dudley's sentiments on the impact the uniforms will have on the Campus Police reputation on campus.

"We're trendsetters, so to speak," he said. "This is not just a uniform. It's a new look and a new age."

N.C. State Greeks raise money for Jimmy V. Foundation

◆ Two dollars will be donated to the Jimmy V. Foundation for every Greek undergraduate or alumni who attends the NCSU vs. Florida State men's basketball game wearing their organizations letters.

News Staff Report

Many N.C. State University fraternities and sororities would agree that fundraising is one of the most important aspects of a Greek organization, and on January 8, they will get the opportunity to prove it.

During the NCSU vs. Florida State

men's basketball game to be held January 8 at 9:00pm at the Entertainment and Sports Arena, the N.C. State Greek fraternities and sororities are sponsoring a fundraiser for The Jimmy V. Foundation.

Current Greek undergraduates and alumni are encouraged to attend the game and are asked to wear the letters of their fraternity or sorority to the game.

N.C. State Greeks will donate \$2 to the Jimmy V. Foundation for every person who comes to the ESA wearing their organization's letters. A check will be donated to the Jimmy V. Foundation at halftime of the Duke vs. N.C. State basketball game on Jan. 13.

Though N.C. State's Greek organizations have been slowly developing over the years, N.C. State is still only 11 percent Greek. This Jimmy V. Foundation fundraiser is just one part of an undergraduate effort to increase awareness of Greek organization opportunities and make more students aware of the volunteer and charitable aspects of being a Greek. "Changes have been few and far between in the past for Greeks at N.C. State," said Brent Rowe, past V.P. of Recruitment of Interfraternity Council. "But this group of student leaders has started on a new track which will hopefully result in more Greek students and overall more respect for Greeks on our campus."

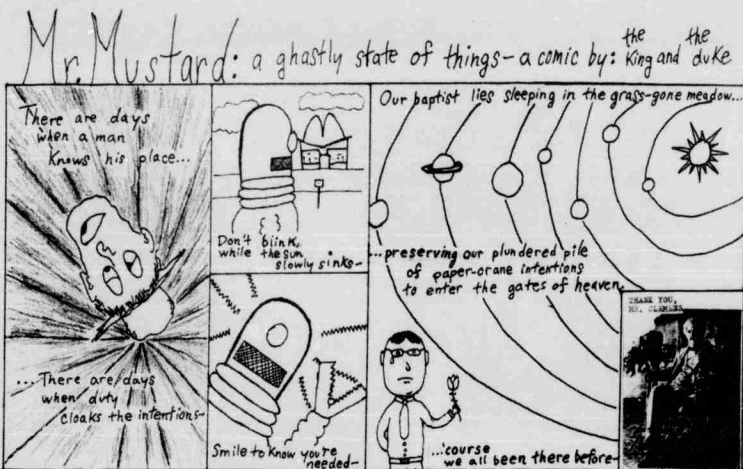


JASON WESTERSTAFF

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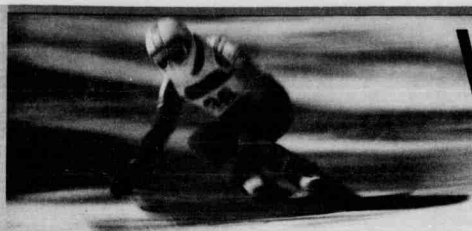


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Bryant, a junior who could make the jump to the NFL before next season, finished with seven catches for 101 yards, all in the first half.

"He showed people why he was the Biletnikoff Award winner a year ago," State coach Chuck Amato said. "Thank goodness he had a bad ankle or he would have really embarrassed us out there. He was the go-to guy, and they were going to go to him."

Although Pittsburgh outplayed State on both sides of the ball for most of the evening, the Panthers' first bowl win since 1989 wasn't secure until Moore made the decisive play midway through the fourth quarter.

After trailing 24-10 at the half, the Pack crept to within eight with 9:39 remaining. Adam Kiker's 19-yard field goal whittled the lead to 27-19. The defense forced a Panther punt, and the offense took the field with a chance to pull even.

"As bad as we played in the first half, we really felt like we had a chance to come back," Amato said. "It's a 60-minute football game, and we had done it before. But Pitt just kept fighting and fighting and fighting in there."

State trailed Minnesota 24-8 at the half of last year's MicronPC.com Bowl before storming back for a 38-30 win. But Moore, a sophomore line-backer, wasn't about to let the Pack repeat that performance.

"Before we came out on the

field, Coach [Harris] actually took us over to the side and talked to us about making a play," Moore said.

And then Moore made that play.

On second-and-5, quarterback Philip Rivers dropped back and scanned the field for receivers but didn't see the linebacker blitzing from his right side until it was too late. Moore nailed Rivers squarely in the chest, jarring the ball loose. Pittsburgh freshman Tyre Young, who moved from linebacker to nose guard after a midseason knee injury, picked it up and rumbled 16 yards for the touchdown, putting the game out of reach.

"We finally got into the rhythm where we were moving the ball pretty good and consistently," said Rivers, who was named State's offensive MVP after completing 26-of-40 passes for 189 yards and a touchdown. "We had a chance there, ... but that's the man [Moore] I'm supposed to be accountable for. I'm supposed to get rid of it before he gets there. I held on for a second too long."

State appeared to be on the comeback path long before the fourth quarter when freshman Gregory Golden returned the kickoff following Bryant's second score all the way to the end zone. Golden scooped up the bouncing kick and raced 90 yards down the left sideline for the first Pack touchdown on a kick return in five years.

With newfound confidence and trailing only 17-10, the State defense stepped up on Pittsburgh's next possession. Terrance Martin, who was named the Pack's co-defensive

MVP with Dantonio Burnette, sacked Priestley for a loss of 10 and, coupled with two Pittsburgh penalties and an incompleting, set up fourth-and-21.

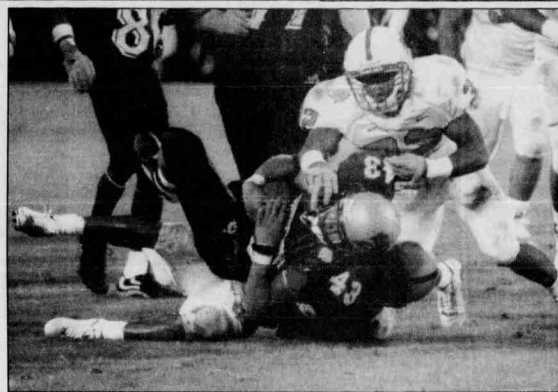
The Panthers lined up to punt, and State's Lamont Reid rushed in hard from the outside. The freshman cornerback didn't get to punter Andy Lee in time to block the kick, but his helmet did hit Lee in the thigh while his leg was extended. Reid was flagged for a roughing-the-kicker penalty, giving Pittsburgh 15 yards and an automatic first down.

"That was big because we had just gotten the momentum back on our side," Amato said. "But I would do the same thing again. We've blocked punts for a living here, and we're going to continue to do that."

The Panthers didn't waste their second opportunity and went on a drive that extinguished the Pack's fire. Backup quarterback Rod Rutherford scored on a short option run with 20 seconds left in the second quarter to give his team the 14-point halftime advantage.

The comeback effort of State, which never led in front of 28,562 at the Citrus Bowl, was also hindered by a slew of injuries. Freshman defensive back Marcus Hudson, who had earned a spot in the starting lineup midway through the season, didn't play in the game. The Pack also spent parts of the game without All-America line-backer Levar Fisher, Burnette and Jerricho Nickery.

After Pittsburgh's Nick Lotz hit a 33-yard field goal to



The Wolfpack was not able to stop the Pittsburgh attack in the 2001 Tangerine Bowl. The Panthers racked up 407 yards of total offense, while the Pack could only total 294 yards.

account for the only scoring of the third quarter, freshman Dovonte Edwards, who caught eight passes for 47 yards in the second half, made a diving catch in the front corner of the end zone on the first play of the final frame. Pittsburgh blocked the extra point, but State had new hope, trailing 27-16.

The next time the Pack got the ball, it went on a 10-play, 72-yard drive but sputtered at the 2-yard line. Kiker came in and booted the short field goal to make it an eight-point game, but State would get no closer.

The Panthers' defense sacked

Rivers four times in the contest after the sophomore had been caught in the backfield only 17 times during the regular season. The Pack's offense never seemed to find its rhythm and couldn't overcome the first-half deficit.

"It was exciting coming out here and thinking we were going to get a victory," said senior Ray Robinson, who rushed for 51 yards in his last game at State. "But it was disappointing the way we came out offensively. We couldn't move the ball or keep a drive going. It was frustrating to me, and I know it was

frustrating to the rest of the team."

By the end of the game, Pittsburgh had outgained State 407-294, led by Priestley's 271 yards in the air. The Panthers didn't commit a turnover in extending their winning streak to six, the longest at the school since the 1983 season.

"The University of Pittsburgh is about as good a football team as N.C. State played this year," Amato said. "They were very, very good on defense, and they made big plays on offense."

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of the second quarter with a thigh bruise, the Pittsburgh offense took over the game. Quarterback David Priestley threw two touchdowns passes to Tangerine Bowl MVP Antonio Bryant, and backup quarterback Rod Rutherford scored on a 1-yard touchdown run right before the half to give the Panthers a 24-10 halftime lead.

"You could tell it was a big loss without those two guys being out there because Levar is a great leader and plus having Brian Jamison with his senior leadership also," said Dantonio Burnette, who was State's co-defensive MVP with Terrance Martin. "We had to throw some of our young guys out there in

the fire. You could tell they were absent, but we tried to pick it up a little bit."

While he could do nothing on the field, Fisher tried to rally his teammates from the sideline.

"I felt like crying, looking out there and there's nothing I could do," Fisher said. "But I tried to motivate them the best I could. I tried to talk with them. I just tried to be the leader that I am."

Fisher was just one of several State players who were affected by injuries.

Freshman Marcus Hudson never made it into the game after hurting his neck in a practice before the bowl game. Jamison returned for the second half but spent much of the crucial second quarter on the bench. Wide receiver Jerricho Nickery sprained his ankle and didn't return, while Bryan Peterson suffered a leg contusion and couldn't make it back.

Despite losing Fisher and the other key personnel, head coach Chuck Amato refused to let the loss on the injuries.

"When you lose an All-American who has meant so much to this program and has been such an inspirational leader as well as a leader in the stats that he attained, it's a big loss," Amato said. "But that's not an excuse. There were a couple of players that were injured and couldn't play: 82 [Cotchery], No. 2 [Peterson], No. 20 [Jamison] was walking around with a limp. That's not an excuse. You've got to give credit to the University of Pittsburgh."

Fisher said the trainers told him that he will have to sit out for six weeks, meaning he could miss the Senior Bowl. Fisher should be ready for the NFL's scouting combine.

ing losing five in a row for the first time in school history.

Against Tech, however, State was able to rebound from a poor shooting first half (30.8 percent) with a strong second period to finish at a more than respectable 48.1 percent for the game. The Pack also won the turnover battle, committing just 14 while forcing 21 out of the Jackets.

"Our intensity on defense was much better and much stronger," said Yow, comparing Sunday's win to a 68-52 home loss to Virginia on Jan. 2. "Our defense and a few number of turnovers was the key for us today."

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performance of the season, connecting on four three-pointers and scoring a career-high 15 points.

Watson led Virginia with 20 points and 13 rebounds, fighting cramps toward the end of the game. Williams and Roger Mason added 18 points each for the Cavaliers.

State returns to the ESA Tuesday to face Florida State. Tip-off is set for 9 p.m.

WolfpackNotes

Hall eligible to return to State

The ACC faculty athletic representatives have reviewed former N.C. State student-athlete Tramain Hall's request to be allowed to participate at a league institution.

The group voted to allow Hall to enroll in a league institution upon meeting the requirements of a 4-2-4 transfer. He would be allowed to accept athletic aid for the 2002-2003 academic year but would be required to redshirt athletically.

The 4-2-4 transfer requirement states that a student must graduate from a two-year college after attending at least two semesters and have 24 transferable units with a minimum

grade point average of 2.0.

Due to NCAA regulations, State staff members will not be able to comment on this matter.

Watkins out for season

Freshman forward Levi Watkins tore his ACL early in the second half of N.C. State's 72-65 loss to Maryland on Dec. 30.

Watkins is scheduled to undergo reconstructive surgery Friday. He will have to spend six to nine months rehabilitating the knee.

Watkins was starting to play more crucial minutes for the Wolfpack prior to the injury. In the first nine games of the season, he averaged 9.7 minutes

per game, but he had averaged more than 17 minutes in the three games prior to the Maryland contest, including a start against Charleston Southern.

Bendahan receives academic honor

N.C. State junior defender Lauren Bendahan was named to the NSCAA/adidas Women's Scholar All-America third team. Bendahan, an accounting major, has also excelled on the playing field for head coach Laura Kerrigan. She has three career assists to her credit, and has started 55 of 57 matches in her three seasons.

Bendahan is the first Wolfpack player to earn the honor since 1992.

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moves and excellent (13-for-17) foul shooting.

"Anytime you can have a sub come in and get 31 points, that's huge," said Beroneto. "She was the difference today and proved she was a great player."

After starting the season with six straight wins and climbing as high as No. 9 in the country, poor shooting and ball-handling troubles caused the Pack to drop six of its next seven contests entering Sunday's game, includ-



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Julius Hodge (24) put up 21 points on a near-perfect shooting performance in the Wolfpack's 81-74 upset win over Virginia.

◆ The Wolfpack used a combination of freshman energy and senior experience to take a crucial ACC win.

Sports Staff Report

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — No longer can N.C. State be classified as a poor road basketball team.

Having already beaten Syracuse and Houston on the road earlier this season, the Pack ended 13 years of futility at University Hall by beating No. 4 Virginia 81-74 Saturday afternoon. After going

2-12 away from the Entertainment and Sports Arena a year ago, State has opened this season 3-1 on the road, including two wins over top-10 teams. The Pack also won at Syracuse 82-68 on Dec. 8.

The win gives State (11-3, 1-1 ACC) its first conference win, while Virginia (9-1, 0-1) took its first loss of the season. The Cavaliers have lost seven straight ACC openers.

State jumped out to an early 24-19 lead on the hot shooting of

Anthony Grundy and Julius Hodge. The Cavaliers countered with a 12-3 run of their own, spurred by the inside-outside play of Chris Williams and Travis Watson.

A four-point play by freshman Ilian Evtimov knotted the score at 31-31. He and the Pack continued their stellar play over the final minutes of the first half, taking a 48-37 lead into halftime.

The second half continued much like the first. Every time Virginia looked primed to make a run at the Pack, State responded.

With just under 10 minutes remaining in the game and State

clinging to a 65-64 lead, Grundy picked Keith Jenifer's pocket and finished the layup on the other end of the court.

Next time down the court, Grundy again stole the ball and Clifford Crawford added another layup. Another Grundy layup pushed the score to 71-64, and the Pack made its free throws down the stretch to clinch the win.

Hodge led the Pack, connecting on 7-of-8 shots en route to scoring a career-high 21 points. Grundy added 19 points and six assists. Evtimov also helped in his best

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BRYANT, PITT BLOW BY PACK



Bryan Peterson (2) has his face mask grabbed by a Pittsburgh defender in the 2001 Tangerine Bowl. Peterson left the game early to injury but had three catches and 25 yards.

◆ Pittsburgh's Antonio Bryant scored twice in the first half to lead the Panthers to a win over N.C. State in the Tangerine Bowl.

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ORLANDO, Fla. — Antonio Bryant gave Pittsburgh a big lead, and Lewis Moore made sure N.C. State couldn't come back.

In the first Tangerine Bowl since 1982, the Panthers (7-5) handed the Wolfpack (7-5) a 34-19 setback. The victory capped a remarkable midseason turnaround for Pittsburgh, which opened 2001 with five losses in six games but rebounded to finish the year with six consecutive wins.

"We're very thankful to have won a bowl game," said Panthers coach Walt Harris. "We could not have done it without some of the things we had to fight through this year. Our players have really done something in the way of fighting back from adversity. They learned a lot, and I know I learned a lot."

Bryant was suffering from a sprained ankle and saw limited practice time in the week leading up to the Dec. 20 matchup with State. But the star wide receiver was healthy enough to catch two touchdowns from senior quarterback David Priestley as Pittsburgh scored 21 points in the second quarter.

"I told coach that we were going to be able to surprise them," said Bryant, the game's MVP. "They're looking for me to be hobbling around and take one hit and go down. But I knew I could push through the pain."

After the teams traded field goals in the first quarter, Bryant went to work. On Pittsburgh's first possession of the second stanza, he shed Pack safety Julius Patterson and hauled in a Priestley pass from 15 yards out to give the Panthers a 10-3 lead.

State's offense, which was outgained 298-102 in the first half, went three-and-out on its ensuing drive. Priestley and Bryant again led the Panthers down the field and punctuated the drive with a 2-yard touchdown connection in the front corner of the end zone.

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N.C. State Pittsburgh

	1	2	3	4	Final
N.C. State	3	7	0	9	19
Pittsburgh	3	21	3	7	34

Statistical Leaders

Passing	Priestley (Pitt)	271 yards
Rushing	Polite (Pitt)	63 yards
Receiving	Bryant (Pitt)	101 yards

Player **Antonio Bryant, Pittsburgh.** There was actually some question about how effective Bryant would be after practicing with a sprained ankle in the week leading up to the Tangerine Bowl. Any doubts were quickly swept aside, however, as Bryant caught seven passes for 101 yards and two touchdowns in the first half to claim MVP honors.

Key Despite just 102 yards of total offense in the first half, N.C. State was within seven late in the half and had forced Pittsburgh into a punting situation. The Wolfpack went to block Andy Lee's kick and missed, but Lamont Reid was flagged for roughing the kicker. The Panthers got an automatic first down and scored again with 20 seconds left in the half to take a 24-10 lead into the break.

Injuries prove costly for Pack

◆ Levar Fisher and several other key N.C. State players had to head to the sidelines with injuries in the Tangerine Bowl.

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ORLANDO, Fla. — Levar Fisher's stand-out collegiate career was set to come to a conclusion Dec. 20.

Before moving on to the NFL, Fisher, a two-time All-American and the 2000 ACC Defensive Player of the Year, got one more opportunity to take the field for N.C. State when the Wolfpack played Pittsburgh in the Tangerine Bowl. The linebacker's final performance at State didn't last long, however.

A little more than a quarter into his final game, Fisher tried to add to his school record for career tackles. He landed awkwardly on his left arm and ran off the field. Minutes later, an X-ray revealed that Fisher had fractured the radius in his left arm, prematurely ending his time in a State uniform.

"When I first got up, I was going to try to play with it, but something really didn't feel right," Fisher said. "And I wasn't going to try to be too tough and just stay out there and damage it even more. I just wanted to get it checked out and sit out for a couple of plays, but they suggested to go in and get it X-rayed, and it was broken."

With Fisher out for the game and fellow senior Brian Jamison on the bench for much

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Levar Fisher's collegiate career ended early in the second quarter of the 2001 Tangerine Bowl with a fractured radius bone in his left arm.

Chones, Pack romp over Jackets

◆ N.C. State dominated the second half of play after watching leading scorer Carisse Moody go down with a first-half ankle injury.

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Kaayla Chones had been waiting for a game like this all year.

The redshirt sophomore, who sat out the entire 2000-01 season with a torn tendon in her left knee, came off the N.C. State bench and exploded for a career-high 31 points as the Wolfpack rolled to a 75-63 victory over Georgia Tech Sunday afternoon at Reynolds Coliseum.

"I've been working hard in practice and just trying to get back in the flow of

things," said Chones, who bested her previous career high by 12 points. "Today, it just happened to be a career-high game, and we came out with the win."

The win came at the expense of another injury to the Pack (8-6, 2-1 ACC), this time to preseason All-ACC performer Carisse Moody. With a little over eight minutes remaining in the first half, Moody landed awkwardly on her ankle after scoring a layup on a superb feed from guard Kendra Bell.

Moody joins sophomore guard Terah James on the Pack's injured list and will be out for an undisclosed amount of time.

According to State head coach Kay

Yow, Moody suffered a second-degree sprain to her ankle.

"They have already taken X-rays and nothing looks broken," said Yow. "Tomorrow, another doctor will look at her, and then, we're going to know more."

Chones poured in 22 points in the decisive second half after both teams struggled to dictate play in a sloppy first half that saw both Tech (7-6, 1-3) and State combine for almost 20 turnovers and go 0-for-11 from the bonus sphere.

"In the first half, I think both teams really struggled," said Yellow Jacket head coach Agnus Berenato. "But in the second half, they rose to the occasion and took over."

Both teams came out roaring in the second half as the Jackets buried back-to-back three pointers from Millie Martinez and Niesha Butler to cut the

State lead to two points just a minute into the second frame. However, Tech would get no closer than a single bucket, scoring just seven points over the next 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, Chones was having her way on the offensive end and managed to get Tech's only real source of offense, 6-4 center Sonja Mallory, into foul trouble. Mallory scored 11 points in the first half but would score just three more the rest of the way.

"I went away from what made me successful in the first half," said Mallory. "[Coming into the game], I felt like I would have my way but apparently not as much as Chones did."

By the time Mallory had fouled out with 7:28 remaining Chones had 25 points on a variety of left-handed post

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Kendra Bell.



The women's basketball team improved to 2-1 in the ACC with a 75-63 win over Georgia Tech.