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Israelis and
Palestinians
come together

Lecture urges peace,
tolerance and education
when speaking to students
about the Israeli-
Palestinian conflict.

Payam Rohani
Staff Reporter

"If I, who has lost his eldest son, am ready to sit and make reconciliation with the Palestinians, so everyone can and need to do that," Yitzhak Frankenthal, one of the speakers of "From Pain to Reconciliation," said.

Frankenthal, the founder of a peace activist organization called the "Parents' Circle," and Ghazi Briegith, one of the Palestinians active in this

organization, shared their experiences with students and visitors at Campus Cinema on Friday. In a lecture called "From Pain to Reconciliation," they urged for peace and tolerance and asked students to become more involved to help stop the conflict.

"We need to let people know what is going on. We push them to raise questions, and when they raise questions, they have the right to get the answers," Briegith said. Briegith lost his 14 and 31-year-old brothers in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

After the loss of his son, Frankenthal contacted about 500 Israeli and Palestinian

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Leela Rao, a freshman in criminology, and her mother, Marcia, participate in Parents and Families Weekend putting together care packages to go to children in over 70 third-world countries.

Packing with care

Jessica Horne
Deputy News Editor

Some parents did more than attend the football game and bring their children care packages for Parents and Families Weekend; they also participated in a community service project.

Parents and students worked together to wrap shoeboxes in

which they put toys, school supplies and toiletries that they brought to donate to Operation Christmas Child on Sunday in the Bragaw Activity Room. They also brought donations for Operation Military Pride so military families could make their own care packages at Fort Bragg.

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Six killed
in car accident

Driver charged with
DWI and involuntary
manslaughter. N.C. State
students' parents among
those killed.

News Staff Report

James Robert Veeder, 32, of Raleigh has been charged with six counts of involuntary manslaughter and a DWI after striking a vehicle and surrounding pedestrians at an intersection near Carter-Finley Stadium on Saturday night, police reported.

Baron Fulk, 20, of Asheville and a sophomore in biochemistry, ran a stop sign while driving a Chevy Blazer at the intersection of Nowell and N.C. 54, striking another Blazer operated by Martha P. West, 40, of Marble, NC, according to police.

After pedestrians stopped

to help those involved in the wreck, a Ford van driven by Veeder struck the pedestrians and one of the Blazers, killing five at the scene, and leading to another death en route to WakeMed Hospital, said police.

Police have identified the deceased as Dennis Wayne Bowes, 28, of Cary, N.C., Robert Alfaro Jr., 46 of Matthews, N.C., Jean Marie Louise Alfaro, 48, of Matthews, N.C., Bryan Matthew Tutor, 29, of Coats, N.C., Nolan Phillips Myers, 18, of Carver Minn. and Christopher Donell Clemons, 41, of Raleigh, N.C.

The Alfaros were the parents of Robert Alfaro, a freshman in aerospace engineering, and Christopher Alfaro, a freshman in computer sciences.

West and Fulk were injured in the accident.

Veeder was unharmed and is in the Wake County Jail under a \$100,000 bond.

Debate ensues over
tuition increases

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Provost James Oblinger detailed the findings of the Tuition Task Force at Sunday's Tuition Town Hall meeting.

Students and administrations met
over potential tuition and fee increases
on Sunday night.

Michele DeCamp
News Editor

A scattered and sparse crowd of students and faculty came out on Sunday night to hear Chancellor Marye Anne Fox participate in the Tuition Town Hall Meeting in Nelson Hall on Sunday. Chancellor Marye Anne Fox called the meeting to present the Tuition Task Force and Fee Review Committee's reports on their respective proposals to the chancellor and to field student and staff questions and concerns about potential tuition and fee increases.

"This is the listening event. I'm charged with the responsibility of providing a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, and that's going to be informed by a number of things, by the Student Senate and their actions, by the Tuition Task Force and their actions, by the Fee Review Committee, the majority and minority report and by what the people say tonight," Fox said.

The crowd was not as large as they hoped, and Tony Caravano, student body president, remarked that the Parent's Weekend festivities, the football win over UVA and homework probably kept some students away. Chancellor Fox agreed that the crowd was small.

"It looks they're still rejoicing over the football game," Chancellor Fox said. An estimated 40-50 students, staff and faculty

came to the meeting.

Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor James Oblinger began the review process with a presentation of the Tuition Task Force's findings as well as facts about NCSU that had an impact on their decision.

The Tuition Task Force's majority report, which was sent to Fox on Friday, included a recommendation that Chancellor Fox propose a \$300 per year for 3 years to the Board of Trustees with 42 percent of the collected monies going towards "Academic Excellence," 46 percent to financial aid and 12 percent going towards the Graduate Student Support Plan (GSSP). The task force has recommended that the "Academic Excellence" be split into two different main categories.

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A tribute
to families

The Allen family captured
the "Family of the Year"
award.

Cetty Abraham
Staff Reporter

Being part of the N.C. State community is not just limited to students, and every year, families of NCSU students are recognized and celebrated at Parents and Families Weekend. The Family of the Year Award is a recent addition to the weekend's festivities, and this year's family was announced shortly before Saturday's football game.

Deandria Allen, a senior in biological sciences, was honored along with her family members

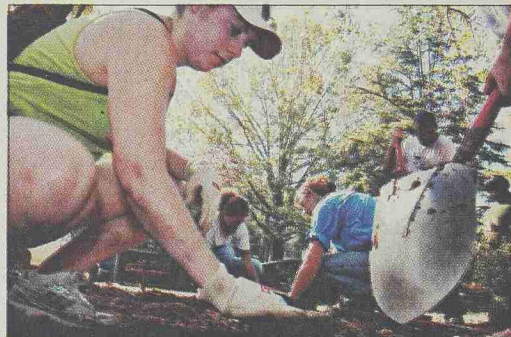
Sherrye Allen, Shanya Andrews
and Harold Allen.

Every year, students at NCSU have the chance to write an essay about their families in supporting them through their college education. This was the first time Deandria had done so, at the suggestion of her aunt, Shammah, an NCSU alumnus.

Together, the two came up with the essay's theme of superheroes. By using such allegories as Mighty Mouse and referring to her family as the Justice League, Deandria conveyed the sense of unity that holds her family together.

"No matter how small or what the occasion, we always come together, and anything that involves one family member

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ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN

Heather Wright, a sophomore in English, plants bubbs behind Bragaw as part of Parents and Families Weekend. "I'd like to make campus look prettier," Wright said.

Project helps
beautify campus

As part of Parents and Families Weekend, staff, parents and students gather to plant flowers.

Diane Cordova
Deputy News Editor

Early Sunday morning, N.C. State staff, students and their families gathered outside Bragaw Residence Hall, put gloves on and pulled out shovels for the Student-Family Planting Project, an event for Parents and Families Weekend.

Associate Director of Campus Activities Jennifer Bell said she initiated the planting project in 1999.

"It became clear to me that parents wanted to get involved on campus besides just paying tuition. [This event] would allow parents and students to get involved, and the benefit would be something that all of campus could enjoy," Bell said.

Organizations that took part in the event included Parents and

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family survivors, establishing the "Parents' Circle," composed of about half Israeli and half Palestinian bereaved families. The organization promotes peace, tolerance and reconciliation.

"Our main language is an emotional language, the language that we can feel the other side. The pain is the same pain," Frankenthal said.

In March 2002, the group displayed 1,000 coffins at the United Nations. Briegith and Frankenthal wrote in an editorial in USA Today, "For years, we have both heard the same political, historical and demographic reasons this conflict is too complicated to solve. The horrible reality of the coffins shows that these are not good reasons - they are bad excuses."

"We are not diplomats, politicians or 'experts' on the Middle East with Ph.Ds. We are experts on the price paid by the relatives

of more than 1,400 Palestinians and Israelis killed in this conflict since September 2000," they wrote.

For the last two years, the Parents' Circle has given about 1,000 lectures to students.

During the event, the speakers said that seminars between Palestinian and Israeli families are held with great difficulty because of the fears and ban on traveling and the numerous numbers of checkpoints the Palestinians have to go through.

Briegith, who had come to the meeting with an arm in a splint, said when he broke his arm, he had to wait in pain in an ambulance for an hour and a half before he could pass through the last checkpoint to get to a hospital. The Israeli soldiers had to make sure he really had a broken arm and that he was not on the black list. Briegith said that on the way back home the same soldiers had to check to make sure that there was nothing hidden in the cast.

Frankenthal said Israelis and

Palestinians should look for reconciliation, not revenge. "My revenge is peace; my revenge is reconciliation," he said. To this, Briegith added, "the real revenge for the loss of the loved ones is to bring your enemy to sit down at the same table and to be ready to open a new page."

The speakers urged the audience to send letters to their national representatives and ask the president to pressure Arafat and Sharon to sit down and continue the peace process.

"We, as bereaved families, bereaved parents from both sides, are ready and able to reconcile, to sit down, to talk. I think our leaders can do [the same thing]," Briegith said.

After the lecture, people who attended the event expressed hope for the future of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"What is lacking are the will and the trust. That is what the 'Parents' Circle' is creating, one bereaved person at a time, on the basis of their grief, the very thing that might keep them apart,

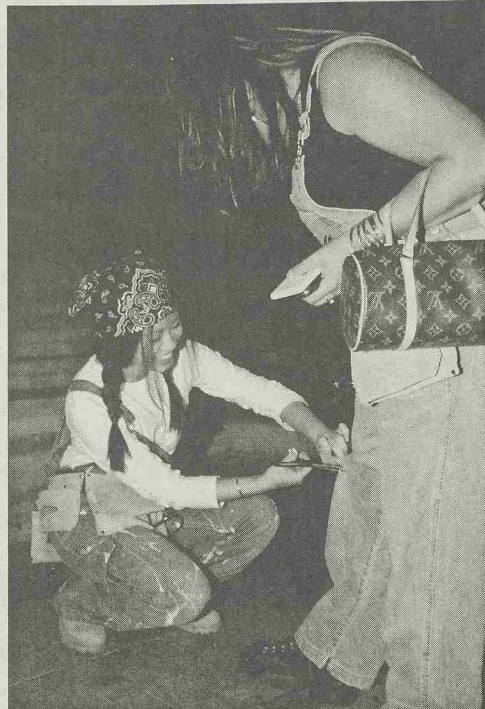
bringing them all together on the basis of their common humanity," Judith Ferster, an N.C. State English professor, said.

Overall, organizers were pleased to bring the lecture to NCSU.

Textiles sophomore Nicole Siegel, the president of Hillel, said, "For me, having an Israeli and a Palestinian speak together in support of many of the same ideas, sounded like an incredible program. What better way to show the student body support from both sides, than having Middle East and North African Student Association (MENASA) and Hillel co-sponsor the event."

"I was very excited that we had a good turnout and that people were actively seeking answers," MENASA president Aseel El-borno said.

The event was organized by MENASA, Hillel, North Carolina Jews for a Just Peace and the Office of International Affairs. The Soref Grant Initiative Fund from the national Hillel organization provided a grant for the reception.



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Diana Truong helps Sheri Chen put the finishing touches on her costume for the Asian Student Association's trick or treating for canned food Halloween night.

A Halloween of helping

Asian Student Association's "Can-or-Treat" turns out to be a success, despite odd looks from younger children.

LaWanda Ray
Staff Reporter

While most students were getting ready to head off to Franklin Street or downtown Greenville on Halloween night, members of N.C. State's Asian Student Association were taking a ghostly approach to collecting food for those in need. For the second year, students participated in "Can-or-Treat," dressing up in costumes and trick-or-treating for cans in a designated community.

"It's almost therapeutic being able to dress up in a costume, running from door-to-door and saying 'Can-or-Treat' as the door opens...it really brings back some happy memories," said Hilda Tong, a senior in business management and vice president of public relations for the ASA. Tong said the event usually takes a few weeks to plan, including passing out flyers.

Trick-or-treating began Friday night in front of Talley Student Center, where the students met to get directions and check out each other's costumes.

In all, the troupe included a ninja, painter, vampire, school girl, a caution cone, panda bear, construction worker, an NCSU pompom, a hula girl, bank robber, P. Diddy, breaker boy,

Mickey Mouse's hard, the devil, a court jester, Suki of "2 Fast 2 Furious" and a couple of college students.

But the students agreed the costume of the night went to Patrick Liu as SpongeBob SquarePants. Along the way, the "charity trick-or-treaters" competed with the true trick-or-treaters of the night and received a few strange looks.

"Aren't you a little old to be trick-or-treating?" asked one child along the way.

Greg Gutierrez, ASA member and sophomore in computer engineering, informed the trick-or-treater that "we are doing charity work," to which the child replied "Yeah, me too."

But there were no strange looks from the Lochmere community, who gave cheerfully to the cause, even giving candy to the students to commend their cause. The eager-to-donate homeowners greeted the students with bags of cans and big smiles.

The ASA members enjoyed the event as well.

"I haven't been trick-or-treating in a long time; it will remind me of when I was a kid; and it is for a good cause," Francis Luk, a sophomore in biochemistry, said.

By the end of the night, there was one group of proud friends taking pictures and laughing about the fun they had, the other costumes they had seen and two car trunks filled with cans.

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Families Services, University Housing, the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service (CSLEPS) and Grounds Management.

Parents, students and staff explained why they came.

"It's a really fun and rewarding experience. It's a good time to meet other parents and students," Pam Swanstrom, mother of sophomore Geoffrey Swanstrom, a sophomore in nuclear engineering, said.

While digging a hole for a plant, Zach Adams, a freshman in computer and electrical engineering, said, "Working together with my parents to make the campus look better is something that I'll be able to enjoy for years to come."

Jennene Lausiel, a freshman in parks, recreation and tourism, came with her parents and sister and said that the NCSU campus needs some improvement. "As good of a school as N.C. State is, the campus needs to be beautified," Lausiel said. Pat Lausiel, Jennene's mother, agreed.

"[NCSU's campus] has the potential to be better than it

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involves all of us," said Deandria's mom Sherrye.

The Daniels/Allen legacy goes back to 1987, when Deandria's aunt began her education at NCSU.

"We often came to support her aunt when she was a student here, and now we come to functions to support Deandria, who is very much involved in campus activities," said Sherrye. "So we've always felt like NCSU was our

school."

A panel of 4 to 5 judges looks over the essays, which are scored based on evidence and examples of family support for an NCSU student's college education, family enthusiasm for the university as a whole, creativity and spelling and grammar. While the responses to the essay contest have increased every year, this year's jump was unusually big.

"We got 43 essays this year, compared to 18 last year, so it's clearly caught on as a tradition," said Jennifer Bell, associate director of the Campus Activities for Parents and Constituent Services.

The essay gives students the opportunity to write a tribute to their families to thank them for their support as they pursue their college education at NCSU.

"We recognize that families play a significant role in our students' lives, and we know they're proud to have their kids here at State," said Bell. "In having this award, we can show them how much we appreciate and value families, and also give students a chance to get involved in Parents and Families Weekend."

It was Deandria's creative approach in describing her appreciation for her family that made

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Two-thirds of the money has been proposed to go towards "Quality and Accessibility" and one-third towards faculty and staff salaries.

Caravano followed Oblinger with an overview of the minority report of the Tuition Task Force. He began his presentation by reading one of the personal stories that Amanda Devore, a senior in accounting, has been collecting for her "Personal Stories" project, which she plans on compiling into a book to present to members of the NC Board of Governors, General Assembly, UNC system school trustees and chancellors.

"I have been affected by the tuition increases in two ways. First, I am going deeper into debt. I rely solely on Financial Aid to fund my way through college. With more increases in tuition, I am forced to take out more loans which must be repaid after my education is complete. Second, because I have to take out more loans, and more money is going toward tuition than toward other areas, such as living expenses and books, I have three jobs that I am working so I can afford to live," Caravano read. He did not give the student's name, but he mentioned that the student may have to take a leave of absence from the university because of the stress related to the student's multiple responsibilities.

Caravano pointed out various problems and changes in the university that would suffer negatively from more tuition increases.

"Every increase presents new students who cannot afford to come to this university," Caravano said. He questioned whether or not the economy had changed enough to explain why the Board of Governor's resolution last year to not increase tuition across the 16 UNC schools because of the

economic climate does not apply to the Tuition Task Force's decision now. He also raised his concerns over whether the monies collected from the increase could really decrease class sizes or open up more course sections.

Vice Chancellor Tom Stafford also presented the Fee Review Committee's findings on student fee increases. He noted that there are only two other universities in the UNC system that have lower fee packages. Chancellor Fox will decide on her recommendations for fee increases at the same time she decides on her proposal for potential tuition increases.

Stafford relayed their recommendations through a slide-show presentation. The five member fee committee voted 2-1 in favor of a \$10 student center operations fee increase, 3-1 in favor of a \$10 student center repairs and renovations increase, 2-2 in favor of a \$7 physical education fee increase, 2-2 in favor of a \$10 intercollegiate athletics fee increase and 3-1 in favor of a \$30 education and technology fee increase. All of these fee increases would begin in Fall 2004 if passed.

The committee also agreed the school should retire a \$15 indebtedness fee for Carmichael Gym and voted unanimously to add a \$400 fee for professional golf managements students to cover their green fees. The final recommendation by the committee in a 2-1 vote was for a \$22.50 per semester fee increase for the Carmichael Gym expansion that would begin in the Spring of 2004. Stafford also pointed out that the Student Senate also supported all the fee increases.

Students then spoke for more than an hour about their concerns regarding the increase. Only students asked questions or make comments about the potential increases, and none of the student participants directly supported the tuition increase proposals.

Some students relayed their own stories of paying their own

tuition without financial assistance from the university or their families.

Chancellor Fox hoped that these students would be able to obtain help from NCSU's Financial Aid Office.

"All I can is that we are going to try to work with you and provide what ever kind of options we can," Chancellor Fox said.

Students also mentioned out-of-state tuition concerns.

"We're very concerned about our out-of-state tuition. That's part of the reason why we allocating so much for financial aid. We're very proud of our out-of-state students and we want to keep you here," Chancellor Fox said.

Many of the students in attendance are a part of student government, and many of the students made comments were a part of the Tuition Task Force and Fee Review Committee.

"It's a very awesome school at a very Wal-Mart-like price," Seth Lester, student body treasurer, said. He went on to question how the school would maintain the low price tag for students.

Both Oblinger and Chancellor explained numerous times throughout the night that the increase was lower than many universities across the nation. Chancellor Fox explained that right now schools are averaging 14 percent tuition increases. And in some schools in California, students are dealing with 30-40 percent tuition increases.

"We want to keep tuition as low as possible, consistent with quality at NC State," Chancellor Fox said.

The administration also fielded questions about the decrease in library resources such as journal subscriptions.

"We are sensitive to this collection phenomenon that has been going on for years. I'm confident that the library is not going to be disadvantaged," Oblinger said.

Caravano was also asked if he felt like the student and faculty ratio (cited as 16/1) should re-

fers the winning essay.

"By using the idea of heroes and comparing each family member to a specific superhero, I explained what role each person had in my life in terms of school," said Deandria. She also included a poem, which, according to Bell, really set her essay apart.

"The judges also took note of the fact that Deandria and her family considered NCSU as 'their' university, not just a university," Bell stated, underlining their sense of belonging to the campus community.

lect on the Tuition Task Force's makeup.

"I think there was equal opportunity for everyone to express their opinions. I would say that we could do better," Caravano said. Oblinger also pointed out that the vote was not ever split 10-4, which would have meant that the faculty and students completely disagreed on the issue on the table.

Two of the last students to talk were Pendergrass and Amanda Devore, who both sit on the Tuition Task Force.

Pendergrass commented that all faculty members were sent a letter to attend the meeting, but the student body did not receive a mass e-mail about the event. He also pointed out that North Carolina is a low-income state and leads the nation in the number of people without health care coverage. Pendergrass suggested that these facts suggest why NCSU is at the bottom of tuition cost lists because the people of North Carolina are paying what they can afford. Pendergrass felt that student tuition should not be increased and that more time needs to be investigating the matter.

Devore later came up to the microphone and asked if the tuition increase would really help the university.

"This is just a drop in the bucket," Devore said. "CITIs are such a poor way to raise revenue. How many drops in the bucket is it going to take? You can keep asking students to keep contributing to add one more drop in that bucket and then another drop in the bucket."

But Oblinger maintained his optimism over tuition increases throughout the question and answer period.

"In terms of a CITI, it provides us with the opportunity to spend the bulk of that money on this campus. The tuition increase that is paid by the students of N.C. State will come back to N.C. State and be spent the way that N.C. State would like to see it spent," Oblinger said.

said. "I think there is a good possibility that we will do this project again next year."

CSLEPS will be collecting donations for the military and items and shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child until Nov. 17 in 3115 Talley Student Center. For information on items that can be donated or information on other community service projects, call Tierza Watts at 515-9248 or e-mail her at tierza_watts@ncsu.edu.

ciate director of the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics and Public Service (CSLEPS), said.

"It's a nice way to give something to someone who has nothing or close to nothing."

Operation Christmas Child, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, is an organization that ships the gift-filled shoeboxes to war-torn countries or places affected by natural disasters.

Watts was pleased with the participants for their contributions of time and donations.

"I think it went well," Watts

military workers overseas and for children in need," Maria Floren, a sophomore in mechanical engineering, said. "It feels good to know that we can brighten someone's day just by making donations."

This is the first year that this type of project has been done during Parents and Families Weekend.

"I've done Operation Christmas Child for eight years now, so when I was asked to do a project, I recommended it right off the bat," Tierza Watts, asso-

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"My sorority, Alpha Omega Epsilon, donated items as part of one of our campus projects to make care packages for our

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AN OPEN FORUM, BUT NO VOICES

OUR OPINION: THE TUITION TOWN HALL WAS PARTLY A PUBLIC RELATIONS MOVE BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO SOFTEN THE BLOW OF TUITION INCREASES AND A FORUM FOR STUDENTS TO BE HEARD, ALTHOUGH THE CROWN WAS BARE.

It has become a staple around Wolfpack Country, about as much as basketball, lighting the Belltower red after a win and the Hillsborough Hike. The Tuition Town Meeting has been held for the past two years as tuition continues to rise. And it's still the same old story: the administration gets up and presents the facts and figures and the very small student quorum tries to counter their claims with stories about how they work three jobs and still have to take out loans to pay for college. It is the same situation every year. And tuition keeps on going up. In this country, democracy rules public discourse and everyone has the right to speak their mind and griev-

ances before officials, whether elected or appointed. Most of the time, public meetings have a purpose and an agenda that fulfills goals an organization needs to accomplish. Other times, these meetings, such as town halls, are meant to be open and free for anyone to speak their mind about a certain issue, in hopes of persuading those in power to their side of a particular issue. It takes a roar to snap those in power to attention, not the whimper expressed Sunday night. As a gesture to students to make them feel they are included in the tuition increase process and as a good P.R. move to maintain an image of fairness, the administration held the town hall meeting and laid out the recommendations of the various committees and task forces that deal with such decisions. And as usual, the student body did not show up. Oh, about 30 or people did show up, but in a room the size of Nelson Audi-

torium, such a small showing sends a message to the administration that the majority of students do not care enough about their tuition bill to take time out of Sunday routines and speak their mind, minus the ones that have to work Sunday night to pay the bills. All the important questions were asked. Some were posed very eloquently. Others were terse and rude. To their credit, the Chancellor, the Provost, Vice Chancellor Tom Stafford and Student Body President Tony Caravano were very patient and willing to answer any question. And for the students that did show up, it was clear they were very concerned about where and how their money was being spent. But on issues like these, it is all a numbers game. The administration comes to the table with their figures and calculations, the least we, as the student body, can do is show up in respectable numbers and take part in the function of this university. After all, we foot the bill.

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It's time for whuppins

Some think whuppins are forms of abuse. Ben Kraduel wants them reinstated into everyday life.

Take this column with a grain of salt. There, that's all the warning you're getting. Rudy Susanto was already labeled by authorities as a sexual predator. Only 25 years old, and already the Philadelphia police felt comfortable with that title. On as many as seven previous occasions, Rudy had waited outside St. Maria Goretti School and exposed himself to teenage Catholic schoolgirls as they

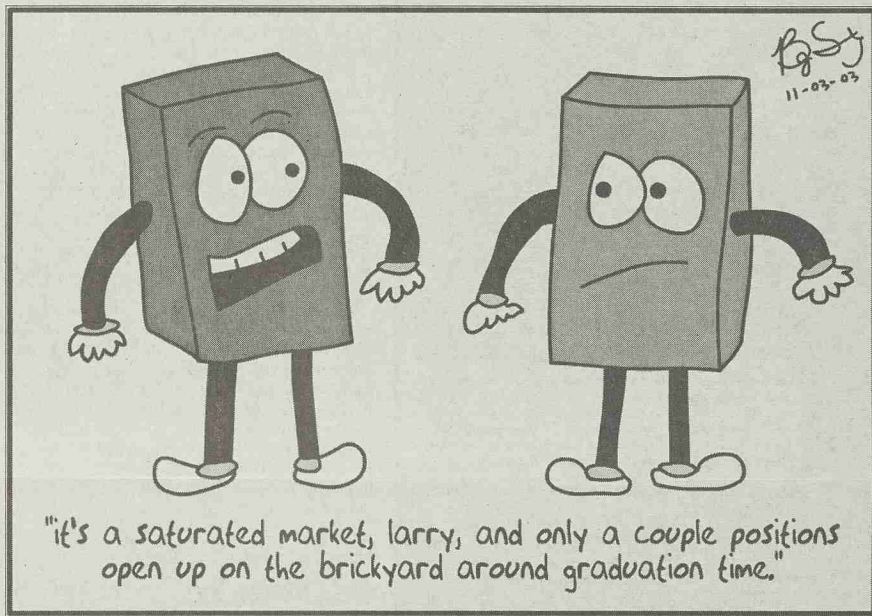


Ben Kraduel
 Senior Staff Columnist

that in my and, I assume, other peoples' everyday lives, we want to see more people get a whuppin'. I'm tired of being cut off in traffic. I'm tired of people who don't understand that when they zoom in front of me because the left lane of the highway is closing down, they're only making everyone behind me wait longer. I think they could use a mild whuppin'. More of a spanking, really. Just someone to pull them out of their car, bend them over a knee and remind them why a leather belt can be a scary thing. I think most of the minor problems in the world should be handled with a whuppin'. And I think the whuppin' should always meet the crime. If you get caught going 15 miles over the speed limit, I think you should be able to deduct a point from your license and \$25 from the fine if you'll stand by the side of the road and just let the officer who pulled you over give you a whuppin'. They've got those nice, thick police belts. I think 10 smacks and you won't be speeding again any time soon.

I think that people who feed on the young and innocent to fulfill deviant sexual behavior should be chased down the street by more than 20 angry schoolgirls and be fully prepared to accept their whuppin'. If that is what it is going to take to teach you not to expose yourself to underage girls, or anyone for that matter, I think society should not only allow it, but also reward the girls for standing up for themselves. For the longest time, when I was a kid, I looked forward to being an adult, because I noticed that no one ever spanked or punished adults like they did me. I assumed this meant that adults did no wrong. I misunderstood the situation. Now I know better and I think maybe we should go back to taking the solutions into our own hands a little bit. I think that someone tries to steal your wallet or purse and you catch them before the police, you should be standing with that mugger over your knee when the police show up. I think society has forgotten the power and importance of the whuppin'. But it isn't lost completely, it only took 20 angry schoolgirls to remind us of that.

Benjamin will be standing outside in the Brickyard today if anyone needs to be punished. You know who you are. viewpoint@technicianstaff.com



An avoidable tragedy

Six people were killed Saturday due to drunk driving. Abbie Byrom urges all to be responsible when drinking.

The mood while tailgating before the football game on Saturday was diverse. Some students were apathetic toward the game, assuming our Wolfpack would let us down. Others were full of hope, chanting the N.C. State cheer, and ready to add another 'W' to our collection this season. The game was tense, neck in neck with Virginia during the whole game until the last seconds



Abbie Byrom
 Senior Staff Columnist

when two touchdowns in a row were scored, and the crowd went wild. We were not only satisfied with a win, we were elated at the end game excitement that put 51 points on the scoreboard, to Virginia's 37. As students poured out of the stadium, conversations immediately turned to how to celebrate the fantastic conclusion to the game. As most students had already been drinking all day, the plan is to usually continue the trend into the night, visiting different bars and parties. The daytime activities had ended on an extreme high note, and now the nighttime festivities were to begin. As my roommates and I were pondering these same events, and discussing what we would do with our friends that night, we sat in traffic and heard a rumor of a bad car accident somewhere on Blue Ridge. We hoped it was no one we knew, since it was probably students departing from the game. Sunday morning, on the front page of the City & State section of the News & Observer, I found out what really happened. Not long after the football game ended Saturday night,

several cars collided in what has already been determined as an alcohol-related accident. Five people stopped to help those involved in the wreck. Saturday night, after the conclusion of a great display of football, six people died in a pair of accidents related to alcohol. Five of those six people were good Samaritans, stopping to help the injured. As I read the paper Sunday morning, and looked at the pictures of the bodies lying in the street after our victory over UVA, it put a bit of a

"The daytime activities had ended on an extreme high note, and now the nighttime festivities were to begin."

damper on my whole mood. It was only a year ago that I wrote another column on the hazards of drunk driving, after one of my best friends was killed in a wreck where alcohol was involved. It's sad, that here I am again today, lamenting over the irresponsibility of people who drink and drive. The more I think about it, the more I realize how serious this problem is. How could such a wonderful night, full of fun, excitement and school spirit, end so tragically?

Every week at the football games, there are people tailgating and drinking. I don't have a problem with what you do, but personally, I'm tired of seeing the drunk guys walk up and down the rows at the horse complex harassing girls and picking fights. I'm tired of seeing the drunken girls that can't stand up, and end up making fools of themselves. I'm tired of seeing people get in their cars and drive drunk, because no one could be responsible enough to say "Let's wait" or "Call a taxi" or "Hey guys, I'll be the DD today." Why am I tired of all of this? Because six people were killed Saturday night, for stopping to help injured strangers. I do not understand exactly what it will take for people to take drinking and driving seriously. I am quite sure that every one of us knows at least one person who has been killed in a drunk driving accident. Yet for some reason, it's still okay to drive after drinking if you are "only driving a mile down the street" or "I'm the most sober of everyone," or, what seems to be the worst excuse I have ever heard, "I drive better when I'm drunk." Maybe this will help put it in a little perspective - not only could the deceased that helped out Saturday night have been State students, if you drove on Saturday night after drinking all day at the game, it could have been you. Once again, I will urge, beg, plead with all students...DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE. It is possibly one of the worst decisions you could ever make, and more often than not, the result can be bodies covered in sheets on the side of the road. You will be either among the bodies or in jail. Seems like an easy decision to me.

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CAMPUS FORUM

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Student Senate needs to get its act together

Student Senate now finds itself at a crossroads, having a rare opportunity to change the way it functions and the substance of its deliberations. Senators can reinvent the senate to use the only effective tools that they have ever possessed: collaboration and advocacy. "Legislation" holds barely any authority on this campus. Collaboration with the

university administration, however, can bring lasting, beneficial change to the student body. Advocacy increases student awareness, involvement, and activism. Too many Senators and other members squander these two valuable tools, becoming entranced by their own sense of self-worth or embroiled in procedural - not substantive - matters. These senators have ceased to represent the student body and continually

degraded the utility of Student Government. I implore all senators to use the remainder of the academic year to renew collaboration with the administration and reinforce advocacy on behalf of the student body. Otherwise, the senate will remain an ineffective waste of time.

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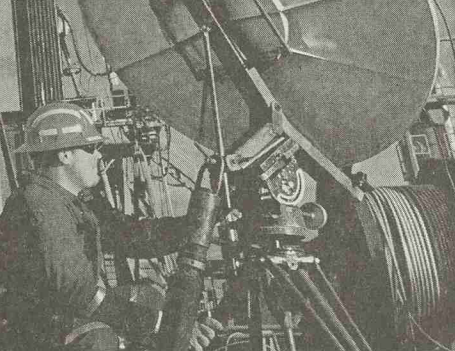
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McLendon

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After gaining a combined 225 yards of total offense, someone asked McLendon for a health estimate. Did he play at 70 percent, 80 percent, 90 percent?

"I'd say 100 percent," the running back said. "Wouldn't you?"

If anyone doubted McLendon's health status before the game, no one questioned it - or cared, really - after State's final offensive play of a classic game. With 23 seconds to play and the score tied at 37, McLendon took Philip Rivers' handoff, bounced off a defender, cut to his right and ran to the end zone for the game's winning points. As the back neared the goal line, a deafening, maddening crowd shook Carter-Finley Stadium with a thunderous ovation, the crescendo of which many Pack players said was the loudest they've ever heard Carter-Finley.

It was as if a McLendon-starved Wolfpack nation let out one long, suppressed cheer. Players felt it, too.

"Oh man," linebacker Pat Thomas said, smiling, trying to describe what he felt while watching McLendon's bolt to the end zone. "I couldn't have been more happier."

McLendon made happy men out of many on this day, but No. 44 was probably the happiest of them all. After sitting out the week before, McLendon returned and played one of the best games of his young career. The 11 receptions were a career-high. So, too, were the 104 yards receiving. He also ran for his sixth-career 100-yard performance.

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Rivers completed his first 17 pass attempts and finished the game 29-of-34 for 410 yards. On the season, he moved ahead to 3,318 passing yards, making him the first quarterback in ACC history to throw for 3,000 yards in three seasons and the seventh quarterback to do so in NCAA history. Rivers also jumped ahead of Louisville's Chris Redman and Texas Tech's Kliff Kingsbury for

All this from a guy listed as doubtful earlier in the week.

"I was just tired of sitting out," McLendon said. "I didn't think I was going to play as good as I did, but it worked out for me."

That didn't stop the injury-hampered runner from putting a scare in the Wolfpack faithful in the second quarter. On one run, McLendon took a hard hit, and laid facedown on the turf a few seconds too long. With apprehension in the air, McLendon hopped back up and went to the huddle. He was fine all along.

For a guy that's had a range of nagging injuries this season, few were surprised at his effectiveness.

"Not at all surprised," Rivers said. "I felt pretty good that he was 100 percent going into the game. I don't know how he felt inside, but he sure made us feel like he was 100 percent. And the way he played today showed it. He's the player that he's made up to be."

"If he's a healthy back week in and week out, he's big-time."

Speaking of big-time, there might not be a better phrase to describe McLendon's late touchdown run.

"I guess they were expecting us to pass, and we hit 'em with a draw," McLendon said. "Luckily, I broke a few tackles and scored...when they called the play, I thought, 'I at least have to get the first down.' I got the first down and more."

That's big-time. "It was probably a big-time run," McLendon said, all smiles. "Matter of fact, I know it was a big-time run. But even more, it was a big-time win."

The braids, or something, must have worked.

third place in NCAA history with 12,352 career yards of total offense.

Rivers entered the game second in the nation in passing efficiency at 70.8 percent, and though Schaub led the nation with 71 percent, Rivers and State won the head-to-head match-up.

"It was two of the greatest quarterbacks in America," Amato said. "There were two outstanding quarterbacks on that field and one, [Rivers], was really outstanding. Really outstanding."

N.C. State 51,
Virginia 37

What worked... It may not get the attention of the skill positions, but N.C. State's offensive line, with some of its cogs banged and bruised, played perhaps its best game of the year. Philip Rivers was never sacked and State ran for 143 yards, its second-highest total of the season.

and what didn't... Virginia's play-action defense was abused on the exact same play at least five times. With runner T.A. McLendon alone in the backfield, Rivers would fake the handoff to him and then roll out with an accompanying blocker to find any number of wide-open receivers. The play worked for big gains with passes to Jericho Cotchery and a 75-yard touchdown strike to tight end T.J. Williams.

Player(s) of the game Take your

pick: Rivers or McLendon. Let's call it a tie. Rivers threw just five incomplete passes in 34 attempts and added 411 yards and four touchdowns with no interceptions. But with the game on the line, McLendon underscored his 100-yard rushing and receiving days with a game-clinching 38-yard touchdown run.

TEAM STATISTICS

	UVA	NCSU
First downs	21	22
Rushes-yards	23-50	25-143
Passing	393	410
Comp-Att-Int	41-55-1	29-35-0
Return Yards	48	35
Punts-Avg.	5-34	5-42
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	4-30	6-40
Time of Possession	32:42	27:18

Scoring summary

First Quarter:

NCSU - Heath recovers fumble in end

zone (Kiker kick), 10:31; UVA - Lundy 20 pass from Schaub (Hughes kick), 7:43; UVA - Lundy 11 pass from Schaub (Hughes kick), 4:07; NCSU - Hawkins 34 pass from Rivers (Kiker kick), 1:37.

Second Quarter:

UVA - FG Hughes 52, 12:23; NCSU - Cotchery 33 pass from Rivers (kick failed), 11:04; UVA - Sawyer 17 pass from Schaub (Hughes kick), 9:48; NCSU - Kiker 24 FG, 0:00.

Third Quarter:

UVA - Hughes 23 FG, 11:03; NCSU - Williams 75 pass from Rivers (Kiker kick), 6:42; UVA - Hughes 36 FG, 0:35.

Fourth Quarter:

NCSU - Moyer 3 pass from Rivers (Kiker kick), 10:37; UVA - Lundy 7 pass from Schaub (Hughes kick), 6:29; NCSU - McLendon 38 run (Kiker kick), 0:23; NCSU - Stephens 26 interception return (Kiker kick), 0:08.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

Virginia - Lundy 7-35, D. Williams 1-23, Pearman 11-7, Schaub 3-(-6), team 1-(-9).

N.C. State - McLendon 18-112, Rivers 4-20, Hawkins 1-10, R. Davis 1-6, Reid 1-(-5).

PASSING

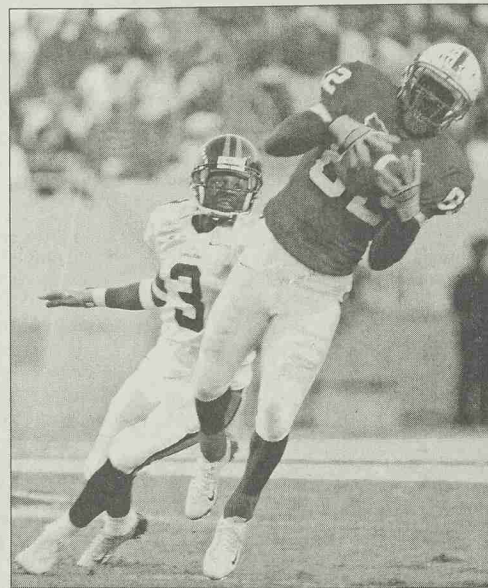
Virginia - Schaub 41-55-1-393.
N.C. State - Rivers 29-34-0-410, Team 0-1-0-0.

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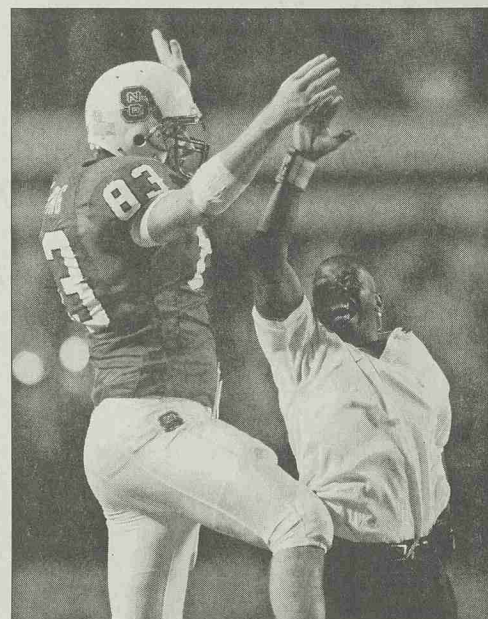
Virginia - Pearman 13-87, Lundy 7-78, Hagans 7-67, Sawyer 5-98, Miller 4-22, Anderson 3-29, D. Williams 1-12, Luzar 1-0.

N.C. State - McLendon 11-104, Cotchery 7-111, Hall 3-31, Hawkins 2-32, Clark 2-29, Williams 1-75, Bertrand 1-20, Davis 1-5, Moyer 1-3.

Attendance - 53,800



Virginia's Marcus Hamilton can only watch as Jericho Cotchery gracefully hauls in one of his seven catches.



Long snapper Danny Young celebrates with assistant equipment manager Wayne "Smoke" Hubert after a successful extra point.

Wolfpack Weekend

Men's soccer

Host Radford dealt a blow to N.C. State's NCAA tournament chances with a 1-0 upset win Saturday afternoon. Defender Jonathan Smith scored a goal with just 35 seconds remaining in the first half, and that margin held for the remainder of the game. State forward Aaron King had a couple of scoring chances in the game's second frame, but failed to produce a goal for the Wolfpack, whose record fell to 8-7-1. State concludes the regular season next weekend with a home match against UNC-Wilmington.

Women's soccer

The Wolfpack concluded its regular season with a 3-0 loss to Wake Forest Saturday evening - the first league win of the year for the host Demon Deacons. Katharine Winstead took a pass from Taylor Toombs and slipped a shot past goalkeeper Kim Selz to give the Deacs a lead they would not relinquish in the 16th minute. Wake added a pair of goals in the last 20 minutes for the final tally. Selz saved five Wake shots, and the Deacs out shot State 19-4. The Pack (9-8-1, 1-6 ACC) opens ACC tournament play Wednesday at SAS Stadium as the No. 8 seed and will challenge No. 1 North Carolina. The

Tar Heels downed State 4-1 earlier in the year.

Volleyball

Playing without the services of one of its top players, N.C. State fell to host Florida State 3-0 in ACC volleyball action Saturday evening. The Wolfpack (7-20, 0-12 ACC) was without the services of versatile freshman Julia Rels, who missed the game. Maya Mapp and Adeola Kosoko led State with six kills apiece. State returns to action Thursday in Reynolds Coliseum, opening a two-game home stand with a match against Maryland at 7 p.m.

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Men's soccer vs. UNC-Wilmington, 11/8, 2
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Volleyball vs. Maryland, 11/6, 7
Swimming & Diving at UNCW, 11/5
Cross country at Regionals, 11/15

Scores

Football 51, Virginia 37
Radford 1, Men's soccer 0
Wake Forest 3, Women's soccer 0
Florida State 3, Volleyball 0
Men's cross country, 1st at ACCs
Women's cross country, 2nd at ACCs

TECHNICIAN

Rivers wins battle, game

N.C. State's senior quarterback outperformed the reigning ACC Player of the Year and won his team the game in the process.

Jon Page
Senior Staff Writer

The pregame fireworks that accompany N.C. State's entrance onto the field lit up the sky - but Philip Rivers and Matt Schaub lit up the scoreboard.

In a much-anticipated match-up of the ACC's all-time leading passer and last season's conference player of the year, each signal-caller threw four touchdown passes and combined for over 800 yards passing.

But it was a run up the middle - the only rushing touchdown of the game - that decided the outcome early Saturday evening at Carter-Finley Stadium.

T.A. McLendon's 38-yard touchdown scamper with 23 seconds to play in the fourth quarter finally put the Wolfpack ahead for good, and Victor Stevens' 26-yard interception return for a touchdown two plays later gave State (7-3, 4-2 ACC) a 51-37 victory over visiting Virginia (5-4, 3-3).

An 18-yard first-down pass from Rivers to sophomore wide receiver Brian Clark moved the Pack into Virginia territory. On second down, McLendon took the handoff on a trap, burst through the line and through tacklers into the end zone.

The sophomore tailback finished the game with 121 yards on the ground and hauled in a career-high 11 receptions for 104 yards.

The game-winning drive was made possible by a strong defensive stand with the score knotted at 37.

The Cavaliers tied it up on a 7-yard touchdown pass from Schaub to running back Wali Lundy. On its ensuing possession, the Pack had to punt the ball away, and the Cavs took over on their own 27-yard line with under three minutes remaining. After his first-down pass attempt fell incomplete, Schaub rolled to his right on second down, but a blitzing State junior Pat Thomas sacked Schaub from behind for an 8-yard loss. The Pack forced Virginia to punt when the Cavaliers could not convert on third down.

"I tried to get to him as fast as I could and the defensive backs had great coverage, so I was able to get to him," Thomas said. "It was just a great sack. This is what we strive for in practice - to make the big plays, and we came up with them."

Thomas led the defense from his linebacker position with 13 tackles while juniors Freddie Aughtry-Lind-



Philip Rivers (17) high fives Jerricho Cotchery after a touchdown. The duo had lots to celebrate Saturday against Virginia, as Rivers threw for 410 yards and four touchdowns with seven completions and one score to Cotchery.

say and Andre Maddox also notched double figures in tackles with 12 and 11, respectively, for a unit that head coach Chuck Amato said, "has been maligned all year."

Although Schaub made good on 41-of-55 passes for 393 yards, State limited Virginia's rushing attack to 50 yards.

"We did a good job of stopping the run and making them go to their short passing game," Maddox said. "I think overall we did a good job even though we gave up a lot of yardage. We made big plays."

Indeed, State made a defensive statement early in the game. The first touchdown of the day came on a fumble recovery in the end zone by rover Garland Heath, but it was the offense that ruled the competition, even if it took a while for it to warm up.

"Our offense started both halves sleepy, but they woke up and they couldn't stop," Amato said. "[Philip] had a fabulous game."

In the first half, Rivers tossed two touchdown passes, the first to true freshmen Chris Hawkins and the second to senior Jerricho Cotchery. In the second half, he went long to tight end T.J. Williams (75-yards) and short to little-used fullback Chance Moyer (3 yards) for scores.

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Philip Rivers scrambled four times for 20 yards Saturday, including this one in the fourth quarter for eight yards.



T.A. McLendon ended the game with a TD.

Back and braided, McLendon shines

Saying he played at 100 percent, the sophomore produced more than 200 yards total offense in Saturday's win.

Andrew B. Carter
Deputy Sports Editor

Jerricho Cotchery wants to be a coach one day, and the N.C. State wide receiver is already acting like one. Similar to a clipboard-toting, headset-wearing CEO of a football team, Cotchery notices the little things - the bounce in a player's step, the look in a man's eye. Early last week, Cotchery spent a little extra time watching running back T.A. McLendon practice.

"When a player is coming off an injury, you watch every little thing they do, and see if he's going to be ready for the game," Cotchery said after the Wolfpack's thrilling 51-37 victory over Virginia Saturday. "I was watching him the whole week."

Cotchery the coach liked what he saw. "By Thursday [T.A.] was moving pretty well. I knew he was going to show up today," Cotchery said.

Cotchery the teammate saw something else he liked: braids in McLendon's hair.

"Once he puts those in his hair," Cotchery said, "it's going to be an incredible day for him because he had those most of the whole season last year and he did pretty well."

McLendon did look nifty in his braids, a unique hair pattern that crossed back-and-forth in diagonal rows on top of his head. He looked even better, though, in gaining 121 yards on 18 carries. Pretty, too, was McLendon's receiving stat line: a team-high 11 catches for 104 yards.

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Emotion flows at exhibition

Battling cancer, Gabe Corchiani wouldn't miss seeing his son honored at halftime of Red-White game.

Andrew B. Carter
Deputy Sports Editor

There were highlights in Saturday's men's basketball Red-White game.

The players marched onto the RBC Center court in the midst of sparklers, smoke and high-tech sound effects. A new ribbon board, which surrounds the arena, added stunning visual effects. The 360-degree Jumbotron even aired video montages and clips of current State players from seasons past.

There were highlights in the game, too. Julius Hodge had a breakaway dunk. Transfer Tony Bethel led a fast-break and manufactured a pretty no-look pass in transition.

And then there were highlights.

And on this day, nothing could top an emotional halftime ceremony that honored former N.C. State greats Chris Corchiani and Rodney Monroe. Corchiani and Monroe, nicknamed "Fire and Ice" during their playing days, anchored the Wolfpack's



Former N.C. State guard Chris Corchiani, with daughter in arms, was emotional Saturday when the school honored his jersey.

backcourt from 1987-91. Monroe left as State's all-time leading scorer and Corchiani as the NCAA career assists leader. He now ranks second all-time. Both Corchiani and Monroe had their jerseys honored in front of standing ovations.

The ceremony was made sweet by the presence of Corchiani's father, Gabe, who has been fighting cancer since July. Gabe Corchiani made the

trip from Florida, and with the help of Chris and family, walked onto the court at halftime. Chris Corchiani and other family members, including his wife and four young children, were touched by Gabe's presence and Gabe seemed moved at just being there.

When Chancellor Marye Anne Fox handed Chris Corchiani his old No. 13

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Men champs again, women 2nd

The men's cross country team brought home its 12th ACC title, while the women's team placed second.

Todd Lion
Senior Staff Writer

WINSTON-SALEM - Mixed emotions and mixed results were what N.C. State's cross country teams came out with from Saturday's ACC championships at Wake Forest.

The men's team dominated its race, finishing five runners in the top 10 and winning with a score of 27 points. But the women, competing without their best runner, Kristin Price, fell to rival North Carolina by four points, 44-40.

"The team ran incredible," Andy Smith, men's race winner, said. "Coach was telling me yesterday that we're kind of like the New York Yankees; everyone wants a shot at us, everyone wants to go out and beat N.C. State on the day of the championship. We knew that was coming at us, and we handled it very well. I'm very proud of my team, es-



The men's cross country team poses after dominating its competition Saturday.

pecially Chad Pearson who finished right behind me in his first race of the season."

Smith crossed the finish line of the 8,000-meter course in 24:13, six seconds ahead of Pearson. Despite their close finishes, the two

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