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Trustees OK tuition increase

With a vote of 11-2, the Board of Trustees recommended the campus initiated tuition increase on Friday.

Charles Duncan
Staff Reporter

Passing its second to last hurdle Friday, the campus initiated tuition increase (CITI) received approval from the Board of Trustees. Increases for the Master of Accounting (MAC) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) programs were also approved.

The fee increase package passed as well, and, along with the tuition increases, will be sent to the Board of Governors (BOG) in February for final approval.

The campus-wide CITI passed as expected, with a \$300 increase per year for the next three years. Revenue from the increase could go to financial aid, graduate student support and academic excellence.

The Board of Trustees voted for a \$4,000 increase in tuition for the MBA program for the 2004-05 school year. MAC students will also see a \$4,000 increase, but this will be split in-half with a \$2,000 increase for the next school year and then again for the 2005-06 year.

The raise in MAC tuition was originally intended to be a one-time increase of \$4,000, but Tony Caravano, student body president and member of the Board of Trustees, put forth the amendment to split it between two years.

Caravano proposed a similar amendment to divide the MBA increase over two years, but

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it failed to pass. The Board of Trustees took care to point out that most MBA students come from at least two to four years of job experience since finishing an undergraduate degree, where as the majority of MAC students come straight from their senior year of college.

Caravano raised concerns over the student endorsements of the MAC program tuition increases. With the information given to the Board of Trustees when they arrived on campus Thursday were letters from students in support of the increases.

Caravano questioned the validity of the letters, and said in a post-meeting interview, "I think we've seen inconsistencies in reporting...If I wanted to find a student to say yes [to increases], I would know who to ask and who not to ask."

Caravano raised this point with other board members at the Friday meeting while successfully pushing to amend the MAC increase. "How do we feel like we're looking out for the

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ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN

Fifty times Philip Rivers had put on that bright red No. 17 jersey. But this time was different. This time the school retired it and hung his name and number on the Carter-Finley Stadium walls, where it will forever rest.

Rivers' day was spoiled by another loss, as State fell to Maryland 26-24 in its final home game of the season. Rivers and his teammates must now wait to see which bowl game he will end his career at.

Nubian rumors are false, say administration

The recent disappearance of the Nubian Message on campus is no reason for alarm.

Rachael Rogers
Senior Staff Reporter

The green Nubian Message newspaper boxes that are scattered across campus have been empty for the past few weeks, and the newspaper's absence has served as one catalyst to rumors that the Nubian may be dissolved.

But various administrators

and students affiliated with the Nubian say the rumors are false and the minority newspaper will remain a student publication on this campus.

"I've heard all of the rumors. That's all I hear are rumors. The rumor I've heard is that the Nubian is going to be shut down. And if that's true, I didn't get the memo," Jerry Blackmon, editor-in-chief of the Nubian Message, said.

Rumors are nothing new to the publication, which has a weekly circulation of 1,000 on campus.

The Nubian Message has a somewhat tumultuous history

and origin. The paper was born out of controversy surrounding the diversity in coverage and staff make-up of Technician.

"In short, Nubian was started in 1992 as a response to alleged bias in Technician. The specific article that touched off the firestorm of students burning Technician in the Brickyard was written by a columnist where he called the organization of students advocating for a free-standing black cultural center at UNC racist," Blackmon said.

Others on campus recognize this rather tumultuous history.

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ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN
An empty Nubian Message bin after weeks without publishing.

PROFESSOR IN THE PACK

From rhythm to verse

Deborah Hooker, professor in English, went from teaching the steps of ballet to the steps of feminism in literature.

Brigid Ransome
Staff Reporter

From being a ballet instructor to an English professor, Deborah Hooker has had a unique change in her career path.

Hooker presently teaches ENG 305 Women and Literature. Because of her role in administration in the English department, teaching one course allows her to facilitate the duties of being the department's assistant head.

"It is a luxury to focus on one course a semester, but I also have to concentrate on many departmental responsibilities, such as maintaining its Web site, course evaluations for non-tenure track faculty and also computing and electronic resources," Hooker said.

However, Hooker was not always the English guru, although her undergraduate years at UNC-Chapel Hill were spent fulfilling journalism and English. She obtained her master's degree from N.C. State and her doctorate from the University of Florida.

From 1980 to 1986, she taught at the Raleigh School of Ballet.



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

Hooker traded ballet slippers for the podium.

When asked about the shift from dance to school, she assertively replied, "I was troubled by the incredible focus on the body and the

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Final home contest marred by ruckus

A pregame scuffle involving the N.C. State marching band and Maryland players turned out to be a sign of things to come.

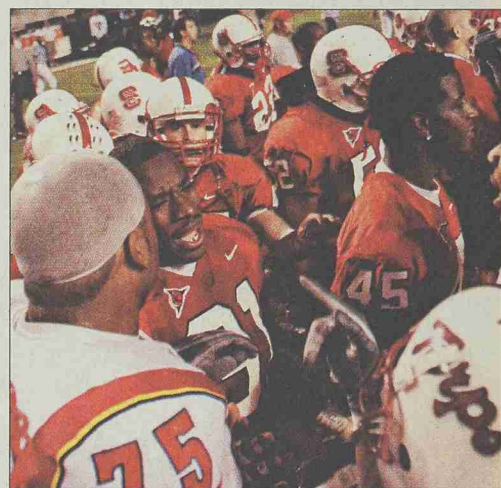
Matt Middleton
Sports Editor

In the week preceding his team's visit to Carter-Finley Stadium, Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen warned his team it would be playing in a hostile environment Saturday in Raleigh.

"Coach said all week we were going into a hornet's nest," cornerback Curome Cox said.

But even Friedgen's clairvoyance couldn't have quite predicted what happened Saturday.

After Maryland overcame a late 14-point deficit to defeat N.C. State 26-24, the Terrapin players jostled with State following the game's final play and then were showered with debris from por-



TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN

Freddie Aughtry-Lindsay (31) has some words with the Maryland team, including lineman Erik Dumas (75), after his team's two-point loss.

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Writer dedicates her writing to contest

Jode Willingham
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday, author Margot Livesey visited N.C. State as part of the Guy Owen-Tom Walters Reading Series. Wilton Barnhardt, associate professor in English, introduced Livesey to a packed crowd in Winston Hall.

Livesey was also a guest judge in the NCSU Short Story Contest. She dedicated her reading to the contest.

"I wish you the joy of the open page," Livesey said.

Her first reading came from her novel "Eva Moves the Furniture." The novel is an unusual ghost story that involves a girl named Eva McEwan and her journey through life in Scotland. Throughout her life, a pair of ghosts who prove to be a blessing and a curse accompany her. Livesey commented that it took her 12 years to write the novel, during which that time

she lived in Canada and managed a restaurant.

Margot Livesey was born and raised in the Scottish Highlands. She wrote a collection of stories and four novels including "Homework," "Criminals," "The Missing World" and "Eva Moves the Furniture." She is currently the writer-in-residence at Emerson College in Boston, Mass.

The awards and prize money of the short story contest are given in honor of Brenda Smart, who lost her battle with cancer on Sept. 25.

Brenda is the author of "The Art of Fire," which was a finalist for the 2002 New Century Writer Award. She was working on "The Second Tuesday Garden Club" before the interruption of her illness. Brenda was an accomplished writer, potter and music teacher. She received a Master of Fine Arts from Vermont College in creative writing.

Short Story winners (\$500 Brenda L. Smart Award for Fiction)

Winner-
Linda Hanley, "Rain, Heavy at Times"
Durham

Hon. Mention-
Mallory Tarses, "Details"
Wilmington

Lisa Ward, "Those Who See"
Rocky Mount

Short-Short Story Winners (\$200 Brenda L. Smart Short-Short Fiction Prize)

Winner-
Jennifer Garrison Stuber,
"Clown Baby"
Raleigh

Hon. Mention-
Wes Saylor, "This Just In: Bear
Drinks Sodas for Money"
Boone

Brenda Lynn Upchurch Smart
(1953-2003)

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demands on it, not to mention my body was also wearing out."

She also noted that her defining moment as an educator came in 1983. "I'd been writing dance criticisms and I got a call from North Carolina Math and Science, they wanted me to talk to a class about dance criticism. Up until that point, I avoided anything that had to do with speaking in public. From that experience I got over my fear of public speaking by exposing my 'ignorance.'"

One of Hooker's many passions is women's literature and the various studies of feminist theory. She said that she teaches because it is the subject she can closely relate to, "by virtue of me being a wife and mother."

She had much to say on the future of English and what needs to occur.

"There is a lot of disagreement and lack of consensus in terms of English studies...It is a broad field incorporating various subject areas such as linguistics, film, journalism, rhetoric and professional writing and all of those cannot be reduced to one unitary mission," she said.

She held respect for English core requirements in non-Humanities and Social Sciences majors.

"In a perfect world there would be more English and writing courses for all majors. But when I was an undergraduate and had to take botany and probability, they didn't engage me. I felt as though I wasted the time in those courses. I understand if the people who are more inclined to the hard sciences feel the same way I felt in a literature course," Hooker said. "A lot of people argue that courses in literature don't teach you how to write, but it does provide a good model."

In terms of personal credos and what she demands of herself, with relation to her work and the students she inspires, Hooker said, "In today's climate, it is hard to be honest without being dogmatic, especially with my students."

"I am always checking myself to be as forthcoming as I can. You really have to watch what you say because speech isn't as free as you think it is. I also think that being passionate, enthusiastic and willing to talk to students - truly being accessible - is the best way to inspire my students."

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tions of the stadium's crowd.

"They were throwing bottles, cups of ice, anything they could get their hands on," Cox said.

The incident came on the heels of a pregame altercation that involved the Terps and the Wolfpack marching band.

Due to Senior Day procedures and the ceremony honoring the jersey of quarterback Philip Rivers, the band was told to take the field when the countdown clock read 21:00.

But there was one problem; Maryland was still on the field warming up for the game. The clock continued to count down and reached the 20:00 mark. Still, Maryland remained on the field, even with the public address announcer asking the Terrapins to exit the field at least twice.

The band was then told to take the field by the officials in charge of the pregame activities, upsetting some Maryland players, including freshman Josh Wilson.

According to numerous band members, Wilson ran into third-year bass drum player Charles Rogers.

"At first I thought it was an accident, but then he turned around and pushed me, so I threw my drum off," Rogers said.

Wilson then threw the drum back at Rogers, not hitting him but damaging it in the process.

Friedgen contended in his postgame comments his team was not at fault.

"I was going to leave at 20:00, when I left the field it was 20:15," he said. "If the band wanted to play, someone should have told me. I'm going to use the time I have on the field."

Several members of the band took offense to the actions; some even said a Maryland coach instructed his team to run through the band.

"We felt their coaches' reaction was very classless and unprofessional," drum major Hailey Queen said.

The band's assistant director, Paul Garcia, said he might ask Maryland to reimburse the band for the cost of the drum, which was damaged to an unknown extent, he said.

After the game's ending, which had the Maryland sideline come on to the field prematurely, a number of postgame scuffles ensued.

Cox said his teammates were trying to make their way over to the stadium's south end zone where the Terps traditionally sing their victory song after a game with their band.

"We were trying to do that; I got hit in the back twice," Cox said.

Friedgen again defended his players, saying they were just trying to shake State's hands.

"I know they [State] are frustrated," he said. "They [Maryland players] were trying to shake their hands. Then we got hit by bottles - how do you respond to that?"

Apparently, the answer to that question is to hurl the items back into the stands as several Maryland players did.

State coach Chuck Amato patrolled the field after the game trying to prevent any further mishaps and mentioned he might have been a little short with Friedgen because he was trying to control the situation.

"There was a loss of self-control," Amato said. "It's a shame two teams can't come to the middle and congratulate each other."

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university when we're putting money into an increase where we won't really see in-the-classroom

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"Many African-American students demonstrated concern about the extent to which the Technician covered items of significance in the African-American community. Because of this concern, these students decided they should start their own newspaper on issues of concern to the African-American students at N.C. State," Tom Stafford, vice chancellor of student affairs, said.

The Nubian's youth may be a contributing factor to the rumors, but recent disagreements about the Student Media Authority (SMA) Board, which oversees the Nubian and Technician, have also made some students fear that the new changes instituted in the SMA board over the summer were put in place to eliminate the Nubian.

The SMA board's changes and their relation to the Nubian rumors have reached students outside of the media publications. The dissolution rumors came up at a recent President's Roundtable meeting, and several students affiliated with SMA explained which papers were being targeted with rumors, but they denied there was any move to eliminate any publications.

"I was recently informed of the fact that the Nubian Message and Americana were the alleged [publications]," Beverly Clark, a graduate student in physics, said. Clark attended the President's Roundtable meeting.

Others have some idea of where the rumors originated.

"They are coming from the fact that the Student Media board is changing and the ways it's being changed are of concern to some people who believe the board has more authority to abolish the Nubian Message with its current make-up," Blackmon said.

Blackmon does not feel that the board changes are a threat to the Nubian Message.

"The changes that were made to the board are steps towards improving the quality of all media on campus. By giving the leaders of the media access to objective, hopefully unbiased, and knowledgeable advice from professionals who are out in the world doing what we do, and the academics who taught those

professionals to do their jobs, we hope for ourselves and our successors the type of advice most advisory boards are expected to give," he said.

The changes to the SMA board, regardless of their connection to the Nubian rumors, are still an area of concern for the administration.

"There has been a lot of controversy over the last month about the board changes and it is now clear to me that the creation of the new board was not done with the proper procedures. The new authority is in direct conflict with the student body constitution. As a result I have asked my staff and student leaders to come together and figure out how best to resolve this situation so we can have effective student publications," Stafford said.

Others have asked for a similar solution.

"What I would recommend is that parties involved get together and resolve the issue. We want the Student Media Board to move ahead and not get in the situation that we were in a few years ago. The fact that there is interest is a good thing. I just wish it was focused in a positive direction," Student Media Coordinator Bradley Wilson said.

Another contributing factor to the rumors around the Nubian is its disappearance for five weeks.

"I haven't really seen the Nubian around lately, but I haven't heard anything about it," John Hugo, a senior in civil engineering, said.

Karren Meyer, a senior in food science, also recognized the Nubian Message's disappearance, but none of the rumors had reached her. "I hadn't seen the Nubian Message in its usual places, but I didn't know of any rumors and hadn't really thought about it."

Blackmon has not published the Nubian Message because he spent time working on the play "King Hedley II."

He is responsible for copy editing and designing the paper on top of his editor duties, and his absolute lack of free time resulted in no papers during the height of his theater responsibilities. As a result, rumors started to spread that the paper was permanently gone.

"I have no clear idea how or why these rumors got started. There is absolutely no legitimate interest in trying to do away

with the Nubian Message. The only way it would be suspended is if the African-American community said they didn't feel there was a need for such a publication and wanted to discontinue it," Stafford said.

The SMA coordinator is not happy with the Nubian's disappearance. Wilson sees accountability as the next problem that must be resolved.

"Ultimately, my role is as an administrator and advisor on campus. I cannot produce the publication. I can only apply pressure. My biggest concern is getting a quality product out on time. And I question why that was not done," Wilson said.

However, Wilson does feel that the Nubian Message's quality has improved in the issues published this year.

"I think the quality grew this fall. They were more aggressive, challenging the status quo, looking at people involved in the African-American community at N.C. State," he said.

Now that the paper is coming back out, Blackmon is looking towards the paper's future.

"By the end of this month, the Nubian Message will have been a major publication on campus for 12 years. As long as there are African-Americans on this campus, it will have a spot," Blackmon said.

Stafford agrees that the paper is important for NCSU.

"I think the Nubian has operated in a way that has become a valuable part of the campus community and the African-American community. I would hope that everyone on campus reads it," Stafford said.

Several students feel that the Nubian Message lives up to its goal to provide coverage on African-American issues.

"Founded as the voice of the African-American community here at N.C. State, the Nubian Message works to educate and address issues that might otherwise be overlooked by other campus publications. We need to support the Nubian just like we support the Technician, WKNC, etc.," Faith Leach, a communications junior, said.

"The Nubian is the heart of the African-American community and with the continued support of faculty, staff, administrators and students, it will keep on pumping life into our campus community."

results?" he said.

Caravano and members of the Student Senate expressed concerns that along with the CITI, the Board of Governors (BOG) may approve their own system-wide tuition increase and the state legislature may raise tuition

on the statewide level.

The BOG is in charge of the UNC System and has the ability to reduce or otherwise change the CITI and pass their own increase. The BOG has formed a task force to look at increases for the entire UNC System.

Trustee Rick Cobb said, "The student body is uncommonly well represented by [Caravano]." He emphasized the word "uncommonly" and asked that his comment be added to the minutes of the meeting.

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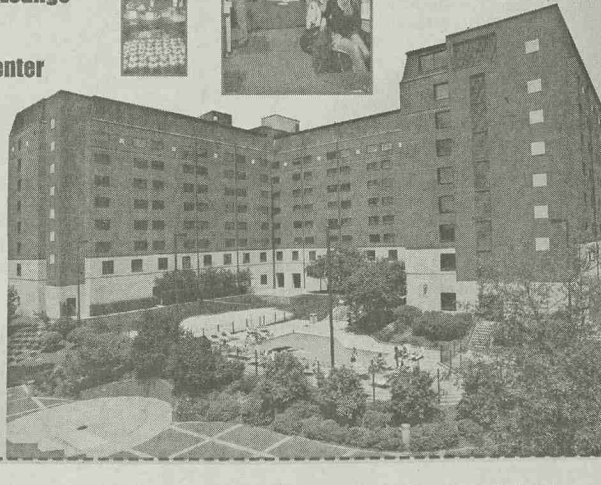
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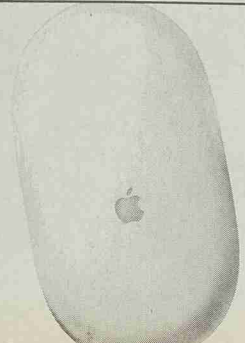
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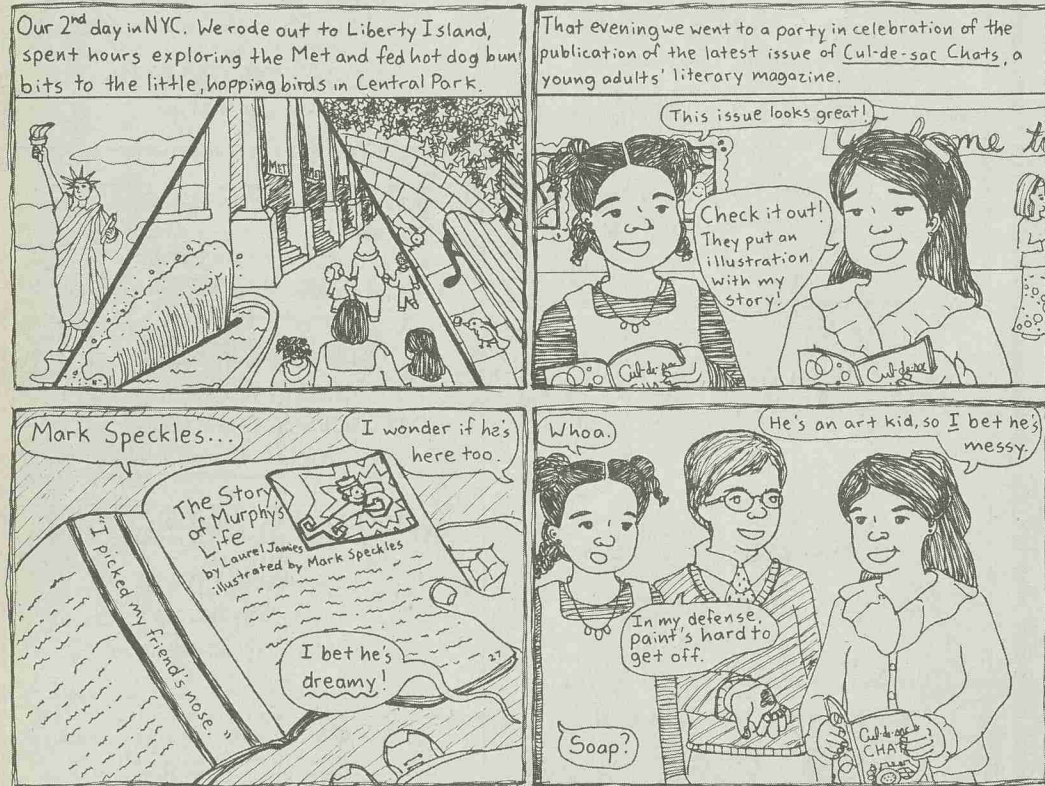


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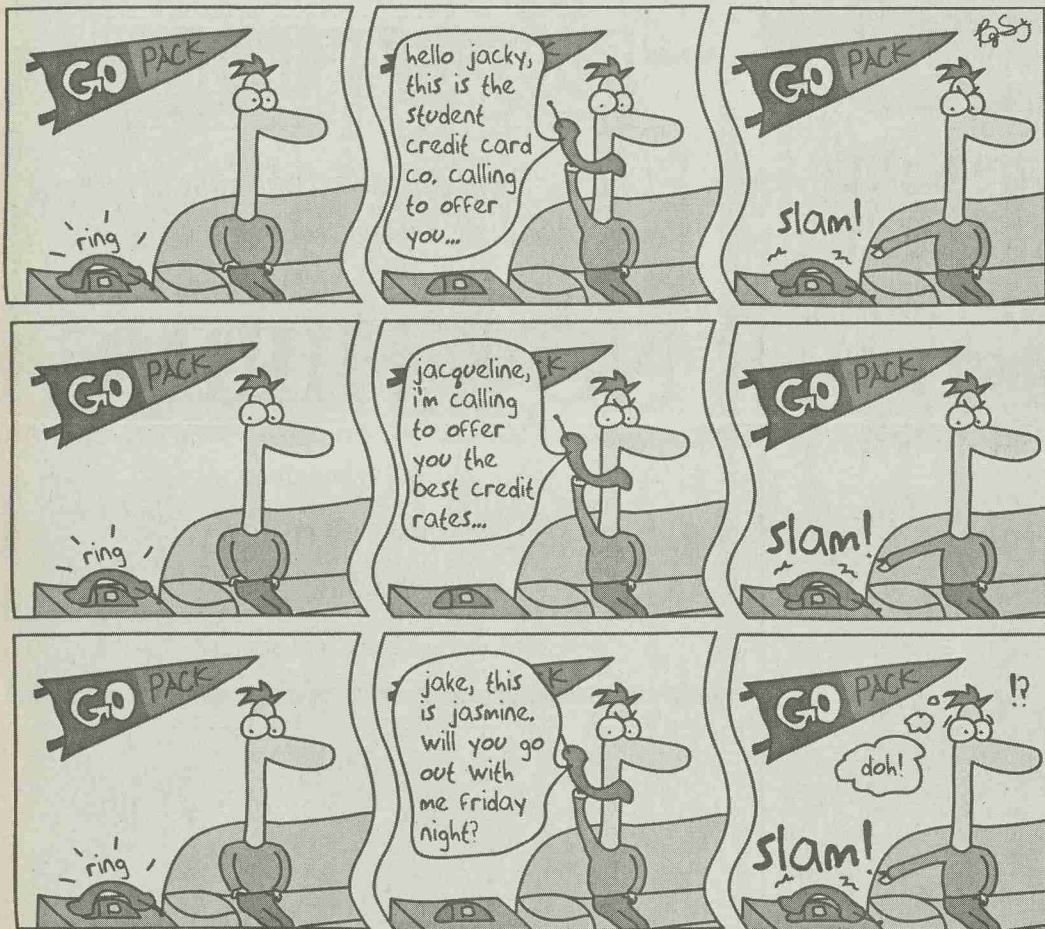
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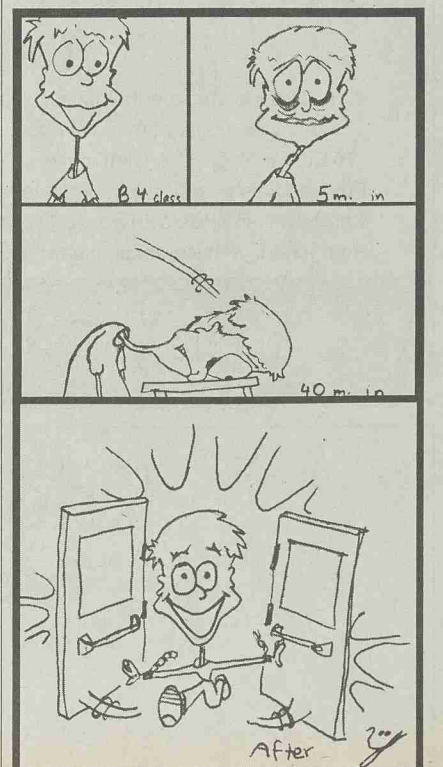
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Carter-Finley Stadium is quiet now. The crowds have emptied, the lights are off and the "Superscreen" video board is blank. Another season is over, but the memories are still fresh in the minds of fans and there is a new number on the second-level stands.

Philip Rivers - No. 17 - is now enshrined in the den of the Wolfpack. In his college career, he has broken not only ACC records, but also an NCAA record - games started by a quarterback (50).

But more than that, Rivers brought excitement to autumn Saturday afternoons in Raleigh, and restored the faith upon which Wolfpack fans starved for something to believe in.

Four years ago, Chuck Amato, former assistant head coach for Florida State, was appointed head football coach at N.C. State.

He brought onboard a young teenager from Athens, Ala., with a funny throwing style and a lot of talent and heart. His collegiate future was so bright his family followed him to North Carolina.

Now Rivers and the Wolfpack are on their way to another bowl game.

The team has already won two bowl games under the guidance of Rivers, including a drubbing of history-rich Notre Dame in last season's Gator Bowl.

After his December graduation, Rivers has a future to look forward to in the NFL. There is no telling where the draft will send him, although a spot on the roster of the Carolina Panthers would please many Wolfpack legions.

The hero from Athens has made an indelible mark on N.C. State.

All that is needed now to crown a tremendous run is his ACC Player of

the Year award, which Rivers rightly deserves.

Whether he gets the Heisman Trophy or not, Rivers is the leader of the Pack and will be remembered for bringing a struggling program back from the edge. This season has been the most exciting season in recent memory, with classic games against defending national champions Ohio State, our new pigskin rival Florida State and the party-crashing Maryland Terrapins.

Though these were losses, it only solidified Rivers' reputation of excellence: playing a hard-fought game, graceful and dignified in defeat, but mostly, an all-around class act and the eminent N.C. State athlete of our day.

Raleigh may have only been a temporary stop on the journey of Philip Rivers, but his paw print is forever etched in the grass of Carter-Finley.

To you, Philip, our gracious and heartfelt thanks and all the best in your coming successes.

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From a loyal fan

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It was the last home football game of my college career. Full of anticipation, I was tailgating with my friends at noon. I've been tailgating with the same



Abbie Byrom
Staff Columnist

crowd for three years now, and this day was like any other. Cooking on the grill, music and friends...all full of excitement for the big game.

In my nearly four years here at N.C. State, I can count on one hand how many home games I have missed. I have traveled with my team to several away games, and I wasn't about to miss the Gator Bowl. I have stood in the rain for nearly half a season before, just to watch our boys play football. I have seen NCSU beat Georgia Tech and FSU, and beat Carolina in their own Kenan Stadium. I was hoping to leave college having seen the Wolfpack beat Maryland just once as well. We didn't beat Maryland this time, although we all know it's only because they got lucky and snuck in the back door at the end of the game. We won't even talk about how the ball was still alive as the Terps charged onto the field displaying terrible sportsmanship.

Being the emotional person I am, I cried during the tribute to Philip Rivers. I cried when I saw several of my friends hug their parents before playing their last game in Carter-Finley. I cried knowing that it was my last game in Carter-Finley and I feel like I just got here.

I and I feel like I just got here yesterday. I cried when I knew without a doubt we were not going to the Gator Bowl, and like a bad dream, Maryland came in and turned it into a nightmare.

Then I laughed. When I came to State as a freshman, I couldn't have told you how many points a touchdown was worth, or how crucial an extra point, a field goal or a first down were in the game of football. I'm ashamed to admit it, but I was clueless. I went to my first college football game with my mother and I wore a pink shirt. No Wolfpack red, but pink! I didn't tailgate, and I had the worst seats ever - there's even

a good chance that the only reason I knew we won was because someone told me.

Since my freshman year, I have gone from a girl who couldn't tell you about football to a girl who will argue until she's blue in the face that "I am no fair weather fan." I have stood in line at 5:30 a.m. to get football tickets when it was 40 degrees outside. I have orchestrated a block-seating list with my roommates, and twisted every person's arm that we know to join us in our fight to get tickets.

Four years have gone by in nearly an instant. I'll have season tickets next year and will do the same things I have always done, but of course it won't be the same. I can honestly say there is nothing like being a Wolfpack fan. There is a sense of unity and dedication among the students and alumni that is just amazing, and I am proud to

have shared in that experience for four years.

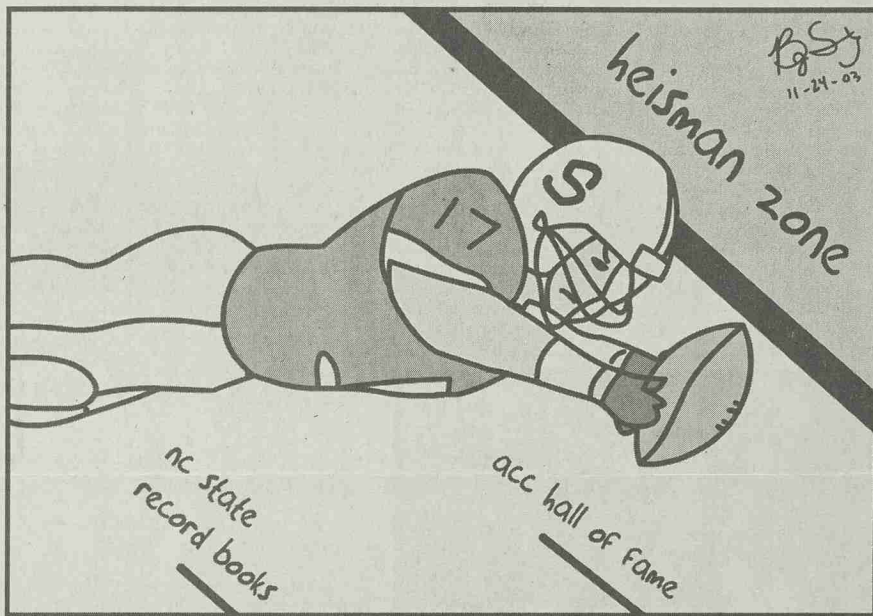
Thank you Philip Rivers (and I hope you're reading this!). Thank you for never giving up. Thank you for being a positive role model for not only athletes, but also everyone at NCSU. Thank you for loving the game so much, that those of us who didn't have any idea what football was about began to love it too. Thank you for leading a great team for four years.

To our football team - thank you, too. Thank you for inspiring years of memories, pictures, barbecues and after parties. Thank you for inspiring half of North Carolina to drive to Jacksonville, Fla. and prove that history means nothing when it comes to beating Notre Dame. Thank you for giving me a reason to get up early six or seven Saturdays every season and come cheer you on. Thank you for never giving up, and playing with your hearts.

Saturday didn't turn out the way any of us hoped it would; for many seniors, it was an emotional ending to a game and a team we love so much.

It was my last home football game as a student, and it could not have been more perfect.

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Happy holiday, one at a time

Ben Kraudel expresses his emotion about the commercialization of the holidays and the loss of its meaning.

Alright, it's official. Christmas is irritating the hell out of me. I know, I know, bah-humbug and call me the "Grinch," but it isn't because I hate



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the show of good will or because all the Whos down in Whoville won't shut the heck up. It's because I'm tired of watching, year after year, as Christmas comes closer and closer to becoming a summer holiday.

Why should I start to see

decorations in stores in August? Why should I ever see Santa Claus in a store sitting beside a pumpkin? And why, above all, should I feel like each year Thanksgiving is becoming closer to being called Christmas: The Prequel.

I love Christmas. I have since I was a kid. I've always loved watching holiday specials when they come on in the evenings. I remember watching "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" with my father and I can't wait to watch it with my kids. However, how dismayed was I when I turned to see holiday specials during Halloween week to discover "The Nightmare Before Christmas?" The answer: Extremely. And it isn't because I have some problem with Tim Burton or stop motion animation.

I love "Nightmare Before Christmas," but it's a Christmas movie. It's a Christmas movie, it's always been one and when you put it on during Halloween, you've officially crossed the line. Where was the "Garfield Halloween Adventure?" I remember being terrified of the "Garfield Halloween Adventure" as a child, and I couldn't find it on television this year.

And now, we've moved closer to

Christmas, although really we're just close to Thanksgiving, and I can't spit without hitting Christmas decorations. I can't look anywhere without seeing ads for "Day After Thanksgiving Christmas Gift Sales." The only people who are trying to promote Thanksgiving are those in the food industry.

If you work for Butterball or own a pumpkin pie factory, then Thanksgiving will never be Christmas. But if you're anyone else, you don't even really remember why it is we celebrate Thanksgiving. I beseech everyone who reads this to take the time to find out why it is we celebrate holidays. Learn the history behind the days that get you out of school.

There are great stories and even greater feelings that accompany any holiday, a spirit that can touch you in a unique way, and we're losing sight of those spirits.

I remember being 15 and going to a friend's house for Thanksgiving. I remember how, before the meal, we each sat before plates that were empty except for five kernels of dried corn. My friend's father had then stood and addressed everyone gathered, telling them the story of why the harvest and following Thanksgiving of 1621 was so important.

The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock on Dec. 11, 1620. The first winter was nearly an utter catastrophe. Many times, they sat down to meals much like the one that was currently sitting before each of us, not turkey and cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie, but perhaps just a few kernels

of corn and maybe a piece of salted meat, if they were lucky.

By the beginning of fall, they had lost 46 of the original 102 who had set sail on the Mayflower. It was not until the harvest of 1621, which was bountiful and varied, that the colonists who remained decided to celebrate with a feast and remember their deceased friends. They invited 91 Native Americans who helped them survive their first year.

I remember hearing that story and being overwhelmed. I had always seen

pictures of the cornucopia and a giant feast, without ever hearing that it had almost never happened. And now, when I see what a bastardization of Thanksgiving the current incarnation is, it makes me feel very sad.

I try to remember those that died during that first winter. I try to clear my head and hear the voices of those that

had already made the difficult journey here only to lose loved ones and nearly starve themselves.

I don't mind early bird sales or turkey giveaways. I can live with all of the commercialism that inevitably comes with our lifestyles, but what really bothers me is when we start talking about "the holidays" and not each holiday individually. It's a lump sum. We have these special days for reasons.

And every so often, it's good to remember what those reasons are.

Ben is currently trying to find a copy of the "Garfield Halloween Adventure." If you have one, contact him at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com

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and make plays," Texas coach Jody Conradt said.

Carey, a senior and former transfer from Stanford, connected on 10-of-14 field goals including 3-for-5 shooting from beyond the 3-point line to finish with a Jimmy V Classic-best, 23 points.

"I have a lot of respect for Jamie Carey," State head coach Kay Yow said. "When her front line needs her, she just takes over the game."

Defensively, State's frontcourt of Chones, Alvine Mendeng and Keisha Brown limited All-Big 12 senior center Stacy Stephens to only one basket in eight attempts. Chones blocked three shots, Rachel Stockdale added two more and Mendeng another.

Offensively, Chones shined for State. The senior center netted 19 points and 11 rebounds, despite facing double teams from the Horns throughout the game. Texas also brought its guards underneath to help its frontline defend Chones, forcing the Pack to hit from outside.

"Before the game I told our team Chones would be among the top five post players we'll see this year," Conradt said.

But as a team, State only shot 34 percent from the field, including an ice-cold 25 percent from the field and 54 percent from the free-throw line in the first half.

"I feel like we did play well enough defensively," Yow said. "If we could have flowed better offensively, we would have had a good shot. If we had made some layups and our free throws in the first half I think we would have hung tighter than ever."

But shooting woes weren't the only problems for the Pack.

Yow praised her freshmen after Friday night's victory over Loyola Marymount. Keisha



Alvine Mendeng scored 7 points in the women's season-opening win over Loyola Marymount.

Brown scored six points while Marquette Dickens and Ashley Key added eight and four points, respectively, off the bench. But Yow was less impressed after the loss to Texas, citing Brown's nine turnovers, Dickens' "out of control" play on defense and Key's "soft play" on offense, though she sees great upside in each of them.

"We're depending on our young players to give us an extra boost and they're not there yet, but I believe they'll be able to get it done [as the season progresses]," Yow said.

Senior captain Nanna Rivers shared Yow's optimism after the Texas game.

"We had some crucial turnovers and we could have made some more shots," Rivers said. "But it's a learning experience and we're only going to get better from here on out."

In the second game of the Jimmy V Classic, No. 4 Duke defeated No. 5 Purdue, 93-63.

The Pack will be back in action again this weekend at the Oregon Classic, with games against Sacramento State and Oregon.

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will compete in their final competitions of the year - the NCAA Championships.

For the fifth-ranked women, this could be a historic meet, with the chance of a national championship slim, but possible.

"We think we have a good chance at beating every other team on the line, maybe coming away with a national championship," sophomore Julia Lucas said. "We'll definitely be up on the podium. We're going into the race expecting to run like the top in the country."

The No. 12 men also have high goals, believing a run at the podium is a possibility.

"We started out this season pretty poorly, and each race has been getting progressively better until the last race, when we were completely clicking," Wolfpack top runner Andy Smith said. "Everything was right and we felt incredible. This race should be a great one for the team. We're going to surprise a lot of people. Hopefully we can get up on the podium after the race."

The biggest story for the women's team is the return to the lineup of multiple-time All-American Kristin Price. Price competed in two meets for the Pack early in the season before an injury sidelined her. Although probably capable of competing in the last two meets, the coaching staff held Price out of the lineup until today, afraid of risking a re-injury and damaging the team's chances at the national championship.

Without Price, the Wolfpack has lost its last two meets - the conference and district championships - by very small margins to archrival North Carolina. One could validly claim that having

Price in the lineup would have changed those results.

"We need to keep our 1-5 spread down at nationals, and so far this season, we've done that," assistant coach Laurie Henes said. "We need to keep our front runners close together as well. Hopefully putting Kristin back in will really help us out up front."

As a sophomore, Price finished fourth at the NCAA finals in cross country, but minor injuries prevented her from duplicating that performance last year. While it would probably be audacious to hope for another top-five finish, a high All-American finish could be considered a certainty.

Also shooting for All-American finishes are Lucas and Renee Gunning, who have served in State's top-three all season.

"Everything we do is targeted toward the end of the season," Lucas said. "For the first time this season, I'm feeling totally fresh and anxious to race."

"Since we have our pack philosophy, we think the best thing to do is stick together. Renee and I will be running together again, and the rest of the team will be grouped up."

Luci Hull, Josi Lauber, Kris Roth and Amy Arnold will compete to fill in the rest of the five scoring positions for the Wolfpack.

"Some people had breakthrough races at ACCs and others at districts," Henes said. "Hopefully the people who did at conference can have another one at nationals. Kris Roth's improvement from ACCs to districts is big for us. Renee [Gunning] and Julia [Lucas] have been solid up front all season and hopefully they can work together."

The men's team started the season slowly, bringing in disappointing results for the first three meets. Once the championship season began, however, the team stepped up and started competing like the team they knew they

could be. At the conference championships, the Pack stacked the front of the race, bringing in the top two places and finishing three more runners in the top 10. The Southeastern District finals were just as impressive for State. Smith finished fourth over the 10,000-meter course, and four more State harriers filled the spots from eighth to 11th place, giving State the easy win and an impressive 18-second spread across its top five runners.

"Hopefully we can duplicate what we did at the regionals in the sense of grouping," head coach Rollie Gegier said. "That's the important thing. We're going to let Devin [Swann] and Andy [Smith] run together."

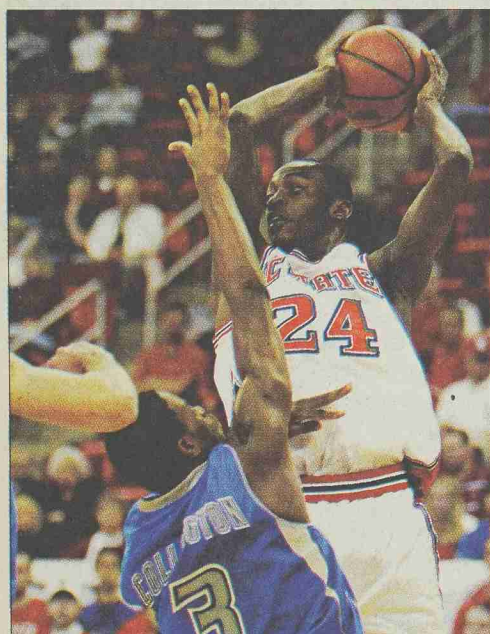
"We should have the other five guys together. If we're able to put five guys close with Chad [Pearson] leading the group, then we're going to be in pretty good shape."

The group with Pearson will be the same as it was at the district finals: freshmen Wes Smith, Bobby Mack and Allen Bader. Junior Ricky Brookshire will also compete in this group after sitting out the district finals.

"Ricky had missed some time during the season, and I don't think he was going to be ready to race," Geiger said. "I think he only had one race in him at 10,000-meters, so I decided to not race him at regionals to save him for nationals."

Pearson and Andy Smith already have All-American finishes under their belts at the NCAA cross country championships, and they both look to repeat those honors.

"Originally, I was shooting for top 15, but after that three week layoff [due to injury], I'm going for top 25," Pearson said. "I think if we have three guys around the top 25, then we have a shot at top three as a team, which is what everyone wants."



Julius Hodge looks for a teammate while being pressured by UNCA's Omar Collington. Hodge had 24 points and 11 rebounds Friday.

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halftime hole.

"I think we intimidated them defensively," Hodge said.

But not in the second half. UNCA outscored the Pack 35-33 while the home team tinkered with its lineup. No State starter logged more than 30 minutes, but the defensive intensity wasn't there, Sendek said.

"We wanted to break them defensively and disrupt everything they tried to do," Sendek said. "We did that in the first half, but in the second half I don't know if it was a mental letdown or what."

State shot 29 3-pointers on the night, connecting on just nine. Scooter Sherrill had three of those, and Levi Watkins came off the bench for 12 points.

"We'll shoot 50 3s as long as we're open," Watkins said.

UNCA, who won a game in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history last year, was paced by Bryan McCullough's 12 points. McCullough was a high school teammate of Sherrill at West Rowan.

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put it away, perhaps. Rivers and company had a first-and-10 near midfield, but punted after three ineffective plays.

By now, many wearing all red on the sideline must have felt déjà vu. State had been here before.

"Phil was saying that the entire time," wide receiver Jerricho Cotchery, who caught six passes for 102 yards, said. "When we were up 24-10, he was saying, 'They're not going to give up, they're not going to quit.'"

The defense knew it, too. "After that first touchdown, I was like, 'OK, we're good. We've just got to stop them right here,'" linebacker Freddie Aughttry-Lindsay said. "And then they scored again, and I was like, 'We're in a dog fight again.'"

When McBrien scrambled for a 2-yard score, it appeared the game would be tied at 24 with a Novak extra point. One of the most reliable kickers in the ACC missed, however, giving the Pack a false sense of security.

Then, of course, it happened. "You wouldn't think it would happen [four straight times], but it did," Aughttry-Lindsay said. "They find ways to win against us, and we find ways to lose."

For Rivers, the loss spoiled an emotional senior day on which

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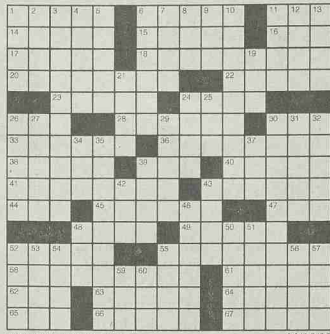
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two Wolfpack defenders jumped up in an attempt to knock the ball away. The shot hit off one of the defenders, knocking the ball down and away past State goalkeeper Jorge Gonzalez.

"I was going to my left and the shot deflected to my right," Gonzalez said. "I couldn't react in time."

The Old Dominion offense poured on the goals after half-time, as scores by Kevon Harris and Ross Mackenzie put State down 4-0 within the first five minutes of the second half. A penalty kick goal by State forward Federico Peria looked like it might ignite the Wolfpack, but two more Monarch goals in the next few minutes squelched any comeback hopes. With a five-goal lead and less than 20 minutes to play, Tarantini removed senior captain Chris Gannon to a standing ovation from the Wolfpack fans on hand.

"We would not be here without Chris Gannon, there is no doubt in my mind," State assistant coach David Allred said. "He's one of the top three captains in

the history of N.C. State that I've been around."

State battled through the remainder of the game, notching two goals in the final two minutes of play on a free kick by defender John Queeley and a shot by senior Hiroki Kawase to make the final score 6-3. Despite a crushing loss, players like Gonzalez were already looking ahead to the prospects of being able to improve next year.

"This is motivation for everybody. I want to start playing next season right now," Gonzalez said.

The loss ends a successful season for the soccer team, one that saw them turn around past failures and become competitive again. From winning its first ACC game in three years, to beating Carolina on penalty kicks in the ACC Tournament, to earning the team's first tournament birth in nearly a decade - it was a season full of highlights that even a blowout loss couldn't deflate.

As Gannon walked off the field following his final career game, even his thoughts dwelt on the future of the team. Even though he'll be graduating in December, he plans to be around in the spring to help at practice, believing that better things are in store for this team next year.

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versy and confrontation, with trash-talk and trash flying from the stands. With Wolfpack seniors leaving Carter-Finley for the last time as losers, and Philip Rivers trailing behind, face down and dejected, unfazed at the chants of his name and wondering how this had happened again, for the fourth straight year. He wasn't alone.

"It was the same thing all over again," Rivers said, referring to State-Maryland games of the past. "Just get a couple of first downs there and end it...It's tough, especially all the seniors going out - we haven't beat Maryland."

It looked so promising, too, for those seniors. It looked like they would finally savor a victory long elusive. State led 14-0 in the second quarter, 21-10 at the end of three quarters and 24-10 midway through the fourth quarter. Then Maryland happened.

With 6:23 to play, Terp quarterback Scott McBrien tossed a 10-yard touchdown pass to Jo Jo Walker. On its next drive, State had the opportunity to

out with the same kind of loss - it wears at you."

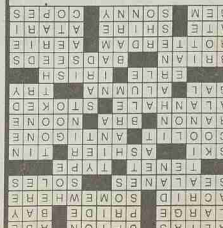
Emotions drenched the field when it ended, too. Players from both teams engaged in shoving and talking as plenty fans threw debris on the field aimed at the Terrapins. Many Wolfpack players hung around a little longer than normal, refusing to leave and maybe refusing to believe the scoreboard.

Rivers was the last to leave the field.

"As the game gradually went, I told our offense on the sideline, 'This is how it's been every year. We've been up,'" he said. "We haven't been able to finish."

And it was the finish - to the game, to four years of home games - that might haunt the seniors forever.

Solutions



Schedule

Football in bowl game, TBA
Men's basketball vs. Howard, 11/25, 7:30
W. basketball in Oregon Classic, 11/28-29
W. Swimming and Diving at UNC, 12/2
Wrestling in Las Vegas Invitational, 12/5-6
Cross country at NCAA, 11/24

Scores

Maryland 26, Football 24
Old Dominion 6, Men's soccer 3
M. basketball 71, UNCA 46
Texas 69, W. basketball 56
Swimming & Diving ninth in Nike Cup
Wrestling fifth in Navy Invitational
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It's Maryland...again

Hodge paces State in opener

Julius Hodge scored 24 points to lead State to a season-opening pasting of UNC Asheville.

Matt Middleton
Sports Editor

With his team holding a 33-point lead late in a season-opening contest with UNC Asheville, junior Julius Hodge smiled, stood up and urged the student section seated across from the N.C. State bench to urge coach Herb Sendek to put freshman reserve Chris McCoy into the game.

It was that kind of night for the Wolfpack, as it rolled to a 71-46 win Friday night at the RBC Center behind 24 points and 11 rebounds from Hodge, the league's lone returning first-team All-ACC member.

McCoy eventually did get into the game, launching the last basket of the contest that bounced off the rim as the buzzer sounded.

"He'll make it next time," Hodge said with a smile. "That's my boy."

State (1-0) won a season opener for the eighth time in as many years under Sendek, while UNCA, coached by former Wolfpack player and assistant coach Eddie Biedenbach, remained winless against State.

"It was not a good game for UNCA," Biedenbach, a 1968 State graduate, said, stating the obvious. "Nobody played well, but it's a great learning experience."

The learning session commenced early as the Bulldogs mustered only 11 first-half points. Hodge outscored UNCA by himself in the first 20 minutes, netting 14 points on 6-of-9 shooting. All but two of State's 16 first-half field goals were either layups, dunks or 3-pointers.

Meanwhile, the Bulldogs shot more than 23 percent as they dug a 27-point

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Women fall in Classic

In its home openers, N.C. State beats Loyola Marmount but can't convert from the field against Texas in the Jimmy V Classic.

Jon Page
Senior Staff Writer

N.C. State found out why Texas is the second-ranked women's basketball team in the country in the first game of the Jimmy V Classic.

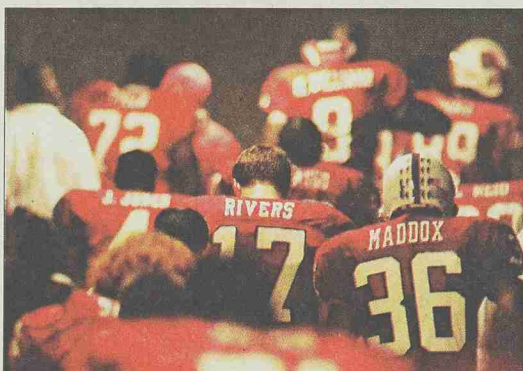
The Wolfpack defeated Loyola Marmount 84-50 in its opener Friday night, but never led against the more experienced Longhorns, losing 69-56 Sunday in the Jimmy V Classic.

Down by nine points at the half, State (1-1) rallied to within four points of the Texas (2-0) lead. After a Kala Bowers jump shot, Pack senior guard Nanna Rivers dribbled down the right side of the lane and banked in a layup over Horns guard Nina Norman, who fouled Rivers in the process of shooting. Rivers converted on the free throw, making the score 39-35.

But just as she did so many times during the contest, Texas guard Jamie Carey nailed a jumper on the Horns' ensuing possession. Less than a minute later, State guard Terah James cut the lead to four again. But Carey scored again, then stole the ball from Kaayla Chones and converted once more to stave off a potential Pack comeback for good.

"We weren't a very well-oiled machine on offense, but when the game was on the line we had people step up

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Philip Rivers had his jersey retired before the game, but spent a large part of the afternoon being harassed by Maryland defenders like Dennard Wilson (right). Rivers remained winless against Maryland, thanks in part to Scott McBrien (above), who rallied the Terps from a late 14-point deficit that sent Rivers, Andre Maddox and the Pack to the locker room dejected.



TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN

FOR THE FOURTH STRAIGHT SEASON, MARYLAND BREAKS WOLFPACK HEARTS, THIS TIME RAINING ON STATE'S SENIOR DAY.

Andrew B. Carter
Deputy Sports Editor

When the tying extra-point was missed and N.C. State led 24-23 and only two-and-a-half minutes remained, Carter-Finley Stadium purred with relief and Wolfpack players bounced to the sky in jubilation.

Finally, it seemed, fate had struck Maryland in the form of a missed Nick Novak extra point. After three years of frustration, it'd be the Wolfpack over the Terrapins, and it wouldn't get much better on State's senior day than to beat the one ACC team that caused the group so much agony.

A rabid and emotional capacity crowd knew it. The fans began rocking

Carter-Finley Stadium, pounding their Thundersticks, clapping their hands, and forcing screams from worn lungs that had kept the atmosphere electric and frenzied on the final Saturday of the regular season.

State just had to grab a few first downs, keep the clock running and celebrate. T.A. McLendon obliged on the first play, running 18 yards and melting the clock to 2:00.

Then it happened. A pesky thing called destiny. And after State lost this time, 26-24, what else but "destiny" could describe it?

It's not just that the Wolfpack (7-5, 4-4 ACC) lost. It's the way it lost. A new, agonizing way. It was like someone in the control room of the football uni-

verse reached for a voodoo doll dressed in Wolfpack red, stuck it full of needles and laughed unmercifully. Destiny was the Wolfpack's cruel fate.

McLendon fumbled on his next run, giving away the ball as Maryland (8-3, 5-2) linebacker Leroy Ambush came from nowhere and blind-sided the Pack's running back, lifting McLendon off the turf and driving him backward.

Six plays later and with just 23 seconds to play, Novak's redemption, a 43-yard field goal, sailed true through the uprights. State still had time for a kickoff return and a few plays, and with speedy Tramain Hall receiving, anything can happen. But Hall muffed it, barely recovered the fumble and had no time for a return as Maryland made the tackle on the 3-yard line. There'd be no miracle.

And so it ended, another N.C. State-Maryland game, another one State let slip away. It ended, too, with contro-

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MARYLAND 26 | N.C. STATE 24

What worked...

Maryland's persistent running game produced nearly 200 yards rushing, 143 from Josh Allen. With the game on the line with less than two minutes to play, Maryland chose to pound it out on the ground instead of airing it out, gaining 21 yards on four running plays to set up the game-winning field goal.

...and what didn't

The fourth-quarter once again decided a State-Maryland contest and again the Terps outplayed the Pack. Maryland outscored State 16-3 and netted 210 yards of total offense in the final 15 minutes.

Player of the game

In addition to returning a punt 83 yards for a touchdown, Tramain Hall set up the game's first score with a 37-yard reception down to Maryland's 1-yard line. Hall had 64 yards receiving and should get some consideration for all-ACC honors when they are announced later in the season.

Pack has high expectations

Both the women's and men's cross country teams think they can contend for a national title.

Todd Lion
Senior Staff Writer

An entire season of running more than 70 miles per week, training twice a day and pushing through grueling track workouts will be decided in less than 30 minutes today.

And for the women's cross country team, make that 20 minutes.

In Waterloo, Iowa today, the N.C. State cross country teams



JOSH MICHEL/TECHNICIAN

The cross country teams compete in the NCAA Championships today in Iowa.

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ODU ends State's run

A flurry of Old Dominion goals ends the season for the men's soccer team after it advanced to the NCAA for the first time since 1994.

Austin Johnson
Staff Writer

NORFOLK, VA. - Kyle Fragakis couldn't play Saturday night at Old Dominion in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, so he tried his best to be another coach for the N.C. State men's soccer team. But by the end of the game, Fragakis was so hoarse he could barely speak.

And so disappointed he could barely watch.

Old Dominion had piled six goals on the Wolfpack, ending the season for State (9-9-2) on its way to a 6-3 victory.

"They penetrated well through

the middle," coach George Tarantini said. "They capitalized on the opportunities and they deserved to win."

State played right with Old Dominion for the first 20 minutes of the game, matching the Monarchs shot for shot and controlling the ball. But State fell victim to two goals off deflections in the remaining part of the half — two goals the team was never able to recover from.

The first came on a free kick by Attila Vendegh. Vendegh's shot from the top right corner of the box deflected off Old Dominion's Kyle Hartley, redirecting the ball just enough to squeeze by State defenders unable to adjust in time. Late in the half, another redirected ball found its way into the net. Kevin McMenamin took a shot from the left corner of the box and



JOSH MICHEL/TECHNICIAN

Frederico Peria scored one of three State goals, but the team still fell in its first NCAA Tournament game since 1994.

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