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Candidates look ahead

The fall Student Government elections are over, and the winners are preparing to take on their new responsibilities.

John Morgan
Staff Reporter

The elections held on Sept. 15 and Sept. 16 were deemed a success by Eric Fabricius, student senate president.

"We were definitely pleased with the turnout of the fall elections," Fabricius said.

For the first year elections, a total of 708 votes were cast out of a possible 5,533, which amounts to 12.8 percent of the first year students on campus. For the Student Media Authority elections, 2,042 votes were cast out of a possible 28,728 for a percentage of 7.1.

"It was definitely comparable to the past elections," Fabricius said. It has been seven years since the last first year senate seat election. In the interim, a Fall Appointments Commission selected students for the seats.

As for the students running, some campaigned more than others. Will Langley, a freshman in public policy, ensured that his name was highly visible on campus, so he could spread his message.

"We need to have fun around here," Langley, one of the

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Design students present carpet



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Kerry Robinson, a junior in graphic design, shows off some sample designs for her group's carpet project.

Their new "rbn" line won the Silver Award at the 2003 NeoCon World's Trade Fair.

Shannon Holder
Staff Reporter

The College of Design offered six students the chance to use their creative skills and produce original designs for the carpeting company, Lees Carpets. Not only did they create the designs in question, but they also helped Lees Carpets win an award along the way.

Lees Carpets asked the leaders of the College of Design to put together a team consisting of design students who specialize in different disciplines to design a carpet. The carpet line, rbn (pronounced "urban"), is generating interest and has won a prestigious award.

The six students came from three aspects of design and worked for almost a year on the project.

The College of Design chose Harriet Hoover, a recent graduate in art and design and textile technology; Peg Gignoux, a graduate student in art and design; Kerry Robinson, a junior

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Leaders of the Pack

KING, PATEL AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP

Tyler Dukes
Staff Reporter

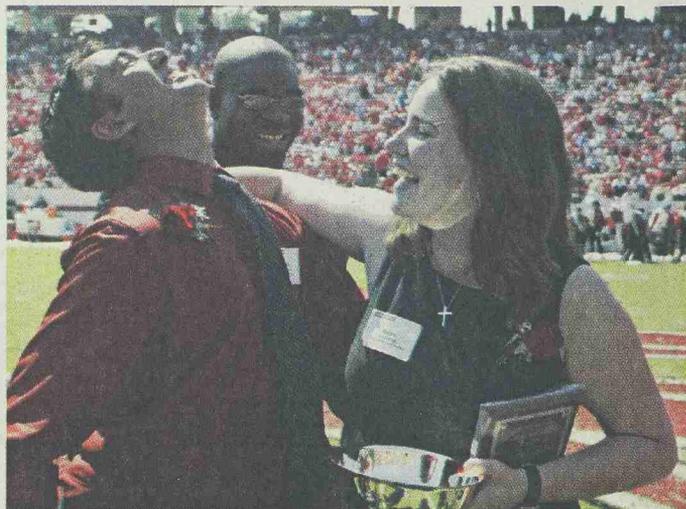
Amidst the cheers and applause of a packed Carter-Finley Stadium, Sarah King and Mital Patel were announced as the 2003-2004 Leaders of the Pack. N.C. State's newest scholars were presented with this \$1,000 scholarship during halftime of the N.C. State-Texas Tech Homecoming game on Saturday.

"It didn't really sink in for about 15 minutes," Patel said, a senior in computer science. "I was so busy being caught up in the excitement of the game and trying not to think about who won the competition that it just took me a while."

"It was really neat to have the opportunity just to be a finalist," King said, a junior in business management. "I think it's great to be able to represent the university."

King and Patel were selected from six finalists based on leadership, scholarship and service. King has been an RA since 2002 and is currently serving as the administrative coordinator for the north side of Bragaw Hall. In addition, she is also president of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars as well as a student ambassador for the Alumni Association. She has participated in the University Scholars Program, serving on the Scholars Council.

Patel is heavily involved with the Student Senate, serving as its secretary. He was both freshman representative and publicity chair for the South Asian Students Organization and is part of the Engineer's Council. He has also been a



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Mital Patel and Sarah King, this year's winners of the Leader of the Pack Award, rejoice after hearing their names called over the loudspeakers at the Texas Tech football game.

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The process of choosing the finalists and winners makes the Leader of the Pack competition far different from a traditional Homecoming court.

"The application process of this scholarship

separates this race from similar ones in UNC-Chapel Hill or many other schools," said Mike Giancola, director of the Center for Student Leadership Ethics and Public Service. "We

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The Student Wolfpack Club participated in the Homecoming parade Friday. During the parade, members of the club carried a student dressed as a Texas Raider.



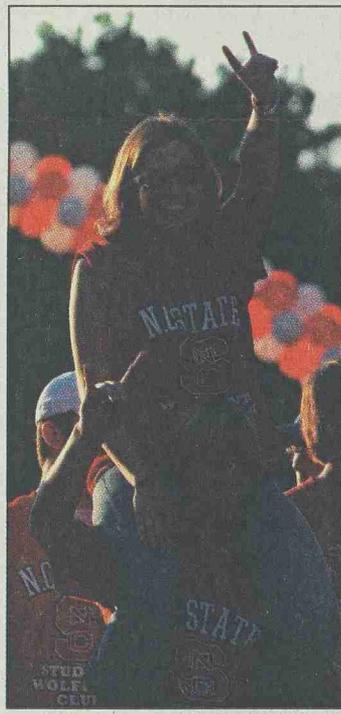
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The crowd at the homecoming parade on Friday laughs with hysteria at the loud, smoking Farm House car because it presented such a contrast to the rest of the parade participants.

RED WOLF RISING

The sky was a drastically different shade on Friday as the hurricane winds gave way to blue skies.

The Homecoming events took place as planned with a parade, pep rally and concert on Friday. The streets bled red with fans coming out for the activities.



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Freshman Meredith Boyette and Ben Salmon walked with the Student Wolfpack Club in the Homecoming parade.

NOW president highlights women's issues

A series of events took place across the Triangle this weekend to recognize the National Organization for Women.

Charles Duncan
Staff Reporter

Members of the N.C. State chapter of the National Organization for Women, Wolfpack NOW, and other students welcomed the national president of NOW, Kim Gandy, who held a discussion Friday in Caldwell Hall.

Gandy's talk came in anticipation

of a statewide conference Saturday in Durham.

Fourteen people participated in the hour and a half discussion with Gandy, including four students from Appalachian State University. The open conversation was based on students' questions and centered around body image, media influence, the upcoming presidential election and how to gain interest in women's issues on college campuses.

Participants discussed the connections between body image and media influence throughout the meeting.

Lucy Williams, a junior in English and president of Wolfpack NOW, expressed

concern over "the big impact media plays in perpetuating body image, especially among young girls."

Gandy also discussed the "lack of interest" in feminist issues on college campuses and how to raise awareness among students. Williams said women on campus "may not realize our rights aren't as secure as we think they are." To get their message out on campus about safe sex and women's rights, Wolfpack NOW is planning a number of events, including a safe sex bar hopping night on Oct. 15.

Wolfpack NOW's discussion with Gandy was one of three NOW events in the triangle in two days. After the Friday

meeting, a couple of NCSU students attended a reception for Gandy and a fundraiser in Chapel Hill. On Saturday, North Carolina NOW held a statewide conference in Durham.

Williams, who attended all three events, said the weekend was "a great opportunity to gain some excitement for the march for women's lives on April 25, when NOW will be shipping about 1 million people to Washington, D.C." Williams added that Wolfpack NOW plans to send several buses from NCSU.

At the Saturday conference, Gandy introduced NOW's new five-year plan, called the Drive for Equality. This new initiative is characterized by NOW's

literature as using "volunteer base to mobilize a political force of women voters that will win the 2004 election, and continue to work on issues and win elections for years to come."

Speaking after the Durham conference, Williams said she "expected more people for Friday's discussion, but attendance was low due to Hurricane Isabel." Because of the number of people at the talk, Williams said it "had a better effect on us," adding that "there are not many organizations in which you can sit down, have coffee, eat cookies and talk one on one with the national president."

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Students 'sweep' local stream

N.C. Big Sweep provided an alternative to Saturday's football game.

Mary Garrison
Staff Reporter

The moisture is high in the air. The sun shines brightly above. Most students are either in their beds or impatiently awaiting the impending homecoming game. It's about 9:15 a.m., and it's time to get started. The task is the annual N.C. Big Sweep -- a project set up to clean local streams and water areas. Big Sweep is a national event in which the third Saturday in September is dedicated to cleaning up local waterways. The event has only been an activity at N.C. State for two years.

While most students spent Saturday celebrating homecoming, a certain group of students spent their day wading through streams, climbing in and out of ditches and picking up garbage. While the activity was not as festive as a football game, it was an alternative to the standard tailgating and binge drinking.

Big Sweep participants met in Harris Parking Lot, but this year the gathering was a little smaller than expected. Though last year consisted of over 40

participants, this year's group was comprised mostly of Park Scholars and a few individual volunteers. The troupe split up into three groups -- one for each area to be covered. The three areas were different points of Rocky Branch, the stream which runs through Central campus.

After breaking off into groups, the task was to travel into the streams -- equipped with gloves, waders or knee-height rubber boots and garbage bags, climb into streams, cleaning the area in and around the stream and the local forest area. The groups found basic pieces of waste such as food wrappers, cans and bottles. In addition to your standard waste and litter products, strange items were found within Rocky Branch's waters and banks. Those items ranged from tennis balls, clothes, condoms and ceramic dishes to physics projects and children's toys.

According to the 2002 International Coastal Cleanup North Carolina Summary Report, 58% of marine debris consisted of shoreline and recreational activities waste, 34% included smoke-related waste, 4% water activities, 3% dumped waste and 1% Medical and Personal

Hygiene waste.

2002 Big Sweep coordinator, Melanie Carter, a graduate student, describes the cleaning and the maintenance of these streams as, "An integral part of the natural resources that exist on campus." Carter, a Virginia Tech graduate, states, "People spend too much time thinking about what could be done, instead of actually doing something." Overall Carter felt that the event was successful.

"It was a positive experience. Afterward, you feel proud to have done something," Carter said.

N.C. Big Sweep is a subdivision of International Coastal Cleanup, the largest and oldest volunteer effort with a focus on marine environments. This year marks the 18th year that the effort has been in existence. The project takes place in 55 states and territories and shares the common mission of decreasing pollution in the communities.

Big Sweep participant Ian Jewell, a senior in botany, describes the event as, "A great time to meet new people who like to help clean up local environments. It's great to spend Saturday morning helping out instead of hung-over."

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in graphic design; Shawn Sowers, a graduate student in industrial design; Mia Blume, a junior in graphic design; and Rachel Potenziani, a recent industrial design graduate.

Lees Carpets visited campus Friday to honor the students and present the rbn collection to Marvin Malecha, dean of the College of Design.

"This experience gave me a good view of what else goes on in this college," Gignoux said. "I had to let go of my point of view and learn to be flexible."

"There should be more collaborations like these," Potenziani said. "We should not be the only six."

Urban living inspired the carpet collection. The rbn collection is different from most carpets because it uses a special technique

that changes the color of the carpet when viewed. There is a background color that one notices when looking at the carpet and a color that arises in the foreground, both seen best when standing still.

In June, the students and Lees Carpets took the finished product to Chicago to compete at the 2003 NeoCon World's Trade Fair. The collection won the Silver Award in the broadloom carpet category.

Greg Wittlinger, executive vice president and general manager of Lees Carpets, was proud of the success of the project.

"There are some companies that enter into these competitions and never win," Wittlinger said. "You won on your first try."

Mia Blume was still excited about the trip to Chicago.

"It was great to go to NeoCon and see all of the other professionals," Blume said to Friday's group in the rotunda of Brooks

Hall. "You can see things that are not available yet."

Vita Plume, an assistant professor of art and design and an advisor to the student team, was also proud of the Silver Award.

"These students won in a competition against the industry," Plume said.

Wittlinger told the audience that the company has had a tremendous amount of interest in the collection. He also stated that the carpets could be available in Marshall Field's stores by the end of the year. He speculated that the carpet would sell for \$20 a yard.

"What I didn't expect was the enthusiasm of the students," Wittlinger said. "The manner in which you brought your ideas really surprised me."

Kerry Robinson looks forward to the day the carpets are put to use. "When we see it actually used, that'll be nicer."

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newly elected senators, said. Langley and his team of six student advisers are working on The Party Plan.

The Party Plan is pending submission and approval to the student senate. The plan emphasizes the students' desire to have fun but will help to provide a safe venue for parties. Langley plans to give \$100 to each dorm to throw a party on a given Friday or Saturday night, and the parties will be open to everyone.

"Having people walking around is safer than having them drive around," Langley said.

According to Langley he spent \$74 out of a possible \$150 on his campaign. Langley and his advisers held a cookout called "Grill the Will" where they had hot dogs and a blue grass band called Wolfgrass. This is only one of the ways that Langley campaigned.

Regarding the election process, Ayo Adeyeye, a freshman in English, said, "I can only attribute to the effort put forth by my campaign staff and myself. I had a lot of great help. It was a very stressful process." Adeyeye wishes that the students were more educated about the candidates and their platforms.

"I don't want someone who I can't even trust to run an honest campaign representing me in an organization that makes important decisions that affect me directly," Adeyeye said.

Adeyeye campaigned with a good deal of support from other people including his campaign manager Lance Brune, a freshman in physics. Adeyeye felt that he was running for the right reasons.

"My main motivation was just to meet my classmates. I just wanted to have fun and meet people, and that's exactly what I did." While Adeyeye campaigned for his victory and claimed that he was called "that guy who is going all out" by Student Government, he attributes his success to his campaigning.

As far as Adeyeye's plans for his term as a student senator, he plans to push issues that will help improve the school and student life. Adeyeye also has a few ideas to improve some aspects of Student Government.

"My main focus is to be a voice for the freshmen class. My responsibility is to them," Adeyeye said.

Seneca Toms, a junior in science horticulture, has similar goals to Adeyeye in the fact that he is here to serve the student body above all else.

"I plan to serve. I plan to lead.

I plan to be the best representative possible for my constituents." Toms first task will be to enhance the awareness of his position and to let students know that they can always reach him with any questions or concerns they have.

Nicole White, a freshman in business management, took a different approach to campaigning than the rest of the new senators. She campaigned by word of mouth, going out and meeting as many people as she could.

"I really didn't have the money to pass out flyers. I did tell all of my friends and about every freshman I met to vote for me, so obviously I didn't have to spend any money to get into the position," White said.

Senator Will Quick, a freshman in biomedical engineering, took an active stance on campaigning, as did most of the other candidates. Quick used flyers, sandwich boards and he even passed out handbills.

"Name recognition is a large part of an election like this, since there is no way to get to know all the other freshmen," Quick said. As far as Quick's plans for his term in office, he wants to see what the freshmen class needs before he makes any plans.

"After all, we're here to serve," Quick said.

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want to make it clear that these students exemplify many aspects of scholarship, leadership, and service and are honored representatives of the student body."

The scholarship is open to non-freshman undergraduates who will be returning to NCSU the following year. After an initial application, which contains essays and information such as honors and awards, semifinalists are chosen. A board consisting of faculty, staff and first-year students then interviews the semifinalists. The six finalists from this step are then voted on by the student body. This vote is then tallied and added in

with all of the other parts of the application to create an overall decision.

"Many people think that the students have the last say in the process," Giancola said. "This is just not the case."

This year's winners noted this misconception.

"I want to inform people about this scholarship and make sure everyone realizes that it's more than just Homecoming king and queen," King said.

"Leader of the Pack represents the things that N.C. State stands for," Patel said. "Things like becoming a well-balanced person and receiving a well-balanced education. This sets this achievement apart from a Homecoming king or queen."

The scholars recognize that

they were not the only ones responsible for their success.

"All of the people in my organizations and the other RAs I work with are so supportive," King said. "You can only be as strong as the people that support you."

Patel thanks his father most of all. "He's so awesome. He's just everything I want to become right now."

According to Patel, this is not the first time he and King have shared something. "Our suites were right next door when we both lived in Lee and our interviews for the competition were at the same time too, in rooms right next door. It's ironic that we shared a wall in Lee, shared a wall for the interview and now we are sharing Leader of the Pack."

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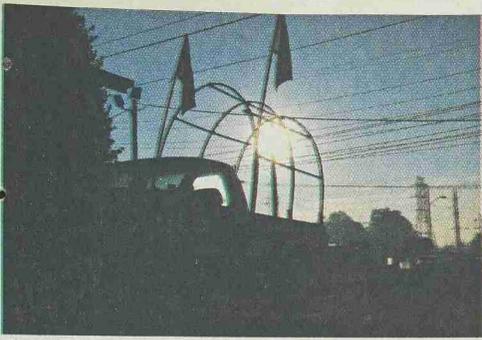
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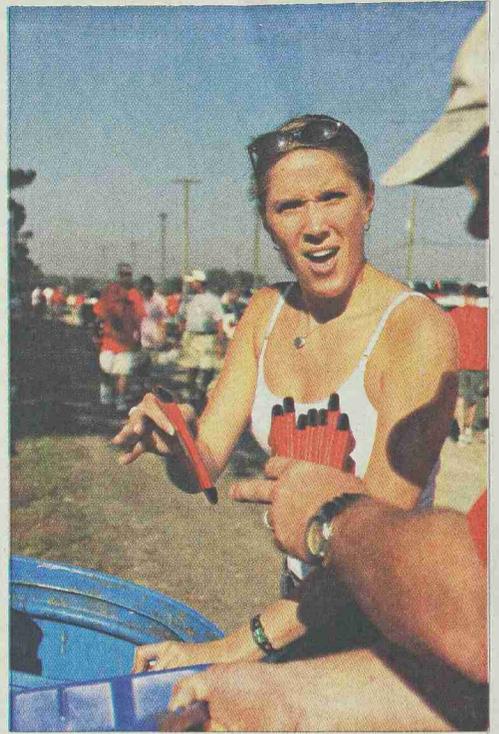
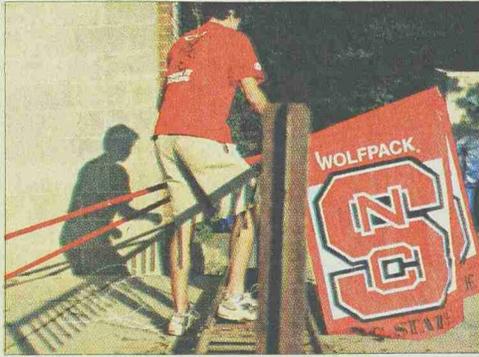
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The sun peeks out from behind the PVC pipe arranged on one of the Chuckwagons. The birds' chirping is the only sound on Motor Pool Drive as Mobley and his crew prepare to launch another run of "Chuck It."

Mobley prepares two flags for his newest Chuckwagon. He is the first one at the recycling center and the last to leave the trucks at the end of their run. He only has to attach two flags today because the other truck was decorated for the homecoming parade the day before.

Every person that donates a handful of cans or bottles is rewarded with a Koozie. Lana Johnson, a sophomore in business, throws in a can with one hand and takes her Koozie with the other.



Chug it & Chuck it



Meghan Williams, a senior in zoology, walks towards the Chuckwagon with her bin. Her T-shirt illustrates the close connection between the program and the athletics department. Amato also appears in a commercial that airs during the game that encourages fans to chuck their cans for Chuck.

Alan Rominger, a sophomore in nuclear engineering, throws one more beer bottle in his bin. As the Chuckwagon made its way back to the meeting point, fans snaking their way to the stadium would jog up the truck and throw in their empty bottles and cans. Rominger, who was helping out for Alpha Phi Omega, remarked, "This is some project. It's really cool."



Chad Brewer, class of '93, bends over to pick through a trash barrel to find recyclable items. Some bystanders waited for the volunteers to bring the recycling boxes to them, but some students jumped up to help clean up the grounds.

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Paul Mobley, a sophomore in mechanical engineering, is eating a Bojangles chicken biscuit as he surveys the quiet and dusty recycling center parking lot. This quiet moment at the beginning of Mobley's day will last only as long as his biscuit. He will soon be joined by a team of other students who will help him lift coolers and boxes of Koozies into two Ford F-250s. However, these trucks are different from normal Facilities Operations vehicles.

Their beds are decorated with arching PVC pipe and two NC State flags. These trucks will soon become "Chuckwagons" and will be filled to the brim with beer bottles and assorted soda cans.

These Chuckwagons will soon enter the parking lots surrounding Carter Finley Stadium where Mobley and Lindsay Killian, the recycling coordinator, will maneuver them through masses of red-shirted fans and hundreds of parked cars. For Mobley, the wagons are proof that his idea to bring recycling to NCSU football games has actually worked.

The Texas Tech game will only be the second time that the "Chuck It!" program, named after football coach Chuck Amato, has taken place. Mobley spent the summer working with the recycling and athletics de-

partments at NCSU as well as Waste Industries, their title sponsor, to bring Chuck's face and Mobley's message to the fans.

"Everybody loved it. The people at recycling jumped on it. The athletics department jumped on it. Everyone jumped on the Chuck Wagon," Mobley said.

The Chuck It program is one of a handful of recycling programs at college football stadiums nationwide. And it is the only mobile one.

The program has already grown in the span of a few weeks. Mobley now has two vehicles to dress as chuckwagons for the

game, and the organizers hope that they will pull in twice as many recyclables.

Mobley is a third generation NCSU student, and he remembers coming to the games and seeing the trash pile up in front of the gates.

"It was clear that everyone was too lazy to do anything about the trash," Mobley said. He began to work on a recycling idea for his Caldwell Fellows Scholarship service project.

"During the Florida State game there was a trash can filled full and stocked all around with cans and bottles. You'd think it's easy to get it all recycled, but most schools don't bother," Mobley said.

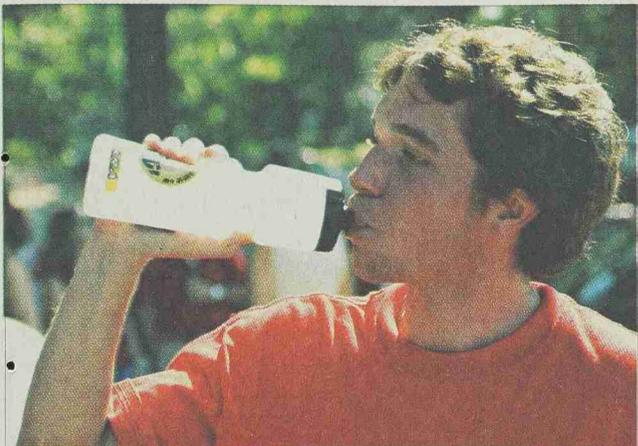
Now fans are greeted with the program's trademark signs throughout the stadium grounds. The red, blue and green signs stick up above the rows of cars crowding the lots and they are the first thing that fans see as they approach the gates. But nothing is more conspicuous than the two Ford trucks roaming the lanes with beige tarps spread over their PVC piped beds. A team of Chuck It shirt wearing volunteers follow slowly behind, holding small red and blue bins to collect bottles and cans from groups of tailgaters. Students naturally stare as the covered "wagon" approaches them.

Yet, fans are already warming up to the service and are starting to prepare plastic bags of recyclables to give to the volunteers as they approach. Hip hop and country music clash overhead, but it is easy for bystanders to also discern comments directed at the wagons like "Hey it's the chuckwagon," "Good job you guys," and "It's like a modern day Oregon trail." Some fans pour out the remainder of their beer just to get a free beer Koozie with Chuck's face on it. For Mobley, that's the best part.

Mobley is passionate about Chuck It, and it's partly because he knows the facts about recycling. Only 2 percent of plastics are regularly recycled in this country. And 84 percent of the trash that is thrown out is recyclable. Mobley's group hopes to recycle 50 tons of trash by the end of the football season.

Mobley believes that Chuck It will continue after he graduates. But the program has helped him make a difference at NCSU.

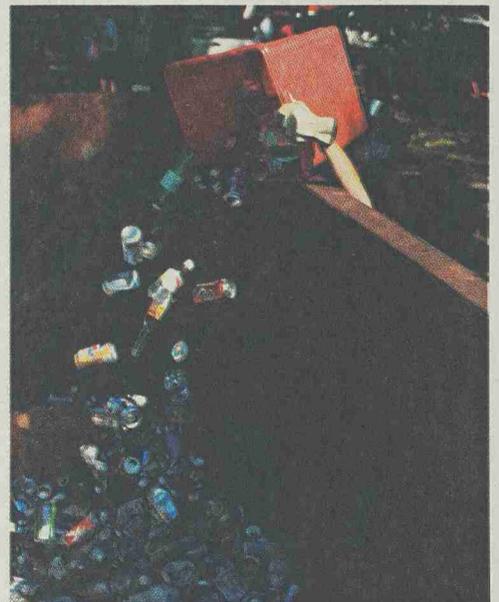
"I'm having a great time," he said. Last time it was like the greatest day of my life - to see all of that work get realized."



The sun showed no mercy as the volunteers spent two and a half hours riding up and down the tailgating lots. Mobley takes a quick swig of water as he enjoys a short break during the pre-game run. As he drove the Chuckwagon, he would yell, "Chug it n' chuck it," and "Finish your beer, chuck it here."



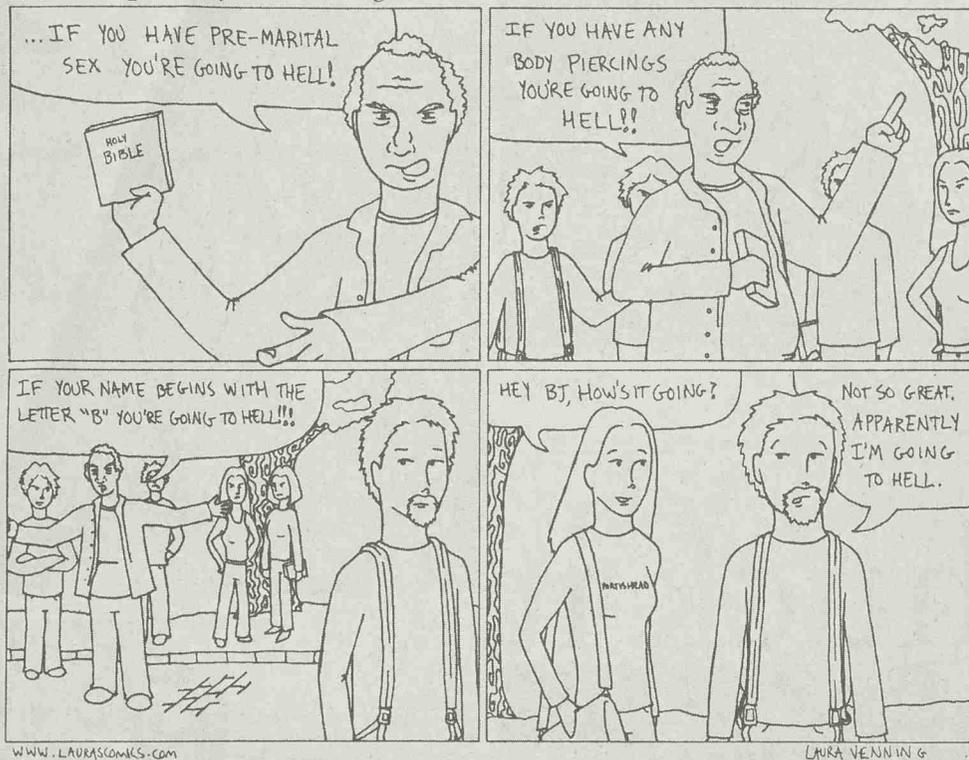
Pete Roehner, a supervisor with facilities operations, and Mobley shift the recyclables into one bag as they empty out one of the Chuck It zones. There are 10 zones positioned all over Carter Finley's parking lots, and seven recycling stations outside the gates. Unfortunately, some tailgaters also use the drop points for trash drop off as evidenced by the Bojangles box lying on the ground.



Cans and bottles rain down into the roll off, a large dumpster, that will eventually hold all the day's pick-ups. Mobley and Billy Yap, a freshman in biomedical engineering, protect their hands with gloves as they unload the bins, which are sticky with soda and beer residue.

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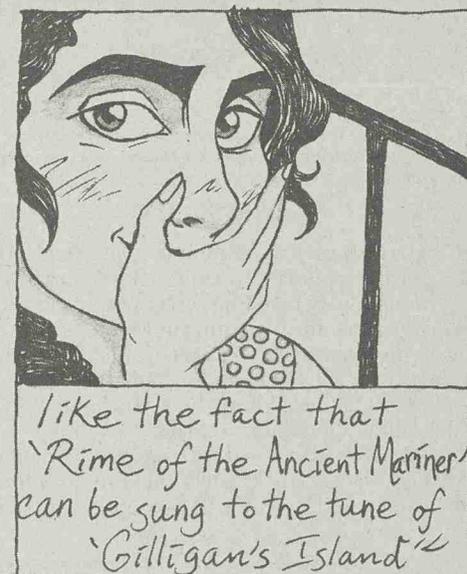
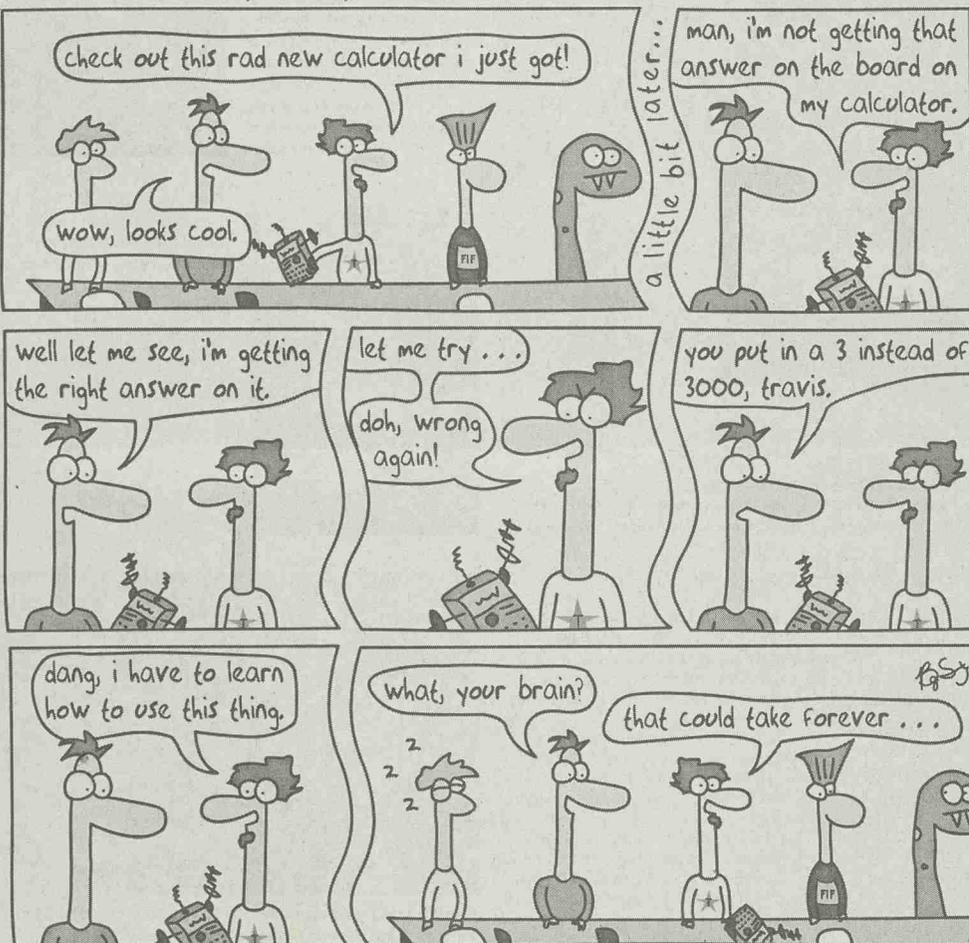
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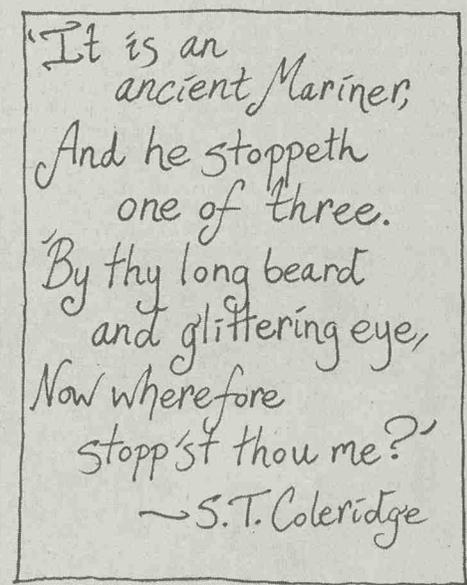
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HOMECOMING A SUCCESS

OUR OPINION: EVEN HURRICANE WINDS AND RAIN COULD NOT SPOIL HOMECOMING THIS WEEKEND.

Red Wolf Rising, the 2003 Homecoming celebration was a tremendous success despite a washout on Thursday by Hurricane Isabel. The Alumni Association, in planning the execution of events, made Homecoming a proper event rather than just another weekend marked by the football game where a bunch of alumni get together and tailgate. This year's events were for the students and alumni alike and brought N.C. State together in a way not seen in a long time.

Even with the hurricane washing out the IM-Rec fields, the Lonestar concert was quickly moved into Reynolds Coliseum and no one complained. Organizers had the foresight to limit the number of tickets to the capacity of Reynolds, making it possible for all those with tickets in hand to attend the event.

The football game, with Chuck Amato's team blowing out the Red Raiders of Texas Tech, had an atmosphere that was exciting and heightened by the huge Heisman Trophy float, signifying Wolfpack fans' hopes that their quarterback would win the coveted award.

The Homecoming parade, which ran up Cates Ave., brought students out in droves and featured the band and various other student organizations, showing their support for the Wolfpack. For the first time in recent history, student participants crafted actual floats, many adorned with folded flowers.

There also were alumni functions around campus and across the city that catered to the older members of the Wolfpack and made coming back to their alma mater enjoyable.

The Leader of the Pack selections were announced in front of a sold-out crowd in Carter-Finley Stadium: approximately 58,000 people attended Saturday's game. The daily events in the Brickyard, such as "Wear Red, Get Fed" brought

out the students in record numbers.

Homecoming is a time-honored event, one that should be celebrated with parades and cookouts. It is a time for alumni to come back and remember past college experiences and for students to make new ones so they can tell their children. Homecoming is supposed to bring out the best in a university and let it show off what is good and what its achievements are.

It has been years since NCSU had a proper homecoming celebration like this year's. Traditions like homecoming are needed and with the opening of the new Wendell Murphy Football Complex and the football team, despite a rocky start, poised on the brink of national honor, this year's homecoming was all the more sweet.

In this time of economic uncertainty it is important to come together as an extended family and celebrate the good things about N.C. State and forget about the troubles of the world for one weekend.

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The curse of Clark

In a field already saturated with candidates, another Democrat is inserting his name into the race for the presidential nomination. The nascent



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candidate is the retired Wesley Clark, a former general and supreme commander of NATO. His impressive credentials coupled with his obvious liberal side convinced a good amount of people that it should be Clark, not any of the other nine

candidates, which should lead the showdown against President Bush.

Clark was pressured into the race by the Web site www.draftclark.com, which succeeded in collecting a plethora of names from Internet users sympathetic with the cause, and the site has helped Clark raise some badly needed money for his campaign. It is rumored other high name Democrats cajoled the general into throwing his hat into the ring, including former President Clinton.

Whatever force caused Clark to conclude what he has, it is important to note the implications that his entrance to the race may form. For one, it is premature and all too silly to reach the conclusion that because Clark is a retired four-star general he must win the nomination or even the presidency. The last general to be president was Eisenhower back in the 1950s. The last general to lose a party nomination for the presidency was the Vietnam Gen. Alexander Haig, who lost the Republican nod to then Vice President George H.W. Bush.

But even if one was to argue that perhaps a general from the controversial Vietnam War is obviously a bad political move, it would be ridiculous to assume that a general who commanded over even less popular wars like Kosovo will generate a great amount of respect from American voters.

Moreover, Clark has repeatedly said he believes the recent Iraqi War was poorly planned and badly executed. He says that he believes the president was granted too much power and is not being held to a standard of accountability that he asserts was lost with the Vietnam War.

This, not without reason, is interpreted as an anti-war stance. Although this

position has propelled Vermont governor Howard Dean into being a lead candidate in Iowa and N.H., it is not a conviction that will pay political dividends in the real campaign. Evidence of this is a new Web site that intends to draft British Prime Minister Tony Blair for the presidency of America, citing that none of the Democratic candidates will ever have the nerve to protect the country from outside threats.

As it were, even if Clark pulls himself together and becomes a viable candidate, it may be all too late for the general. He has no real funds, a million or so (which may seem like a lot, but for a campaign it is nothing), and his rivals have been campaigning for months. Some spectators theorize that Clark may just be hoping to share the ticket with whoever gains the nomination - even though Clark talks as if he really wants the nation's highest office.

Of course he will have to compete with men like John Edwards, who recently announced that he will forgo re-election to the U.S. Senate in order to devote all his time to losing the Democratic nomination. Edwards is the senator for this state, at least for the time being. Edwards, not unlike Clark, has lost his mind to the absurd hype surrounding his imagined candidacy. Some hail Clark as the savior of the Democratic Party; I suspect the general believes that nonsense. Some say (foolishly) that Edwards is the next John Kennedy, and it is obvious Edwards fancies himself as the next ascendant in American politics.

In his delusions of grandeur, Edwards has effectively killed his political career. He will not get the nomination for presidency. He has no job to fall back on, as he voluntarily abstained from running for re-election (no doubt his seat will go to a Republican) and all Edwards can do is return home and reflect on the series of personal blunders that ended his promising but brief career.

Clark has much to be weary. Narcissism is the evil that toppled Edwards, and it seems probable the virus will spread. The general needs to begin acting as if he is a candidate with formulated positions (he has given very little on his economic, environmental or foreign policies), and stray away from the fatal thinking that the presidency is, by right, his.

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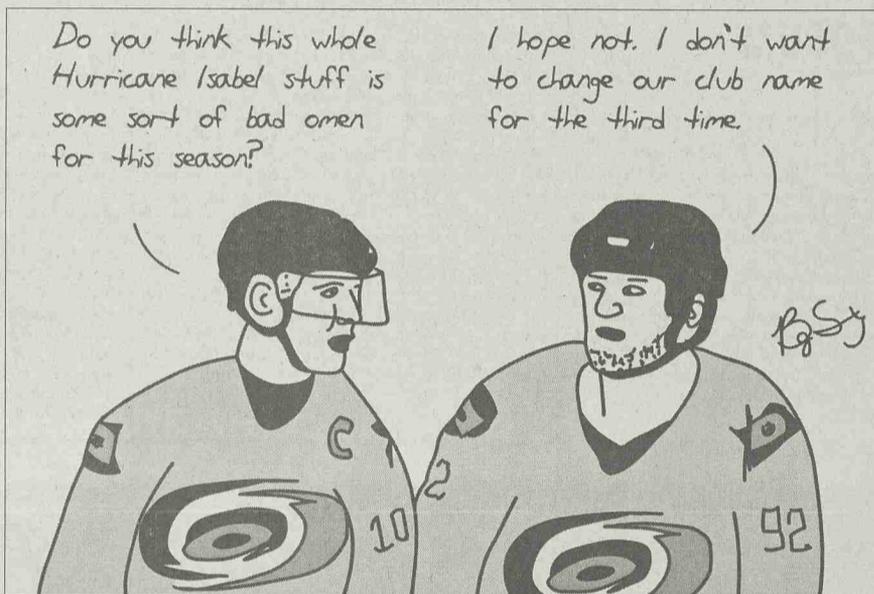
In regards to September 17's "Dorm mold concerns students" story

[Editors Note: A follow-up to s"Dorm mold concerns students" will appear in Wednesday's Technician]

On September 17, 2003, Technician ran a front-page story entitled "Dorm mold concerns students." This story presented perceptions of students living in Wood Hall about possible mold in their living areas, but unfortunately much of the information presented was inaccurate. Further, there was no information presented to explain the ongoing efforts of University Housing

to make sure that students who live on campus are in clean, well-maintained facilities. The student featured in this story, Jamie Pendergrass, submitted a maintenance request related to mold in his room late in the day on August 25. The very next day, two maintenance workers went to his room to clean and service the heating/air-conditioning unit. After he talked with his Residence Director about this issue on August 28, a maintenance worker went to his room on August 29 to check for mold. No evidence of mold was found at that time. There have been no fur-

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I don't care what you call me, as long as you call me tonight

I was having dinner with my fellow columnists at a local pub. Believe me, the event's excitement rivaled that



Brent Wolgamott
Staff Columnist

of watching the Internet's live feeds of Alison and Jun shaving their legs on *Big Brother 4*. We had just finished our meal and were walking to our car. One columnist called shotgun, to which my editor remarked, "You mean I have

to sit in the back with the faggot?" We all laughed.

My editor had just recently met me, but after listening to my potty mouth, he knew he was in the land of "honorary queerdom" with me. You know, the place you get in a friendship where it's alright to use a certain word even though you aren't specifically part of that community. Like Eminem using the N-word. Like Margaret Cho saying "dyke." Like George W. Bush claiming he's "compassionate."

However, the line into "honorary (insert euphemism here)-dom" is a blurry one, and one that is not easy to figure out. We've all been there: you're in a certain group of people, and one person makes a joke using a word indicative of his community. Usually, the folks in the group who aren't part of that community will react with a nervous titter. They're unsure of whether or not it's OK for them to giggle at what everyone else is already giggling at. Got that?

And therein lies the rub. The whole thing is utterly laughable, except that we're not entirely sure it's our place to laugh. We give words so much power, too much if you ask me. I remember watching Richard Pryor's stand-up act on television when I was younger. He incessantly used the N-word. I asked

my mother why it's OK for him to use the N-word, but not me. She replied, "It just is."

You see, it's impossible to argue with that sort of nonthought. People don't even contemplate the "why" anymore; they just accept that "that's the way things are." Just the mere fact that I have to write it as the N-word, and not the actual word, highlights the absurdity of the whole mess. As if merely typing it approaches the level of some bigoted idiot yelling it out his car window. Girl, please.

It's gotten to the point where the mere utterance of a word takes on greater importance than the context in which it was spoken. Eminem got into hot water with his supposedly anti-gay lyrics on his critically acclaimed album. Ross Perot will likely never live down his exhorting the NAACP convention as "you people." David Howard correctly used the term "niggardly" (a word the pre-dates the N-word by 300 years) when speaking to his Washington, D.C. agency, then promptly lost his job. Miami football quarterback coach Dan Werner (a white man) was berated by the press for using the word "redneck" when making fun of himself in front of a black athlete. That's right -- he used a word to jokingly refer to himself, and someone else was offended. I suppose it's worth mentioning that the black athlete in question lost the starting quarterback job, and then told the press he was offended. Oy vey.

Charles Taylor, one of my favorite columnists from Salon.com, wrote that the whole "niggardly" fiasco was an exercise in "stupidity masquerading as sensitivity." Indeed, D.C. writer Tony Snow would later write that the man who said "niggardly" was essentially being asked to apologize for other people's ignorance.

Can't we reserve the label of "bigot" for the truly despicable? I get so tired

of the press and political correctness groups foaming at the mouth about someone's utterance of a word, while reporting the details of said word far below the headline. When I read about the aforementioned black athlete who lost the starting QB job, I was horrified. The Miami football team's coaching staff bigoted? Surely not. But you wouldn't know that from the headline of "Miami QB: Race decided starter." But race didn't decide the starter. After reading the article, it sounded like sour grapes to me. I don't want to say that the student played the proverbial "race card," but let's just say he's currently not playing with a full deck.

Words only have as much power as we give them. They don't possess power inherently; rather the avoidance of saying certain words seems to give them even more power. Let's use a little common sense, and understand that the context in which the word was made is of supreme importance. The mere fact that the word was said shouldn't be the defining attribute in determining whether or not a remark was hateful. Words already hurt too much, let's not give them more power than they already have. The only way to lessen that power is to take it for ourselves.

So, a call to arms then! Just to prove I practice what I preach, an exercise for you, my loyal readers: I'm making you all "honorary queers." Lucky you. If you see me in the Brickyard, call out "Faggot!" If I'm sitting in front of you in class, say, "You're the biggest homo ever." Why would I want you to do this? Simple: it means you got this far in my column, and you actually care to read about this topic -- that words are only as powerful as the context they're in. Frankly, I'd see it as a salute of my writing, and I'd smile. But hey: if you actually want to tick me off, it's simple. Just call me "straight."

Pack splits in weekend action

State blew out Campbell Friday night before falling at South Carolina Sunday.

Michael Fox
and Ryan Reynolds
Staff Writers

Regardless of where the game was being played, the women's soccer team went into Friday's match against Campbell with the mindset to capture a victory. And it did.

The Wolfpack downed the visiting Camels 4-0 at SAS Soccer Park, where the game was moved to earlier in the week after Method Road Stadium was feared to be too wet in lieu of Hurricane Isabel.

The Pack also managed to relocate its tough, well-rounded style of play.

"It was an overall team effort," head coach Laura Kerrigan said. "We scored our first two goals on subs, and the substitutions are the ones who scored the goals... We made subs again in the second half, and again we scored two more goals. It was a total team effort tonight.

In the first half, the two teams

were practically moving back and forth, but the Pack was able to limit the Camels to only one shot on goal in that half.

With approximately 9:15 left in the half, midfielder Lindsey DeLorenzo fired a shot against Campbell goalkeeper Erin Switalski, and defender Megan Buescher was able gain control of the ball.

She then dished the ball to forward Erin Ardler, who gave it to freshman forward Carol Tognetti, who scored her first career goal. It took only eight seconds between the two shots.

"We ran a little behind the schedule of getting our goals, and luckily I got that one and it pushed us a little bit so we could get another goal," Tognetti said.

With 4:41 left, freshman midfielder Katherine Spencer also scored her first college goal, as she successfully shot from about three feet away. Ardler and forward Anna Helenius got the assists.

Kerrigan was very pleased with the performance of Tognetti and Spencer.

"I think it's great because they get a little experience feeling the back of the net, and we had sev-

eral other players who were very close," she said.

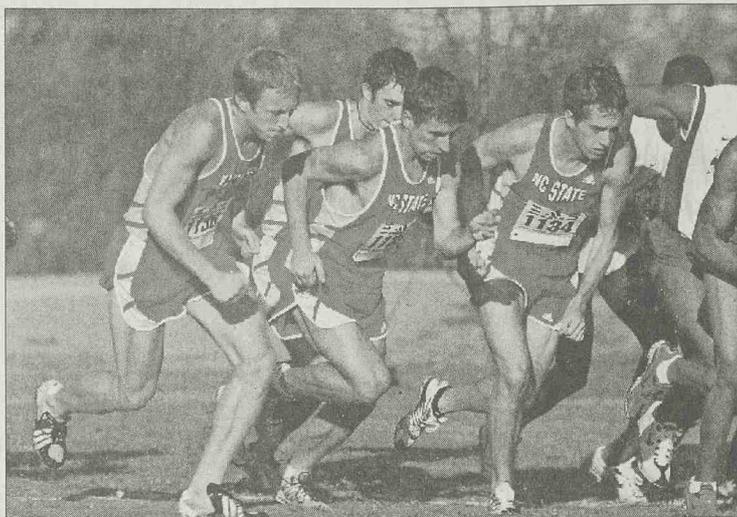
In the second half, the Pack was even more aggressive, committing 10 fouls, which included a yellow card given to defender Karla Hutton. The aggression eventually led to a goal from Erin Griswold when she successfully broke through numerous Campbell defenders for a breakthrough.

"You're expected to put [the ball] in the net, and so it's a lot of pressure," Griswold said. "It's hard to put the thoughts out of you mind as your instincts take over instead of freaking out on it."

The Pack finished off the Camels with 6:24 remaining, thanks to the sixth goal of the year by senior forward Lindsey Underwood off a corner kick.

The Camels worked hard to keep from being shut out, as Mary Nitz came off the bench and made a shot that missed the goal by about one foot, thus helping to seal the first career shutout for Connors.

State closed the weekend with a 1-0 loss to host South Carolina to drop its record to 5-2-1. Its next game will be Friday at 4 p.m. against Virginia at Method Road



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The men's cross country team garnered a second-place finish at last weekend's Raleigh Invitational.

Women first, men second in season-opening home meet

The Wolfpack cross country teams showed their depth by performing well in the Raleigh Invitational at the University Club Saturday.

Todd Lion
Senior Staff Writer

A sweep of the top four places propelled the N.C. State women's cross country team to a victory at Saturday's Raleigh Invitational. The Wolfpack's fifth runner crossed the line in 11th place to give the Wolfpack a total score of 21 points, easily outdistancing Edinboro University's 35-point total.

St. Augustine's finished in third place with 95 points, while Campbell (97), North Carolina A&T (123) and Salem College (161) rounded out the field.

The Pack won the meet without

many of its top runners racing.

"The race today showed what kind of depth we have on the team," assistant coach Laurie Henes said. "We had several runners race last weekend as well, and next weekend [at the Great American Cross Country Festival] we will be able to run everyone on the same course on the same day. We'll be limited to only seven runners in the seeded race, but we'll get everybody else running in different races, and we can use that to gauge how the team is doing."

Junior Erin Swain dominantly won over the field with a time of 18:10 on the 4,890-meter course.

Michelle Popple (18:41), Claudine Hull (18:47) and Ginger Wheeler (18:50) finished close together to secure second, third and fourth places.

"That was a really good run for Erin today," Henes said. "Her quads have been bothering her and she's been limited in workouts, but she looked really good out there. Claud's had a bit of a foot problem going on, so that's why she ran again this week after not finishing last week."

Six Edinboro runners followed in fifth through 10th places, but freshman Kelly Brown secured

the victory for the Pack with her 11th-place finish in 19:23. Liz Jackson rounded out State's runners in 16th place.

"The top four ran really well as a group," Henes said. "Ginger and Michelle both had good runs today."

The men's team was not nearly as impressive as the women's, finishing in second place with 34 points, trailing Edinboro's winning 25 total.

All five Wolfpack runners finished in the top 10, but that was not enough to overcome the deficit created by Edinboro's 1-2 finish.

"Edinboro is traditionally one of the top five Division II schools in the country," head coach Rollie Geiger said. "Their lead runner is fantastic."

Sophomore John Henderson paced the Pack with a third-place finish in 26:26 on the 7,880-meter course, and John Huber finished one spot back in 26:37.

"We didn't know there would be guys that fast here," Henderson said. "We were thinking it would be more of a workout so we could save up a little bit for next week. The race was deceptively tough, and I'm glad it's over."

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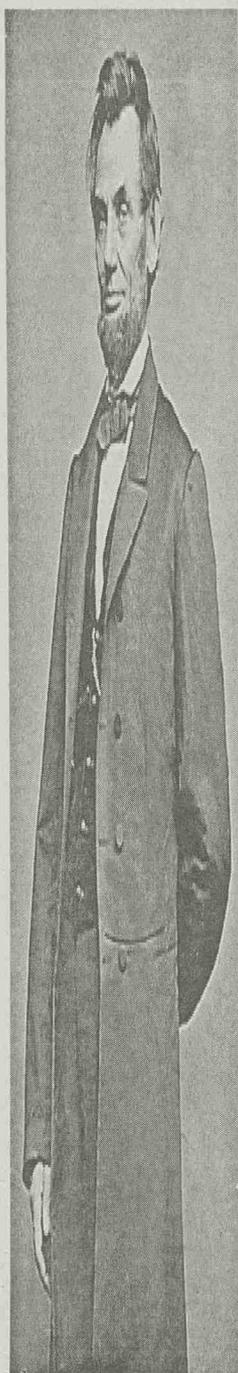
There is an allegation in the story that filters in the heating/air-conditioning units are not changed on a regular basis. The caption on the photo of the filter indicates that it "was estimated to have been in use for at least a year." This simply cannot be true. All heating/air-conditioning units in University residence halls are serviced four times per year. This standard meets or exceeds the equipment manufacturers'

recommended maintenance schedule. This service includes changing the filter, cleaning the unit, checking for any visible problems, and placing an algaretardant tablet in the condensation pan. Thus far in 2003, the units in Wood Hall were serviced, including filter changes, in March and June/July.

For the fall semester thus far, there have been six requests for service related to mold in Wood Hall. In each of these cases, our maintenance and/or housekeeping staff have responded and resolved any issues. There is no evidence of systemic or on-going problems with mold in Wood Hall.

I am very concerned that the inaccurate information presented in your story will lead students and others to be unnecessarily concerned about mold in the residence halls. I ask that Technician write a follow up story, with equal presence on the front page, to present accurate information from University Housing. This is a very important topic and it deserves to be treated with accurate, balanced coverage.

Tim Luckadoo
Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs/Director of University Housing



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Wolfpack Weekend

Volleyball
N.C. State finished its weekend of play with a 3-2 win over Troy State Saturday in the Birmingham-Southern Challenge.

Freshman outside hitter Julia Reis finished with a career-high 24 kills, while juniors Melanie Rowe and Maya Mapp added 14 and 13 kills, respectively. State opened the tournament by dropping a pair of matches on Friday against Birmingham-Southern and Memphis.

With the win, the Pack moves to 6-7 and will open ACC play this Tuesday night against highly rated Georgia Tech.

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said. Brown played the majority of the second half in place of T.A. McLendon, who left the game early in the second half with hamstring cramps. Brown ran the ball 16 times for 69 yards to go along with his two scores.

"I told Josh to keep running it hard," McLendon said. "He was doing a good job, hitting the holes hard. I just told him to keep it up."

McLendon ran the ball 10 times for 115 yards and showed flashes of his last season's stellar performances in the first half and early in the second. Not even 10 minutes into the game, McLendon busted through the Raider defense and broke five tackles for a 29-yard touchdown run that put the Pack up 7-0.

"He makes a huge difference. And those guys up front blocked well," quarterback Phillip Rivers said. "The way he came out and ran the ball tough, it was big for us."

McLendon would strike again less than two minutes into the

second half. On first down from the State 32-yard line, McLendon once more ran straight through Raider defenders and sprinted 67 yards to the edge of the goal line. McLendon would have to leave the game directly following the run.

"I caught the worst cramps I'd ever caught in my life," McLendon said. "It was killing me."

His understudy Brown came through in the clutch, punching the ball in from the 2-yard line for touchdown.

"Once I saw him go down to the ground, I knew I had to go in and put it in," Brown said.

Senior Cotra Jackson also gave McLendon and Brown relief on Saturday, adding the exclamation point for State with a 24-yard touchdown run that put the Pack up 49-14 with over two minutes remaining.

State's running backs said they "will be ready once again to step up in next week's game versus North Carolina." Even with sore hamstrings this past Saturday, McLendon vowed to be ready for the Tar Heels.

"Why wouldn't I? I can't miss Carolina," McLendon said.

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of last season's overtime thriller with Texas Tech, in which Tech overcame a 28-point, second-half deficit. To do that, Symons needed to be kept off the field and the running game moving.

"The whole focus was to get the running game started," Brown said. "The past two games, we haven't really run the ball much, so we tried to keep up the balance this week."

Brown filled in for McLendon, who left with a hamstring injury early in the second half, and starred in one of the more important drives of the game.

Following a Texas Tech fumble that was recovered on the Pack's 6-yard line, State proceeded to drive the ball 94 yards on 14 plays to score a touchdown and increase the lead to 35-7.

The drive ate 6:03 off the clock in the third quarter and was the longest drive of the game for either team. During the drive, Brown carried the ball nine times for 41 yards.

"It was a big help for the momentum," Brown said. "We haven't had a drive like that in a long time, not this season, not as far as running the ball well."

The momentum kept building for State to the tune of two more touchdowns and a big win to halt a two-game losing skid.

"Last week, whether we lost it like we did, which we did, or we

BOX SCORE	TT	ST	4-(minus 9).
FIRST DOWNS	30	24	PASSING
Rushing	5	10	Texas Tech — Symons 39-63-1 586.
Passing	24	11	N.C. State — Rivers 18-22-0 257.
Penalty	1	3	RECEIVING
Rushing Attempts	24	39	Texas Tech — Mack 9-107, Glover 8-
Yards Gained Rushing	124	254	106, Welker 7-87, Francis 4-95, Hicks
Yards Lost Rushing	29	37	4-49, Peters 3-50, Henderson 2-10,
NET YARDS RUSHING	95	217	Fuller 1-50, Bongo-Wanga 1-32. N.C.
NET YARDS PASSING	586	257	State — Brown 4-50, McLendon 4-42,
Passes Attempted	64	22	Washington 3-64, Cotchery 3-56, Clark
Passes Completed	39	18	2-21, Hawkins 1-14
Had Intercepted	1	0	What worked
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS	88	61	N.C. State's running attack had
TOTAL NET YARDS	681	474	a season-high 217 yards and
Avg. Gain Per Play	7.7	7.8	also averaged over 5.5 yards
Fumbles:			per attempt. Whether it was T.A.
Num.-Lost	3-2	5-2	McLendon (115 yards rushing),
Penalties:			Josh Brown (69 yards, two
Num.-Yards	11-106	8-55	touchdowns on the
Num. of Punts-Yards	3-80	3-	ground) or Cotra Jackson (24-
127			yard touchdown run), the Raiders
Avg. Per Punt	26.7	42.3	never had an
Punt Returns:			answer.
Num.-Yards	2-6	1-15	...and what didn't
Kickoff Returns:			Despite putting up 681 yards of
Num.-Yards	1-29	2-51	total offense, Texas Tech managed
Interceptions:			just 21 points, meaning its red-
Num.-Yards	0-0	1-71	zone offense was nothing short
Fumble Returns:			of atrocious. Six times the Raiders
Num.-Yards	0-0	1-13	drove inside the Wolfpack's 35-
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0	yard line in the first half and each
Possession Time	30:31	29:29	time they came away without a
Third-Down			single point.
Conversions	5 of 15	4 of 9	Player of the Game
Fourth-Down			As good as Brown was off the
Conversions	2 of 7	1 of 1	bench, McLendon ran all over the
Sacks By:			Raiders even though he played
Number-Yards	3-12	4-29	

Monday Sports

Schedule

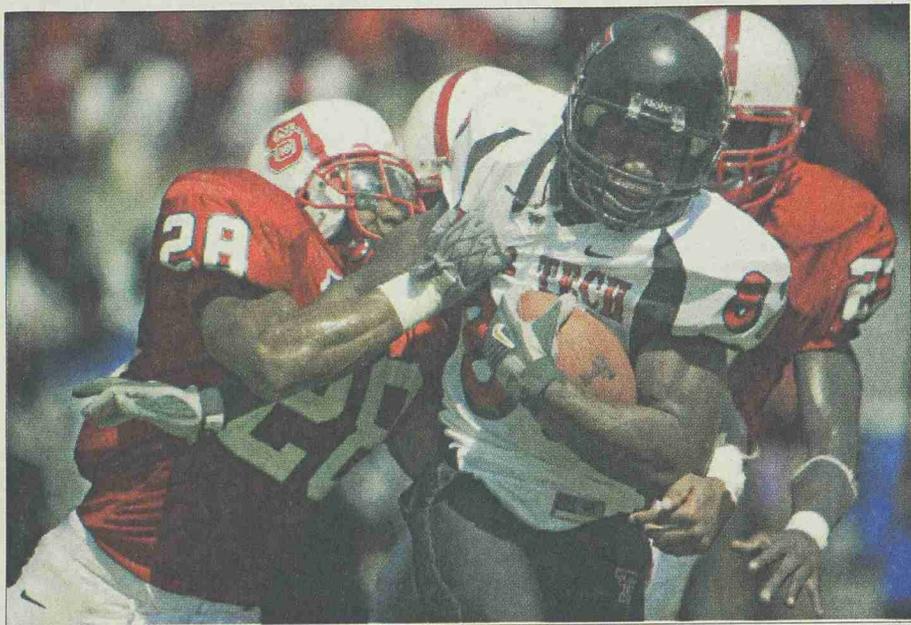
Football vs. North Carolina, 9/27, 2
Men's soccer vs. Campbell, 9/24, 4
Women's soccer vs. Virginia, 9/26, 4
Volleyball vs. Georgia Tech, 9/23, 7
Cross Country in Great American XC, 9/26

Scores

Football 49, Texas Tech 21
Men's soccer 2, Clemson 0
South Carolina 1, women's soccer 0
Volleyball 3, Troy State 2
Women's XC, 1st in Raleigh Invite
Men's XC, 2nd in Raleigh Invite

TECHNICIAN

Home, sweet homecoming



ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN

Cornerback Lamont Reid drags down a Red Raider. The Pack gave up a school-record 586 yards through the air but still won.

The Wolfpack running game comes up big in win over Texas Tech, snapping the Pack's two game losing streak.

Brian Grossman
Staff Writer

"Somebody had to pay."

That is what sophomore tailback Josh Brown was thinking coming into Saturday's game with Texas Tech, following disappointing team rushing performances against Wake Forest and Ohio State.

Brown rushed for 69 yards and two touchdowns in addition to T.A. McLendon's 115 yards and one touchdown to lead the Wolfpack (2-2, 0-1 ACC) to a 49-21 victory over Texas Tech (2-1) Saturday in front of a Carter-Finley Stadium Homecoming crowd of 53,800.

State came out on top, despite a career day for Tech quarterback B.J. Symons. Symons set a school record for passing yards, completing 39 of his 63 pass attempts for 586 yards and two touchdowns. "Texas Tech could have scored 50 or they could have

scored seven or anything in between," State coach Chuck Amato said. "With a couple of minutes left to go in the game they only had seven points on the board. Our kids fought the heck out of them."

"Sure you don't want to give up that many yards, but we're not going to face a passing attack like that week in and week out."

Although Symons had a record-setting day, Tech could only manage three touchdowns facing tough opposition from the Wolfpack defense, especially on third and fourth down. Tech was a combined 7-of-22 on third- and fourth-down conversions.

Freshman Mario Williams came up with a few key quarterback pressures as well as a sack to keep Symons from getting too comfortable in the pocket.

"The coaches told us that they were a great offense, but as long as we didn't stop fighting and pushing that we'd be OK, and that's what it was all about," Williams said. "We kept fighting no matter what. Even when we were double-teamed, we just kept our feet moving, and we kept our hands moving."

The running game played

a huge role in keeping the explosive Tech offense off the field, according to senior quarterback Philip Rivers.

"We got the running game going today," Rivers said. "T.A. and the other guys got a lot of good blocking. Running is just what we wanted to do."

The game featured a balanced attack from the Pack. Both the defense and special teams added touchdowns to complement the offensive outburst of 35 points.

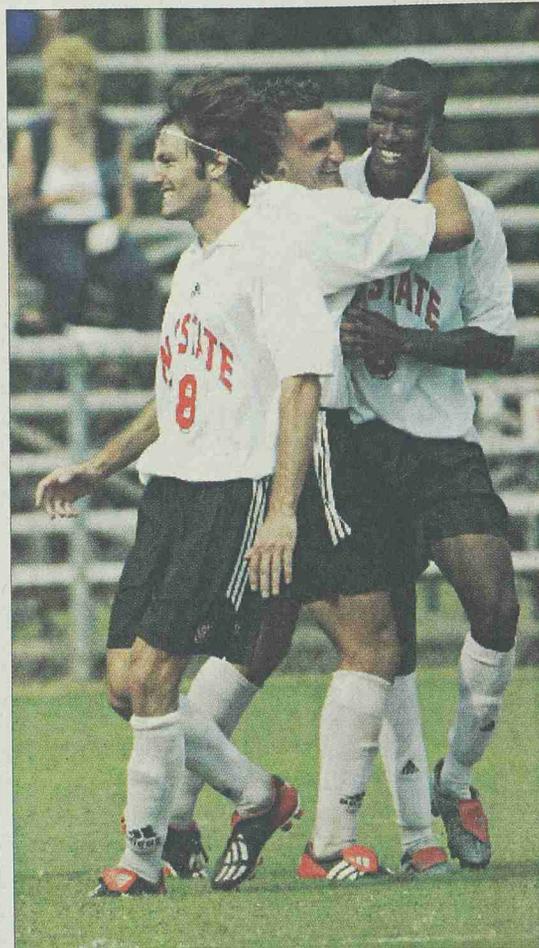
The defense scored on Greg Golden's 71-yard interception return just a minute after McLendon's touchdown, to give the Pack a 14-0 advantage.

Richard Washington recovered sophomore linebacker Manny Lawson's fourth career blocked punt in the end zone to account for the special teams score and extend the Pack's lead to 21-0.

"I hope [Terrence Holt] was watching because I threw up a four just to let him know I was coming and I haven't stopped chasing his record," Lawson said, referring to Holt's school record for blocked kicks.

Leading by 21 at halftime, State hoped to avoid a repeat

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BEN AUSTIN/TECHNICIAN

Justin Branch (left) and his teammates celebrate one of the team's two goals in a 2-0 win over No. 24 Clemson Sunday at Method Road.

Wolfpack ends streak of futility.

The men's soccer team beats Clemson for its first ACC win since 1999.

Robin Segreti
Staff Writer

N.C. State coach George Tarantini spent nearly the entire match Sunday against Clemson watching the Wolfpack's sideline, shouting out instructions in English and his native Spanish. Finally, with a minute left, Tarantini began to relax, a contented smile resting upon his face.

His team had finally done it.

The men's soccer team recorded its first ACC victory since Oct. 3, 1999, defeating No. 24 Clemson 2-0.

The Wolfpack (3-4-1, 1-1-ACC) was all smiles as they received a standing ovation from the crowd after the game.

"It just feels good," said sophomore forward Aaron King, "We just did a good job today, it feels really good."

King, leading the team this season with four goals, scored the second of the Pack's goals on Sunday off a quick pass from sophomore midfielder Federico Peria, which he then knocked past diving Clemson (3-3-1, 1-1) goalkeeper Phil Marfuggi inside the left post. Junior defender Chris Catlett was also credited with an assist for the downfield pass he kicked to Peria.

The Pack, held scoreless in its previous two games, took advantage of Clemson's formation, finding numerous openings as they attacked the Tigers' defense, outshooting them 15-12.

"We tried to find the open spaces a little bit on the flanks," said assistant coach David Allred, "They play with three in the back, and today I think we found some of those gaps."

The Pack started out the game tentatively, not taking any shots and playing almost exclusively on defense dur-

ing the first five minutes of the match. The game rapidly turned physical though, as each team piled up fouls trying to gain an advantage.

State and Clemson tallied 36 fouls total for the match, 17 by the Pack. Peria, along with freshmen Chris Wheaton and Joey Backer each received yellow cards for State.

"That's the ACC," said Allred of the rough play during the game, "You expect the challenge is going to be hard, you just have to play and today our guys responded with that."

Still, the game remained scoreless until 10 minutes into the second period when freshman midfielder Santiago Fuslier kicked a cross into the bottom left corner of the goal. Fuslier credited the score, the first of his career, to an alert pass by Peria, who found him open on the right side of the box, and managed to get him the ball through several defenders.

King scored his goal 16 minutes later, effectively sealing the victory for State, its first against Clemson since 1997.

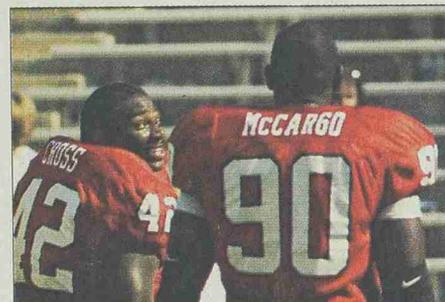
"It's always nice to win an ACC game," said Allred, who was the Pack's starting goalkeeper on its 1990 ACC championship team. "For some of us, we've been here in the past, and we remember some wins like this. I think it's important for these guys to feel that."

Sophomore goalkeeper Jorge Gonzalez finished with four saves, helping the Pack to its first shutout of the season.

Allred also credited a strong defensive effort, particularly by senior defender Chris Gannon, in holding Clemson and its leading scorer, Paul Souder, scoreless.

"I think this will really build our confidence," said King, "We have a lot of young players, and I think after this game we'll play even harder."

State will next host Campbell at 4 p.m. this Wednesday at Method Road Soccer Stadium.



RAY BLACK/TECHNICIAN

Defensive lineman Chip Cross (left) and John McCargo may have surrendered 681 yards to Texas Tech, but they still walked off the field as winners in the Pack's 49-21 victory.

McLendon, Brown ground Raiders

N.C. State controlled the game with a consistent running attack that included four rushing touchdowns.

Joe Overby
Sports Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, N.C. State's running game against Wake Forest was nothing more than a wreck with only 78 yards on the ground.

This past Saturday was a much different story, as the Wolfpack's ground attack was the key factor in its 49-21 home victory over Texas Tech. State racked up 217 yards on the ground and had four rushing touchdowns.

Also, State's ground game was vital on two second-half touchdown drives that melted significant time off the game clock and kept Tech quarterback B.J. Symons, who threw for a State opponent record 586 yards, off the field.

"We had to control the ball today," running back Josh Brown said. "We had to keep our defense fresh and get our offense balanced more."

State was able to control the ball late in the game on two key drives that spanned nearly half the time of possession in the second half. One of the drives occurred midway through the third quarter when the Pack was stuck deep in its own territory.

State then ran the ball right at the Raiders, driving 94 yards on 14 plays to stretch

its lead to 35-7. The Pack's methodical drive included ten rushing plays and took 6:03 off the clock.

Two possessions later, State once again relied on its running game to melt clock time and keep the Tech offense off the field. State kept the ball on the ground for the majority of the nine-play, 84-yard touchdown drive that wiped away 5:24 from the clock.

With the Pack up 42-14 with just over six minutes to play, the game was ultimately out of reach for the Raiders. Coach Chuck Amato credits much of the team's success on those drives to play on Brown, who rushed for two second-half touchdowns.

"Josh really came to our rescue," Amato

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