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City Council approves Hillsborough development

Plans for Stanhope Center on Hillsborough Street include an eight-level parking deck, and up to 4,000 square feet of shops and offices.

LaWanda Ray
Staff Reporter

A City Council committee unanimously endorsed the plan of developer M.E. "Val" Valentine Jr. for the Stanhope Center, which is slated to include housing, shops, offices, a private dormitory and a parking deck situated on seven acres of land on the south side of Hillsborough Street.

Valentine's plan begins with an 896-space, eight-level parking deck, condominium and apartment spaces and up to 4,000 square feet of shops and offices.

The center, which will be between Concord Street and Friendly Drive, will also contain a third section of about 35,000 square feet of shops and offices. This section is still in the works and is not expected to be complete for several years.

Student reactions to the proposed center have thus far been positive. Stuart Wood, a junior in business management feels that "this new addition to Hillsborough Street will help to rejuvenate the 'ideal' atmosphere which students have sought for so long."

Andrew Cobb, an employee of the Sub Conscious sandwich shop on Hillsborough Street stated that the new devel-

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Campus protesters gear up for war

Mike Conklin
Chicago Tribune (KRT)

CHICAGO — Jerry Lewis, a Kent State sociology professor and expert on crowd behavior, says his hunch is that a war with Iraq, if it happens, won't commence until after Dec. 15. That is when most colleges will be dismissed for the holidays, and the Oval Office will not have to put a spin on student protest demonstrations.

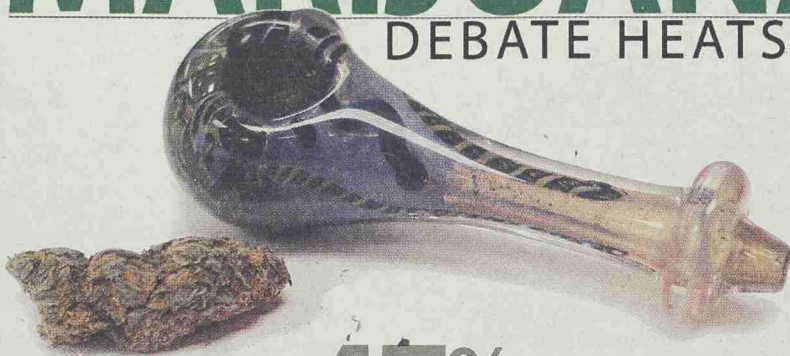
"There's a lot more sophistication about these sorts of things," Lewis said. "This administration is not dumb. They won't make mistakes like the Nixon people did during Vietnam and circle buses around the White House."

As the United States draws its bead on Iraq, Lewis and others closely monitoring campuses cannot say for sure what student responses to expect if bombs start dropping on Baghdad. Comparisons with Vietnam are invalid because today's students do not face being drafted, and the Gulf War was quick and relatively bloodless.

"This generation really has grown up on antiseptic warfare," said Karen Alter,

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MARIJUANA DEBATE HEATS UP



Blair Parker
Assistant News Editor

Advocates have brought eight states medical marijuana, and now they're bringing up a more controversial question: Should marijuana be completely legal?

Polls suggest that most Americans, while not wanting marijuana to be fully legalized, do support its use for medical purposes and believe those caught with it illegally should be fined, not jailed.

Nearly 47 percent of Americans say they have tried marijuana at least once, according to a survey conducted by CNN last October.

The battle is heating up within political circles, the medical community and regular smokers seeking free use.

The pro-pot movement in Nevada has pushed their agenda at the polls by invoking Question 9, which is an initiative that would allow adults to possess up to 3 oz. of pot for personal use.

John Walters, the director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, has been appointed by George W. Bush as deputy drug czar. Walters believes he can help Americans by fighting the war on drugs, but many pro-pot supporters say a czar who claims he has never smoked pot cannot fully understand the pro-pot movement.

"Walters is a pathetic drug-war soul who is defending a whole category of horrors he's indifferent to," said John Sperling in a Time interview. Sperling is founder of the nationwide chain the University of Phoenix, and has donated \$13 million to drug-reform campaigns. Sperling says he smoked pot to reduce pain when he was combating cancer in the 1960s.

But Walters says he believes marijuana is a gateway drug and detrimental due to its indirect effects such as causing driving accidents, domestic violence, crippling addiction and health risks.

As far as health risks are concerned, billionaire Peter Lewis, former CEO of Progressive and supporter of Question 9, said in the Time interview that he is fighting to legalize the drug in the state of Nevada because his health will benefit from regular pot use.

"The absurdity of its illegality has been clear to me for some time," he said. "I learned about pot from my kids and realized it was a lot better than Scotch. Then I went to my doctor, and he said, 'I'm thrilled. You're drinking too much. You're much better off doing pot than drinking.'"

So far the eight states that have allowed the use of medical marijuana are Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. The latest research shows that while mari-

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- THOMAS YOUNCE, CAMPUS POLICE CHIEF

juana is not necessarily healthy, its health risk from occasional use is mild, and it might ease certain ills.

According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, no one has ever died from marijuana's poisoning, but researchers have found that pot smoking can affect the immune system and with heavy dosage may cause ischemia, an insufficient blood supply.

But the fact that marijuana is successful in helping cancer patients ward off pain leaves the medical community fighting to allow marijuana legal by way of prescription.

Currently North Carolina does not allow marijuana to be used for medical purposes, nor does the state have any pending ballot initiatives related to marijuana.

Technician's informal, unscientific poll shows that 68 percent of N.C. State students believe that pot should be legalized, while 32 percent think it should remain illegal.

"The affects [of marijuana] on your body and mind are no different from the affects alcohol can cause, which is a right permitted by all states and all countries. Abusing alcohol is more dangerous than abusing pot, you hear about drunk drivers killing, but you never hear of pot smokers killing behind the wheel," said Jacob Kneel, a junior in business management.

Nationwide police arrests more people for marijuana than for any other drug. Between Nevada cops and other law enforcers, Question 9 has some of them secretly supporting the pro-pot movement so they can focus on more serious crimes. However, after the Nevada Conference of Police and Sheriffs made this announcement, the head of the organization Andy Anderson, was forced to resign.

According to Campus Police Chief Thomas Younce, a large majority of people are arrested on NCSU's campus for marijuana possession than any other drug.

"My problem with legalizing marijuana is how do you control it? We haven't been able to control alcohol usage and now we want to bring another drug on the market. Also you have to think about those who distribute it. Most times these people are linked with organized crime, which isn't a good thing," said Younce.

Alliance works for religious understanding

Interfaith Alliance is a nationally recognized group that works to create understanding among religions and solve problems outside of the spiritual realm.

Abby Wagner
Guest Reporter

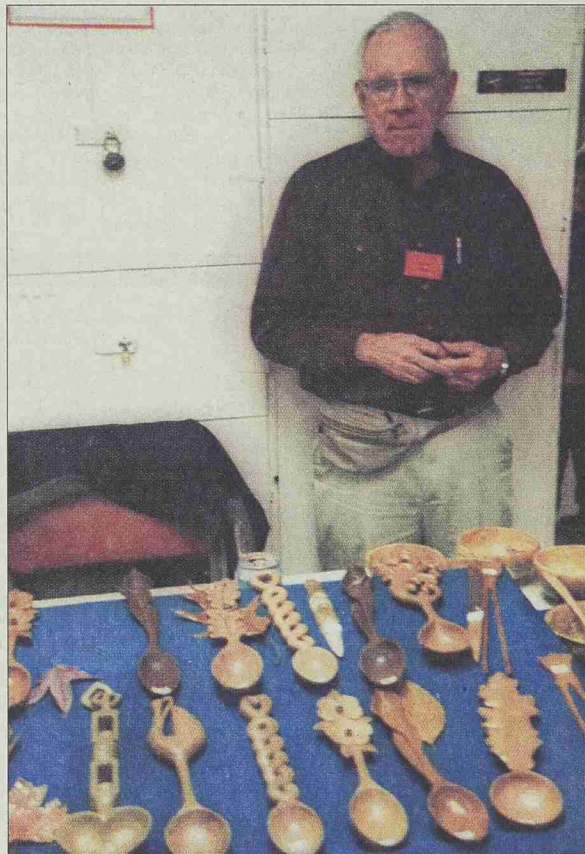
As the annual meeting of the Interfaith Alliance winds down, a Muslim man takes the stage toting a gift bag. He introduces himself as Jihad, a word that many Americans have grown to resent and fear. He describes the kindness that Alan Neely, a Baptist, has shared with him, and the friendship that has subsequently grown between the two. Jihad invites Neely on stage where he presents him with the gift that he is holding — a Muslim prayer rug. The significance is obvious to all. Neely unrolls his rug, exposing a beautiful design. The Baptist and Muslim hug as the audience applauds. Neely thanks his friend, Jihad, and turns to the group. "By the way, Jihad does not mean war," he says. "It doesn't mean violence. It means struggle, and it starts with oneself."

Long before Sept. 11, 2001, one establishment saw the desperate need for competing religions to put aside petty differences and begin to work at building a bridge of reconciliation.

Founded in 1996, Interfaith Alliance is a nationally recognized organization, which not only works to create understanding between religions but also at-

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Spoon man



John Wilke, an N.C. State alumnus, displays and sells woodcraft spoons at the 18th annual Crafts Fair on Saturday. Staff photo by Carl Hudson

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tempts to solve problems outside of the spiritual realm. The students of N.C. State have an opportunity to reach out to the community through this unique and diverse organization. The Interfaith Alliance of Wake County is searching for young volunteers to form committees of their choice. The members of Interfaith Alliance exemplify the diversity and tolerance that the organization hopes to encourage in its community.

According to the 2002 annual meeting bulletin, individuals from the Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Native American, Sikh and Unitarian-Universalist faiths will compose the 2003 board. And because Interfaith Alliance deals with human issues, not just spiritual issues, there are atheist and agnostic members as well.

Padmini Hands, president of Interfaith Alliance, is a professor at NCSU. Hands says that America has a tendency to "place minorities at the outskirts of our society and our consciousness."

"There are no minorities in Interfaith Alliance," she says.

Hands says that one of the many things she loves about Interfaith Alliance is the fact that it is so close to NCSU. She believes that Interfaith Alliance is similar to NCSU in its attempt to blend individuals from such different backgrounds. Hands says that NCSU and Interfaith Alliance have "similar challenges and victories."

Hands' dream is to develop a Youth Interfaith Network. She is looking for at least five people to form a committee. The committee's agenda is the students' choice. Any cause that would improve the condition of the community is welcome.

According to Hands, Interfaith Alliance is scheduling a strategic planning session in January on a Sunday afternoon. For this session, Hands invites youth to participate in the overall session and also in a breakout group focused on youth activities that the Interfaith Alliance could sponsor and support.

An example of a breakout group that the students could initiate would be one that is centered around environmental causes. If enough students were interested in helping with environmental causes, Interfaith Al-

liance would pledge their support.

According to their Web site, there are currently four committees in Interfaith Alliance. They are the Human Concerns Committee, the Ethics Committee, the Committee on Community Building and the Committee on Religious Studies.

The Human Concerns Committee works as a catalyst and channel of communication for issues that effect society as a whole. Examples of problems that the group is tackling include poverty and violence. Recently they participated in Habitat for Humanity, and they were the sponsoring agency for the Crop Walk. Martin Jacobs is a chair on the Ethics Committee. Jacobs says that the committee has been developing a common-sense approach to ethics.

"After six years the ethical framework is about to be born," said Jacobs.

Jacobs says that the framework is "based on the fundamental belief that the American people have the capacity to attain a much higher level of harmony, unity and well-being, both as individuals and as a nation."

The Ethics Committee took a completely secular approach to creating the ethical framework. It does not identify with any one religion; instead it is based on the greatest good for the greatest number of people formula. There are four principles that the framework emphasizes: be for people rather than against people; treat people with care and concern and strive for harmony; respect the wonder of life; and accept responsibilities as members of society.

Jacobs is looking for volunteers to help with the project. Marketing and public relations majors are encouraged to provide advice on the best way to instill the ethical framework into society. He also needs individuals experienced in writing applications for grants and individuals who can research and develop contacts with different organizations.

The Committee on Community Building is an agency of mediation between different groups. They try to anticipate conflict and solve it through interfaith dialogue, forums and other activities. The Committee of Religious Studies attempts to educate the public about various religions while dispelling rumors that can be damaging or hurtful.

Interfaith periodically holds

seminars on different religions for the public and its members. In addition to creating new committees, students are welcome to join already existing ones. Even if students do not have a clear agenda, Hands says that they are welcome to come and participate in conversations and dialogue concerning societal problems and possible solutions.

Other projects that Interfaith Alliance anticipates becoming involved in is the International Festival. The festival will give the members a chance to share their unique cultures with others.

For those worried about how they will maintain their individual spiritual identity in such a diverse organization, Hands insists that in the Interfaith Alliance, there is no need to defend your religion or lack thereof.

Scott C. Alexander, a doctor of historic religions, agrees. He says that the relationship between interfaith dialogue and conversion are polar opposites. He says that you do not have to put away your faith or be less of who you are in the group. Rather the individual should come in faith or be open enough to others so that they may add another dimension to their faith.

Alan Neely, former president of Interfaith Alliance and active member, believes that there is a common ethical core in all major religions. Neely believes that witnessing is appropriate but says that witnessing is not synonymous with converting. He believes that witnessing is not what you say but what you do. For members of Interfaith Alliance, what they do is move past mere tolerance to a genuine understanding of each other.

Mary Carol Day, a board member of Interfaith Alliance, agrees, saying, "A personal goal is to work toward getting beyond the tolerance aspect to making new friends and having fun."

Hands says that anyone interested in the organization is welcome to join. She is looking for "people that are on a journey and are willing to share."

If you are interested in participating in Interfaith Alliance call 919-786-4454 or e-mail Hands at phands@nc.rr.com. Students are also welcomed to learn more about the organization by attending a meeting. Interfaith Alliance meets on the fourth Thursday of every month. However, in November and December it will be the third Sunday.

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opments would help students with more recreational opportunities on Hillsborough Street. Along Hillsborough Street, a few employees also noted that the shops and office spaces might

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a political science professor at Northwestern University. "I heard a story the other day on (National Public Radio) in which students were talking about whether or not they should join ROTC.

"One woman said, 'Well, I'm joining the Air Force, and we don't actually go to war. We just drop bombs.'"

Large-scale student peace demonstrations have been scarce, but that does not mean there has been a shortage of campus interest — and dissent — over a military solution to Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq.

Since the school year started, the anti-war movement has gained momentum on campuses around the country, with steady numbers turning out for "teach-ins" featuring free-flowing discussion, panel presentations and visiting experts. Something as simple as a student newspaper column at Providence College, R.I., expressing concern over the lack of war debate, sparked a teach-in filling one of the school's largest auditoriums.

"I've never had students come to me before and ask to have a teach-in like that," said Bob Trudeau, who is chairman of the political science department and has been at Providence since 1970. "I know it never happened during the Gulf conflict, which is one big difference between then and now. We had students there who also were supporters of the administration's intentions, and that's healthy, but they were far outnumbered."

Speakers, such as Daniel Ellsberg of Pentagon Papers fame, former U.N. Arms Inspector Scott Ritter, retired U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Eugene Carroll Jr. and former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Edward Peck — all of whom have expressed opposition to the war — have been making appearances on campuses as guest lecturers in recent months.

"Getting students out takes work," said DePaul University undergrad Giuseppe Alcoff, a peace activist, "because every five years, you've got almost a whole new group. You can do it with e-mails, but I find just getting out your phone list and making calls works the best."

At least two organizations made up of family members of relatives killed in the Sept. 11 terrorism have been making campus appearances and voicing opposition to President Bush's use of the attacks as a reason to bomb Iraq.

Bush signs homeland security bill, nominates Ridge

Peter Nicholas

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Bush moved Monday to build a more streamlined defense against terrorism, sweeping tens of thousands of federal employees and nearly two dozen agencies into a single Department of Homeland Security, which marks the most ambitious government reorganization in more than 50 years.

In a White House ceremony, Bush also announced that his nominee to head the new department is Tom Ridge, a trusted friend who gave up his job as governor of Pennsylvania after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to become the president's homeland security adviser. Ridge entered the East Room moments before the president and took his seat in the center of the front row, as a hushed crowd of Cabinet secretaries, senators, congressmen,

bring other consumers to the area, as well as foster more appeal to the street.

The Nov. 20 edition of the Raleigh News & Observer said that residents have mixed feelings about the project, and some argued that the buildings along the street are too tall. It stated that

The groups are Not In Our Name and Families for Peaceful Tomorrows.

"I think the whole post-9/11 atmosphere has increased interest among students about international awareness," said Wayne Steger, a DePaul associate professor in political science. "Our department's enrollment is up 26 percent this term. There's a lot of openness in talking about both sides of the issue. Even the anti-war leaders seem willing to listen to opposing viewpoints."

An appearance by anti-war historian Howard Zinn at Northwestern University likewise drew a large turnout, as did an appearance by former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Donald McHenry. Members of Voices in the Wilderness, a Chicago-based activist group that recruits students and others for missions to Iraq, also has been active in campus forums.

Campaign appearances by Bush in South Bend drew modest anti-war demonstrations by students from Notre Dame and other Indiana colleges last fall — a brush with academia he has experienced on other stops in the political season. There also have been active, successful attempts by peace organizations to recruit workers for Iraqi relief projects.

At the University of Southern California, more than 200 students attended a recent panel discussion titled "What are the consequences of a U.S.-Iraq war?" A number of students, as well as panelists, decried the lack of public discussion over alternatives to bombing. At the same time, college ROTC classes are openly active and thriving on U.S. campuses, and the U.S. Armed Forces, CIA and FBI — considered anathema on the college scene during the Vietnam War — openly recruit and advertise in student newspapers without objection.

In fact, there is much sentiment among college administrators that most students have more interest in the Iraq situation than they did at a comparable time in the Vietnam era. Lewis points out that the militant protests then did not occur until the war had been waged for several years and body bags started arriving in the United States in large numbers.

"A lot of the people I hang with are pretty much against the war," said Kevin O'Holleran, editor of The Flame student newspaper at the University of Illinois at Chicago, "and it's been an issue in our paper; I know that. We've had a lot of chalking of sidewalks and a few protests on campus, but that sort of died down. I think a lot of anti-

residents are concerned that the shops and offices might never be built, and pointed out that Stanhope Center doesn't exactly meet the land-use guide.

So, how does Valentine feel about NCSU's premiere street? "I want to revitalize it," he said.

war people are more involved with national organizations."

In this era of high-tech political activity, everyone is leaning mightily on the Internet. More than 26,000 signatures from across the country have been gathered on a Peace Pledge Web site in which signers publicly acknowledge their opposition to a military solution in Iraq. The site is coordinated by more than a dozen anti-war organizations, and at least half of the signers are college students, professors and administrators.

This high-tech approach played a big role in rallying support for last month's anti-war demonstration in Washington, D.C., which drew more than 100,000 protesters. Many were students bused from as far away as the University of Wisconsin.

"The Internet makes a huge difference in organizing support and getting out the word," said Jennifer Bing-Canar, of the American Friends Service Committee office in Chicago. "People from all over the world can stay connected, and that's important. I was an organizer during the Gulf War, too, and I'm telling the new staffers this time how lucky they are to have it. We didn't even have faxes when we worked on that one."

The AFSC, a Quaker organization, has a long history of peace activism and is busily engaged in Iraq. Other groups that have been getting support from colleges have been the Vietnam Veterans Against The War, Pax Christi USA, Act Now to Stop War and End Racism, Lutheran Peace Fellowship, War Resisters League and Peace Action.

Joe Miller, a University of Illinois adjunct professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, was a student in Chicago in 1968-70 and recalled a typical weekday for him went like this: work a full shift at his night job, go to class and participate in protests. "There were all sorts of demonstrating and activity in the city then," he recalled.

Miller, a national coordinator for Vietnam Veterans Against the War, said he thinks protests against the Gulf War tapered off because no one wanted to appear unpatriotic after the shooting started. Furthermore, the fighting was over almost before it started.

"As far as students are concerned now, none of those] I speak to — even the conservative ones — believe this war is necessary," he said. "They're not likely to be out in demonstrations, but [there's] no question [that] they're quietly opposed."

working-class Roman Catholic family outside Pittsburgh. After winning a Bronze Star for valor in Vietnam, he earned a law degree from Dickinson School of Law, practiced law privately and became assistant district attorney for Erie County.

He was first elected to Congress in 1982 and was re-elected every two years until he won the governorship in 1994. Bush is nominating Navy Secretary Gordon England to serve as Ridge's deputy.

"Dozens of agencies charged with homeland security will now be located within one Cabinet department with the mandate and legal authority to protect our people," Bush said. "America will be better able to respond to any future attacks, to reduce our vulnerability and, most important, prevent the terrorists from taking innocent American lives."

Ridge, 57, was born into a

CRIME REPORT

The following is a list of reports issued by Campus Police for Sunday.

8:08 a.m. 911 Hang up
Officers responded to ES King Village. Accidental activation by a resident.

9:30 a.m. Patrol Directive
Officers patrolled selected areas.

9:47 a.m. Hit and Run
A student reported their vehicle was damaged while parked in upper Wood Lot.

10:15 a.m. Suspicious Incident
A caller reported a trash can south of DH Hill Library was ticking. A clock was found in the trash can.

1:19 p.m. Larceny
A non-student reported their son, a student, had their wallet taken while at Carter-Finley Stadium. Officers tried to contacted the student, who was unavailable.

1:30 p.m. Hit and Run
A student reported their vehicle

damaged while parked on Cates Avenue

2:34 p.m. Patrol Directive
Officers patrolled selected areas.

2:56 p.m. Bike Violation
A caller reported bikers using ramps to jump people by Bragaw Hall. The subjects were advised of University policy and complied to leave the area.

3:24 p.m. 911 Hang up
Officers responded to Bragaw Hall. No one was in need of assistance.

3:26 p.m. Medical Assistance
Officers responded to Carmichael Gym basketball court in regards to a knee injury. Subjects transported to hospital.

4:04 p.m. Traffic Accident
A student reported an accident on Yarbrough Drive.

5:01 p.m. Damage to Property
A student reported their vehicle was keyed while parked on Morrill Drive.

6:26 p.m. Arrest
A non-student was arrested for having an outstanding warrant for their failure to appear in court. The subject was found parked in a vehicle on Centennial Campus with another non-student. Both were trespassed.

7:16 p.m. Larceny
A student reported their wallet stolen from Dabney hall.

7:36 p.m. Attempted Larceny
A student reported their bike was damaged when an unknown subject attempted to steal it from the bike rack at Carmichael Gym.

8:48 p.m. Molestation of Fire Alarm
Police and RFD responded to DH Hill Library in reference to a fire alarm activation. It was later discovered that a subject had maliciously activated two pull stations.

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An exploration in the impossible

Solaris

Starring: George Clooney,
Natascha McElhone
Director: Steven Soderbergh
★★★½

Joel Isaac Frady

A&E Editor

The fact that "Solaris" actually got made, it must be noted, is a testament that there is good left in Hollywood. The studio chiefs who spend millions each year putting out mindless crap that people like have actually gone out on a limb and made an expensive, special-effects laden ... art film. Other than the big-budget sets and effects, cinematographer/director/editor/screnwriter Steven Soderbergh ("Traffic," "Out of Sight") has brought very little else for mainstream audiences to look forward to - instead, he crafts an incredible story about love, loss and life.

The film follows Chris Kelvin (George Clooney), a psychologist who has recently lost his wife (Natascha McElhone, "The Truman Show") and is suffering severe depression. Things take a turn for the weird when he gets a message from the spaceship Gibarian asking for his presence there - apparently, things have gone severely astray, and he might be the last hope any of them see.

The ship's examining the planet Solaris, and strange things have begun to happen, mainly the appearance of people on the

ship who are either dead or on earth - people who are only present on Solaris in the minds of the crew.

"Solaris" plays a lot like Kubrick's "2001," both in look and in tone, even though it is cut much faster than either the original "Solaris" or Kubrick's masterpiece. It runs just over an hour and a half - much shorter than the long running times of the other two - but this length fits the film much better than one might expect.

Partially due to it being, quite frankly, a very slow-moving film. It's never boring - that can't be said about it - but even 10 or 15 minutes more could have really dragged it out. But, the running time works best because it adds importance to every frame. Since Soderbergh isn't working with the 165 minutes that director Andrei Tarkovsky used when he shot the story in 1972, and with a running time over an hour shorter, absolute precision is demanded.

Soderbergh gets it, too, with a camera that is always watching this story in dark, atmospheric lighting and the use of some incredibly long takes. He complements this with a lack of dialogue throughout the film - characters speak when it's necessary and only when it's necessary.

It wasn't any of the production aspects that were crossing across the mind as "Solaris" came to a close. Yes, the film demands its viewers think in or-



George Clooney and Natascha McElhone star in "Solaris." Photo courtesy 20th Century Fox

der to like it, to take in every sight and try to find the answers to the questions that are being asked. These thoughts got postponed, for there was an even bigger question that was begging to be asked.

It has been mentioned before, and it must be mentioned again: How did this film get made? Yes, it had the minds of Soderbergh and James Cameron behind it, but how did these men ever convince a modern film studio to spend almost \$50 million to make it? It's not the kind of movie that audiences are going to like - it's not the easiest film to fully understand, and it requires the viewer to actually think, an activity that has been

proven to be a dud with American audiences.

Most people who see this movie actually aren't going to like it. There's a hope that it will find an audience, maybe break even at the box office or even be generally liked, but recent looks at box office charts (and audience polls) beg to differ.

Take, for instance, P.T. Anderson's recent "Punch-Drunk Love," an incredible work that explored the factors behind love, attraction and madness from a new perspective with Adam Sandler, an actor from whom we had come to expect little to no actual emotional depth. It's the kind of movie that can leave you with a smile on your face,

feeling like someone's actually taken the time to tell you a story about real people with real problems, one that faces these problems instead of making entertainment out of them.

But no, polled audiences gave it a horrid "D" rating while scoring "Jackass" with a "B" and "Santa Clause 2" with an "A," according to cinemascor.com.

Are audiences ready, or even wanting, something like "Solaris"? Probably not, but it's a fine piece of cinema if there ever was one, and those of you who don't mind a mentally engaging trip to the movies won't be disappointed.

Cube's 'Next' stuffs itself with cheap laughs

Andrew Beard

The Daily Cougar (U. Houston)

(U-WIRE) HOUSTON — As a film, "Friday After Next" is the dying runt of a once-prominent breed. The original "Friday" hit the right balance as an inner-city comedy with a substantial social context bubbling underneath, but it has now spawned two sequels simply aimed at parading disposable characters across the screen to poke harmful fun at their race, gender and sexual preference.

The third film, like the second, suffers from the absence of Chris Tucker. His performance in the first film created shoes too big for his replacement, Mike Epps, to fill.

Although adequate in "Next Friday" as Day-Day, the cousin of Ice Cube's Craig, Epps struggles with the increased amount of screen time given to him in "Friday After Next."

The story follows Craig and Day-Day on another adventurous Friday after a black Santa robs their apartment, escaping with several valuables, including their rent money. After an apathetic investigation by the police, they take jobs as security guards at one of Christmas-time's busiest places: the strip mall.

"I really wanted to explore Christmas in the hood. I thought it was a hell of an idea to include Christmas in the Friday series," Cube said. "I remember growing up and watching television shows about snow on Christmas, and in Southern California, there definitely wasn't any snow."

Craig and Day-Day spend their first day in a confusing series of chases, arguments and pot-smoking sessions. The story line is completely abandoned and substituted for several ranting monologues from Epps, who admitted to being uncomfortable opposite Cube throughout the film.

"Hell yeah, I was scared following Chris Tucker, but I had a washer and dryer on layaway, so it didn't matter," Epps said. "Most people dogged me after the second film because they expected Tucker but got me instead. Ice (Cube) told me to wait till it hit video, and people would appreciate me more, and I think they do."

Unfortunately, the underdog role doesn't fit the "Friday" series. Unlike Epps, Tucker thrived under the Ice Cube formula of letting the actors ad lib most of their lines.

"I like to write about 50 percent of the script and let the actors make up the rest. It's better to just have a skeleton script," Cube said.

This formula, however, proves disastrous in the third film. Epps struggles to catch the rhythm in several scenes and resorts to making funny faces or dancing in a strange way. But he isn't the only one to blame. Several of the recurring characters in the original were used primarily to add flavor to a strong story.

Craig's father, played by John Witherspoon, provided several scene-stealers, including the famous bathroom scene in the first installment but is now relied on to carry several parts of the story despite the lack of proper character development. Witherspoon carries the burden like a pro but ultimately hits rock bottom when his character is forced to do yet another defecation scene.

The new characters never seem to mesh, and the weight of the film falls more heavily on the lackluster performances of Epps and Cube. The film eventually reaches an obvious conclusion after a token genitalia-squeezing scene.

The lighter side of Thanksgiving

Ben Kraudel

Staff Turkey

Thanksgiving is a great time to get together with family and compare who is the most dysfunctional. I always win, but I wouldn't be where I am without the rest of them.

The strange part will be when everyone in my family decides to read the columns I bring home. They'll read this column. So, they'll read my writing about them reading this. I think it's somewhere around there that the fabric of space and time will tear. That's when I plan to make my escape.

I always enjoy knowing that the president pardons one turkey a year. He just takes the little gobbling guy up there on a pedestal and says, "I now pronounce you liberated." I'm guessing that's when he goes and eats some Thanksgiving beef, because cows don't have a holiday.

We remember to eat turkey on Thanksgiving because we know from solid historic evidence (cartoons) that it's what the pilgrims ate. They had some corn-on-the-cob, some cranberry sauce and some pumpkin pie with the five Native Americans they hadn't shot or infected with measly death. Then, they shot those five Native Americans. Happy Thanksgiving!

In reality, the pilgrims who came here starved through most of their stay, and it's remarkable that they lived through it. Everyone always wonders what happened to the Lost Colony. History books say they starved and died or were killed by Native Americans.

I have a guess. It's a little far-fetched though. Maybe ... they went where the food was! Perhaps a bunch of buckleshoed folk went and found someplace they wouldn't starve to death ... either that or it was vampires.

Turkey apparently contains a mild sedative poison, tryptophan. What am I thankful for? I'm thankful that after we eat a bucketload of turkey, which is full of pseudo-opiate, and get so nice and tanked on Jack Daniel's Country Egg nog that we feel like taking a nap and not trying to operate anything more complicated than the remote to turn down the football game.

That should show you there's something bigger in control right there. If not, turkey would make you want to borrow your cousin's Camaro and test the sound barrier. I think I'll bow my head extra hard this year. I'll also ask God to ensure Uncle Tommy doesn't decide to show us "that thing he can do with his ankles" again.

The Thanksgiving parade comes on at nine in the morning ... I think. I haven't watched it in the past seven years. When I was a kid, I was up at like six o'clock just so I could watch the whole thing roll by. Now, I wake up at noon, I roll over, blink curiously at the clock and think of how many high school marching bands I've missed. Then, I take a few moments to imagine Regis Philbin being beaten with hoses, roll back over and sleep for two more hours.

Thanksgiving is also the starting point for my absolute favorite part of the year. It will officially be OK for every department store or retail outlet of any sort to start playing Christmas carols constantly. Yes, nothing puts me in a better mood to buy bagels or razor blades than listening to "Jingle Bells," "Jingle Bell Rock," "Carol of the Bells," "Bells, Bells, Bells," "Silent Night" played on the bells and "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" in a constant loop. Of course, these aren't the same carols I grew up with. Retail stores can't afford the Tabernacle Choir.



No, this is Bob's Polka Frenzy or A Zydeco Christmas ... sometimes both.

The best place to go on Thanksgiving Day is the supermarket. Especially if you have everything you would ever need for dinner sitting at home. Just walk along the aisles, watching old women stabbing each other with their umbrellas in order to get a bag of pecans or a can of cranberry sauce. Of course, the carols are chiming on the speakers the whole time.

"Do you hear what I hear ..."
"Let go of the d--- bag!!!"
"Said the lamb to the shepherd boy ..."
"@\$%&!!!"

Oh yeah, that's where it's at. No blood, no foul ... Also, be sure to smile really big as you walk past the 30 people in line behind the only open register. Then walk back out without buying a thing.

I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving. I know you'll all be safe, driving home and enjoying the holiday spirit. Just remember to hum "Ode to Joy" a little louder as you flip that guy off as he cuts in front of you. You could also whisper a prayer that Uncle Tommy won't do "that thing with his ankles" after he's finished the bottle of eggnog and is just drinking NyQuil from the bottle. I'd appreciate it.

A hitch in their plans?

Donna Petrozzello

New York Daily News (KRT)

Hold off on buying a gift.

America's newest TV lovebirds - "The Bachelor's" Aaron Buerge and Helene Eksterowicz - aren't getting married anytime soon.

An estimated 26 million people saw Buerge propose to Eksterowicz on Wednesday's finale of the ABC reality show, though Thursday they seemed to indicate that a wedding, if there is one, is way down the road.

For example, the made-for-TV bride from Gloucester, N.J., hasn't packed for a move to Buerge's hometown of Springfield, Mo.

"I'm not saying I'm ready to move tomorrow, but I'm open to the possibility," said Eksterowicz, a 28-year-old school psychologist. "I have a job, responsibilities that I've signed up for and close family and friends. So I'd have to feel really strong about our relationship and taking it to the next level to be able to go to Springfield, but I'm not opposed to it." Her switcheroo comes after she pledged

to marry Buerge, a 28-year-old banker, on the finale, which was taped in September.

"No looking back. We're going to make this work," Buerge said at the end of Wednesday's show. "I look forward to sharing my life with her."

But during a media blitz Thursday, the two seemed to be taking their time in making the leap.

"Today is the third time we've seen each other," Buerge said, noting that since the show was taped, they've spent a week-end in Oklahoma and four days in Toronto.

"From this point forward," he added, "we're taking our sweet time, getting to know each other better, growing closer together ... We're not in a hurry to walk down the aisle. We'll be very diligent and hope we make the right decision."

They have spoken by phone nearly every day.

Asked Thursday if he loved Eksterowicz, Buerge immediately said yes. However, his betrothed stopped for a few seconds before offering a positive response.

The hit show followed Buerge's seven-week dating spree as he whittled a field

of 25 wanna-be wives down to one.

Eksterowicz took at least six weeks off from work to tape the show, and was paid \$1,000 - along with three other finalists - to help make up for any missed salary. Buerge got nothing for his efforts, according to an ABC representative.

If he and Eksterowicz do marry, the wealthy bachelor isn't going to put at risk his family assets - including a restaurant he's opening in Springfield. Before anyone tosses rice, there will be a prenuptial agreement in place, he said.

Ohio State takes win too far

After their win Saturday, students and fans at the Ohio State University football game stormed the stadium. By morning, cars were burning, electricity was spotty and the air smelled of tear gas. School spirit is not an excuse to incite a riot.

Forty-five students were arrested on Saturday at Ohio State. The crowd got rowdier until police were forced to don riot gear and shoot rubber bullets into the crowd to try and get everyone to disperse. Several other college football games had similar experiences, ending with students rushing the field and pushing toward the goalposts. Some crowds had to be subdued by police with pepper spray, including the one at N.C. State.

In South Carolina, two people were injured during a rush to the field after Clemson's defeat of South Carolina. Here in Raleigh, three people were hurt and taken to the hospital as fans rushed the field to tear down the goalposts, even as police sprayed them with high-grade pepper spray.

No matter how exciting a game is or how great a win, more planning should go into postgame celebrations to keep such incidents from occurring. There is no excuse for cars being flipped and torched. When such actions take place in the name of school spirit, it darkens the victory and the school's reputation.

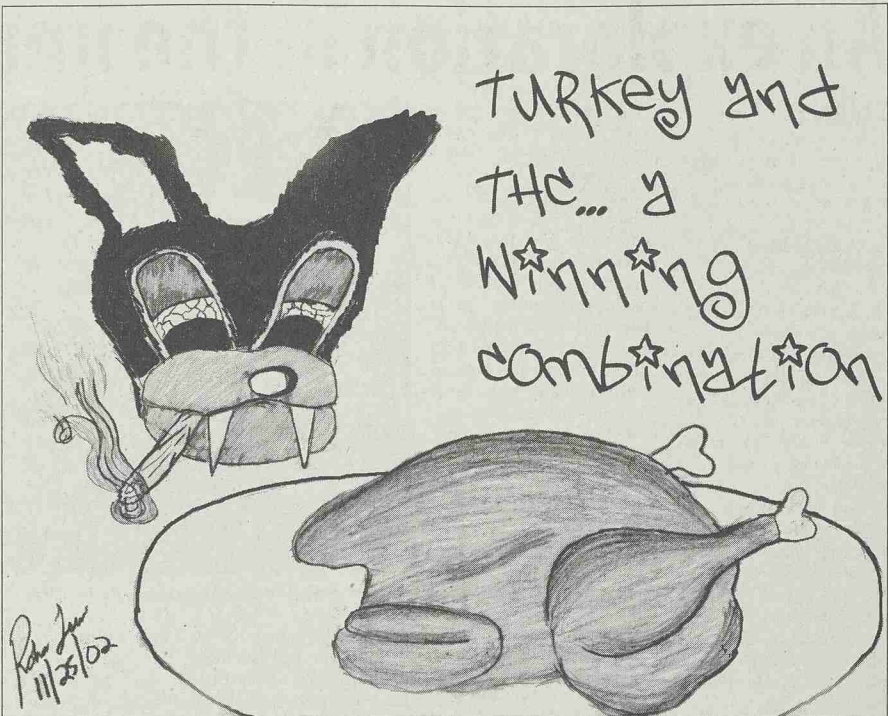
Some students in Ohio sat quietly in their apartments, terrified to go outside and terrified for anyone they knew out-

side, as the electricity cut off and fires were lit. Those responsible for the destruction should have to face the results of their actions. There is no reason for such action to take place and being in the heat of the moment is no excuse. Nothing can justify destroying property in the name of school spirit and those responsible must face the repercussions.

If the goalposts are going to be brought down, they should be done so by school officials, in some sort of ceremony similar to the coaches cutting the nets off the baskets at a basketball game. It would be very simple to arrange for pep rallies and ceremonies without having crazed fans trying to tear down and destroy school property while police are spraying them with pepper spray.

The role of the police at school functions should be to allow the students as much leniency as possible, as long as the students are within the boundaries of the law. Once students step past those boundaries, they should readily be chastised or arrested, whichever the case requires. It is the job of the police to keep order without overreacting and ruining the good time of students who are not destroying property or breaking the law.

Students cannot take the leniency that the police offer as an excuse to get away with excessive violence or destruction. Tradition and school spirit can be preserved and maintained without destroying the image of the school attended or the surrounding property.



HIV and AIDS rightly brought to spotlight

Benjamin Kraudel
Staff Columnist

About 4.7 million people in South Africa are infected with either AIDS or HIV. That's approximately 11 percent of the population. In India, the number is 4 million. During the past week, several celebrities have stepped forward in an attempt to remind America about the mass and scope of this epidemic.

Last week, Richard Gere took time to shine a spotlight on the troubles of India and its troubles as the country with the second-highest infection rate. Saturday, Sean Combs and Alicia Keyes took a trip to inform and bring relief to South Africa, the country with the highest number of cases. Combs and Keyes were in South Africa to perform for MTV's Staying Alive Concert in Cape Town, which will air on Dec. 1, World AIDS Day.

As prevalent as the viruses are and as much as we are used to hearing about them, I think it is fantastic that these stars are using their gifts and influence to remind the world, especially America, of how greatly affected other parts of the world are.

Others on the list of performers for the Staying Alive Concert include Dave Matthews, Elton John and Missy Elliot. These artists will do their best to raise awareness about how widespread the AIDS virus has become. The concert is partly funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and mimics a similar concert held in Seattle in which Elliot, Matthews and Michelle Branch per-

formed.

Gere's attempts are similar. He has been prompting the Western world to turn a helping hand to India and other Asian countries. A recent U.S. study suggests that India's infection rate could go from the current 4 million to nearly 25 million by 2010.

Closer to home, in Brooklyn, N.Y., a Baptist preacher had himself tested for AIDS and set up a free testing clinic in his church, urging his parishioners to do the same, in an attempt to boost understanding of the virus. Rev. Darius G. Pridgen went under the needle before encouraging others to do the same.

There can never be enough understanding or knowledge. For so long, those infected with AIDS and HIV felt as if they had a secret life, a secret pain. They were possibly right to keep such a secret as well, since those infected were so easily shunned by those around them. Only through education and a love for each other can we destroy the stigma attached to people with AIDS and HIV and do what is necessary to help in any way to relieve their suffering. We can and should help, if only to treat them like anyone else and allow them to have a normal life.

That does not, however, mean that we can afford to remain ignorant about the viruses and not offer the helping hand that many nations need to order to combat them. Humanity is, above all else, about helping and understanding the other people that make up society. While

ignorance is bliss, it is an empty, stupid bliss and not the intended function of man.

I have never met someone who openly declared that they have AIDS or HIV. I am quite certain that I can say, however, that if and when that does happen, I will not shun that person. I have read a great deal about the virus, and I understand it fairly well for someone who despises natural sciences.

What I am saying, for the most part, is just that we, as a nation, cannot ignore the problems of other nations, nor can we just hope that they will go away if we do not acknowledge them. As ready as we are to engage in wars throughout the world, it seems unfair that we are not making more of an effort to help people who truly need it.

With World AIDS Day approaching, I ask that everyone do one of several things. Make sure you understand how HIV and AIDS work. Read about them. Then, if you've ever had sex — protected or not — go get yourself tested, if only just to know a little more. Then think about the people who are elsewhere in the world and how the virus affects them. Appreciate the freedom you are given. Then wear that red ribbon, knowing why you do so.

Ben will be wearing his red ribbon on Dec. 1. He'll also be going to get tested for free at the Student Health Center. He'll also check his e-mail at bpkraude@unity.ncsu.edu.

Powerful merger

The Lantern
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(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio — The nation's No. 1 cable operator joined the nation's third-largest cable operator. Last week, the Federal Communications Commission approved license transfers for AT&T and Comcast to merge and become AT&T Comcast Corp.

The vote was 3 to 1. Michael J. Copps was the dissenting vote. He believes the company could very easily abuse its power.

The new conglomerate will serve 27 million homes and 17 of the nation's 20 largest cities. It also will be able to produce quicker broadband Internet connections and advanced cable television services.

It will also control 30 percent of the cable television market.

The company won't give much of a chance for other cable services to survive. Once the two companies combine, it would become easier for the new company to gain even more control over the market. No small mom-and-pop businesses can fight a gargaantuan company like the proposed AT&T Comcast Corp. and the many perks it can offer customers. They simply don't have the financial resources.

Although the FCC says there is no evidence the merger would lead to higher costs, the economics is very simple. If

Comcast gains more control of the market, customers could be charged higher prices. At the beginning, Comcast could face a little competition. However, if it beats out all the local cable services, there would be no more competition. Therefore, the prices would start soaring.

The United States does not need any more monopolies. Consumers are already facing high prices. They would not like to see the trend to continue.

The nation's economy relies more on competition than consolidation. Competition usually leads to better prices. Local companies would be offering cheap prices because they would be competing. The local companies know nothing can keep a person from not buying their service unless others' prices are lower and their benefits are better.

But, we have seen this situation before. Is there a major difference between Bill Gate's Microsoft and AT&T Comcast Corp.? Gates was forced to split his company into two parts: an operating company and a software company. America's legal system thought Microsoft had too much power. Why should Comcast receive any special treatment?

There is a belief that the new company would be a valuable asset to the cable market. Not only will television watching be more enjoyable with the

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Gifts for people in the news

Matt Campbell
Staff Columnist

As college students, we have a lot to worry about this time of year.

The flood of tests and papers will soon die down, only allowing us to take a deep breath and bear down on finals. But, alas, Thanksgiving is two days away, and a break from school plus some delicious food is quite the medicine for a stressed student. Thanksgiving is a time for family, food and football. It is also a time to start the holiday shopping season. Now, I know we all don't have the time (or money) to buy gifts for our loved ones this holiday season, but there are some people who could really use a friendly holiday gift. Don't worry, continue with your studies, for I have cleverly avoided mine to compile a list of some of our favorite people and what they would like for this holiday season:

- Get Saddam Hussein a new e-mail account — Yes, that's right, our pal across the ocean uses the Internet and, just like the rest of us, he gets spam. He also has crafty computer nerds hacking into his account. Brian McWilliams, a freelancer specializing in Internet security, says he hacked into an inbox full of e-mails addressed to Mr. Hussein. After perusing the Iraqi government Web site, McWilliams found the site where government employees are able to check

their e-mail. After just one guess as to the Iraqi president's e-mail address and password, McWilliams said, "Boom! The inbox appeared." He said that the account was full of e-mails sent from mid-June to mid-August, all of which were never read or replied to. Apparently, Saddam could also use a new secretary as well.

- Buy the Bush twins a drink — America's sweethearts, Jenna and Barbara Bush, turned 21 yesterday, and I think we all know why they are excited. You may remember the twins being thrown into our lives in May 2001 after police in Austin, Texas, cited both of them for violating state alcoholic beverage laws. Jenna was caught after producing false identification when trying to order a margarita, while sister Barbara was caught after being served alcohol. Barbara's ability to make it past the ID checking phase of the bar experience must be why she goes to Yale. The sisters are determined to stay out of the spotlight during a holiday weekend with the parents.
- Indiana University needs a DVD player — The university is currently reviewing whether to take legal action against a film crew from Shane Enterprises in Van Nuys, Calif., after the company used several students to make a pornographic film. A spokeswoman for Shane Enterprises said that no laws were broken

and that all participants were over 18 years of age and had signed release forms. I think that they were just lucky to have avoided weeklong quiet hours during finals week ... "Oh, this is the one when the RA busts in ..."

- Carter-Finley Stadium needs a new goal post — Actually, it needs a pair of goalposts. As many of us know and even saw, the yellow uprights were toppled after the Saturday evening victory over Florida State. I'm sure that the athletic department has a couple of those things in a closet somewhere, but I'm sure they would appreciate the gesture, especially since a victory over FSU next year will lead to the tearing down of the new goalposts. It is truly a vicious cycle. In related news, many N.C. State students could use a watch, sundial or some other mode of time telling because, though victory was ensured, "00:08" does not equate to the end of the game.
- So, get out there and shop, fellow students, because we all know football up-rights are hard to come by after Thanksgiving.

Matt would like a shiny red fire engine for the holidays ... one with a ladder and sirens and a bucket and a ... oh ... or just e-mail him at folksdamanishere@aol.com.

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Party hard Pack

Zack Medford
Staff Columnist

It was unbelievable. N.C. State played the best football it's played all year. It held a previously rumored "unstoppable" Florida State offense to a mere 177 yards. Guys, we were amazing! Our football team went out there, cast aside all fears of ending the season on a four-game losing streak, and they took it to FSU.

With eight seconds left, our fans just couldn't hold it any longer, and they rushed the field. There have indeed been mixed reviews as to whether or not this should be considered despicable.

I am here to tell you and the rest of the world that we love our Wolfpack. We are college students, and we are here to do stupid things. A huge interception on Florida State's dying drive was the final nail in the coffin. We have all witnessed history in the making; NCSU has never before had a 10-win season. To let this moment in time pass by unnoticed would be a tragedy; we had to celebrate.

Sadly, my unlucky butt was stuck at home on my couch watching the football game. I wasn't fortunate enough to win vouchers. The biggest game of the year also meant there was little to no chance I was going to find an extra ticket, so I instead decided to stay at home and watch the game with some of my closest friends.

Before the game, my roommate and I hit the road to join in on the tailgating fun. We drove around hooting and hollering, partaking in the excitement of the morning. We ate barbecue, tossed footballs around and laughed at several drunk people being (harmlessly) silly. When the crowd started making toward the stadium, we slowly trudged in the other direction to hop in the truck and head home.

When the Wolfpack won, I couldn't believe how badly I wished that I was on the field with you guys. Rushing the field, jumping on the goalposts, being a part of NCSU history — I envy you so much. I wanted to yell! I wanted to do the "crazy dance" in the end zone. I wanted to climb atop the goalposts and scream, "This one's for you, Jimmy V!"

But I didn't because I wasn't there. It looked like so much fun.

Sadly, quite a few people got injured and that is really horrible. The tradition of tearing down the goalposts is such a rich one that I can't say I'm against it. What I am against, though, is the Raleigh police using pepper spray to keep the Wolfpack devoted from marching down Hillsborough Street with the goalposts. I can't imagine a better time to see a pair of goalposts in the middle of the Brickyard than Sunday morning. It is indeed a shame.

OK, OK ... obviously, there's something to be said for crowd control. Granted, the person whose leg was broken was pretty much completely innocent and deserved a lot better than a broken tibia. Granted, two years ago, we marched with the goalposts and cost about \$12,000 in damages to cars that were a little too close to the craziness. Granted, a majority of the students were underage, drunk and liable to injure themselves quite badly. I don't care; I just wish we'd figured out a compromise.

All I know is that I drove out to Hillsborough Street directly after the win, expecting to join the march to the Bell Tower, but there was no march. There were not thousands of people surrounding the Waffle House, chanting, "N.C. State!" I wanted to join in the cheering, the yelling — the fun! There were a couple homeless guys near the Waffle House yelling about some thing, but I felt that they resented my presence when I tried to join in. I think this needs to change.

So, here's my plan: When we win the NCAA Basketball championship this year, let's all march to the Brickyard, turn up the AC/DC and roll out the kegs. And next year, we gotta march, guys! Goalposts or none, we still are required to march down Hillsborough Street to the Brickyard for a yell fest. I'll see ya there, and I'll bring the toilet paper.

If you think Zack is underestimating how chaotic and dangerous a mob can be, e-mail him at zack@izack.com to let him know the trouble you've gotten into before while within the mob setting.

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greater array of television services, but the Internet will be much quicker. People won't have to wait 10 minutes in front of their computers to go from one Web site to another. Working and researching on the In-

ternet would become much more efficient.

However, the new merger is a mistake with faults that lie beyond the immediate benefits. By allowing this to happen, the country would show its hypocrisy in monopoly rulings and pave the way for non-competitive markets.

CAMPUS FORUM

Football celebration

Congratulations to the security force following the N.C. State victory over Florida State.

Based on personal reports and news reports, the very few officers in charge of controlling a very large crowd did an exceptional job. The students also knew when to back off. So, congratulations

to them as well.

Though there were one or two injury reports, along with the long lines in the bathrooms to wash out pepper spray, there were no angry "victims." Both the officers and the students behaved in a manner that makes Nov. 23 one of the finest days in N.C. State football history.

The most exciting thing is that the athletic program is improving and the students are excited about being N.C. State students. It is the greatest feeling in the world.

Mike Bawden
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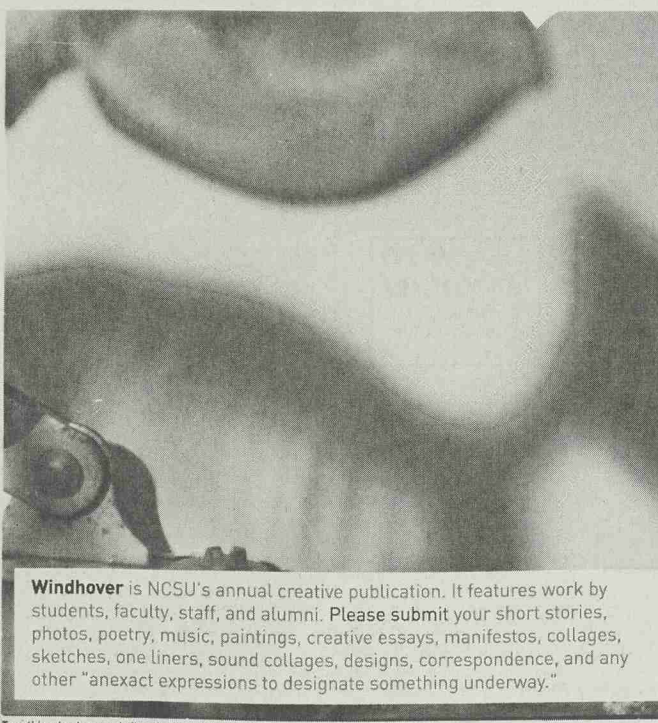
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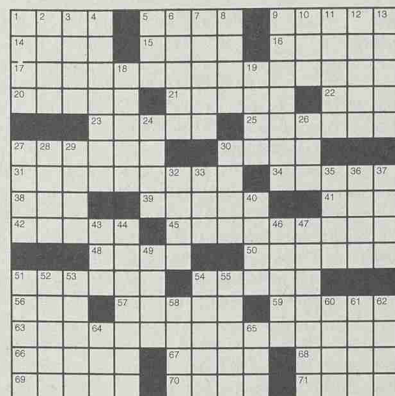
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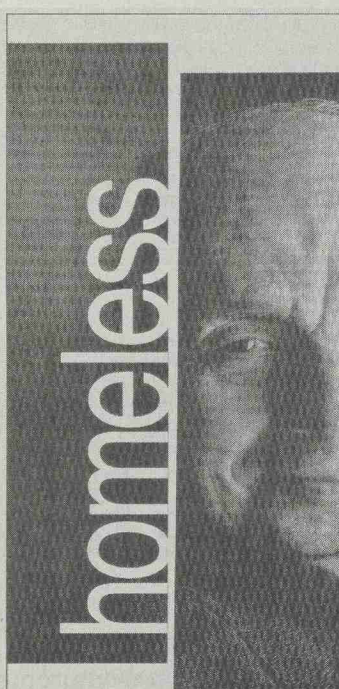
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Aries

March 21-April 19

Today is a 10. You're bold and brave, and if you share a commitment with somebody you love, you're just about invincible. Anything is possible when you have the right person pushing you.



Libra

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Today is an 8. Don't worry about whether you can keep up. Just do your best and then some. Perhaps this is a stretching exercise for both your mind and body.



Taurus

April 20-May 20

Today is a 5. You're still working for your pocket change, but improvements you're making could pay off further down the line. If you've done the homework, you'll know a bargain when you see it and be able to move quickly.



Scorpio

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 6. Help the people who make the decisions find all the information they need. Others can prosper through your help, and you should do pretty well, too.



Gemini

May 21-June 21

Today is an 8. You like your independence, and you're not the only one. You're attracted, and attractive, to that type. A small but true commitment will make the moment even sweeter. Don't be afraid.



Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

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Cancer

June 22-July 22

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Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 5. You may be able to talk a very important person into a big change at work. Do you need money for better equipment? Does your routine need revision? Pitch your idea now.



Leo

July 23-Aug. 22

Today is a 9. You're hot, no doubt about it. Are you also wise? Self-disciplined? You're lucky, but can you keep from going too fast and crashing into something? You'll soon find out.



Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Today is an 8. Finally, a good day to travel. Too bad it's a Tuesday. Tomorrow's good, too. Negative Wednesday and Thursday, but Friday and Saturday look great. Plan ahead.



Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 6. Again, you'd rather stay in than go out. But you have obligations. Any chance you can have it both ways? Ask a creative person, perhaps the same one who assigns your duties. Anything is possible.

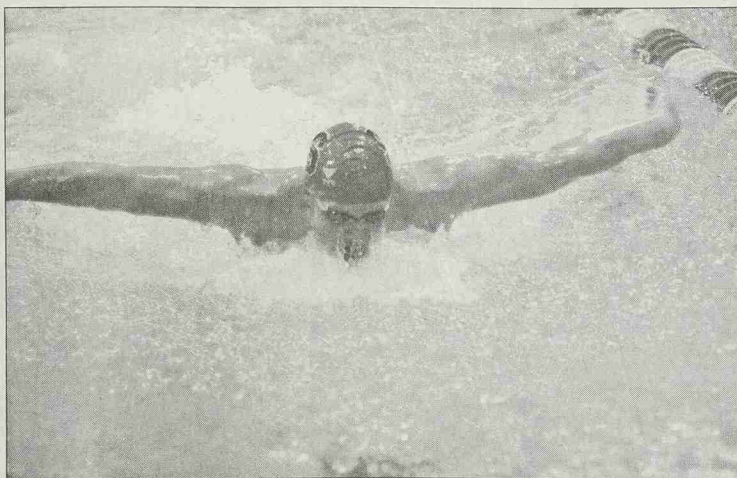


Pisces

Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 5. Feel like your creativity is being stifled because you can't do what you want? It could be that exactly the opposite is happening: Your creativity is being strengthened by discipline.

Middle of the pack



Against stiff competition, the N.C. State men finished sixth in Chapel Hill. File photo by Brian Hunt

The N.C. State men's and women's swimming teams finished sixth and eighth, respectively, at the Nike Cup Invitational.

Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State men's and women's swimming and diving teams wrapped up three days of solid performances Sunday in the final day of the Nike Cup Invitational, hosted by North Carolina.

The men's team finished sixth (334) behind two nationally ranked squads and turned in two NCAA B standard times on the day. The women (198) finished in eighth place.

Rob Yeager and Brian Pursley finished third and fourth, respectively, in the 200-yard breaststroke. With times under 2:01.21, the duo turned in NCAA B stan-

dard qualifying times.

Distance swimmers Jack Deal and Chris Nixon looked strong in the 1,650-yard freestyle. Deal posted a time of 15:46.39 for a seventh-place finish, while Nixon took 13th. Five Wolfpackers qualified for the evening's consolation finals in the 200-yard backstroke. Kevin Barkley posted the third-fastest time of the day in the event with a 1:48.95 and finished fifth overall, right in front of teammate Robert Terrell. Steven Cowling, Cristian Rojas and Andy Bauman finished with times in the top 25.

Scott Dettloff had a time of 45.76 in the 100-yard freestyle Sunday night and finished in 13th. The 400-yard freestyle relay squad of Pursley, Justin Smith, Rojas and Dettloff finished sixth in the event with a time of 3:03.18.

Diver Steve House qualified for

the finals on the three-meter board and finished 12th.

Allison Marks was the top finisher for the Wolfpack women in the 1,650 free. Her time of 17:22.53 put her in 16th place. Caroline Curran also finished in the top 20. Erin Trau and Karen Burbella were finalists in the 200 breast.

Cutler was joined by Catherine Parks in the 200-yard butterfly race. Cutler finished fifth in her heat with a time of 2:03.54.

Five members of the women's diving squad performed in the night's finals. Erin Bailey and Molly Culberson finished second and third.

The Pack now will take a break from competition. The team will take a trip to Florida for its annual winter training but will continue with action in January when it hosts league foe Florida State on Jan. 10.

Rifle ends fall season with a bang

N.C. State won its first conference match and performed well in its second.

Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State rifle team finished a highly successful fall season last week by placing high in its second Southeastern Air Rifle Conference (SEARC) match.

Led by senior team captain Joe Upton, the Wolfpack Red and White teams finished second and fourth, respectively, in split-squad action.

Birmingham-Southern College hosted the competition, the second of four conference matches, plus the championship. BSC narrowly edged the Red team from

State, 1,500 to 1,485. Upton finished second overall with a 380, which included two 97s on the first and third 100-point targets.

Upton was joined on the Red team by Trey Ragsdale (370), Ryan Dorety (368) and John Maroglio (367).

The White team finished fourth and was led by Melanie Harris, who fired a 378. Her score was good for a tie for third with teammate Carra Landrum, who shot an individual and notched a 98 on her final 100-point target. Other White team members were Teri Steinkopf (367), Laura Ferrell (365) and Russell Broadwell (356).

Overall, the Pack placed four in the top 10 individuals and eight of the top 20.

State's quality performance was indicative of the sort of fall season it had.

Earlier in the month, the Pack defeated The Citadel in the team's lone home match of the season to this point. Upton again was the man for State, as he posted a total score of 1,496.

In the team's first SEARC match, which was hosted by North Georgia, Dorety led State to victory. A sophomore, Dorety turned in a career-best performance with a team-high 274.

Though the first half of the season has concluded, the Pack still has a long journey to travel. The team begins the crucial spring season on Jan. 18 when it hosts the ACC Invitational.

Miami, Ohio State on course for Fiesta

Mike Huguenin

The Orlando Sentinel (KRT)

Miami and Ohio State remained first and second in this week's BCS standings, with Oklahoma moving into position to capitalize if the Hurricanes lose one of their remaining games.

Ohio State (13-0) has finished its regular season and is ticketed for the Jan. 3 Fiesta Bowl, where it will play for the national title. Miami (10-0) will be the opponent if it can beat Syracuse on Saturday and Virginia Tech on Dec. 7.

Oklahoma (10-1) moved up a spot, to third, after Washington State's triple-overtime loss to Washington on Saturday. The

Sooners are almost a full point ahead of fourth-place Georgia, and if OU wins out (Saturday at Oklahoma State and Dec. 7 against Colorado in the Big 12 Championship Game), it would play in the Fiesta if Miami falters.

Georgia (10-1) is 2.36 points ahead of fifth-place Iowa (11-1). The Hawkeyes' season is over while the Bulldogs also have two games left (Saturday against Georgia Tech and Dec. 7 against an opponent to be determined in the SEC Championship Game).

The other one-loss team is Notre Dame (10-1), but the Fighting Irish are seventh in this week's standings, one spot behind USC (9-2). The Trojans host the Irish on Saturday. Notre Dame is

guaranteed a spot in a BCS bowl if they finish in the top six of the standings, but they can be considered if they're in the top 12.

Even with a loss to USC, Notre Dame still is squarely in the mix for a BCS berth. Having the Irish in a bowl would guarantee a sell-out and solid TV ratings. Thus, even if they beat Notre Dame, the Trojans likely would be left out of the BCS mix unless UCLA beats Washington State on Dec. 7. Washington State would go to the BCS as the Pac-10 champ unless it loses to the Bruins. Thus, a Bruins win would benefit their biggest rival because USC wins the league crown if Washington State loses again.

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Lauber. "Finishing like that is awesome for a freshman."

Diana Henderson and Janelle Vadnais were State's final two scorers, placing well behind the top three in 167th and 182nd place (135th and 149th team scoring).

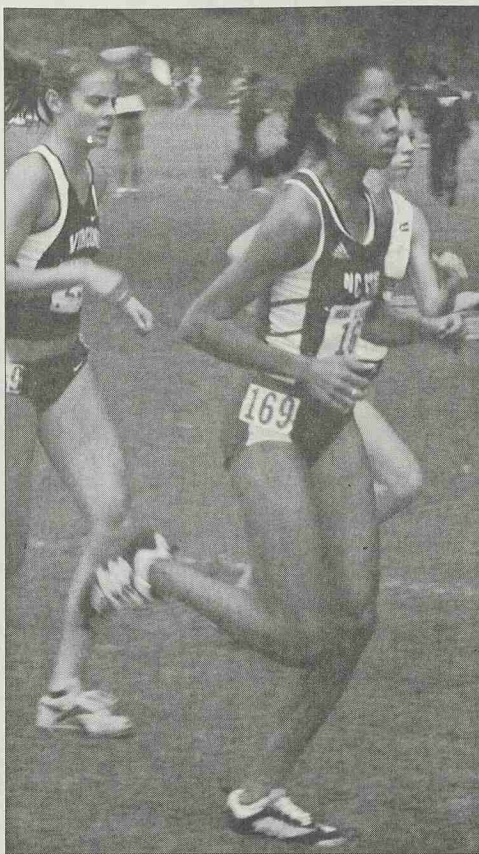
"I think Diana, Kristin and I are the only three who ran with national experience," said Lauber. "It's really tough to run here when you don't know what you're up against. Looking ahead to next year, we'll all have experience, and that will help us a lot. After we got over the disappointment of the result, we looked back at the race and saw a lot of good lessons that we learned."

Abby Nelkie and Julia Lucas were State's final runners, finishing in 185th and 205th place.

North Carolina's Shalane Flanagan won the individual competition, capping off an undefeated season with a course record time of 19:36. Flanagan was fourth at the national championships as a freshman and was poised to win last year before locking up with 800 meters remaining.

Yale's Kate O'Neill took second followed by Stanford's Alicia Craig and Lauren Fleshman. The top five runners were all beneath the previous course record, set earlier this year by Florida State's Vicky Gill.

Brigham Young beat out Stanford 85-113 despite Stanford placing three runners in the top ten. The original results listed Stanford as the winner before a computer error was corrected, switch-



The sixth-ranked women ran a subpar race Monday. Photo by Todd Lion

ing the win over to the Cougars, who won last year as well.

Notre Dame (170), Georgetown (214) and Colorado (220) rounded out the top five teams.

The ACC as a whole had a disappointing day as all qualified teams except for Florida State fin-

ished below their ranking. Wake Forest was the conference's top team in ninth place. Duke (17th), Virginia (20th) and Carolina (21st) failed to meet their expected finishes, and FSU finished 28th.

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course in 32:47 and 33:04, giving State an uncharacteristically large time spread of 2:23 between its first and fifth runners.

"Some of us had okay days, several had bad days, but no one really had a great day," said Swann. "But that's just how it goes sometimes. That's racing."

David Christian and Ricky Brookshire finished 231st and 238th.

"Some of us went out too hard,

some went out too easy," said Brookshire, a sophomore. "I know I went out too hard. I was having a good race for a while until it caught up with me."

Colorado senior Jorge Torres won the meet in 29:04, two seconds ahead of Alistair Cragg. Torres is the first true American to win the national title since Adam Goucher, also running for Colorado, did it in 1998.

Torres's fast early pace broke the pre-race favorites and previous champions Boaz Cheboiwo and David Kimani. The 14:33

opening 5,000-meters broke Cheboiwo and Kimani, who faded to seventh and eleventh place.

Stanford utterly dominated the team competition, placing four runners in the top ten overall and a fifth in the top 25. Grant Robinson (3rd), Louis Luchini (5th), Don Sage (6th) and Ian Dobson (9th) gave Vin Lananna's Cardinals an easy path to victory over Wisconsin, who finished second with 107 points.

Eastern Michigan (165), Colorado (190) and Oregon (210) rounded out the top five teams.

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reputation for his fierce competitiveness and knack for the big play this season.

After the Florida State win, State coach Chuck Amato lobbied the unsung Burnette as the right choice for conference defensive player of the year.

Burnette and Holt were joined by teammates Jericho Cotchery, Sean Berton and T.A. McLendon on the first team.

Cotchery, a junior, emerged from a slew of talented State receivers to become quarterback Philip Rivers' favorite target.

Berton, a senior, was also a reliable receiving threat, but he did perhaps his best work as a blocker. When Berton was in the game, he opened running lanes for State's powerful ground attack.

The only freshman on the first team, running back T.A. McLendon had a season that any upperclassman would be ecstatic with. He rushed for over 1,000 yards and tied the ACC mark for touchdowns in a season with 16. McLendon didn't even begin the year as a starter on his own team, but soon earned that role.

State was represented on the second team by Rivers, offensive linemen Shane Riggs and Chris Colmer, and defensive end Shawn

Price. Defensive lineman Terrance Martin and defensive back Andre Maddox received an honorable mention.

The league also named Burnette and Colmer its defensive and offensive linemen of the week for their performances in the FSU game.

Burnette had a key first quarter sack on Saturday, and led a tenacious defensive with 11 other tackles and an interception. The interception came, fittingly, on his last play at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Colmer recorded 21 knock-down blocks and was integral in State's efficient offense.

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Pack run over at nationals

Women finish 13th

N.C. State's sixth-ranked women's cross country team finished 13th at the national championships in Terre Haute, Ind.

Todd Lion
Senior Staff Writer

N.C. State's No. 6 women's cross country team went in to Monday's NCAA Championships with hopes of a top-five finish, but in the end, a 13th place finish was all it got.

"We've got to keep our heads up," said sophomore Josi Lauber. "For a really bad day, we still finished as the 13th best team in the nation. There aren't a lot of programs who can finish like that on a bad day."

The Wolfpack had been marred by minor injuries throughout the season, and at Indiana State's cross country course, they finally caught up to the team.

Kristin Price, State's top runner all year and fourth at the national championships last year, finished 29th overall and 22nd in team scoring with a time of 20:27 over the 6,000-meter course.

Lauber and true freshman Kris Roth, who finished second and third on the team at both the conference and district championships, switched their normal positions as Roth finished 65th overall (45th team scoring) in 20:59. Lauber finished two seconds back in 70th place (51st team scoring).

"I don't think that any one of us really had a good race except for Kris," said

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Other programs might have been happy with top-25 finishes, but N.C. State's teams were disappointed. Staff photo by Todd Lion

Men fall to 23rd

A disappointing day gives the Wolfpack men's cross country a 23rd place finish at the national championships.

Todd Lion
Senior Staff Writer

After winning the ACC title with ease and coasting through the district championships, the N.C. State men's cross country team put forth a disappointing effort at the NCAA Championships in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Wolfpack finished in a tie with Texas for 23rd place with 552 points at

Indiana State University's course. It marked only State's second finish out of the top ten since 1996.

"I really don't feel like we ran up to our potential today," said junior Devin Swann. "That's the thing about nationals — it's just one race. It's not a reflection of the whole season by any means."

Swann and David Patterson continued to run as the Pack's top two runners. Swann finished 50th overall and 44th in team scoring in 30:41 over the 10,000-meter course. Patterson crossed the line seven seconds and eight places back, scoring 50 points in the team competition.

"I went out with the leaders and

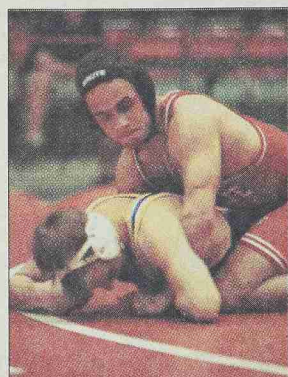
crossed the first kilometer in about 2:37," said Swann. "After that, I hit a lull in the middle of the race before picking it up again for the finish. Patterson caught up to me at about 7k, and we ran back and forth for the rest of the race."

Kurtis Marlowe, competing in his first national championship, finished third for State in 102nd place (79th team scoring) in 31:08.

True freshman Bryce Ruiz and senior Dean Bowker rounded out State's scoring five, crossing the line in the 224th and 230th positions (187th and 193rd team scoring). They completed the

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Wrestling takes fourth at Navy Classic



The Pack was pleased with its showing at Navy. Staff photo by Rob Bradley

Scott Garren won an individual championship as N.C. State opened its season in solid fashion.

Sports Staff Report

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Paced by Scott Garren's championship at 157 pounds, the N.C. State wrestling team finished a strong fourth at the Navy Classic to open its season.

The Wolfpack placed four wrestlers in the championship round and captured fourth in the eight-team field, despite wrestling without a heavyweight in the lineup and with only two backups in an eight-team field that included more than 150 individual wrestlers.

"This is, by far, the strongest we've wrestled at Navy to open the season in a long time," said State assistant coach Carter Jordan. "We only had 11 kids in the lineup, and most of the teams in the tournament had 15 to 20. And we didn't have anyone in the heavyweight class, but you can't say enough about the kids we had out there. They wrestled their hearts out."

West Virginia won the team championship with a score of 130.5 points. Kent State was second at 116.0, and Navy took third at 113.5. The Wolfpack scored 87 points, followed by fifth-place Rutgers (84.5), The Citadel (73.5), UNC-Greensboro (10) and McDaniel College (4).

Cintrom, the two-time defending ACC champion at 126 pounds, was defeated by West Virginia's Seth Lisa by a 4-1 decision in the championship round. Also in the finals, WVU's Billy Smith defeated State's Jake Giamoni, 9-2.

Garren won a major decision at 18-6 against West Virginia's Matt Lebe, scoring nine points in the third period of the bout to take the title at 157. Garren won the ACC championship at 157 in 2000 but missed the last year and a half following a serious knee injury. His performance at Navy would indicate that his recovery is complete.

No. 1-ranked defending national champion Greg Jones pinned Dustin Kawa at 2:45.

State well represented on All-ACC teams

Nine Pack players earned either first or second team honors. Burnette and Colmer were named ACC Players of the Week.

Andrew B. Carter
Assistant Sports Editor

Two days after securing its biggest win of the season, the N.C. State football team had even more to be happy about Monday when the ACC released its annual all-conference teams.

Five Wolfpack players were named to the first team, while four earned second-

team honors. It was State's best representation on the all-conference teams since 1993, when it also had nine players named.

Terrence Holt, the Pack's senior safety, was a near unanimous first-team selection. Only Maryland linebacker E.J. Henderson received more votes than Holt, who made his second consecutive appearance on the first team.

Dantonio Burnette, who was among the conference leaders in sacks, tackles and tackles for loss, was the next highest vote-getter for State. Burnette earned a

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Dantonio Burnette finally got the recognition he deserved. Photo by Tim Lytvinenko

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