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## Six vie for top honor

Each year, student leaders from across campus vie for the opportunity to be named "Leader of the Pack" during halftime of the Homecoming game.

More than just a title, the competition awards one male and one female a \$1,000 university scholarship based on their leadership, scholarship and service. Applicants are judged on their scholastic record, extracurricular activities and an essay; those are then narrowed to a select group. That

group interviews for a spot in the final six, which are voted on by the entire student body.

This year's "Leader of the Pack" finalists are: Michael Mitchell, Mital Patel, Jon Rolle, Jessica Horne, Sarah King and Tiffany Peters.

To vote, visit <http://vote.ncsu.edu> today or Tuesday. The polls close at midnight on Tuesday.

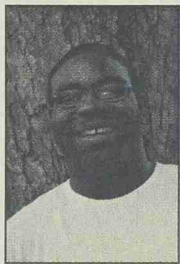
The results will be announced during the football game against Texas Tech on Saturday.



**Michael Mitchell**  
Junior, business management-finance



**Mital Patel**  
Senior, computer science



**Jon Rolle**  
Senior, business management



**Jessica Horne**  
Sophomore, biological sciences



**Sarah King**  
Junior, business management



**Tiffany Peters**  
Junior, textile chemistry, chemistry

**Technician:** Why do you want to be this year's Leader of the Pack?

**Michael Mitchell:** Being Leader of the Pack will allow me the opportunity to represent not only the university, but also my peers in our evolving community.

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**Technician:** Why do you want to be this year's Leader of the Pack?

**Mital Patel:** I think my balance of scholastics, leadership and service combined with the value I place on ethics makes me a strong candidate for this honor.

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**Technician:** Why do you want to be this year's Leader of the Pack?

**Jon Rolle:** It's a great honor which represents the university's initiatives promoting leadership, scholarship and service. I would increase awareness among, and bring

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[Full disclosure: Jessica Horne is a member of the Technician editorial board.]

**Technician:** Why do you want to be this year's Leader of the Pack?

**Jessica Horne:** I want to get students involved on

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**Technician:** Why do you want to be this year's Leader of the Pack?

**Sarah King:** I want to serve as your representative of the student body in the University and community setting and promote involvement, service and leadership.

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**Technician:** Why do you want to be this year's Leader of the Pack?

**Tiffany Peters:** Leadership, character, scholarship and diversity are values State promotes. Because I cherish these values, it would be a great honor to be elected

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## Traditions return for Homecoming

Jodi Swicegood  
Staff Reporter

On Sept. 20, N.C. State's Wolfpack will host the Texas Tech Raiders for this year's Homecoming game.

As the coaches and players practice, students at NCSU are also preparing to get involved in this year's Homecoming week.

There are several opportunities for student organizations to not only show their school spirit, but also gain points toward an ultimate prize. Based on the participation level of the organizations during Homecoming week, groups can earn points. The group with the most points at the end of the week will be able to watch the Chuck Amato Show live from Bobby Murray Chevrolet and receive free food at the event.

In addition, the winners will receive 100 block-seating tickets to a game of their choice following Homecoming.

Highlights of this year's Homecoming include:

**Parade:** Each group will have an opportunity to show off their own artistic styles by building a float for the parade, held on Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. Students can get information on rules, print out entry forms and receive float-building tips at the Web site listed below.

**Banner contest:** All groups are welcome to compete together in one of NCSU's longstanding traditions. Students should take a king-size bed sheet and incorporate the "Chuck the Raiders" Homecoming theme. Banner contestants should then take their banners and display them during this year's parade. The banners will be on display at Carter-Finley Stadium during the game, for the entire community to see.

**Pep rally:** Directly following the parade on Friday, students and alumni can join on the lower intramural fields for a pep rally. The rally will lead up to Pack Howl, the concert for this year's Homecoming. NCSU will be hosting Lonestar, a multi-platinum selling band with nine number one hits and many major awards from the country music industry.

**Wear Red, Get Fed:** This is an opportunity for everyone to get involved by coming out to the Brickyard Monday-Thursday from 12 to 1:30 p.m. to get free food. The only rules are to wear red and bring your appetite. Free barbecue, pizza and wings will be available.

**Chuck Look-Alike Contest:** The newest addition to this year's Homecoming is Friday's Chuck Look-Alike Contest to honor NCSU football coach Chuck Amato. The contest is sponsored by Chuck 'Em Grill Restaurant. Chosen during the parade, the top three participants will become a part of the pep rally festivities. It is a possibility that Amato himself will choose the winner.

Homecoming is an opportunity for students to participate in traditions that celebrate NCSU. It is also a chance for students and alumni to come together and support their team as they take on Texas Tech.

For more information on how you can get involved in this year's Homecoming events, check out <http://www.ncstatealumni.com/homecoming/>.

## HOMECOMING: FIND YOUR PLACE

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

Wear Red, Get Fed  
Brickyard  
12 - 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

Homecoming  
Parade  
Cates Ave. at 6PM

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

Homecoming Pep  
Rally  
Lower Intermural  
Fields  
7:30PM

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

Pack Howl Concert  
Lower Intermural  
Fields  
Gates open at 7PM  
Show starts at 8PM

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

Homecoming  
Game: NC State vs.  
Texas Tech.  
Carter-Finley  
Stadium

ALL WEEK

Banner Contest

## Brown discussion kicks off yearlong AACCC celebration

Students learn from two motivational speakers about the importance of a monumental Supreme Court case.

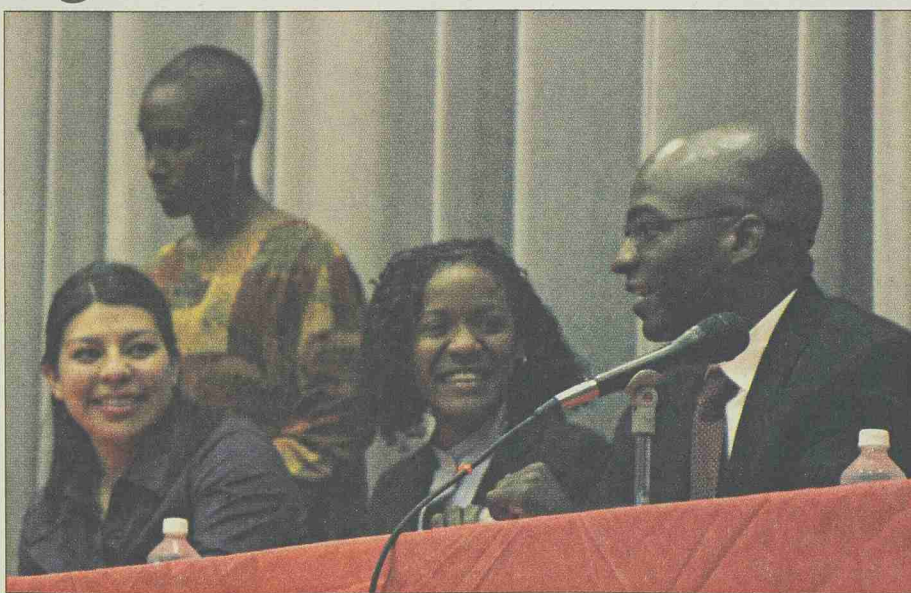
Nancy Zagbayou  
Staff Reporter

This weekend, the African American Cultural Center hosted a series of events where Cheryl Brown Henderson, CEO and co-founder of the Brown Foundation, along with Terrence Roberts of the "Little Rock Nine" shared their experiences and gave motivational speeches about education.

In 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court made history with its case of Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka. Their decision stated that separate was no longer equal.

In her opening lecture on Friday, Henderson stated her goal was to set the record straight about the Brown case.

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Decker Ngongang, a recent graduate, entertains fellow panelists Irene Godinez, a senior, Kristin Morgan, a junior, and Shariba Rivers prior to a forum about the historic Brown v. Board decision. The panel discussion was held on Friday in Witherspoon Cinema and kicked off a yearlong commemoration of the landmark ruling.

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## ROLLE

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the honor to the students.

**Technician:** What sets you apart from the other candidates?

**Rolle:** Diversity. I stress the importance of interaction with several different organizations and individuals truly developing my leadership skills, and helping me find my niche.

**Technician:** What does N.C. State mean to you?

**Rolle:** N.C. State is dedication to achievement. We have the best students, athletes and academics. State has provided an immeasurable undergraduate experience, and lifetime memories.

### Activities:

N.C. State Cheerleading - student-athlete, co-captain (2003), community outreach

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity historian, programming chair (2003), community service

Student Government - athletic affairs coordinator, Greek affairs coordinator  
National Association of College and University Residence Halls - chair of finance and sponsorship for largest student-run conference

## MITCHELL

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**Technician:** What sets you apart from the other candidates?

**Mitchell:** Knowing and appreciating that I am truly blessed to be able to live, mentor, serve and impact my peers every day is a key difference.

**Technician:** What does N.C. State mean to you?

**Mitchell:** To me N.C. State means community, experiences, opportunities, personal growth and lastly a starting point both in and out of the academic environment.

### Activities:

Metcalf Hall Resident Advisor  
New Student Orientation - Orientation Counselor 2002, Student Assistant 2003

Chancellor's Aide  
Student Ambassador - NCSU Admission Office

## PATEL

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**Technician:** What sets you apart from the other candidates?

**Patel:** Without taking anything away from Jon or Mike, I'm a caring, humorous, accepting and well-rounded vegetarian stuck in a Hindu computer scientist's body.

**Technician:** What does N.C. State mean to you?

**Patel:** I would have to quote Rudyard Kipling: "For the strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack."

### Activities:

Service Government, Student Senate (Spring 2002-Spring 2003), Student Senate Secretary (2002-2003), Co-coordinator for Extension and Engagement and Advisory Coordinator for Appropriations to Student Body Treasurer (present)

EKTAA (South Asian Students Organization) - Freshman Representative (2001-2002), Publicity Chair (2002-2003)

Service Leadership Consultant (2002-present) - Leadership Development Series co-presenter, Risk Taking workshop  
Engineer's Council (2002-present)

## HORNE

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campus and I want to get more people interested in the scholarship so they will apply next year.

**Technician:** What sets you apart from the other candidates?

**Horne:** I am very passionate about getting involved and providing service, not only to N.C. State, but to our surrounding community.

**Technician:** What does N.C. State mean to you?

**Horne:** To me, State represents acceptance. State is a diverse place where I can learn about other cultures and share my beliefs and not be criticized.

### Activities:

Orientation Counselor (2003)  
Wolf Camp Counselor (2003), Resident Advisor - Turlington Hall (2003)

Student Government - senator, in charge of student tickets (2002-present)

# Polls open for fall elections

Student Government is holding elections for the Student Media Authority (SMA) and First-Year Student Senate on Monday and Tuesday. According to Lucy Tatum, the Elections Commission Chair, "Polling sites will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Atrium and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the dining halls both days." Students can also vote via the Internet at [vote.ncsu.edu](http://vote.ncsu.edu).

Only first year undergraduate students, people who have matriculated at N.C. State since last spring, will be able to vote for the candidates running for First-Year Student Senate seats, and only first year graduate students can vote for First-Year Graduate Student Senate candidates. However, every student can vote for the students running for the SMA seats.

The candidates who are running for one of 11 first year undergraduate seats in the senate:

**Chris Adams**  
Freshman in First Year College

## KING

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**Technician:** What sets you apart from the other candidates?

**King:** I am an extroverted individual who desires to continually meet new people. I work hard while setting and reaching high goals and expectations for myself.

**Technician:** What does N.C. State mean to you?

**King:** N.C. State is the melting pot of people, ideas, traditions and opportunities that have allowed me to expand my horizons and become a well-rounded individual.

### Activities:

University Housing - R.A. (2002-present), administrative coordinator for north side of Bragaw, summer conference assistant (2003)

National Society of Collegiate Scholars - president  
University Scholars Program - Scholars Council  
Alumni Association Student Ambassador

**Zach Adams**  
Freshman in Computer Engineering

**Ayo Adeyeye**  
Freshman in English Literature

**Michael Bacigalupo**  
Freshman in Computer Sciences

**Win Bassett**  
Sophomore in Computer Engineering

**Tyler Brown**  
Freshman in American Politics

**Lauren Brown**  
Freshman in Biological Sciences

**Sean Caldwell**  
Freshman in Engineering

**Ian Clark**  
Freshman in History

**Diana Coyle**  
Freshman in Communication, Public Relations Concentration

**Adam Dunn**  
Freshman in Professional Golf Management

**Forrest Hinton**  
Freshman in Mathematics Education

**Jackie Brejite Indula**  
Freshman in Business Management

**Desmond L. Jennings**  
Freshman in Meteorology

**Erin Lam**  
Sophomore in Mechanical Engineering

**Will Langley**  
Freshman in Public Policy

**Stephanie Manthei**  
Freshman in First Year College

**Ian Meyer**  
Freshman in Aerospace Engineering

**Joel Mikkelsen**  
Freshman in Humanities and Social Sciences

**Adrián Ortega**  
Freshman in Electrical Engineering

**Ricardo Pineda**  
Freshman in Political Science

**Roxana Pourdeyimi**  
Freshman in Biochemistry

**Will Quick**  
Freshman in Biomedical Engineering

**Michael Teal**  
Freshman in Computer Engineering

**Seneca Toms**  
Junior in Science Horticulture

**Huy Tran**  
Freshman in Business Management

**Brian Trenor**  
Freshman in First Year College

**Brandon Tyson**  
Freshman in Computer Sciences

**Jordan Wallace**  
Freshman in First Year College

**Kyle F. White**  
Freshman in Aerospace Engineering

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The candidates who are running for one of two first year graduate student seats in the senate:

**Angela Hubbs**  
Master's Student in Natural Resources Administration

The candidates who are running for one of seven SMA seats:

**Nicole White**  
Freshman in Business Management

**Joe Constant**  
Junior in Electrical Engineering

**Birnetthia Killens**  
Sophomore in Anthropology

**Anjan R. Kundavaram**  
Senior in Computer Science

**Faith Pearl Leach**  
Junior in Communication, Public Relations

**Emmaus Smith**  
Sophomore in Technology-Agronomy, Agronomic Business

**Nick Snell**  
Sophomore in Communication, Mass Communication

**Lock Whiteside III**  
Sophomore in Political Science

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## PETERS

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Leader of the Pack.

**Technician:** What sets you apart from the other candidates?

**Peters:** My strength as a leader, determination, drive and positive attitude are essential, but it is my commitment to self-development which truly sets me apart.

**Technician:** What does N.C. State mean to you?

**Peters:** N.C. State is an opportunity. It is an opportunity to receive high quality education, grow in a diverse environment, and develop into complete, well-rounded graduates.

### Activities:

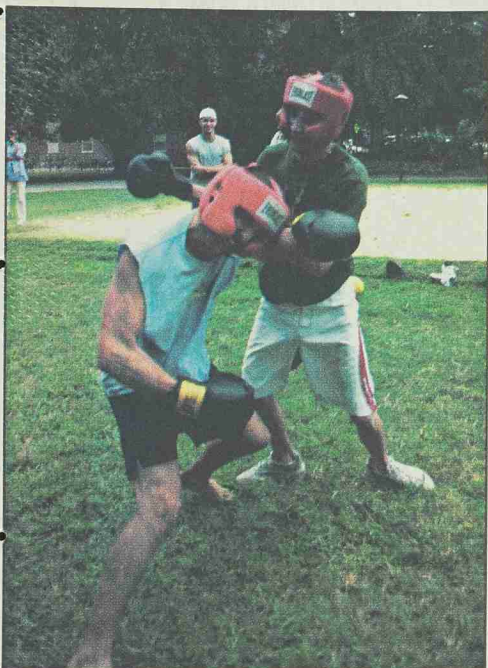
University Housing - R.A. Lee Hall, Honors Leadership Team Chair, Administrative Coordinator Lee Hall

Women's Center - volunteer, member of the NCSU Women's Center Advisory Board, actress in "The Vagina Monologues," co-organizer of "The Pillowcase Project," master of ceremonies and committee member "Take Back the Night"

Honors Program - liaison between Lee Hall and Honors Program, founder of the Honors Program Annual Retreat, co-chair Honors Social Committee

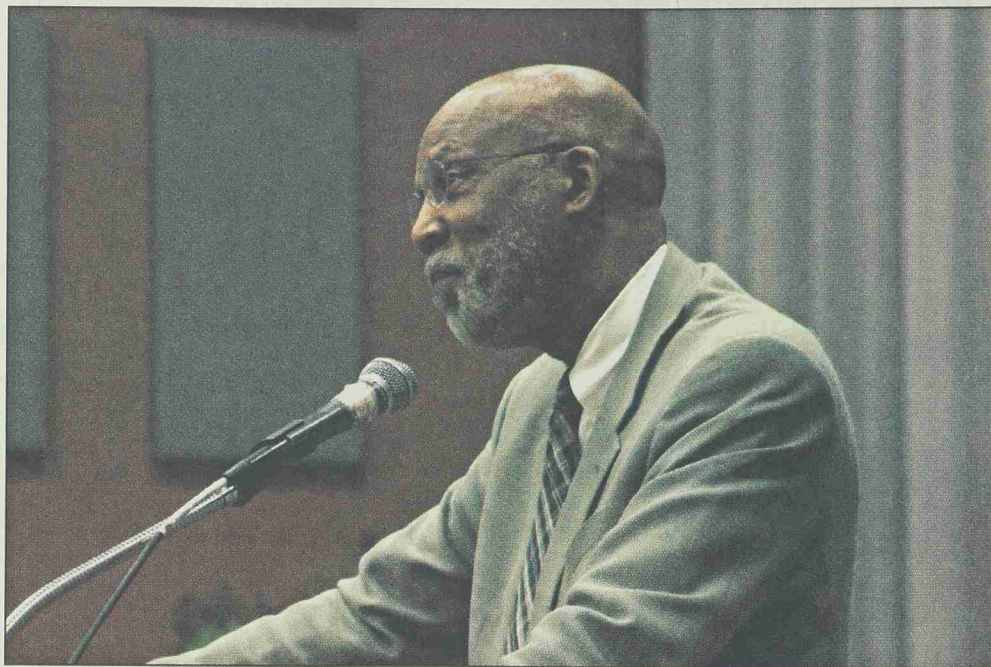
Undergraduate Research - recipient Undergraduate Research Award, presenter "Research at the Legislature," presenter at the Undergraduate Research Symposium

## PUT 'EM UP



CARL HUDSON/TECHNICIAN

Alex Johnson, a freshman in First Year College (right), and Gunther Heyder, a freshman in biological sciences, duke it out on Tucker Beach to relieve stress after an intense week. "We're just out here having fun," said Johnson.



RAY BLACK III/TECHNICIAN

Dr. Terrence Roberts, one of the first black students to attend formerly segregated Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., in 1957, speaks prior to a forum about the Brown v. Board decision.

## BROWN

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"The case remains so largely misunderstood as of its origin, meaning and impact," she said.

The case is often depicted as being caused by Linda Carol Brown, a black child in Topeka, Kan. who was denied admission to an all-white elementary school that she passed every day on her way to her all-black school, which

was 12 blocks farther away.

According to Henderson, the case was an organizational movement conceived by the NAACP to challenge the idea of segregated education.

"There were about 200 plaintiffs, and most of them were women. Due to gender politics, Oliver Brown, the only male present, was designated as the head plaintiff," Henderson said.

Henderson pointed out that schools are simply mirrors of

what is going on in society and it is important to understand that what was at stake was the issue of race relations.

Following the ruling, Terrence Roberts, who was 11-years-old at the time, was selected to integrate Central High School in Little Rock.

While Roberts described the treatment he received during this time, a captivated audience stared in silence.

"At the time, I knew nothing

about the psychological damages that were done to my parents. We lived in a country where we were not supposed to survive, but we were determined [to do so]. We could not understand why people would go to such an extreme to prevent us from education," Roberts said.

Roberts also said that they were committed to non-violence, despite the fear and trauma one may have experienced from other people.

"Our goal was to receive an education," he said.

Both speakers urged the audience to take an active stand in their education and learn.

As Roberts said, "Education is the most valuable thing this country has to offer." Henderson concurred when she said, "Education is for you, don't let anyone's attitude limit you. You have the power to excel."

Following the lecture, Monica Leach, assistant dean in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, facilitated a student panel discussion.

The audience participated as they discussed issues such as students' political activity, re-segregation of the school system and whether or not the Brown case revoked segregated education.

Many students found the lectures beneficial.

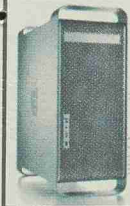
"I was very impressed with the speakers and their honesty and ability to share their experience. It was incredible to be able to hear from the people you have been learning about in school for years. To hear their first hand account and how it differs from that of the media," Meredith Johnson, a junior in animal science, said.

Amanda Ford, a senior in political science, was also pleased.

"The lecture was very informative. It is important for us to talk about the disparities in the school system, and I think the upcoming presidential election would be a platform for more discussion on the problem of re-segregation."

On Saturday, a similar lecture was offered followed by the opening of the Brown exhibit in the Cultural Center's gallery in partnership with the College of Design.

Roberts concluded his final speech with a quote that reflects the tone of the "Brown v. Board of Education Case: A Catalyst for Change" kick off: "The dream of this American society has yet to be fulfilled, but why not, why not."



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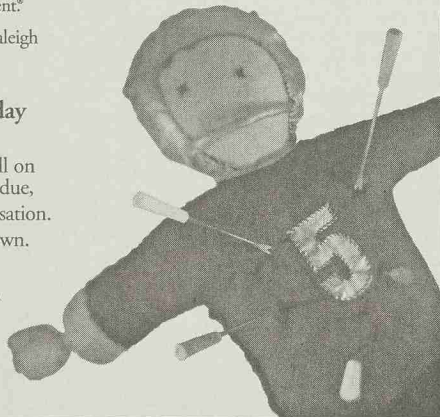
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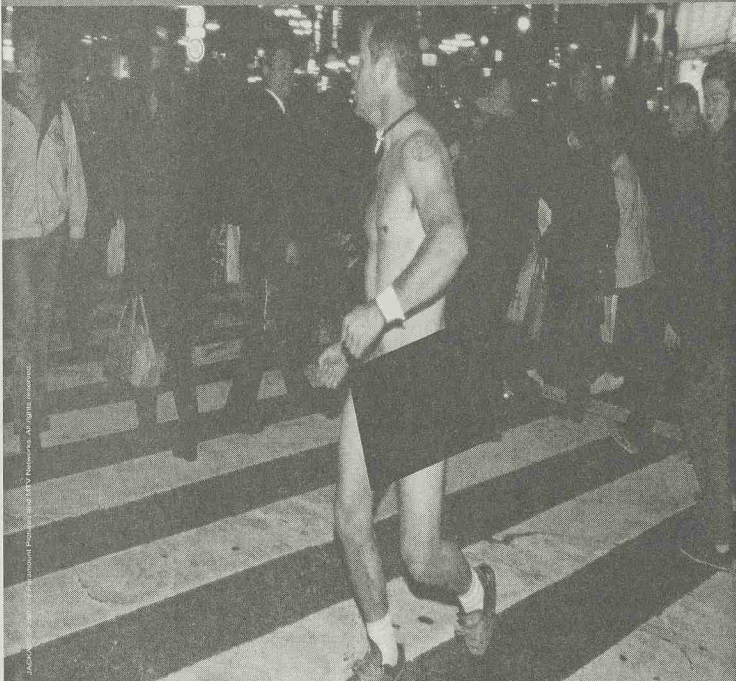
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

## UNAFFILIATED REFS BEST

**OUR OPINION:** COLLEGE FOOTBALL REFEREES SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT FROM THE ATHLETIC CONFERENCES.

College football is a fall tradition that brings together students and alumni alike in healthy and spirited competition with rival teams. Rivalries are a part of the game, just like heated accusations that the refs are always out to get "their team." Beyond the paranoia over personal vendettas, referees get bad raps and being affiliated to conferences doesn't make their job easier.

Saturday's game was a classic college football game filled with surprise plays, costly mistakes and a heart stopping finale that will be shown on ESPN Classic for decades to come. But one aspect of the game should be changed: the current affiliation of referees to the athletic conferences. This is not because of bad calls that favor one team or another; certainly we can factor human error into the equation at some point. However, for the sake of perception of

fairness and equality for all, referees should be part of a national union not a specific conference.

Perception is everything, especially in the business of officiating sports. Seen as a judge, a referee or umpire is an impartial observer that makes a call based on the rules of a sport. Refs and umps are human and make mistakes, but for conferences to avoid the "biased" label because their refs make bad calls, the biggest visible move they can make is to unionize referees for college football.

Professional sports leagues are unionized and are independent of the league in which they officiate. Even college basketball refs are independent of the conferences they judge. It would work just the same for college football. College refs would unionize and contract out to the individual conferences, and ref games in their region instead of having to travel with the teams on away games. Since college football games are on Saturdays, there is not a question of overworked refs, like there is in college

basketball. Ref rotation could be on a game-by-game basis. It eliminates the question of biased refs because no ref would be hired by a particular conference. This of course won't eliminate bad calls, but it would make the refs life easier when they do make bad calls by not having fans harassing them about being biased. They would harass them for making bad calls.

Money would be an issue for a college football referee union. They would have to negotiate contracts with conferences or individual schools every other year, and the refs could strike if they felt they were victim of unfair treatment. But this is college football; refs don't do their job for the money. If the refs strike, the conferences can hire replacement refs to officiate the games until they reach an agreement. But to be fair, especially in this age of instant replay, performance-enhancing substances and nationally televised games, an independent union of college football referees would be a sound investment for conferences.

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## Junk media and corporate propaganda

Believe everything you see on TV? Alexander Sheppard doesn't. He explains why TV is slowly dumbing down the nation.

The media institutions in our society are almost completely owned and controlled by large, and in many cases huge, corporations. As any advocate of a corporate media will be quick

to tell you, these corporations don't work for the fun of it. They work for profit. Media corporations get their profit from airing paid propaganda. Other large corporations pay large media corporations to air ads, which is a nice term for

propaganda and lying. More or less, the amount of money that these other corporations pay to have their ads aired is proportional to the number of people who are watching a program. That is, if less people watch a program, then the network makes less money. It follows that, if these networks are going to stay competitive, they're going to have to sacrifice any kind of outside ideals of getting people to keep watching. Ample evidence shows that the effect of this on the overall quality of the media is quite bad.

Ever had the experience of watching long hours of TV only to realize it is a complete waste of your time. Well, it's no coincidence. Television is literally designed to waste your time, under the current system. That is the point, for these large corporations, of the system: get people to watch. It doesn't matter what they watch; it can be any junk, just so long as they watch it. So, programs about people diving into pools full of rats, or eating spiders or whatever is what people watch. It makes no difference in terms of profit how stupid this stuff is. It does have an affect on society as whole, which is generally to distract a person from anything that has any relevance to their lives, and ultimately to produce a less educated population. Considering the amount of time most people devote to this stuff, it would make one extremely less educated.

Now, the media isn't all devoted to total junk: some of it is, supposedly at least, news and actual useful information. Unfortunately, most sources fail rather miserably at providing quality information. Expectably, they do about as good a job as they can at getting

people to watch them. They do that by using several methods. One thing people complain about is that everything is made out to be gravely important.

It doesn't matter how silly or trivial it is -- these stations have to attract audiences and, to do that, they've got to make out what they're saying is important. Another method, maybe more a consequence, is constant repetition of the same standard line repeatedly, with no real context or background information. This feature is useful for drumming lies into people's heads.

As noted earlier, the organizations which control the media are very large corporations. Some very rich people own them. For example, Australian billionaire Rupert Murdoch, who is a right wing even compensating for his economic status owns Fox Network.

These guys are powerful -- they control everything they own, after all. The people who work for them, naturally, don't want to offend them. It isn't smart to get on the bad side of the boss. People doing news work, tend, then, to conform to what the owners want. It's not without reason -- in some cases, owners have been known to intervene directly, censoring or firing people for illuminating things, which are supposed to be off limits. More often, though, is middle level officials, like editors, taking a less obvious role in marginalizing real dissent or investigative reporting.

And of course, the most common thing is that reporters simply internalize the required values, repeating the standard line as needed, often unconsciously. There are many related factors, which go into this kind of distortion and the general lack of in-depth information. More or less, however, they all stem from the same essential problem: the media is undemocratic. It is controlled by a small sector of very rich, powerful individuals. They are constrained by whether people will watch what they order their subordinates to produce, but fundamentally, they have the control of the system. It seems to me that if we are ever going to create a media (and indeed, a society) that serves the public good, and then it must be democratized.

**Next article he'll consider some of the effects of media lying in service of the rich and powerful. Email Alex your comments to viewpoint@technicianstaff.com**

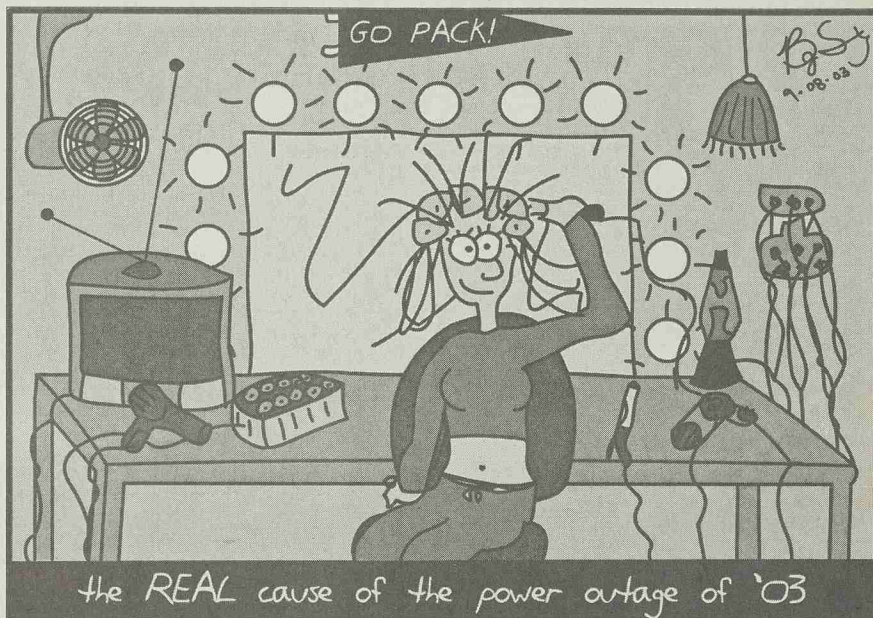
## CAMPUS FORUM

The article "Cheating Could Cause Trouble" was not one of the best-defended ones. My problem is that Abbie seems to think the teacher was wrong to take things into his own hands. If he doesn't who will? The students are the ones that cheated and I'm sure if the teacher said

nothing that the one that finally confessed would not do so without him saying something. I think the process works too well for the students. They all but have to trade paper on videotape to be caught cheating because the professor seeing it, or showing it by their answers doesn't

seem to mean much. I feel she left out details to the story. I can only assume that it's because it is ongoing right now and she can't say them.

**Matt Walker**  
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## Sexuality controls the media

It seems today that all you see is sex on TV. Christin Liverance ponders the effect sex has on our culture.

Sex sells as they say, and from all the attention it has been getting, it must be true. Sex is everywhere these days. Raised on MTV, our generation is

immune. Spring Break orgies, sexual innuendo in song lyrics and half naked women gyrating to the latest 50 Cent rap tune don't even phase us anymore. Just about every hip-hop song has some reference to ass, hoers, someone's

"magic stick" and other things I probably shouldn't say in this column. Sex is prevalent on channels other than MTV as well; all our "Friends" are doing it, on the first date even. Our favorite foursome from "Sex and the City" has endless conversations about Versace dresses, Louis Vuitton handbags and who they "did" last night. Sex is in advertising as well. Open any magazine and count the number of scantily clad young people you see wrappied in each other's arms, drinking vodka, smoking cigarettes and spraying the latest designer fragrance.

However, even more alarming is the fact that the media now markets sex to kids at younger and younger ages. Hecht's department stores recently pulled a new line of sexually themed shirts aimed at female preteens and teens. The shirts displayed such slogans as "Mel's Gas Station -- We Pump All Night" and "Coed Volleyball: Rotating Partners." We have to ask ourselves some serious questions here. When is it enough? Are we approaching that fine line, or did we cross it long ago? What is all this sexual "freedom" doing to our society on a larger scale?

With all this sexuality in the media,

children are growing up a lot differently than their parents did. In the home, parents may tell their kids that sex is special; it is an intimate act shared between two mature, consenting adults who love each other. They may tell kids that sex should wait until marriage and that having multiple partners is immoral and unhealthy. The media sends out quite a different message. Sex is fun! It's something to do. Having multiple partners and a plethora of one-night stands is not only ok, but it's almost necessary. It's like a learning experience. Casual sex: Have fun, get experience and meet new people -- all in the comfort of your own bedroom! The more partners men have, the more of a P.I.M.P. they are. And ladies, a guy will never date you if he thinks you won't put out. Young people are buying these ideas too. One in three girls has sex by the age of 16, three in four boys has sex by age 18. Well, sex with anyone and everyone is just fine because it feels good and it isn't hurting anyone. Right?

Wrong. Look at these statistics from the National Center for Health Statistics and ABCnews.com. I'll try not to bombard you, but decide for yourself who isn't being hurt by all this promiscuity. One in five Americans has herpes. Between 1996 and 2000, 13.1 million abortions were performed in the United States. One million teenage girls become pregnant each year. The number of HIV/AIDS cases in the United States between January and June of 2001 was 19,094. Here at N.C. State, the numbers are interesting: 43.6 percent of students had a sexual experience in the last year; of those, 28.5 percent had a sexual experience they later regretted; and 18.7 percent had unprotected intercourse with their partner. This is just NCSU. In North Carolina, the Office of Public Health reported 1,014 new cases

of HIV in 2002. The state pregnancy rate for 15-19 year-old girls was 63.9 for every 1,000 girls. That's just the small-scale effect. What can we expect in terms of the big picture?

At the risk of being labeled as an extremist, I'll tell you. This "rise in immorality" could, over time, lead to the moral decay of our society. There are those out there that believe our society is in decline for many reasons, one of them being our relatively new permissive attitude towards sex. We can draw parallels between the fall of the Roman Empire and our nation's downfall. During the later stages of the Roman Empire, social events consisted of orgies and "love feasts," and sexual promiscuity was a part of everyday life. This is a very pessimistic view, but not that far from reality. Once the moral fabric of a society grows weak, it may not be far from unraveling.

We as young people simply need to take sex more seriously. We have to look at it as more than a pleasurable pastime. It is hard to wait -- we're only human. The least we can do is to hold out for someone we actually care about, someone that means something to us. That hottie winking at you over by the bar is tempting, but what will they be to you in a few years? We also have to think about the kind of world that we want to shape for our children to live in. Do you really want to see your 15-year-old daughter walking around the house in her maternity tube top, singing along to the lyrics on MTV that go something like: "I be like baby, I like them curves / If ya not busy tonight, then we can swerve." That's not a pretty picture for any parent.

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## How they reacted to the last play

"I wanted to tell the officials what a good job they did - and I mean that. I couldn't tell from where I was; I'll watch the tape tomorrow."

**A half-hearted  
Chuck Amato**

"I felt like I was in, but you know, calls are made and that's just the way it is."

**Running back  
T.A. McLendon**

"I saw them throw a toss play to McLendon and he drove, broke one tackle, then his knee hit the ground and spun and threw the ball at the goal line."

**OSU defensive end  
Will Smith**

## Wolfpack Weekend

**Women's soccer** The women's soccer team captured the George Mason/Kappa Invitational championship this weekend by downing Delaware and drawing host George Mason. The team (4-1-1) opened the tournament with a 3-1 win over Delaware and finished tied 1-1 with the Bulldogs thanks to a goal from junior Anna Helenius. Erin Griswold scored a pair of goals in the win over the Blue Hens.

**Men's soccer** The men's soccer team faced a daunting task in opening ACC play Sunday at No. 1 Maryland. Goalkeeper Jorege Gonzalez was up to the challenge, stopping all but one of the Terrapins' 11 shots on goal. The Terps' lone goal came on a penalty kick in minute 34 when Chris Catlett dragged down Maryland's Jason Garvey in the penalty area. Chris Wheaton tallied the Wolfpack's only shot on goal.

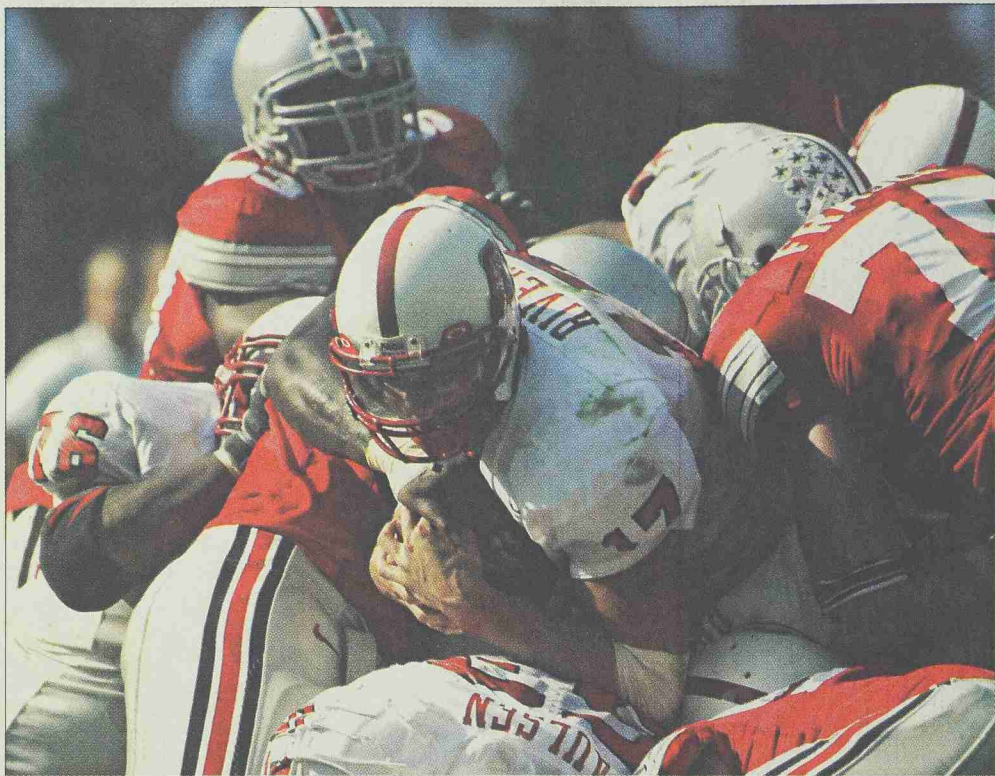
**Volleyball** The Wolfpack dropped a pair of matches against tough Big Ten foes Wisconsin and Iowa at Wisconsin's InnTower Invitational. The No. 25 Badgers opened the tournament Friday with a 3-0 (30-17, 30-25, 30-19) win over the Pack. State fared better against the

Hawkeyes Saturday but still fell 3-0 (33-31, 30-28, 30-21). Freshman Julia Reis garnered first-team all-tournament honors.

**Cross-country** Rollie Geiger's cross-country squads opened the season Friday evening by sweeping the adidas/Tennessee Invitational. The women's team won the 5K event by a nine-point margin over No. 25 Wisconsin and Tennessee. The squad was led by two-time All-American Kristin Price, who took the individual crown with a fast time of 17:15.37, nearly 20 seconds ahead of the second place finisher. The men, who went head-to-head with the Volunteers, won by 14 points. Ricky Brookshire won the race by finishing the 8K course with a time of 25:35.32.

The women's squad placed all five scoring runners in the top 10 of the field, taking fifth, sixth, seventh and ninth.

**Men's golf** N.C. State shot the second-lowest team score of the day with a 287 to finish 12th in the Tucker Intercollegiate. Fernando Mechereffe shot a team low round of 69 on the day and moved into fourth overall to lead the team.



TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN

Philip Rivers is stopped one yard shy of the goal line on third-and-goal during the third overtime of Saturday's game. Rivers said after the game he audibled to the quarterback sneak after sizing up Ohio State's defensive alignment.

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held intact the nation's longest winning streak.

But it was a lot harder than many of them could have realistically expected, especially after OSU went up 24-7 and forced State to punt with under 10 minutes left in the game.

The controversial Santonio Holmes fumble of the punt started the game's ESPN Classic credentials.

Taking over inside the Buckeye's 20-yard line, Rivers waited until fourth-and-2 to find Jericho Cotchery wide open in the end zone.

Then magically the Pack's maligned defense, which held OSU to 44 yards rushing for the

game, came alive once again.

"We knew they were going to come out and try to pound the ball and try to run it down our throats, but we were ready this week," Golden said.

Rivers was also ready. Six times he threw the ball on the game's tying drive, and six times he connected with his target. If anything, he bettered his Heisman chances Saturday.

When overtime set in, it was Rivers urging his teammates to keep a cool head and remain focused. "He was in the huddle calming everyone down, taking control of everything," receiver Tramain Hall said.

Still, it had to come down to that one play. Every truly great game has an equally spectacular ending, and this was going to be no exception.

With over 104,000 people

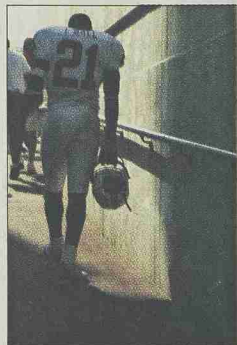
on their feet and holding their breath, Rivers lofted a pitch to McLendon on fourth-and-goal from the one. After cutting back, McLendon seemed to have a hole before being met by Allen, who knocked him awkwardly to the turf. Replays showed the sophomore was down before reaching the plane.

Suddenly, it was all over, triggering a range of emotions from both teams.

Some hugged. Some clung to the finely manicured turf in disbelief. Others walked head down to the locker room.

Hall was the last one off the field for the Pack. After an encouraging hug from a Buckeye, his distinctive gait led him past a taunting fan to the locker room to mull over the game.

A game many will continue to ponder for years to come.



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Tramain Hall slowly trolls up the ramp to a disheartened N.C. State locker room after the team fell in three overtimes to Ohio State.

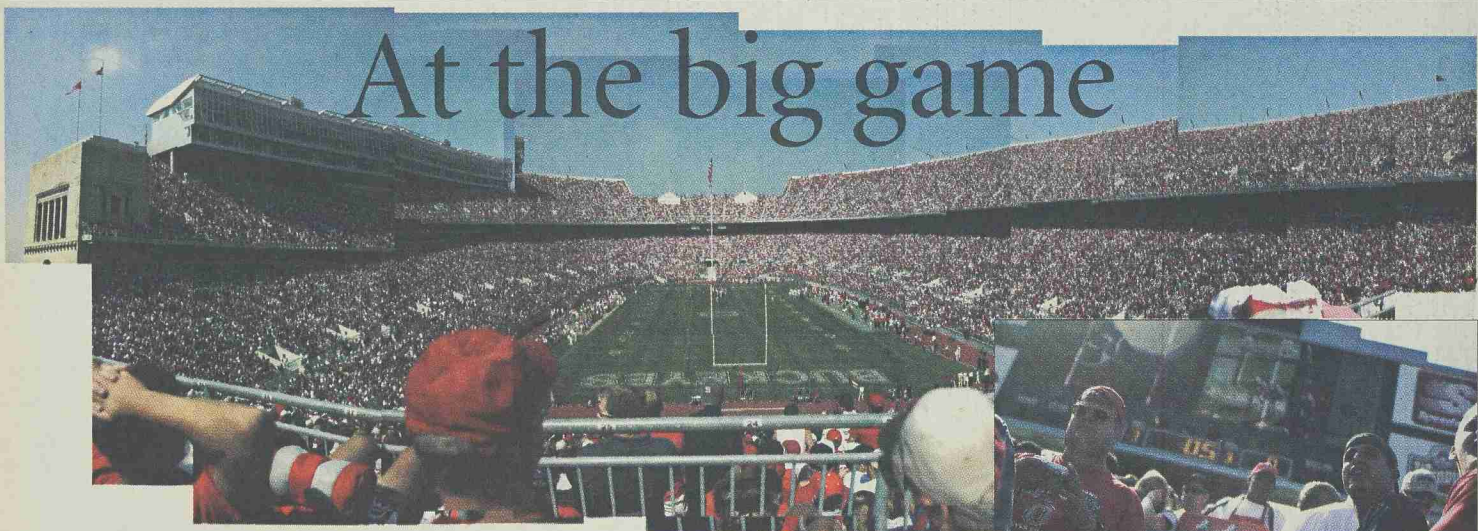


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Ohio Stadium packed with 104,890 onlookers, including Juan Carlos Rodriguez center.

## Thushan Amarasiwardena

Staff Writer

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — The air gets thin up there.

Seated some hundred odd rows back, a sizeable contingent of Wolfpack fans squeezed themselves into a corner of Ohio Stadium. In a sea of indigenous red and "state" apparel, they refused to allow themselves to become drowned in a stadium packed to the brim.

They came in with a confident swagger. Yes, this is the home of the defending national champions. Yes, the emerald field below had seen legends prove "their stuff" year in and year out. Yes, the "Horseshoe" nearly eclipses Carter-Finley by two. But they had faith in their Pack.

"N Ceaaa Staaate!" Juan Carlos Rodriguez would shout to each Pack fan he eyed as he entered the stadium. Reflexively, each State fan would return the call by throwing a hand in the air - index and pinkies up - to form the sign of the wolf.

Rodriguez, a graduate student - primed for months for the game - didn't think twice about the fact that he was nowhere near home turf. "Go Wolfpaack!" he jeered at two Ohio State fans and offered his hand for a slap. They squeezed closer together and let his hand remain hanging.

"They just don't want to get jinxed," he

confided to a friend with a sly grin.

From his seat in the southern end zone, Rodriguez could view the stadium as it rolled through spelling O-H-I-O, as each cardinal direction of the stadium took another letter. At times it could be deafening. On the field, Philip Rivers' accent sharply came through as he tried to relay instructions to his teammates, often mere feet away.

At times it could be silent. An errant Ohio State play, or a call gone the wrong way would quickly whisk the wind out of the Buckeyes.

And at times - the chant of the Pack could be heard. "N. Ceaaa Staaate. N.C. State!" Situated on a seat high in the northern end zone, as far as possible from the field, Mihah Wander watched the game from his encompassing vantage point.

"Tremendous - I've never seen a stadium that big," were his terse words for his view. Residing deep in Buckeye fan territory, even the opposing fans couldn't faze Wander, a senior in electrical engineering, and his three friends.

"The fans there were so incredibly nice. It's funny because we [N.C. State fans] don't have a reputation of being the most cordial of fans."

The powerful opponent, or the naysayers - couldn't get to him either.

"I always had faith," Wander said, even "when we couldn't really see [the failing last drive by T.A. McLendon] we had to watch in agony as they picked players off one another - I still believed."

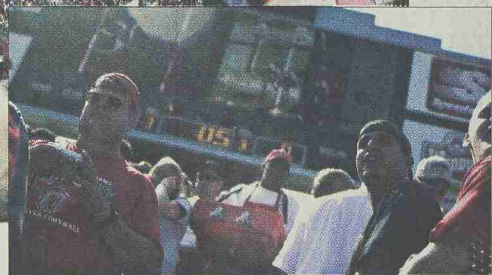
After the game, a sizeable group of fifty-some fans straggled outside the State locker-room to cheer the Pack for their effort in the battle minutes before. Josh Nance and Luke Wilson, both sophomores, waited as players streamed out of the locker room and onto buses.

The two had arrived in Columbus in the wee hours of the morning. Nance, looking at the now empty stadium as he worked on a hotdog, spoke in awe of the arena. "It's like a cathedral," he said. "We came here at two in the morning as soon as we got here [in Columbus]."

"It was a hard loss - but definitely one of the best games I've seen," Wilson said as he talked about the match.

"There's what? Ten games left? This [loss against Ohio State] definitely hurt, but as long as we keep winning, things should be ok," Nance confidently said of the remaining games in the season.

For Rodriguez, even the score, Ohio State 44, N.C. State 38, could not take away from the experience of the game. "It was definitely worth it," he said, "I couldn't ask for more - but inches."



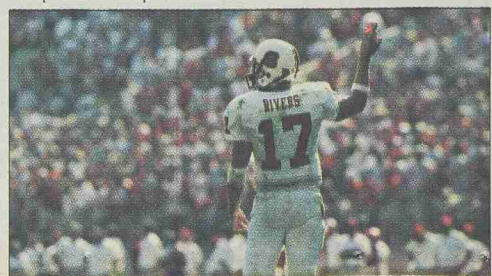
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Juan Carlos Rodriguez takes his first look at Ohio Stadium.



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Luke Wilson and Josh Nance wait outside the locker room (above). Philip Rivers riles up Pack fans that made it to Ohio Stadium (below).



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# Monday Sports

## Schedule

Football vs. Texas Tech, 9/20, 12  
Men's soccer vs. Temple, 9/17, 4  
Women's soccer vs. Campbell, 9/19, 4:30  
Volleyball in Birmingham Challenge, 9/19-20  
Cross country in Raleigh Invitational, 9/20

## Scores

Ohio State 44, football 38 (3OT)  
Women's soccer 1, George Mason 1  
Maryland 1, men's soccer 0  
Iowa 3, volleyball 0  
C. country, first in adidas Invitational



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# GAME OVER

**A FURIOUS N.C. STATE RALLY PRODUCES THREE OVERTIMES AND A CLASSIC FINISH IN A 44-38 OHIO STATE WIN.**

**Andrew B. Carter**  
*Deputy Sports Editor*

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — That hole. For a second, maybe less, that hole looked huge. An inviting gap on the left side of the line it stood, and T.A. McLendon rumbled toward it, running like a madman with his head down toward a touchdown. Toward history.

A stadium 104,890 strong stood frozen and anxious. The crowd — loud, crazy, intimidating — had seen N.C. State rally from 17 down with 11 minutes to play in regulation to tie Ohio State and send the game to overtime. Now, in the third overtime and four-and-a-half hours from the odyssey's beginning, the Buckeyes led 44-38. After all the great plays, all the improbable catches and organ-rattling tackles, it came down to this: 4th-and-goal from between the 1- and 2-yard lines.

One play for N.C. State to tie it. One play for Ohio State to win it. Philip Rivers took the snap, and tossed left to McLendon. The hole was born.

In the moment, silence took captive Ohio Stadium, a football cathedral that hadn't seen Ohio State lose a game on its field since Nov. 17, 2001. All eyes now rested on that hole. Holes like these were best friends to the running back who was about to plow through it for a touchdown.

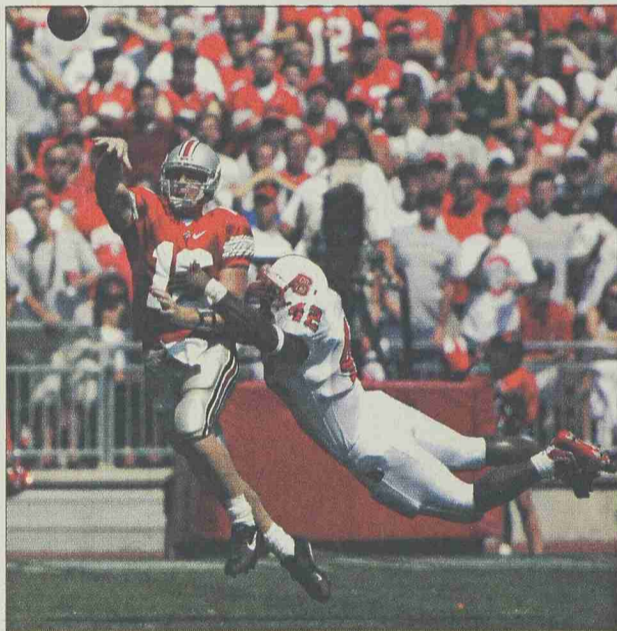
Then it closed. Just as fast as it arrived, the hole filled. Buckeye linebacker A.J. Hawk charged McLendon, hit him low and spun him around. Safety Will Allen came from the right and knocked his opposition from the side. McLendon went down, his body hit the dark green, trampled turf inches short of the end zone and just before stretching the ball over the goal line.

State players thought he was in, and they waited. They waited for the official to stick two hands straight in the air, as he had done so many times over three overtimes and 257 minutes of football. They waited for a tie score to appear in looming, bright numbers on the scoreboard high above the end zone, above the seats. They waited for the chance to huddle for the winning two-point conversion, to line up one last time. But after a goal-line discussion, the officials' arms hung at their sides. They stayed there.

So did McLendon — on the ground, on the field with the ball in his hands and over his head.

"I just laid there," McLendon said afterward.

Maybe, he hoped someone, anyone in black and white stripes would raise his arms and give a touchdown signal. Maybe he hoped the Ohio State celebration at midfield was an illusion. Maybe he was just in pain, having gained 32 tough



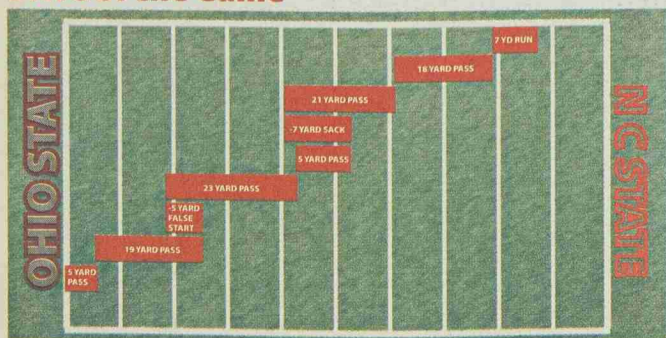
T.A. McLendon (top) reaches for extra yardage on the final play of the game, which saw him denied the end zone by a foot. Earlier in the game, quarterback Craig Krenzel (bottom) was forced to throw an interception thanks to pressure from Chip Cross.

yards with a strained knee ligament that had him listed as doubtful for Saturday's game. McLendon hoped that the game somehow didn't end. But it was over for the No. 24 Wolfpack (1-2), an abrupt, dramatic 44-38 triple-overtime loss to No. 3 Ohio State (3-0).

It ended with Rivers kneeling just outside the end zone, his helmet off, head shaking and eyes somewhere else. With McLendon lying on the ground, in shock. With State coach Chuck Amato near tears as he met

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## Drive of the Game



**N.C. State's game-tying drive.** It started with 3:18 left in the game with the only run of the drive, a 7-yard scamper by Richard Washington on an end-around. Then Philip Rivers swung two passes to T.A. McLendon to reach the Buckeye 40-yard line. Two plays later, Rivers found Brian Clark for 23 yards on third-and-12. After a 5-yard penalty, Rivers completed a bullet to Tramain Hall to set up the final play of the drive, a 5-yard touchdown pass to T.J. Williams.

## A game for the ages

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — The effects of one of the greatest games in N.C. State football history were still lingering in an all-too-palpable sense some 20 minutes after T.A. McLendon had been stopped inches from the goal line on the game's final and deciding play.

Philip Rivers' eyes were irritated and red, his emotions and frustrations had only minutes earlier been seeping out of him.

McLendon's voice was barely audible as he described what he saw on the last play of the game, a hole through which he thought he could extend — and possibly win — the triple-overtime affair.

Then there was Greg Golden,

enduring probably the cruelest loss of his football career, yet still cracking a what-if smile when asked would this 44-38 loss be better than a blowout defeat.

"We expected a great game from the defending national champions, but we brought our A-game too," he could only say.

It's easy to ponder what could have been in a contest with so many game-altering plays, specifically the last play of the game, which will undoubtedly find a home in the annals of col-

lege football's great endings.

What could have been if McLendon cut back a little more to his right on that play? What could have been if big-hitting Will Allen did not knock McLendon at just the right angle?

"It was a play I wished he would've gotten a little airborne, but they [team doctors] told us before the game he could do everything but jump," coach Chuck Amato said.

Instead, the only thing that jumped were the hearts of over 100,000 Buckeye faithful, who came to the cathedral that is Ohio Stadium to worship the team that

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