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Tuition, fees head to chancellor

The Tuition Task Force and Fee Review Committee make their recommendations.

Carie Windham
Staff Reporter

After several late night Student Senate debates and countless committee and task force meetings, tuition increases and students fees will enter their next chapter today when they land on the desk of Chancellor Marye Anne Fox.

Fox will use those recommendations and student input from the Tuition Town Hall on Sunday night to formulate her own recommendations to the Board of Trustees early next week.

"It's a lengthy, complicated process," Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs said. Stafford explained that campus committees were charged to provide recommendations by today for the chancellor's review. Her recommendations will be sent to the Board of Trustees on Tuesday for their mid-November meeting. In the final steps, the Trustees will take the numbers to the Board of Governors for the final decision.

Those decisions - and therefore the definite impact on students' pocketbooks - could arrive as early as February but as late as March.

For her part, Chancellor

Fox will have recommendations from the Fee Review Committee, Student Senate and the Tuition Task Force.

The Fee Review Committee made the most recent decisions late Thursday afternoon. The committee voted in favor of proposals to increase fees for the Carmichael Gym expansion, education and technology, Student Center repairs and renovations and Student Center operations. Proposals to increase fees for athletics and PE operations tied and therefore failed.

According to members of the committee, these proposals are also contingent upon the availability of financial aid to make sure students are "held harmless."

The recommendations of the committee, which includes representatives from business affairs, financial aid, student affairs, the student body and a member appointed at the chancellor's discretion, did not mirror those passed the night before by the Student Senate.

Senate voted in favor of passing all fee increases, despite previous concerns about the Carmichael Expansion and the Student Centers Operations fee.

The chancellor will receive recommendations from both groups but Stafford, a committee member, said that the outcome of the senate

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Tuition town hall meeting scheduled for Sunday

The Tuition Task Force is going to listen to community response about the proposed tuition increases.

Michele DeCamp
News Editor

The Tuition Task Force voted on Monday to institute a \$300 student tuition increase every year for the next three years, and now it is time for the community

to have one last chance to voice their concerns or support for the increase. Chancellor Marye Anne Fox has called a public Tuition Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. in Nelson Hall Auditorium to listen to community response on the task force's decision.

"I'm interested in everyone's opinion because I have to make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees and I want that to

be an informed decision," Fox said.

Fox will have to present a tuition proposal to the N.C. State Board of Trustees during their Nov. 20-21 meetings. The board will also make a decision about student fee increases as well. She called the town hall meeting because she wants to find out how students feel about the tuition changes.

"I think it's important for students to take the opportunity to voice their concerns and their interests, not only about tuition, but year after year budget cuts - have [the cuts] affected the quality of their education?" Fox said.

The task force, which is co-chaired by Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor James Oblinger and Student Body President Tony Caravano, has proposed that the tuition increase go towards financial aid and areas that will help maintain the university's academic excellence.



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Student Senate passes fee proposals

After sending the original fee resolutions back to committee to be amended, the Student Senate passed all of the fee proposals.

Sam Stern
Staff Reporter

Parliamentary procedure and intricate debate engrossed Student Senate for the majority of Wednesday's meeting that lasted into early Thursday morning. Senators struck down last minute amendments and passed all student fee increase proposals.

Senators Gary Palin and Amanda Devore, who served as a senator's proxy, led the debates on the final passage of the Student Center Operations fee, the Carmichael Gym Expansion fee, the Education and Technology fee and the Student Center Renovations fee.

Quorum calls, points of order and queries began immediately after an amendment proposed by Devore, a senior in accounting and finance. The amendment would provide students immunity from rising student fees by paying for them with financial aid distri-

bution derived from the proposed Campus Initiated Tuition Increase (CITI).

"These amendments give implicit approval to the CITI," Palin, a life-long education student, said. "Right now we should not be supporting any increases."

Senators struck down the amendment and passed R58, the Student Center Operations Fee.

The senate then listened to Dawn Sanner, director of facilities and operations for Carmichael Gym, explain recent revisions to R56, the Carmichael Expansion fee request.

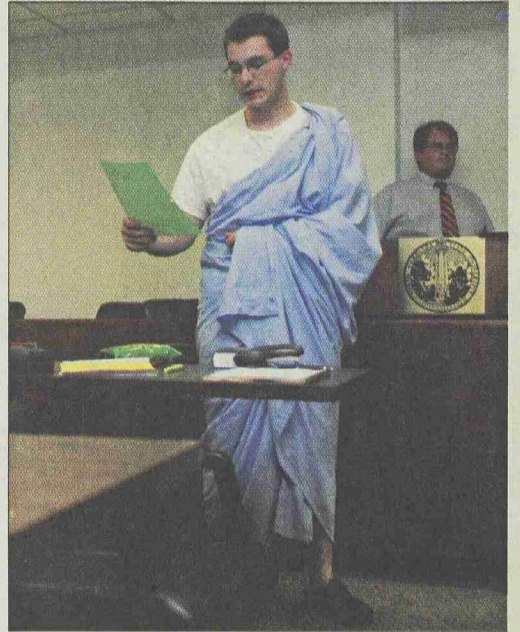
Palin argued against the gym expansion by saying that "this is something that is nice, but is not necessary at this time."

"These issues before us are intertwined," Devore added. "How can you justify a Carmichael Gym Expansion with pricing someone out of the university?"

Senator Mark Mathews, a senior in political science, proposed raising faculty gym fees to a cap of \$20 while making a gradual student fee increase tied to gym use.

Student Senate vetoed the amendment, and after extensive

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Student Body Treasurer Seth Lester speaks to the Student Senate Wednesday about appropriations, which is the process of student government distributing funds to student organizations.

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PUMPKIN EATER



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Rob Blanke, a sophomore in computer engineering, takes a smoke break alongside a rapidly deteriorating pumpkin outside of Metcalf Residence Hall on Wednesday. "It wasn't out here yesterday," said Blanke. "It must have been [up in someone's room,] because it looks pretty old."

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Still a force
Although he hasn't played a snap this season, Chris Colmer has made a positive mark on the Wolfpack and its offensive line.

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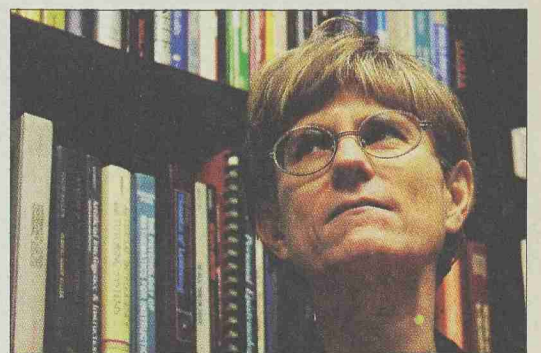
Making it clearer

Professor Chabay is devoted to her love of physics and teaching.

Andrea DeLeo
Staff Reporter

Often on weekday nights, Ruth Chabay spends until midnight or later preparing for her classes or doing research on campus. She dedicates much of her free time to help students master physics, and with the help of the course textbook that Chabay co-wrote, students are able to learn the subject.

Chabay, a physics professor, is



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Physics professor Ruth Chabay has co-authored a textbook, hiked into the Everest Base Camp and lived in Japan.

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N.C. State to host law school fair

Over 50 law schools will be attending the law school fair on Monday.

News Staff Report

N.C. State Pre-Law Students' Association will host the second annual Inter-Institutional Law School Fair on Monday, Nov. 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Talley Student Center Ballroom.

The event is open to students in all majors who are interested in attending law school upon graduation. Students from local colleges and universities are also encouraged to attend.

Over 50 law schools will be at the event, including Columbia University School of Law, Duke University School of Law and Wake Forest University School

of Law.

Prior registration is not required for the law school fair.

A complete list of the law schools that will in attendance, as well as a printable list of average GPAs and LSAT scores for each school, can be found at <http://www.ncsu.edu/career/students/LAW.htm>.

Attendees from other campuses should consult the NCSU Department of Transportation Web site for parking questions at <http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/trans/visitors/index.html>.

For questions regarding the event or pre-law services and information at NCSU, please contact Ms. Mary A. Tetro at (919) 515-5830 or mary_tetro@ncsu.edu (when sending e-mails, please include the word "law" in the subject line).

ASA arranges alternative trick or treating

N.C. State students will be collecting canned goods from a Cary neighborhood for the N.C. Food Bank.

Staff Report

Students will be descending upon Lochmere neighborhood in Cary today to collect green beans and whole potatoes instead of Sweet Tarts and Hershey bars. The Asian Students Association has organized a "Can-O-Treat" that will bring groups of students to this local neighborhood with the hope of collecting canned goods from residents.

All students are welcome to join the holiday event. They will be meeting tonight at 6 p.m. in front of Talley Student Center and then going as a group to Lochmere.

"The whole point of 'Can-O-Treat,' is so we can collect foods and donate them to the N.C. Food Bank, so homeless families or people who can't afford a good Thanksgiving meal will have a good dinner," Francis Luk, a sophomore in biochemistry, said. Luk is one of the students who organized the event.

This is not the first time that the ASA has gone trick-or-treating for canned goods, and Luk hopes that it will be as successful as it has been in the past. They do not have an estimate of how many pounds of food they will be able to bring in, but Luk has heard from other members that the neighborhood residents are usually very generous.

The ASA has also made sure that the homeowners will not be surprised to find a group of college students on their doorsteps. They delivered fliers to the Lochmere residents two weeks ago, so homeowners would have a chance to ask questions or request that the students skip their house. Luk has not received any phone calls from homeowners who do not wish to be visited.

The ASA volunteers will be dressed in costume and may even blend in with the other trick-or-treaters, but they are not there for the candy, even though Luk admitted that they would accept any leftovers if the homeowners wanted to share.

The organizers expect the event to last from 6 to 9 p.m., and they will deliver all the donated cans to the food bank this weekend.

RESEARCH ROUNDUP

Cognition & forestry

Elderly cognition and forestry is given special attention by two of N.C. State's own professors.

Aniesha Felton
Senior Staff Reporter

Hess studies elderly cognition

The elderly are not as forgetful as some people may think, according to Thomas Hess, a professor in psychology who studies how cognition is affected by aging. "I have found that older adults aren't as forgetful if they are doing a task that is meaningful to them," Hess said. "Traditional research constantly tells us that older adults are forgetful because of declines in biological factors, but these factors aren't the whole story."

According to Hess, the social contexts that older adults are placed into could determine how good their cognitive performance is. His approach to studying this is to test cognitive abilities within the context of activities that they value or activities that are relevant to their everyday living.

One study by Hess and graduate assistant Cassandra Germain, which measured how well older adults can tune out extraneous activities around them, asked older adults to read a text that had font changes throughout it. When the passage was about student concerns, the older adults had a hard time reading and comprehending the passage; however, when the passage was about social security or other topics relevant to their age group, their comprehension was better than that of the young adults who also read the passage.

"When older adults are engaged in tasks or motivated because they have an interest in the task, their cognitive performance is improved and often puts them on the same level as younger adults," Hess said.

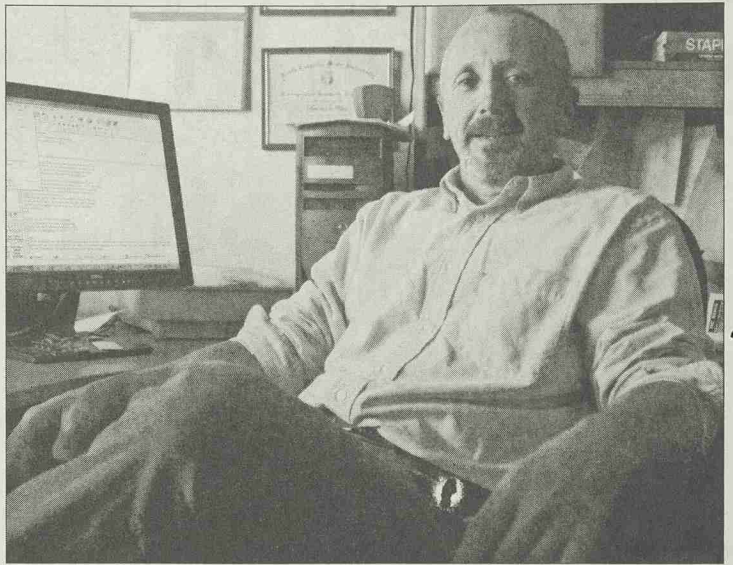
According to Hess, older adults are more selective in using their cognitive resources because they are harder to garner. He noted the difference between older and younger adults.

"Young people can engage more in meaningless tasks because they have cognitive resources to spare, older adults however will not use their resources so freely on irrelevant tasks because it may take too much energy," Hess said.

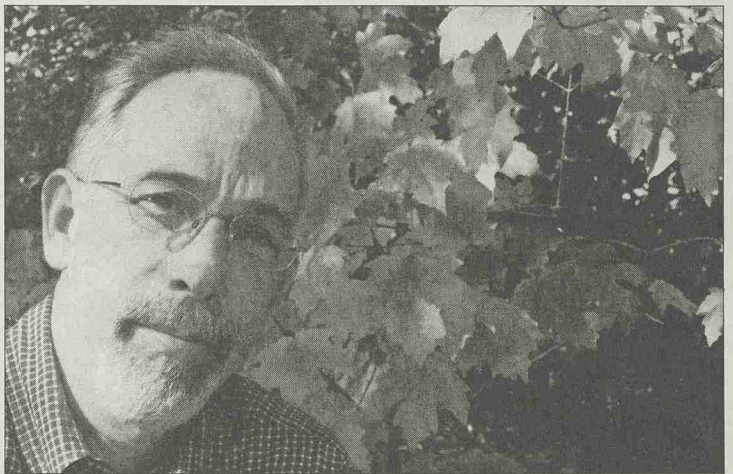
Hess also hypothesized that significant differences between older and young adults' memory performance observed in previous research may be due to what is known as stereotype threat. Hess commented that the research in the past reflected stereotype threat because they were set up to do so.

"Older adults are aware of the stereotype that they are supposed to be forgetful, so when they agree to participate in an experiment regarding forgetfulness in older adults, they may experience more anxiety than normal because they did not want to confirm this negative stereotype; this anxiety led to poor performances," Hess said.

In a recent study, Hess and his colleagues found that a group of older adults who read positive articles regarding the effects of aging on memory remembered 58 percent of the words on a list they studied, while those who read negative articles on mem-



The research of psychology professor Thomas Hess explores the effects of aging on memory.



Richard Lancia, director of the Fisheries and Wildlife Program, is currently involved in research concerning wildlife and urban habitats.

ory in older adults remembered 44 percent, thus suggesting that social factors can influence performance.

With two grants funded by the National Institute of Aging totaling \$1.4 million, Hess commented that he hopes his research will help provide a more complete understanding of the factors associated with cognitive decline in older adults.

"I want to help dispel stereotypes that older adults are forgetful just because they are old," Hess said. "I want to change those largely negative perceptions and hopefully my research can help portray healthy older adults in a more accurate way-capable people who all don't have Alzheimer's," he said.

Lancia studies birds and intensive timber management

So, birds can live in a "fake" forest? They can and they are, according to Richard Lancia.

Lancia, a professor in forestry and zoology, researches the effects of intensive timber management and birds.

"Many people think these forests are fake, however they're not; they're just owned by timber companies," Lancia said. "Because both companies and birds need forest, I wanted to know how and can these two things coexist," he said.

Timber companies plant and replant genetically improved trees so that they may grow

faster and be harvested for pulp and paper. Although the trees grow at different rates due to when they were planted, they will only grow for 20 years, this being enough time for birds to call these "doomed" trees and forests their home.

What Lancia and his graduate students found was that birds are doing just fine in these kinds of forests.

"The birds we are studying are doing fine, thank you very much," Lancia said. "These engineered trees are proving to be good, temporary homes."

Lancia found that the forest industry supports a diverse bird population; two that are of particular interest to Lancia are the Acacia flycatcher and the hooded warbler.

He also found that they reproduce in these managed forests.

"Oh yes, they are reproducing quite well and often, but then again why wouldn't they?" he asked.

As well as having a 10 feet mist net to catch birds to study the ratio of adults to juveniles, Lancia and others hunt around for nests and keep up with them to see how they fair and to grasp exactly how much they are reproducing.

Funded by Timber Industry, Lancia acknowledges that the companies "are okay with me."

"The forest industry could have hired for themselves, but instead they went to the university," he said. "They could have cared less about our findings, but

they didn't and this gives them credibility to the public and to me," Lancia said.

In addition to his ongoing research, Lancia has started a new project in conjunction with the Department of Transportation (DOT).

This project, which is funded by DOT, will allow Lancia and others to see whether DOT needs to make a bridge that will cross New Hope Creek bigger. Lancia commented that animal-rights activists have raised concerns about whether animals will be safe using the smaller bridge and that DOT has called on N.C. State to determine exactly how many animals will use this future bridge.

With state of the arch cameras set up, there will be photos of how many animals actually use a "mock" bridge at night. With this baseline information, if there are many animals that use it, especially deer, DOT will make their proposed bridge larger, however if the contrary happens, the bridge will stay at the original dimensions.

Lancia admitted that in the grand scheme of things, he doesn't know if his research will be very important to society, but it at least makes people think.

"I want people to question whether we have a responsibility towards nature," he said. "I know we're not living in a pristine natural world, but we should be good stewards and educate ourselves on nature and at least try to preserve it."

SENATE

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debate, passed R56 with several abstentions.

Senator Jason Moody, a sophomore in political science, explained his abstention.

"The reason I'm not voting is because I agree with Tony Caravano and the administration [veto of the student fee package] but it was handled wrong," he said. "We need to codify the process and move on."

The next bill before the Senate

was R54, which recommended a fee increase for the Education and Technology fee.

Senators argued that the \$30 request was vague and tried to lower their recommendation to \$20. Senate approved R54 with the original recommendation of \$30.

Lastly, the senate voted on and approved SR57, the Student Center Renovations fee.

"Our recommendations are designed to help the current generation of State students receive a top-notch education while obeying the codicil in the state constitution about making

higher education as free as possible," Senator Patrick Cleary, a junior in pulp and paper science, said.

The Student Senate passed all four fee increases but was careful when trying to advocate for common student concerns for future discussions that review university budgets for the next year, since not all students are upset over the increases.


"I don't care, send the bill to my parents," Greg Coleman, a senior in business finance, said in regards to the proposed fee increases.

The bill

A list of the recommendations currently in front of the chancellor for fee and tuition increases and how they'll add up in students' pockets if they pass.

Tuition
Campus-Initiated Tuition Increase: \$300

Fee Increases
Student Center Operations: \$10
Student Center Repairs and Renovations: \$10
Carmichael Gym Expansion: \$22.50 per semester
Education and Technology: \$30
PE Operations: \$7
Athletics: \$10



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meeting was brought up several times during Thursday's committee discussions.

"I asked each one of [the committee members] to individually decide on the extent to which they would take that into consideration and the extent to which their actions would determine their vote," he said.

From the beginning, the weight that senate's recommendations would carry with the committee and the chancellor has been an issue of debate. Members of the administration and committee have openly criticized the way the senate has handled their end of the review process.

Stafford is one that has vocalized his concerns.

"We've got to decide if senate is the right body to provide student input into the fee process," he said. "Right now, based on what I saw this past cycle, I'm not at all convinced that they should be."

But Stafford says that while controversy and complications are nothing new to the fee process, he has never seen one with as many problems as this.

One reason could be changes in the overall process, as mandated by a new tuition and fees policy adopted by the General Assembly in February. The establishment of the fee committee was one major change.

Natalie Duggins, the student representative on the committee, says that the timing and establishment of the committee has made the process a little "frantic."

"Given that it's the first year, it's to be expected. But that still doesn't excuse what happened," she said.

Duggins said that many of her concerns are still lingering, such as the role that Student Senate should play in the committee's recommendations and how the students' voice, as a whole, should be represented.

She pointed to the "across the board" nature of the policy as a

source of the problem. The new policy was adopted by the Board of Governors to apply to all campuses and Duggins said she feels that N.C. State should be an exception to the rule because they already have a clear process.

She also raised concerns about "ambiguities" with the process, namely questions about a clause that says the committee cannot raise fees for faculty funding and if the committee could increase indebtedness to pay for a new building.

Finally, the new policy states that if the committee finds that an increase is needed, they should all attempt to decrease another fee so that the students do not feel an increased burden. This year's timetable, she said, made that almost impossible.

Duggins also pointed out that the recommendations were not due until 5 p.m. today. She pushed for an additional meeting but now hopes to take her concerns to members of Student Government in the near future.

Stafford sees an opportunity for criticism and review with the overall process.

"I'm not putting the blame in one place or another, there were problems all around," he said. "My objective now is to get the right group together before the next cycle and agree on a good process that will eliminate all the problems that surfaced."

In addition to fee recommendations, the chancellor will also officially receive a recommendation from the Tuition Task Force to initiate a \$300 campus-initiated tuition increase each year for the next three years. The task force voted 8-6 in favor of the resolution on Monday.

The recommendation also suggests that revenue from the increases be used for financial aid and a category called "academic excellence." Included in the latter is funding for the Graduate Student Support Plan and "academic enhancement" ventures such as funding for additional class sections and seats.

CHABAY

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for even longer. She first became curious about physics in high school when she became fascinated with the world at the microscopic level.

After high school, she attended the University of Chicago, which was far from her hometown, a suburb of Maryland near Washington D.C.

Upon graduation, she applied and entered graduate school at the University of Illinois.

She started to teach physics in Illinois, and she met her future husband while they were both working on a computer project together. They married and have a daughter and a son. Today, both children live in San Francisco.

Chabay's husband is also a physics professor at NCSU.

She said the university has been very sympathetic with couples because it can be difficult sometimes for couples in the same field to both find jobs.

"N.C. State is extremely supportive, in fact there are three couples just in the physics department," Chabay said.

In her spare time, she enjoys hiking and bicycling. When she was younger, she hiked in northern British Columbia and in northeast Alaska.

She also hiked into the Everest Base Camp in Alaska, which is at an elevation of 1800 feet.

Chabay also lived in Japan for six months, which might be why her favorite food is Japanese. However, there are plenty of places she would still like to visit.

"If there was one place in the world I could go today it would be China because I have been fascinated by its long cultural history," Chabay said.

Sight Night

News Staff Report

Before you throw those old eyeglasses away, you should consider donating them.

N.C. State's Collegiate 4-H Club is participating in "Sight Night," an alternative Halloween event in which they will collect old eyeglasses.

The eyeglasses will go to less fortunate people in foreign countries who need eyeglasses but cannot afford them.

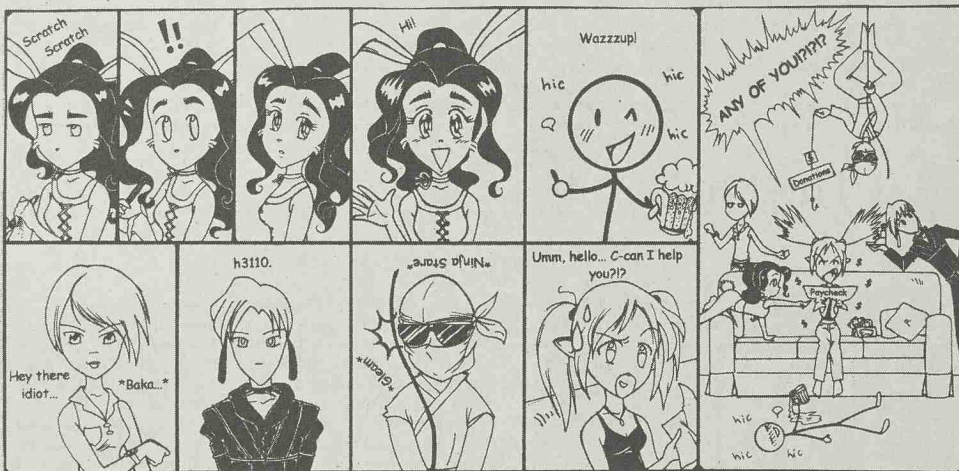
The club will meet outside Ricks Hall at 6:30 p.m. tonight and then head to a Cary neighborhood, where they will collect the eyeglasses.

After collecting them, the club will give all donations to the Lion's Club, who organized the event.

NCSU's Collegiate 4-H Club attached fliers to the outside of people's mailboxes to inform them and advertise the event.

This is the first year NCSU is participating in the event, according to Andrew Mallner, a sophomore in nuclear engineering and communications coordinator of NCSU's Collegiate 4-H Club.

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Have a spooky
Halloween

Taking sex from strangers

Liesl remembers a certain rule that is fun to break, but can be sweet sorrow.

Hosting a restaurant on a slow day can become somewhat boring if you let it; the trick is to keep yourself occupied, like the distraction of observing



Liesl Clouse
Sex Columnist

the guests. Sunday afternoon, a Buccaneers fan club arrived, complete with two young children decked out in Tampa Bay gear. No matter how many times the dads told their respective children that going outside was strictly off-limits, the kids continued sprinting for the door at any open chance, parents chasing close after. Hard-core rebels. The bigger the rule, the more fun it is to break!

The art of defying the rules and regulations (as well as

simple, good advice) constantly fulfills a need we have all felt since we were mini-rebels in our parents' favorite NFL jerseys: that certain Bon Jovi "It's my Life" vibe, where you long to do what you want, when you want. At times, subconscious defiance steps in.

I was once walking through campus when, quite randomly, a tall, dark and handsome man passing by with a king-size Reese's, looked at me and flashed his dimples and pearly whites.

"Here, do you want some chocolate," he asked. "I doubt I'm going to eat all these." Without hesitation, I accepted his offer (while batting my eyelashes profusely), and walked on, consuming my spur-of-the-moment treat. I slowly recognized the number one childhood rule I had just utterly blown off, and my mother's cautionary tone crept back into my mind: don't take candy from strangers! Yet, the realization of the surprising little mistake I had made simply evolved into a devilish grin, confirming the notion that if the opportunity arose again, I would gladly consent!

Considering the personal

thrills juxtaposed with spontaneous, yet fairly deliberate disobedience of good advice, I wondered to what extent I might allow these uncommon candy exchanges to occur, and how I might encourage them.

I falsely assumed that the prospects of being impulsively promiscuous would be rare and somewhat of a challenge. Nevertheless, each "candy exchange" outdid the last, and my adventures continued on like an extended Halloween. My trick-or-treat bag rapidly expanded with a fantastic variety of Smarties, FireBalls, Sweethearts, Butterfingers, Sugar Daddies, Jawbreakers, Hot Tamales, Whoppers and Joe Blow bubblegum. Taking candy from strangers, like any grab bag, wasn't always the perfect assortment. Occasionally, something like a mystery-flavored Dum-Dum slipped into the sack, and then what do you do? Simply move on, hoping the next sucker tastes a bit sweeter.

After continuously gathering a stunning collection of sweets, something happened that I never saw coming. As with any extended activity, I began to

get bored! My sweet tooth wore out, and I began to think about the cavities I might be developing! And was all this candy safe? That Fun Stick wasn't coated each time I sampled it - maybe, just maybe, Mom's words of advice contained some logic after all.

Candy can become something to crave, but even sweet addictions put forth a thick, restricting boundary line. Before I got close to that line, I found that I didn't need all that candy; it might have given me a tummy ache! Sometimes, it may be difficult to back away from the huge barrel of candy that waits, available for any takers. However, that's how it goes with sweet rules to be broken.

After the Buccaneers' game was winding down, and the parents had finished their last pints, I noticed how quiet it was. The two young kids had fallen asleep in their strollers, after finally growing tired of breaking their rule of running outside.

Do you smell sex and candy? E-mail Liesl at lsclouse@unity.ncsu.edu.



DYSTRIPES LEGS the spiderman comes through the shadow of the evening sun the windows of the blissfully dead

Creeps closer now Closer to the foot of the bed And softer than shadow and quicker than flies His arms are all around me and his tongue in my eyes

victim shivering in bed

I fear in the gathering gloom and

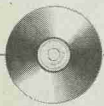
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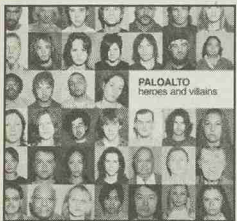
"Be still be calm be quiet now my precious boy Don't struggle like that or I will only love you more For it's much too late to get away or turn on the light The spiderman is having you for dinner tonight!"

AND I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING EATEN By a thousand million shivering furry holes And I know that in the morning I will wake up in the shivering cold

And the spiderman is always hungry...



The Music Bin



Palaoalto
"Heroes and Villains"

★★★★/2

After having reviewed several boring, generic rock albums, it's refreshing to listen to something as beautiful and uplifting as Palaoalto's new album "Heroes and Villains."

While Palaoalto's songs often have either a Coldplay/early Radiohead or Red Hot Chili Peppers sound to them (Palaoalto's producer Rick Rubin also produced RHCP's brilliant "Blood Sugar Sex Magik"), it's still very positive and generally enjoyable music.

"Heroes and Villains" opens with the laid back track "The World Outside," and right from the get-go you can tell the pace of this album is going to be very slow and easy on the ears. This track, like many others on the album, offers a good mixture of lead singer James Grundler's

voice (he sounds like Thom Yorke if you took away his patented jitteriness) and the smooth sounds of Tommy Black's guitar and Andy Blunda's keyboards.

"Fade Out/In," which also appears on the "Daredevil" soundtrack, is a heavier and more guitar-driven song. Although it is a bit repetitive and sounds a little something Weezer might have done, it's still quite good because it once again showcases Palaoalto's brilliant blend of lyrics and guitar work.

The whole album has a really good flow to it and Palaoalto's upbeat songs make the listener want to channel this energy and use it to do something positive - at the very least, to paint a masterpiece or write a great novel.

Tracks such as "Last Way Out Of Here," "Throwing Stones,"

"Sleeping Citizens" and "Hangman" all have an exceptionally beautiful quality to them. Although Palaoalto have been compared to bands like Radiohead and Coldplay, it's their ability to take this sound and transform it into something all their own that really makes them stand out as a band worth listening to.

"Heroes and Villains" ends with the track "Seed," which employs a healthy sampling of guitars and distortions, and reminded me a lot of "Nice Dream" from Radiohead's earlier album "The Bends." Admittedly, "Seed" is a bit more experimental than this opus, but it is a nice way to round off a very interesting and thoroughly pleasing album.

- Chris Scull



Mushroomhead
"XIII"

★★★★

How does one create the perfect metal band? MASKS, that's how you create a kick ass metal band. We've seen Slipknot do it for the past eight years, we've seen Mudvayne paint their faces for the last seven years and both of those bands have earned an extreme amount of success. Well, my fellow metal music lovers, let me introduce you to a band that has been garnering masks for the past 10 years - oh yes, and they actually have their own, unique sound to boot.

Beginning as a side project formed by some of the best bands from around Cleveland, the members of Mushroomhead wore their unmistakable masks as a way to conceal their identities so as to protect the new band from any preconceived expectations.

The disguises soon turned into an intricate part of their pyrotechnics heavy elaborate stage shows combined with their blend of metal, rap, Gothic and industrial music.

Mushroomhead's second major label release and fifth album (I would like to boast that Slipknot and Mudvayne both have only released three albums a piece in their entire careers) is the evidently matured "XIII." With "XIII" comes the bands standard keyboard heavy, jaunting metal induced splendor, but the band seems to display a certain amount of growth that should be well welcomed by a larger audience.

On the new album, Mushroomhead find themselves on the trails of their biggest influ-

ence, Faith No More. Between their haunting chants, aggressive screams and melodic, stylized vocals similar to that of Mike Patton, Mushroomhead seem to be nestling themselves in the cushion left by Faith No More - which, in my opinion, is a pretty safe place to be.

All right, so they actually probably won't gain too many new fans with this opus, due to the sheer fact that the album art is frightening on its own, but this album is good, dammit. I'm not one to normally listen to this "type of music," but "XIII," as well as their other releases, is strangely appealing. Mushroomhead takes you on a sonic trip that is a complete assault on your senses.

- Jake Seaton

The PULSE

Friday

- Campus Cinema will be screening "Freddy vs. Jason" at 7 and 11:30 p.m. and "The Shining" at 9 p.m.
- "The Human Stain" will be opening at local cinemas along with "Alien," "Die, Mommie, Die," "Shattered Glass," "In The Cut" and "Holy Land."
- STM Music Productions presents a Halloween Bash with Unsound, Bandway, Throtlerod and more at The Brewery.
- Lincoln Theater will be hosting Barefoot Manner.
- The Cali Comm Tour is at Cat's Cradle with Grouch and Eligh, Lyrics Born, Ugly Duckling, Abstract Rude and Pigeon John.
- Prepare for Halloween Throwdown II: Intergalactic Boogaloo at King's Barcade with music provided by DJ.exe, Reed and Cutlass.
- There will be a Smashing Pumpkin Jam at The Pour House with a DJ spinning dance tunes and lots of prizes to give out for best costumes.
- Six String Cafe has Johnny Irion and Sarah Lee Guthrie with Dave Potts.

Saturday

- "Freddy vs. Jason" will be screened at the Campus Cinema

at 7 and 11:30 p.m.

- "The Shining" will be shown at the Campus Cinema at 9 p.m.
- "Brother Bear" will be opening at theaters.
- Snake Metal Radio presents a Halloween Bash with Blatant Disarray, Ghost, Beyond Glory and Frexon Zo at the Brewery.
- Lincoln Theater has Southern Culture On the Skids and The Legendary Shack Shakers.
- Meltdown Yellow, The Alt and Downnit are performing at King's Barcade.
- The Recipe will be at The Pour House.
- Josh Lamkin and Eliot Bronson with Bill West will be at Six String Cafe.

Sunday

- "Missing" will be shown at the Campus Cinema at 7 p.m.
- Laguardia and Starlight Mints will be performing at The Brewery.
- Death Cab For Cutie with Mates For States will be at Cat's Cradle.
- Lincoln Theater is proud to present India Arie and Anthony David.
- Rain Dance is going to be at The Pour House.

Boo! Halloween is fear-riffic!

Each year, I anticipate o' Halloween like the ever-shrinking Brittany Murphy anticipates the half-price sale on the laxative rack at Eckerd's feverishly.



Tim Coffield
Staff Ghoul

I can dress up in my treasured full-body Darth Maul costume without raising snide glances from my classmates (Believe me guys, it really hurts when you look at me like that. Please keep

in mind that socially ostracized youth are most likely to resort to violent revenge later in life.)

Yes, Halloween is a delightful time. There is something in the delicious combination of candy and bloody violence that no other holiday can match. Except, perhaps, that Valentine's Day I neglected to give my girlfriend a card. I considered this a reasonable money-saving tactic, as her birthday had come only a week previous and I'd given her a card then. What on earth does a girl need two cards in a week for? Was she trying to build a little Hallmark house? I figured she'd understand.

She did not understand, readers. My numerous body wounds and missing tooth can attest to that, as would the ensuing breakup. I also suspect she

blacklisted me to all other area females. This would explain why girls usually respond to my approaches and propositions by snorting and throwing napkins at me. But I am not certain.

As evidenced by the elf and snowman displays that will appear in store windows Monday morning, Halloween also marks the first holiday in the Christmas season. The last holiday in the Christmas season is Easter, judging from when Dad usually takes down his light-up reindeer and red-blinking yard ornaments.

So Christmas in my family spans about six months, kind of like my s'ster's first marriage. And her second.

Anyway, with the sheer massive size of the Christmas season, it made sense that the kids

in my family reveled in Halloween and the little opportunities it brought for indulgence in wickedness. When the night came, we took advantage.

Other children trick-or-treated with pathetic little pumpkin-shaped buckets in which to collect their loot. My brother and I were far more ambitious: We carried reinforced garbage bags, two apiece. We wouldn't quit until our bags were at least as bloated as Alicia Silverstone with a book of Hardee's coupons.

Upon arriving home, we would follow a certain meticulous ritual before consuming our haul:

- 1) We emptied our bags onto the floor.
- 2) We remembered briefly the stern warnings from our

parents about the dangers of people putting razors or needles in the candy they gave out.

3) Hypnotized by the delicious pile at our feet, our minds went blank and we tore into our loot like a pack of jackals, not ceasing until our blood sugar levels rivaled a Powerball number.

4) Then we passed out on the floor, drooling softly. Sugar and food coloring caked our youthful faces.

Yes, those were the days. I haven't trick-or-treated since I was arrested two years ago for "frightening" homeowners with my un-childlike size and intricate "Zombie Serial Killer of Bloody Death" costume. The police informed me that it was inappropriate for a guy my age to go door to door at four in the

morning and scream and spit (fake) blood when the door was answered.

People are so uptight these days.

So anyway, I can't trick-or-treat anymore. All I have to look forward to this year is my annual viewing of the cinematic classic "Ernest Scared Stupid" and emptying bags of candy pumpkins into my stomach. I'll probably doze off on my living room floor after my sugar high crashes.

Some things, they never change.

Contact tcloffee@ncsu.edu with ghost stories and your credit card numbers.



TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

A STYLISH TECHOPOLIS

OUR OPINION: CENTENNIAL CAMPUS SHOULD HAVE ITS OWN DISTINCT STYLE

• WHEN IT COMES TO THE ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPING OF THE GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS.

In 1986, the Centennial Campus project was under way and the College of Textiles had moved from Main Campus to their new home just down Avent Ferry Road. As development progressed, more buildings were added and now Centennial Campus is a major part of the N.C. State community. Touted as a merging of academia and corporate business for the purpose of teaching and innovating in the technology field, Centennial Campus is designed to be a "techopolis," a place where technology flourishes and is used in practical ways in everyday life. The design and architecture of the buildings at Centennial Campus certainly reflect the mission of this venture. When this new and adventurous proposal was in the works, many

thought it would be a waste of NCSU's money and land.

Now it is a viable part of the university, and with that comes the continued development of the campus and the construction of more buildings for the College of Engineering, which will eventually move to Centennial Campus. Last Friday, university officials held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Engineering II building.

According to the master university plan, Centennial Campus will be a balance of open green space and distinctive buildings, but one look at the campus now and it is easy to see that many of the buildings look rather cookie-cutter.

Many students think of the buildings on North Campus when they think of N.C. State. The more traditional buildings on North Campus: Holladay, Winston, Tompkins, Page, Peele and Leazar Halls and the 1911 Building are all older and built in classical style.

Centennial Campus buildings are

more modern.

Unlike buildings such as Harrelson and Poe, which rely on concrete, the buildings on Centennial Campus use different materials, such as brick, metal frames and glass, to give the building character. However, from a distance, many of the buildings look the same. Indeed many are and will be the same height, so there is very little to distinguish one from the other.

In addition, the landscaping at Centennial Campus is lacking. While there are plans for expansive greenways, there are yet to be courtyards and landscaping elements that tie the buildings to each other. A good example of landscaping is the Mary Yarbrough Courtyard behind Holladay Hall.

While these architectural and landscaping design problems should be worked out, one thing is clear: Centennial Campus, because of its unique mission as an academic entity, should be unique from that of Main Campus.

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That's my Bush!

There is a lot of tongue-wagging going on about President Bush. Brian Onorio defends the president against harsh criticism.

• That's it, I've had it. I am really tired of the Bush bashing that has topped the nightly news and even the editorial pages of this publication. Liberals are bashing Bush like it's going out of style. What they do not realize is that it's already out of style. It is like an Abercrombie and Fitch long-sleeved Rugby shirt. It is done. It's over. It's been over. And it's not working anymore.

I understand that there are nine Democrats trying to get their party's nod only to lose in 2004, but when is it enough? We have heard it all, from Bob Graham saying that the President lied and should be impeached to Dick Gephardt's outrageous statements that Bush intentionally misled the country. We have even heard tales of the President and his aides concocting the war in Bush's Texas ranch to pull support to the Republican Party. Thanks Teddy.

Yes, it is outrageous. Even Joe Lieberman admits it. He confesses that his Democratic rivals don't "know a just war when they see it." Lieberman is perhaps the most level-minded of the nine remaining, but unfortunately, he will not win the nomination. The winner will ultimately be the cookie-cutter Democrat who lives to bash Bush. I'm here to unveil the lies and the lying liars who tell them (sorry Al Franken).

All of you, for one minute and I'll keep you no longer, rid your mind of your preconceived political ideologies and just listen. Let's go back before

Sept. 11, 2001 and recap what has occurred and how this president has handled it. Let's forget the fact that he "stole the election" or some other quote from a left-wing rhetoric book. Sept. 11, 2001 occurred. It happened. And there was little Bush could have done to prevent it. After all, he had a tough time getting his administration officials confirmed by the Democrat-controlled senate. FBI Director Mueller didn't even get confirmed until a week before the planes came crashing home. You may blame Bush for not preventing Sept. 11, 2001 and that's fine, you are entitled to your own opinion just as you are entitled to be naive and misled. But let's center on what he did do as opposed to what he failed to do.

Perhaps the most amazing feat of this administration is the fact that another terrorist attack has not occurred on American soil since Sept. 11, 2001. Through all of the warnings and threats, it has not happened.

Compare that to the last president who let terrorists slip through his fingers like bar soap in a jail cell. The World Trade Center was attacked, a few American Embassies were targeted and destroyed, and a warship refueling in Yemen was all but destroyed. Couple that with the fact that former President Clinton had numerous attempts to nab Osama bin Laden yet managed to fail every time. The Sudan even offered

him up as a means of getting itself off the State Department's terror list, yet Clinton couldn't (or wouldn't) reel him in.

The Taliban is out of power now. It no longer rules by an iron fist torturing and scaring its citizens and covering its women with a cloak of inferiority. Look at Afghanistan now. It's not in the best shape in the world, but the men are shaving, the women have finally been given rights, including the right to vote.

Mullah Omar is alive but is no longer torturing his own people and is no longer keeping Afghanistan in the dark ages.

Iraq is slowly but surely becoming normal. Electricity and other infrastructure are already at or have exceeded pre-war levels. The statues of Saddam are gone. The Shi'ite Muslims have finally been granted the right to worship, to speak and to protest. No longer is Saddam Hussein killing his own family; no longer does he murder political rivals; no longer does he or his deceased sons intimidate and brutally control the Iraqi people. According to an AP poll conducted in Baghdad, 71 percent of the residents feel that the U.S. troops should not leave as opposed to the 26 percent who do. Even if Americans can't understand the value of what has taken place in Iraq, the citizens of that country do.

Weapons of mass destruction or not, Saddam isn't using them. It's foolish to say that he never had them.

You can dig up the mass graves of the Kurdish people and still find bones laced with mustard and sarin gasses. We knew he had them. We knew he gave \$25,000 to the families of Palestinian suicide bombers.

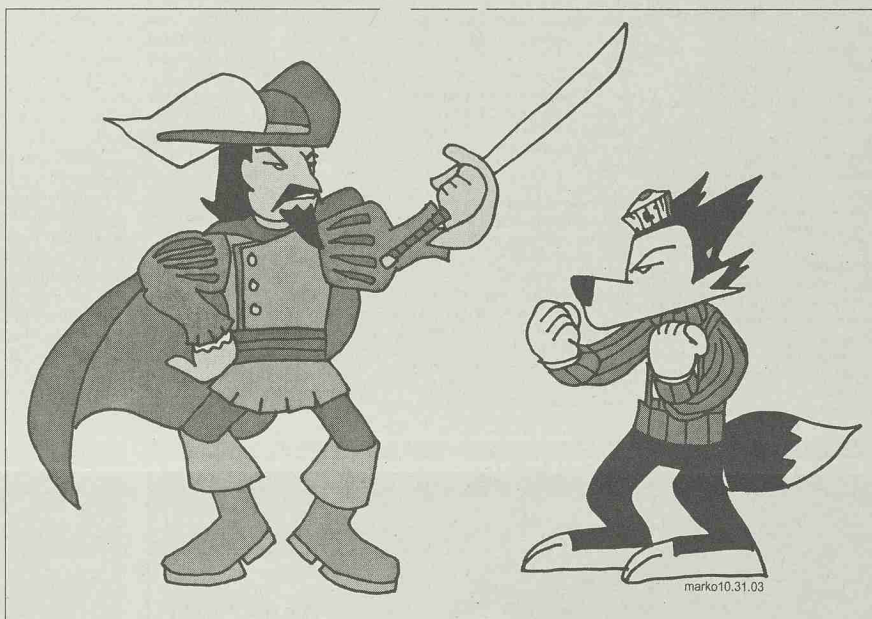
We knew that Iraqi officials met in Germany with Al-Qaeda representatives. It would have disappointed, even angered me if I knew that an American president failed to act on intelligence that could have prevented a catastrophe.

For all of you who say that this venture has been unilateral: I wouldn't call 60 countries that supported the Coalition of the Willing unilateral. I would not call a 15 to nothing security council vote on Resolution 1441 unilateral. I would not call it unilateral when the Polish control the security in Southern Iraq. It is not unilateral when the UN Security Council voted to support the reconstruction of Iraq 15 to nothing, including France, Germany, Russia and even Syria.

All those who call the Bush Administration failures of diplomacy should look at the fact that Iran has agreed to freeze its nuclear plans and talks may even take place with the North Koreans to end that standoff.

Those who find it easy to poke fun at President Bush and call him a liar are so myopic in their political ideology that it has literally blinded them from looking at the good the administration has done.

Brian encourages comments about his column. Email them to viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.



Terrorism in the real world

It's interesting how the word 'terrorism' is used. The corporate media talks about the 'war on terrorism' in headlines as if this were an objective

concept, without quotes. Nearly everyone in the mainstream, liberals and conservatives alike, supports this 'war on terrorism.' To even talk seriously of such a thing, however, already is insane. The reality is that the U.S. government has for

decades been conducting and supporting terrorism. Sometimes it is conducted by U.S. client states, with the knowledge and support of the U.S. government. And sometimes the United States carries it out itself, through the CIA in covert operations, or through the military in direct acts of aggression. The truth is that the U.S. government, in the past 50 years, has been the world's biggest supporter of terrorism.

A classic case would be the funding of a proxy army during the 1980s to fight against the elected government of Nicaragua. That situation began when a popular revolution overthrew the brutal and corrupt Somoza dictatorship after some 40 years of rule. That regime had been among the major recipients of U.S. aid, going on through many administrations, up to and including that of the "human rights president," Jimmy Carter. Following Somoza's overthrow, during which his security forces murdered thousands of women and children and many of their top elements were reconstituted by the United States, to head an army to re-conquer the country. This force, officially known as the FDN, was usually known as the contras.

During the course of their activities, the contras committed uncounted

atrocities, including massacres, rapes, kidnappings and torture. They were aided by the CIA, which engaged in such helpful actions as blowing up oil facilities and civilian ships. They never did succeed in conquering anything, lacking significant support from anybody but the U.S. government, but they did succeed in killing thousands of innocent people, devastating the Nicaraguan economy and terrifying the population, resulting in the election in 1990 of a regime more paltry to U.S. state-corporate demands.

Another interesting case is that of Indonesia. In 1965, Indonesia was politically split between several incompatible elements, including the military and the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI). The situation was balanced in an unstable sort of way by the somewhat authoritarian regime of Sukarno. As U.S. support turned against Sukarno following adversity to U.S. business interest, elements of the military took power in a coup and a new leader, a general Suharto, assumed the leading role. Suharto then turned the full power of the military against the PKI, which was a defenseless organization, though it had several million members.

The exact figures for the number killed in the resulting bloodbath will probably never be known. Estimates run from half a million to well over a million.

The horror stories coming from Indonesia don't stop there; it is a particularly nasty story, even among the Pandora's box of nasty stories that forms the real history of U.S. foreign policy. Massacres, torture and the like continued throughout Suharto's rule. In 1975, he launched the invasion of East Timor, a tiny island nation, recently independent from colonialism. President Gerald Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger were visiting the country before the invasion. Ford gave Suharto his assurances: "We will understand and will not press you on the issue. We understand the problem

and the intentions you have." The intentions began to be carried out some days later using weapons 90 percent United States made; over several decades, they took the lives of some 200,000 civilians, or roughly a third of the population of Timor - a fraction which certainly warrants the term genocide.

As a third case, we might note Saddam Hussein himself, famous as he is these days. During the 1980s, Hussein was a United States ally in a war against revolutionary Iran, which had overthrown its own United States-imposed dictator in 1979. The Reagan administration approved hundreds of millions of dollars in conventional military aid, as well as the transfer of components for chemical and biological weapons. This was during Hussein's most egregious atrocities, including the 1988 gas massacre of some 5,000 Kurds at Halabja. It is interesting to compare how much was thought of these atrocities in the media at the time they were committed. There was very little condemnation. But after Hussein invaded Kuwait and such condemnation became desired by ruling United States circles, the media responded obediently.

Actually, it isn't fair in many cases to call many of these things international terrorism. Often, they're worse, they are aggression. That's what the Nuremberg trials, after WWII, of leading Nazis called the supreme international crime, containing inside itself all the elements of the others. To be truthful, the invasion of East Timor was not terrorism, and Hussein's invasion of Iran was not.

That was aggression. That's also what our latest invasion of Iraq was, clearly. It killed many more people than Sept. 11, 2001. The crimes of the current United States rulers make those of Osama bin Laden look puny in comparison.

Alex recommends searching the Internet to verify these facts. E-mail him at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.

FOOTBALL

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to Maryland. Then, there was the Virginia game.

The weather last year? Cold and wet. The kind of weather that makes every single hit a player takes on the field feel as if a bus just hit you. The weather was also perfect for the current mood around the once unblemished season for the Pack, because yet again, State went stone cold. Costly turnovers led to a 14-9 Virginia victory after a last-gasp drive for the Pack failed on a fourth-down pass into the end zone.

Three straight losses.

Now, Virginia is coming down to N.C. State. The predicted weather? Sunny with highs in the upper 70s. Maybe it is not coincidence that State is currently on a three-game win streak heading into this game.

The focus for Saturday will be on the quarterbacks for each team. Both schools believed enough in these playmakers to

run Heisman campaigns this season.

"When the ball is in the air, for both players, the ball is out in a hurry," Virginia coach Al Groh said. "They make all the throws; they throw from one hash mark to the sideline; they throw in-cuts; they throw quickly against the blitz; they both have comparable accuracy percentages over the last two years; they both are vital to the success of their team. There certainly are a great many things that they have in common."

And Groh is correct. Who currently possesses the nation's highest completion percentage? Matt Schaub with a mark of 71 percent. Right on his heels is Philip Rivers with a percentage of 70.8.

Rivers averages about eight and a half yards per completion. Schaub averages around seven and a half.

Both players are the same height. Little separates the pair in weight, with Schaub carrying four extra pounds. One could continue with the similarities, but the fact remains that had

Schaub not been injured for three games, total yardage and touchdown statistics would also be remarkable similar.

Besides the quarterback match, there is also the running back battle to look at Saturday. T.A. McLendon is listed as questionable for the game while Virginia just got its beginning-of-the-year starter, Wali Lundy, back from injury. Groh, however, still plans to use Alvin Pearman against the Pack, rotating both him and Lundy.

"We'll use them both now," Groh said. "Alvin certainly has done remarkably well, and he's going to continue to get his turns. I think that particularly down at home stretch, at this time of year, this will keep both of them a little bit fresher."

"I thought that the guy who looked like the fastest player on the field the other day was [Wali] Lundy. That had something to do with the fact that he had two weeks' worth of rested legs. We would have liked to have had him for the end of the Clemson game, for the Florida State game, for the part of the game, he wasn't in the

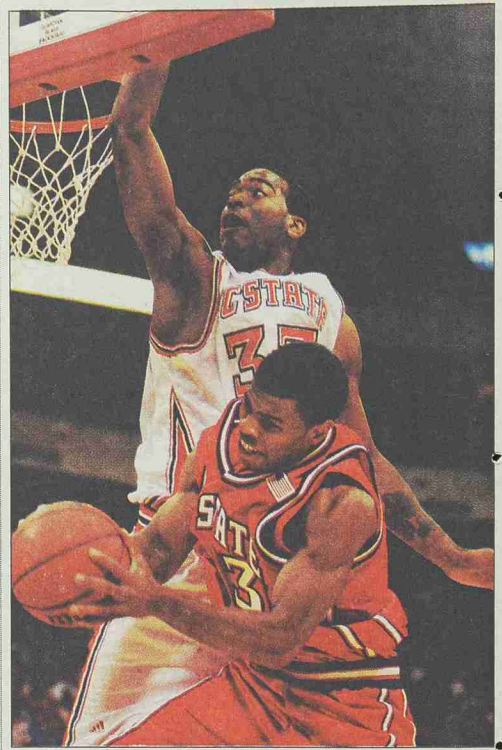
other day, but that's the downside of it. The good news of it now is that he comes back completely ready to go and with a two-and-a-half week rest on his legs so he ought to have a lot of juice in him now."

Prior to tomorrow's contest, Virginia walloped Troy State last game, 24-0, for a homecoming victory while State had to battle a late charge from the Duke Blue Devils to win 28-21.

The rest of the season after this game, however, is going to be a bumpy road for both these teams.

After Virginia, State must play Maryland and Florida State. Virginia also plays Maryland, then Georgia Tech and future conference foe and rival Virginia Tech.

"The final stretch is on," Groh said. "That's about all we talk in terms of the big picture - the final stretch is on. It will be four weeks of much the same. Actually, it started last week. There is a way to go about doing that. All the teams are in the same circumstance; we're just focusing on this particular one. That's how you play playoff ball."



ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN

Josh Powell defends Scooter Sherrill as he goes up for a layup at last year's Red and White game.

Red and White spectacle

Recent memories of the men's basketball team's Red-White game have been highlighted by Herb Sendek strapping on his dancing shoes; the RBC Center crowd serenading then-high school senior Julius Hodge with chants convincing him to join the Wolfpack; and The Great Hope that was

Damien Wilkins leaping onto the scorer's table after hitting a last-second shot. This year's festivities, what Sendek calls his festivities, what Sendek calls his festivities, what Sendek calls his festivities, will commence at 1 p.m. and will also include a special ceremony honoring the jerseys of former State backcourt members Chris Corchiani and Rodney Monroe.

Wolfpack Weekend

Women's soccer

N.C. State will conclude its ACC season Saturday night with a match at Wake Forest. The game will be crucial to both teams' seeds in the upcoming ACC tournament, which will kick off Wednesday at SAS Stadium.

The Demon Deacons, ranked 14th a week ago, dropped completely out of the Coaches top 25 after a 5-1 loss to Maryland, a team State defeated earlier this season.

Wake is currently winless in the league at 0-4-2, while State is 1-5.

The team that loses the match will draw the precarious position of playing No. 1 North Carolina in the opening round of the tournament.

Men's soccer

Having already completed its ACC slate, the Wolfpack travels to Radford Saturday afternoon for its second-to-last game of the regular season.

State swept a pair of nonconference tilts last weekend, downing in-state foes Charlotte and UNC-Greensboro to run its overall record to 8-6-1.

The Pack currently sits in fifth place in the ACC, which begins its conference tournament Nov. 12. Radford is currently 6-8-1 and 1-3 in the Big South.

Volleyball

N.C. State's quest for that elusive first conference win takes the team to Florida State this weekend for a Saturday night contest.

The team is coming off a 3-1 loss at North Carolina Tuesday night, the first time it won a game in five ACC matches. Florida State (12-12, 2-8 ACC) downed the Pack earlier in the season by a score of 3-1.

Swimming and Diving

Fresh off a sweep of East Carolina this week, the swimming and diving teams travel 26 miles down the road to participate in the Tar Heel Mile Meet.

So far this year, the Wolfpack has excelled on the diving boards, with newcomer Vitor Assuncao and Molly Culberson leading the way.

State will also travel to UNC-Wilmington next week before returning to the Casey Aquatic Center for a meet against Virginia Tech.

HULL

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to be the right decision."

Hull lost several hours of classes because of the transfer, forcing her graduation back to the end of a fifth year, but that was a minor loss in her mind.

"We started looking to transfer our junior year when we decided that it was really better late than never to do this," Hull said.

"We contacted the coaches and flew down here on a recruiting trip. Once we met the coaches and the girls and saw the campus, we just fell in love with the place. I think it's the best decision I've ever made."

In addition to being a valuable part of the scoring five on the cross country course, Hull serves as a very strong emotional leader for the team.

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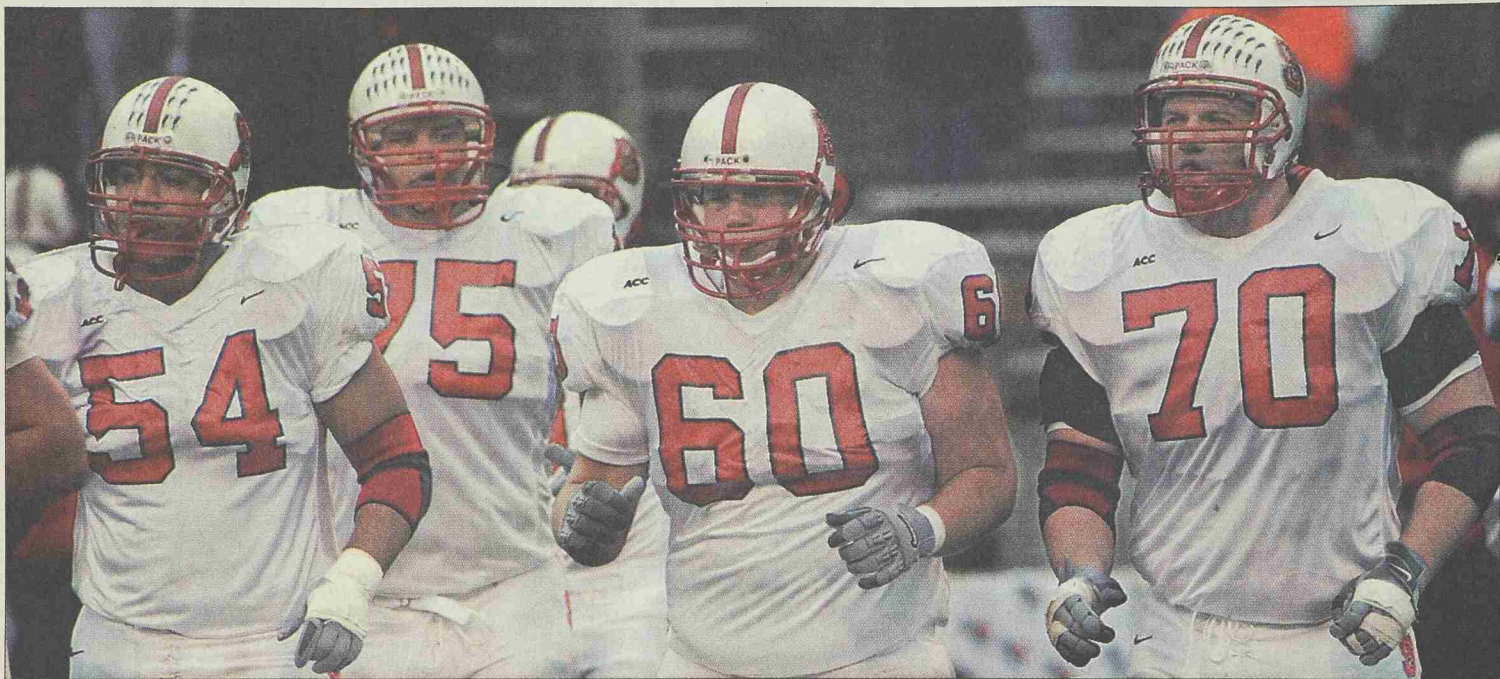
Football vs. Virginia, 11/1, 3:30
Men's basketball Red/White game, 11/1, 1
Men's soccer at Radford, 11/1
Women's soccer at Wake Forest, 11/1
Volleyball at Florida State, 11/1
Cross country at ACC Championships, 11/1
Swimming and Diving in Tar Heel Mile, 10/31

Scores

No games scheduled



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Although he hasn't seen the field this year, Chris Colmer (70) is still providing help to other Wolfpack lineman, including Ashley Wingate (60) and Sean Locklear (54). Colmer could potentially be back for a sixth year.

Playing a different role

Although he hasn't played a snap this season, Chris Colmer has made a positive mark on the Wolfpack and its offensive line.

Andrew B. Carter
Deputy Sports Editor

After N.C. State's loss to Wake Forest, the second game of the season, a story ran in a local newspaper about the team's early season injuries. A picture ran with it too, featuring T.A. McLendon, Sterling Hicks and Chris Colmer in pads on the sidelines, all looking dejected at not being on the field.

For Colmer, it was a painful reminder. He didn't play in State's first game, either, a romp over Western Carolina. In fact, he had not played much since a forgettable day in summer workouts. Back then, Colmer came out of practice complaining of arm pain. He couldn't block like normal, didn't have the strength.

Now, looking at the paper after the Wake game, he suffered a completely new pain.

Like a dagger in his side, seeing himself on the bench hurt. Here it was, his senior year - as a redshirt his fifth year in the Wolfpack program - and he couldn't play due to a mysteri-

ous nerve ailment.

"It really hurt him," said State coach Chuck Amato. "And he said, 'Coach,

I'd rather not have to speak with the press. Not because he was afraid. But because it just crushed him to have to stand in front of the press and have to discuss [his injury]."

Colmer hasn't spoken much of his ailment. He has been quiet about Parsonage-Turner Syndrome, the nerve condition that robs the 6-foot-5-inch, 300-pounder of the ability to play his position. He's given only one interview, a brief sit-down with the Associated Press for a story that ran in his

hometown, Port Jefferson, N.Y. newspaper. No one can blame Colmer for his silence.

His teammates and coaches, though, well - they have been anything but silent.

They rave about Colmer. They talk up his leadership; say he's like another coach during practice or games. They rave about his spirit.

"He's the biggest cheerleader in America," Amato said.

They preach of his work ethic, talk about Colmer staying fit and healthy so that when he does get better, he will be ready to play. They feel for the guy, too. Empathize for a senior that was looking forward to being a

leader. Truth is, Colmer still is a leader, despite the adversity.

"Chris is a guy that's very frustrated," said State offensive line coach

Michael Barry. "But he still tries to encourage and tries to help guys in practice and in the game. He's had a great attitude. The poor guy has got a condition and we've been searching for treatment and searching for cures and there is none.

"He's been real positive and I think just having his encouragement and his positivity and being able to see him on film - how hard he works and how tough he is - has been a big thing, especially the young

linemen."

Colmer came into the season regarded as one of the nation's best returning tackles. He anchored State's line the past two seasons, and in 2002, he made second-team All-ACC. Everything seemed normal in summer two-a-days until mid-August. Colmer didn't have the strength he normally possessed. His left arm, from shoulder down, tingled with pain and numbness.

"Initially when it happened, everyone told him he's going to be all right," Amato said. "And then it kept going longer and

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Hulleva runner

State will be relying on the leadership of transfer Luci Hull this weekend at the ACC cross country championship.

Todd Lion
Senior Staff Writer

The circumstances were quite unusual for Luci Hull's decision to transfer to N.C. State. She had three years of successful competition on the Lehigh cross country team, and she was only one year away from graduation.

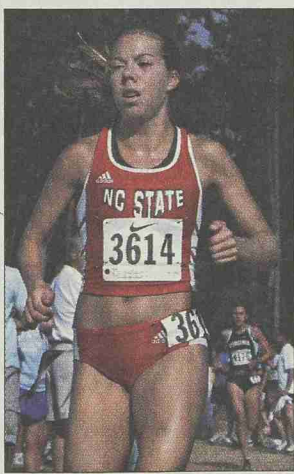
"The team was good, the coaches were good, but we weren't being challenged as much as we could," Hull said of herself and her twin sister, Claudin, who also transferred to State. "We knew we wanted more out of our running, and we knew that to get better, we had to surround ourselves with the best."

In that regard, switching schools to run with the Wolfpack was a logical and obvious decision. And for assistant coach Laurie Henes, it couldn't have come at a better time. The ACC championship will be decided this weekend at Wake Forest, and without All-American Kristin Price running, the rest of the team needs to be at the top of their games.

"Taking Kristin out of the lineup has forced the rest of the runners to take on different roles," said Henes. "Luci has really come on strong this year, both in racing and as a leader for her teammates."

The Pack heads into the conference championship with a national No. 3 ranking, but they are followed closely by No. 5 North Carolina and No. 13 Wake Forest, with whom State shared the conference title last year. Duke and Florida State also find themselves ranked in the top 30.

"We're going to race as hard as we can, and I'm sure Carolina and Wake will do the same thing," said Henes. "Going in without Kristin is not the situation we'd prefer, but I think it's fired everyone else



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Luci Hull's transfer to State has bolstered the depth of the women's team.

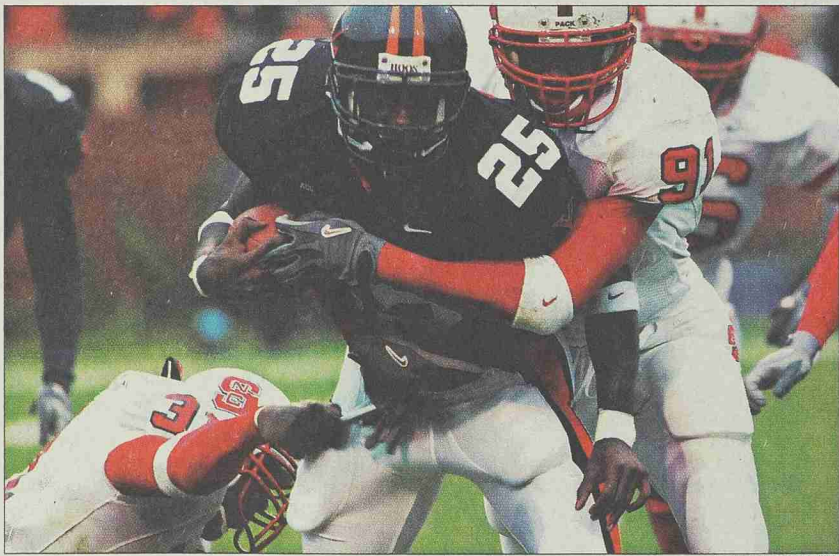
up. The ranking we have was from our run without Kristin, so we think we can run with anyone in the nation even without her."

So far this year, Hull has been a key element of the success of the team. At the most recent meet, Pre-Nationals at Iowa, Hull was the fourth finisher for the Pack, crossing the line in 28th place and boosting the team to a second-place finish behind No. 1 Stanford.

Hull's transfer to State occurred over a year ago, but the coaching staff decided to redshirt her last year, saving her final year of eligibility for this season.

"She only had one year of eligibility remaining, so we just had to pick a year," Henes said. "We decided to wait, and hopefully that was the right decision. So far this season, it looks like it will turn out

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Manny Lawson and Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay wrap up Art Thomas in last year's rain-soaked Cavalier win.

Pack prepares for revenge

Philip Rivers and Matt Schaub will battle head-to-head to see who the top signal-caller in the ACC is.

Jay Kohler
Senior Staff Writer

Last year, the Wolfpack began the season by reeling off nine consecutive wins, fueling a dark-horse national championship campaign. N.C. State fans were excited. Everything was going right for the Pack and the sky was the limit. Then, a homecoming loss to Georgia Tech ended the unbeaten streak. A second straight loss followed

Virginia at N.C. State
Carter-Finley Stadium
3:30 p.m. kickoff

Series record N.C. State leads the overall series 31-20-1, but Virginia has won six of the last eight meetings.

Last time out The Wolfpack held on for a 28-21 over host Duke last Saturday for its third win in a row. Virginia snapped a two-game losing streak by blanking visiting non-conference foe Troy State 24-0 a week ago.

Match-up to watch Quarterbacks Philip Rivers and Matt Schaub shared the cover of the ACC's media guide and both had great

expectations entering the year. Rivers has certainly lived up to all the hype, while Schaub has succeeded in overcoming an early season shoulder injury to lead the nation in completion percentage. His ability to pick apart or struggle against State's pass defense (92nd in the nation) will probably dictate the outcome of the game more than anything.

Did you know? Philip Rivers, the ACC's all-time leader in touchdown passes, has never thrown a scoring pass against Virginia in three career games.

Worth noting State is the only team in the ACC that has never intercepted Schaub...Chuck Amato will start freshman running back Reggie Davis for the second week in a row...Last year's game was the lowest offensive output (nine points) ever for the Pack under Amato.

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