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Six vie for top honor

across campus vie for the opportunity to be named "Leader student body. of the Pack" during halftime of the Homecoming game.

More than just a title, the competition awards one male and one female and Tiffany Peters. a \$1,000 university scholarship based service. Applicants are judged on midnight on Tuesday. their scholastic record, extracurricular activities and an essay; those are the football game against Texas Tech then narrowed to a select group. That on Saturday.

ach year, student leaders from group interviews for a spot in the final six, which are voted on by the entire

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

To vote, visit http://vote.ncsu.edu on their leadership, scholarship and today or Tuesday. The polls close at

The results will be announced during



Michael Mitchell ment-finance

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.

MITCHELL see page 2



Mital Patel 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

PATEL see page 2



nior, business manage-

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 aware-

ness among, and bring

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Jessica Horne

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

Technician: Why do you want to be this year's Leader of the Pack? Jessica Horne: I want to get students involved on

HORNE see page 2



Sarah King

Technician: Why do you want to be this year's Leader of the Pack? Sarah King: I want to serve as your representa-tive of the student body in the University and community setting and

promote involvement,

service and leadership.

KING see page 2



Tiffany Peters chemistry

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

ship, character, scholar-ship and diversity are values State promotes. Because I cherish these values, it would be a great honor to be elected

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Brown discussion kicks off yearlong AACC celebration

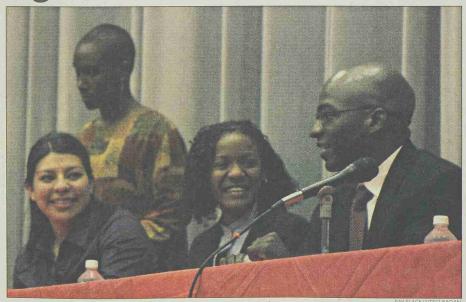
Students learn from two motivational speakers about the importance of a monumental Supreme

Nancy Zagbayou

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



 $Decker \,Ngongang, a\,recent\,graduate, entertains\,fellow\,panelists\,Irene\,Godinez, a\,senior, Kristin\,Morgan, a\,junior, and\,Shariba\,Riv-Panelists\,Riv-Panelist$ ers 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



Homecoming Pep Rally Lower Intermural

Traditions return for Homecoming

Jodi Swicegood

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 stu-dent 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 Home-coming 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

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

Banner contest: All groups are welcome to compete together in one of NCSU's long-standing 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 Pep raily: 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

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

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/

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Stephanie Manthei

Sophomore in Mechanical Engi-

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ROLLE

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.

N.C. State Cheerleading - stu-dent-athlete, co-captain (2003), community outreach Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity his

torian, 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

ITCHELL

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 nean 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 en-

Activities:

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

Chancellor's Aide Student Ambassador - NCSU Admission Office

PATEL

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

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

Activities:

Student 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)

campus and I want to get more people interested in the scholar-ship 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

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

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

Polls open for fall elections

ing 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

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

Technician: What sets you apart from the other candidates?
King: I am an extroverted indi-

vidual who desires to continu-ally 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 Am

Joel Mikkelsen

Freshman in Humanities and Social Sciences

Ayo Adeyeye Freshman in English Literature Adriadn Ortega

Freshman in Electrical Engineer-

Freshman in Computer Sciences Ricardo Pineda Freshman in Political Science

Roxana Pourdeyhimi

Freshman in Biochemistry

Freshman in Biomedical Engineerina

Freshman in Computer Engi-

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 Engi-

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 Manage ment

Joe Constant

Junior in Electrical Engineering

Birnettiah 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

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PETERS

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, wellrounded 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 ee Hall and Honors Program, founder of the Honors Program An-nual Retreat, co-chair Honors Social Committee

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

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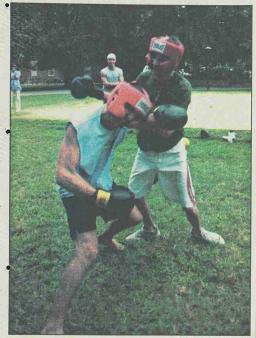
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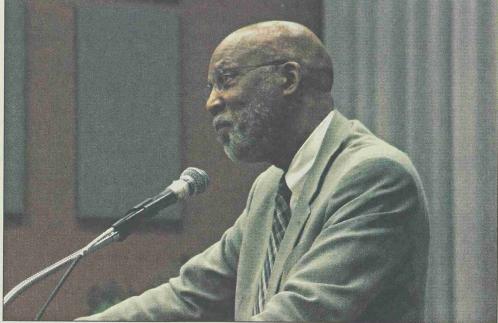
Alex Johnson, a freshman in First Year College (right), and Gunther Heyder, a freshman in biological sciences, duke it out on Tucker Beach to relieve stress after an intense week. "We're just out here



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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

"The case remains so largely

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 plain-tiffs, 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 in-tegrate 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 junjor in animal science, exid. 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

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

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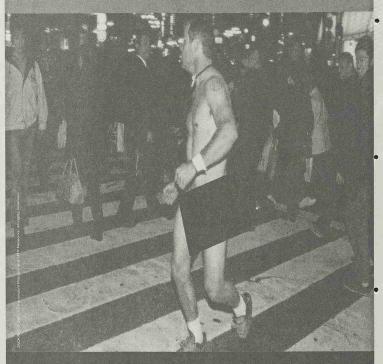
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TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

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

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, performanceenhancing substances and nationally televised games, an independent union of college football referees would be a sound investment for conferences. The unsigned editorial that appears above is the opinion of the members of the Technician's editorial board except for news editors and is the responsibility of the editors in chief.

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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.

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

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 conincidence. 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 profile

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

Now, the media isn't all devoted to

getting people to keep watching. Ample evidence shows that the effect of this on the overall quality of the media is

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

Alexander Sheppard

is made out to be gravely important It doesn't matter how silly or trivial to tell you, these it is -- these stations have to attract corporations don't audiences and, to do that, they've got to make out what they're saying is important. Another method, maybe more work for the fun of it. They work for profit. Media a consequence, is constant repetition of the same standard line repeatedly, corporations get with no real context or background information. This feature is useful for their profit from airing paid pro-paganda. Other large corporations 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. 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, ownline 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 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 de-

Next article he'll consider some of the effects of media lying in service of the rich and powerful.

people to watch them. They do that by using several methods. One thing peo-ple complain about is that everything

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 ers 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

total junk: some of it is, supposedly at least, news and actual useful informa-tion. Unfortunately, most sources fail Email Alex your comments to viewpoint@technicianstaff.com rather miserably at providing quality information. Expectably, they do about as good a job as they can at getting

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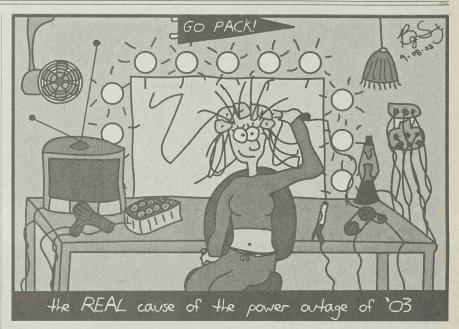
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defended ones. My prob-lem is that Abbie seems to think the teacher was wrong to take things into his own hands. If he students are the ones that cheated and I'm seeing it, or showing it by their answers doesn't sure if the teacher said

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

Matt Walker Graduate Student Physics



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



Christin Liverance

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 any more. Just about every hip-hop song has some reference to ass,

hoes, 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 wrapped in each other's arms, drink ing 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 ques-tions 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 un-til 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 like a tearning experience. Casua sex: Have fun, get experience and meet new people — all in the comfort of your own bedroom! The more part-ners 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 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.

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 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 to the force seculity. 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 some-thing 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 of-ficials 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 with a 3-1 win over Delaware and finished tied 1-1 with the

and finished tied 1-1 With the Bulldogs thanks to a goal from junior Anna Helenius. Erin Gris-wold scored a pair of goals in the win over the Blue Hens Men's soccer The men's soc-cer 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 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.

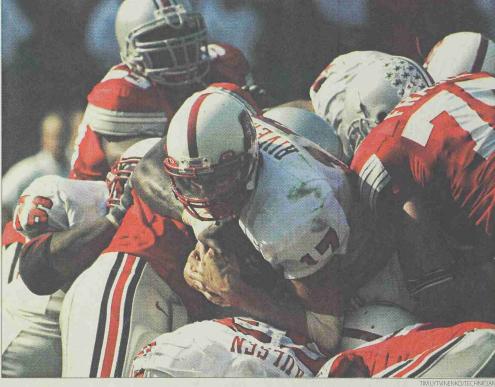
Volleyball The Wolfpack
dropped a pair of matches
against tough Big Ten foes Wisconsin and lowa at Wisconsin's InnTower Invitational. The No. 25 Badgers opened the tourna-ment Friday with a 3-0 (30-17, 30-25,30-19) win over the Pack. State faired better against the Hawkeyes Saturday but still fell 3-0 (33-31, 30-28, 30-21). Freshman Julia Reis garnered first-team all-tournament

Cross country Rollie Geiger's cross-country kollie 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 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 297 to finish

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.



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 Buck-

Taking over inside the Buck-eye's 20-yard line, Rivers waited until fourth-and-2 to find Jer-richo 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 he connected with his target. If anything, he bettered his Heis-

man chances Saturday. When overtime set in, it was when overtune 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 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 allen.

down before reaching the plane. Suddenly, it was all over, trig-

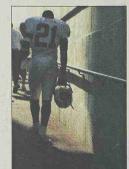
gering a range of emotions from both teams.

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

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.



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

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

Thushan Amarasiriwardena

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 swag-ger. 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

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 Wolfpaaack!" 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. tions to his teammates, often mere feet

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

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 stadiun that big," were his terse words for his view Residing deep in Buckeye fan territory, even the opposing fans couldn't faze Wan der, a senior in electrical engineering, and

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

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

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 Ohic 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 defi-netly worth it," he said, "I couldn't ask for more - but inches."



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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came back and ran off 17 straight

points.
"I definitely thought we were going to win," receiver Jer-richo Cotchery said. "After they missed that two-point conversion, I thought, 'We're going to score here and get the two-point conversion. I just knew it. We had gotten into a rhythm and

were moving the ball well. It seemed like they didn't have an answer...until the end."

Cotchery sparked what became a scorching State rally in the fourth quarter. With 9:30 to play and facing a 4th-and-1 near midfield, the Pack elected to punt instead of attempting to convert a first down. Austin Herbert's kick sailed high and long and seconds later, Cotchery scooped up a Buckeye fumble at the Ohio State 17-yard line, State had life. A minute later, the receiver caught a 9-yard touchdown pass from Riv-ers, wide open on the left side of

Yes, State was alive for sure

You could feel it," State corner back Greg Golden said. "Once we scored that second touchdown, and we were down 24-14, you ooked at the guy next to you could just see it in their eyes that they weren't going to quit." Down 10 with less than seven

minutes to play, the Pack forced another turnover, its fifth of the turnover its previous two games. On this play, cornerback A.J. Davis leapt just in time to intercept a Craig Krenzel pass on 3rd-and-22, which he returned to the 13vard line to eventually set up an Adam Kiker field goal

The crowd, relaxed and content just minutes earlier, grew angry The decibel level in the old stadium rose as if cued by history

It was Hall of Fame day at Ohio State, and the Buckeyes weren't supposed to lose. Especially not to a non-conference team in the first-ever meeting of the schools. But State didn't know that, especially not its defense.

"It wasn't more hostile than being at home," Golden said, who had an interception, a forced fumble and fumble recovery. "Just

add 50,000 more people."

A unit so criticized and maligned during the game week forced the Buckeyes to punt in the three plays on their next possession, and now the Wolfpack had three minutes and 86 yards to go for a tying score. Rivers confronted the challenge as if he'd seen it a thousand times. If the situation or 104,000 screaming maniacs, or the fact that he couldn't hear himself think made him nervous,

The drive began with a Richard Washington reverse for 7 yards. Then two straight passes vards, After Tim Anderson sacked Rivers, it was 2nd-and-17 near midfield with just two minutes to play. But two plays later, the quarterback found Brian Clark near the Ohio State sideline for a 23-yard gain and a new set of downs on the OSU 19.

Rivers, who finished 36 of 52 for 315 yards and four touchdowns, was as hot as he had ever been.

"Once he got those little swing passes going, that opened it up so he was able to do some other

things," said Cotchery, who had four grabs for 44 yards and two touchdowns. "And once Phil gets hot, he's going to light it up."

Rivers lit it up for the last time

in regulation with 21 seconds left. He scrambled in the pocket, avoided a sack twice and found sophomore tight end T.J. Wilsophomore tight end 1). Williams, who caught the ball and barreled his way to the 1-yard line, where he reached the ball over the goal line before being tackled. Kiker added a pressure-packed extra point, and the first ever evertime are 10 his first-ever overtime game at Ohio Stadium went to extra frames be-

fore a stunned audience.

It was history for State. History in the making. The type of game people hated to see end, and one that will be talked about as long as football is around.

This game here," Amato said,

The overtime matched the fourth quarter in thrill factor, as the atmosphere only became more raucous. Krenzel and the Buckeyes struck first with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Ben Hartstock

No problem. Rivers found Tramain Hall, who led the Pack's receivers with nine catches for 67 yards, on State's possession for a 17-yard touchdown. In the second OT, McLendon and State struck first, a 2-yard touchdown

No problem. Krenzel just avoided three State linemen to find Michael Jenkins for a score.

That took the game into the third OT and set up the classic finish, and a classic Buckeye goal-line

State had four plays to score from the 4-yard line. Two of those were Rivers sneaks through the gut of the line. The quarterback called those plays himself, scratching the original play call when OSU overloaded on State's wide receivers. Rivers thought he could sneak it for six. Nobody took the loss harder, it seemed, than the quarterback who sat with red, teary eyes after

it was over. "This is the worst loss I've ever been through by far," Rivers said. "You're down, then you're up, then you're tied up, then you're fighting, then you lose seeing it come down to a few inches. It was a great even a."

a great game. A memorable game

"Nobody gave us a shot," Amato said. "And when it was 24-7, I bet there was another game that a lot of people turned to. I might have done the same thing myself. [But] they weren't going to quit. They came up here on a mission: to try to stop the longest winning streak in America, in one of the biggest houses in America. They weren't

going to throw it in the tank."

State never did. When it was down 14-0, 24-7 and 31-24, the Pack found a way back.

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OSU coach Jim Tressel for the post-game handshake.Emotion flowed after a game packed with passion, comebacks and momen tum swings. After falling behind 24-7 with 11:25 to play, the Pack



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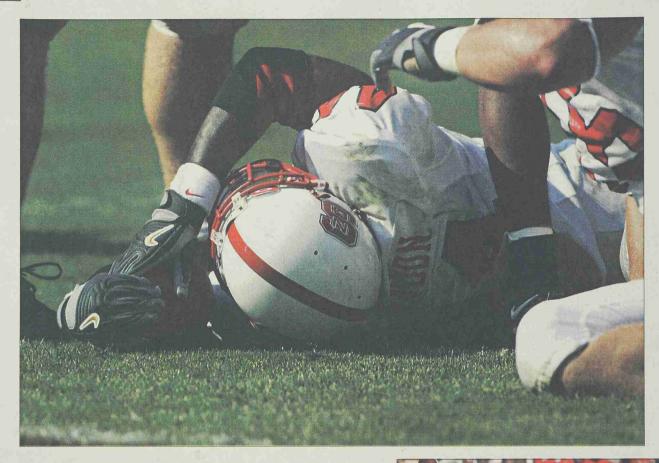
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GAME OVER

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

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 tying 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 over-time and four-and-a-half hours from the time 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.

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 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 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 af-

terward.

Maybe he hoped someone, anyone mayoe he noped 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



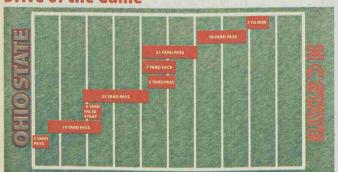
T.A. McLendon (top) reaches for extra yardage on the final play of the game, which saw him denied the end zone by a foot. Earlier in the game, quarterback Craig Krenzel (bottom) was forced to throw an interception thanks to pressure from Chip Cross.

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. McLenohut 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-pal pable 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,

Matt

Middleton

enduring probably the cruelest loss of his football career, yet still cracking a what-if smile when asked would this 44-

> a blowout defeat. "We expected a defending national champions, but we

38 loss be better than

brought our A-game too," he could only

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? the right angle?

would've gotten a little airborne, but they [team doctors] told us before the game he could do ev erything 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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