

Awareness of public safety attributes to the drop in crime rate, but students must remember to continue to be cautious.

Kate Renner

The crime rate on N.C. State's campus has decreased 34 percent this past year. The drop in crime is attributed to an awareness of public safety by Campus Police, students, faculty and staff. The highest change in crime has been in theft. Crimes have been down among residence halls, personal property and

"Kudos to students on campus and housing administration for the drop in the theft rate," Sgt. Jon Barnwell said. Not all crime rates have been decreas-

ing as rapidly. Bicycles have been reported stolen more often this year, and breaking and entering into motor vehicles has also become more of a problem.

College campuses become an easy tar-get for criminals. The perception of most

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In preparation for exams, Meredith Boy-

time management tips for students

With the end of the semester being right around the corner, last minute quizzes, tests, papers and projects could stress students out. The solution to this stress could be developing good time management chills.

stress could be developing good time management skills. Richard Tyler, professional counselor at N.C. State, said, "Time is the most valuable resource that you have and everything draws on this resource of time. It's very important to learn how to balance it."

Time management, studies show, is

one of the biggest challenges that stu-dents face in college and especially now

toward the end of the semester when all the tests and papers start to pile up. Many students at NCSU admit to using poor

time management. "I don't utilize time management very well because I feel like I'm always jug-

gling too much between work, school and leisure activities," Ryan Woolard, a junior in industrial engineering, said.

Amy West, a junior in math education,

said, "I am bad at time management be-

cause I procrastinate too much." If you are among the student popula-

tion who could use some advice about

time management, Tyler explains how

you can make better use of your time. There are four different categories

of time restraints. Two of them are

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ette and many students will begin to

An N.C. State counselor offers

to relieve end-of-the-semester

feel increased stress.

Kristen Healey

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university campuses is one of opportunity for criminals, with an abundance of unat tended items and a swarm of students to blend in with.

blend in with. The majority of robberies are commit-ted by people not affiliated with NCSU who walk through the halls or the library and scope out potential thefts. Just like any major mall, university parking lots are crowded and the campus is packed with predestrians which increases the

with pedestrians, which increases the probability of crime. "We don't want the N.C. State com-munity to become complacent because the numbers are lower this year. I don't want to see us backslide; the opportunity for crime to occur is still here." Barnwell for crime to occur is still here," Barnwell said.

The proper precautions for students and faculty are to report anyone looking suspicious to Campus Police, do not leave items unattended or unsecured and be careful about advertising valuable items. Bicycles should be locked with a "U-boat" lock to ensure security, and drivers bould secure items of value in the truth

should secure items of value in the trunk or out of plain view.

"After a recent theft at my dorm [Uni-versity Towers], I am sure to always lock

Crimes	Reported	on NCSU	Campus
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Offense	1999	2000	2001	2002
Murder	0	0	0	1
Manslaugter	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	1	4	1
Robbery*	2	1 .	2	7
Aggravated Assault	10	10	7	12
Burglary	53	61	44	74
Vehicle Theft	10	9	10	12
Larceny*	466	532	474	652
Hate Crimes	0	0	3	1
Arson	2	0	4	2
Total	543	614	553	762

Involuery - The taking of property in the possession and immediate presence of another by the use of violence and/or intimidation. *Larceny - The taking of property without consent and with the intention of permanently depriving the owner of it.

my door," Gaither Weeks, a freshman in physics, said. Within the past week, there were four

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Restrictions put on vertical chalking

A new policy will rid campus of this long-lasting form of chalking.

Rachael Rogers

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Student organizations are always looking for effective yet inexpensive ways to advertise and have found sidewalk chalk fits the bill. Because many have recognized that chalking the campus serves as an effective means of getting the word out, Student Senate leaders have decided a regulation must be put in place to offer guidance.

"Chalking is an inexpensive and great way to publicize when it's done on horizontal surfaces where it'll natuon horizontal surfaces where it'll natu-rally get washed away," Senator Mark Matthews, a senior in political science and the bill's sponsor, said. "I think chalking is the best way to advertise because it gets your name out there all around campus and

people have to walk around campus," Lee Dingle, a senior in civil engineer-ing and overall coordinator of Dance Marathon, said.

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Raleigh, North Carolina

The real problem comes when people chalk vertical surfaces that the rain never reaches. "Next to Dabney there are chalked

advertisements that are sometimes two years old. The problem is it doesn't go away with the elements so there is chalking that is not serving a purpose

chalking that is not serving a purpose and is detracting from the appearance of campus," Matthews said. There has never been an official uni-versity regulation, though many have advised student groups that chalking horizontal surfaces was allowed while chalking vertical surfaces, those such as the sides of buildings or places under overhangs that the rain cannot easily reach, was prohibited. "A regulation has been needed for a long time. Some people have believed

long time. Some people have believed there was one, but there wasn't ever

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Freshmen antics lead to flood

Owen dorm was evacuated and and one floor flooded when a phonebooks broke a sprinkler

Thushan Amarasiriwardena Staff Reporte

A hallway game in Owen dorm led to the flooding of one floor and evacuation of the entire building early Monday night according to members of the all-freshman dorm.

"A couple phonebooks were being thrown around and broke the sprinkler head. Instead of spraying, it shot out in a stream," said freshman David Patterson. The stream broke a portion

of a room door. The incident happened a little before 7 p.m. at a sprinkler above room 124, tripping the fire alarm and forcing the evacuation of the building, Laci Leg-uit the residence life coordinator for gitt the residence life coordinator for Owen and surrounding dorms said.

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N.C. State's male a

Liesl Clouse

They are about timing and tone. Doom-doom, bah-doom-doom. They are about perfection of pitch. Shoo-bee-doo-wop-wop, yeahhhhh. Above all else, the Grains of Time or a bout choring a of Time are about sharing a cappella music through fan-

State has a male a cappella group that has been singing strong since the late 1960s. With an extensive repertoire that covers anything from Beach Boys to Chicago to classic, four-part harmony to Alabama, it is obvious that this is not your typical barbershop quartet. Last year, the Grains com-

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peted in the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) in New York City, N.Y., achieving finalist status. The group is currently featured on the album "Sing!," a compila-tion of a cappella groups presented by the non-profit Alliance for A Cappella

boys make up a group with outstanding talent. Luckily, everyone out there who has not been exposed to these ear-opening voices, the Grains will be performing tonight.

Members of the Grains of Time practice last week in Price Music Center for their concert tomorrow.

Finding the perfect pitch

cappella group gears up for a concert with a few other a cappella groups.



Michael Adelman sings his solo during the Grains of Time Initiatives, Obviously, these

CHRISTOPHER DAPPERT/TECHNICIAN Nathaniel Harris, David

Brown and James Qui-mby Wallace IV, appear as though they have been there

In practice, the boys run through a song that would

for years. The rest of the guys, Ed Corey (President), Eddie Johnston (Music Director), Michael Adelman and Jared Everett, have set a strong foundation for the new set of vocalists, helping to blend the voices into sweet harmony.

sound perfect to the un-a-cappella-trained ear. However, immediately after the last chord stops, the eight of suggestions on how to perfect what already seems flawless. After repeating the

News

Student follows conscience TIME to join National Guard productive ways to spend your

With his decision to leave N.C. State, one student could join the many troops stationed in Iraq.

Shannon Holder

As students at N.C. State scurry to register for spring classes, one student decided to leave school behind to sit in a 68-ton tank.

Philip Denton, a senior in computer science, decided not to enroll in spring classes to follow his conscience and join the National Guard.

"Even in high school, I wanted to do it," Denton said. "I just never found the time."

While students will fill classes in January, Denton will be in Ft. Jackson, S.C. in basic training. He will then go to Officers Can-didacy School, taking him all over the East Coast.

Denton was president of Theta Tau Professional Engineering Fraternity, but handed his office over to a fraternity brother last wee

"The thing I will miss the most about N.C. State is living in the frat house," Denton said with a beaming smile. "I live in a house with eight of my best friends and

reported accounts of larceny

on campus and a breaking and entering of a vehicle in the Vet School Annex Lot.

The three major crimes that

account for 64 percent of the total criminal activities are

harceny/theft of property, dam-

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the others visit everyday." His departure mid-year may seem odd to most students, but Denton feels that now is the best time for him to leave

"I knew I needed a break and I wanted a worthwhile job," he said. "I feel like this job will help put

me a step ahead." After serving as president of his fraternity and as a member of NCSU's Engineer's Council, Denton felt Officers Candidacy School was the best route for him to take.

"I have been in a lot of leader-ship positions," he said. Denton participated in his high school's ROTC program and has served in NCSU's Student Government. "Even when I'm not in a leader

ship position, I take on a leader-ship role," he said.

Denton was also advised by friends to go to Officers Candidacy School, as opposed to just

enlisting. "As soon as I finish basic, where they teach you to be a grunt, I'll go to O.C.S. and be able to be put n a leadership role immediately,"

After completion of the school, Denton will be a lieutenant. 'I initially wanted to do aviation, but my vision sucks," he said. "A friend of mine recommended armor.

"I figured the safest place to be would be in a 68-ton tank."

His fraternity brothers have been supportive of Denton's decision to leave. "Most of them took it in stride. A lot of them have asked why, but we have some brothers who have left to serve

overseas, so they're used to it." The Winston-Salem native looks forward to the future and plans to return to NCSU when I might have to wait a full year

before coming back to school," the senior said. "That would be OK though, because it would

2006. Should the need occur, Denton is ready to rise to the

for my country or my loved ones 'I wouldn't run to Canada," he

added jokingly. The unit Denton is joining is

currently stationed in Iraq. One of Denton's fraternity brothers is

in that unit. "If he can do it, I know I can do

time. Fixed time commitments such as school, work and scheduled events are the first restraint; study time and class preparation are the second. The other two restraints put

on your time are restorative in nature. Activities that are essential to daily living such as sleep-ing, eating and personal care are things done every day but are not necessarily productive. The fourth restraint is leisure time.

"Create a plan of how much time you have available and categorize your list. The most productive things should always get done, but daily care and lei-sure activities should also play a role into a student's schedule as well," Tyler said.

Many students examine differ-ent techniques of managing their time Carolyn Moore, a senior in sociology and elementary education, said, "I have an extensive calendar that I keep with me at all times. It's my paper brain. Not only do I write due dates for activities and projects, but I write down when I plan on doing them. By writing them, I keep track of

Not everyone is the same in the way they like to get things done. Some students like to stay busy all the time, moving from one activ-ity to the next. Some students like

for fun."

to take the relaxed approach. For the first group of students, Tyler said that this is a good way to manage time; however, these students tend to overextend themselves with too many activi-

which ones require more time, and that way I have more time

ties and can become stressed. For the second group of students, procrastination can become a major problem because they are not utilizing all their

available time. For the "stay busy" students, it is a good idea to look over their commitments and prioritize them

For the "stay relaxed" students, it is a good idea to fill out a time plan so that they can evaluate their schedules and figure out the best way to be productive.

The time plan helps students prepare a successful schedule so that they will not go into over-load. This plan is most useful when started toward the beginning of the school year.

One technique that Tyler sug sts for students who struggle with time management is "not to invite stress into their lives. This means that students should not over commit their time and in order to complete every task successfully, students need to take small steps toward getting their goal. Time management is especially

vital at this time of year when students often realize they need to place more of a demand on studying.

"I set aside more time to study for final exams. I think it's im-portant to study more for them because they are often a larger percent of your grade and are sometimes cumulative," Dana Letchworth, a junior in business management, said.

Tyler recommends three key elements when making time for the upcoming exams in three

weeks. First, recognize that during exams, students must place more emphasis on their productive time. To be more productive during this week, students might find it helpful to ask for a reduced work schedule. Next, students can cut back on other activities dur-ing this week so that studying is a main priority.

Finally, students can create "a la carte" menus of enjoyable activi-ties so that they can take breaks during this week.

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age to property and breaking and entering motor vehicles. Campus Police are readily working to reduce these three crimes.

There are many unreported sexual assaults where the low statistics downplay the issue. Campus Police encourage the NCSU community to report sexual assaults.

Statistics show that the stu-dent body feels relatively safe on campus, but after crime alerts or



e-mails, students tend to feel less secure. Part of the job of Campus Police is to educate the student body and make students more safety-conscious. "Campus Police dances

fine line to make a more secure environment but also one that doesn't infringe on people's per-ception of invasion of privacy,' Barnwell said.

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it," Denton said.

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The U.S. Army stated over the weekend that 100,000 troops would be stationed in Iraq until

occasion. "I'm not scared to go to Iraq," he said. "If my name comes up, I wouldn't hesitate going to fight

Diversions

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Oh, the crappy movies you'll see...

The Cat in the Hat Starring: Mike Myers, Dakota Fanning Director: Bo Welch

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Something's gone wrong in that land far away where men in black ties decided one day

To take colorful tales from a time long ago using their fancy computers to make it a show.

But something got lost 'tween the book and the screen with a few additions that would turn the Doctor green.

> This cat isn't suave, there's no charm or class but he is crude, and rude and he's fat and he's crass.

The wonder and joy and oodles of fun that filled the great book are over, and done.

Instead there are bodily functions and humor that's mean and a box in the street that contains a rave scene!

The sometimes-funny Mike Myers forgets he's playing the Cat he just acts like himself it's dull, and it's flat.

To look on the up-side, the sets are quite nice, though some look like plastic and others suffice.

> Too bad the script's awful and the jokes just aren't funny, though this putrid pile will still make lots of money.

> > The ending's quite fake as they cram it with morality to make up for the time they were indulging in profanity.

> > > Oh, to think of how sad the great Dr. would be to see his dear works tossed into the sea.

And replaced with the foul, mean-spirited jumble that this "Cat in the Hat" has managed to mumble.

So instead of indulging in this mindless skit read a book, write a song just avoid this shit!



NOTES FROM ABROAD

Great Scot!

The fact that all of my classes were ancelled last week and my girlfriend Emily was coming to visit gave me the perfect excuse to travel again. The des-tination this time: **John Willis** Edinburgh, Scotland. Lancaster is very close to the Scottish

border, and a trip by train is by far the easiest way to get there

I always had the impression that the U.K. has one of the best public trans-portation services available, but the residents here feel the system is horrible. After being delayed for three hours on the train because of power failures in some northern towns, it became apparent why such sentiment abounds. However, it may have been a blessing in disguise, because the train company volunteered to refund our tickets, as vell as provide free refreshments for the long ride.

The following day we got up early and headed out to explore the town We spent the better part of the morn-

TICKET THE TICKET



The Singing Detective Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Mel Gibson Director: Keith Gordon $\star \star \star$

Only an actor as brilliant as the colorful Robert Downey Jr. could hold together a narrative as bizarre as that of "The Singing Detective." Be prepared for a vibrant psychologi-cal adventure, half in the darkness of film noir conventions during the gold-

en age of Hollywood, the other half a contemporary hospital setting. The resulting film is a blend where

ing ducking in and out of many dif-ferent little shops, and I spent the majority of my time steering Emily away from leather boots and other fashionable items. This little shopping expe dition also confirmed the myth that everything in the U.K. is expensive, and made us feel that we were 10 times the poor college students that we already were at home

After a quick lunch, we headed up to the castle of Edinburgh, which wa definitely one of the more remarkable pieces of architecture I have seen. The castle was situated on top of a large hill overlooking the entire city, and the walls were projected over steep rocky embankments that gave it an impenetrable and commanding presence

The thing that amazes me the most with this castle (and many other build-ings in Europe for that matter) is the sheer age and history of the structure. In America, it seems that so many buildings are built as temporary constructions; they are made quick and cheap to turn the most profit, and lack the feeling of steadfastness and uniqueness that is so prevalent here. After visiting the castle, we retreated

After Vising the Castle, we retreated to town to grab a bite to eat and then to see about arranging a tour to the Scottish highlands for the following day. Unfortunately, some of the tours weren't running and the ones that were, at least a third of the tours were at night because of the shortness of at night because of the shortness of daylight in the wintertime. We decided that it would be best to wait until spring for a trip to the highlands, and we proceeded to spend the next day further exploring the town. The next night we decided to go on the "Tour of the Dead," a nighttime of Licharch's hereat constant.

tour of Edinburgh's largest cemetery that's rumored to be haunted by a poltergeist and have a high incidence of supernatural encounters. The tour started out in the heart of town as our large, heavily accented Scottish guide told us about Edinburgh's medieval history, most of which was morbid and

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locked . The stylistic treatment of color and music only adds to the blurring of perceptions.

fiction and reality are hopelessly inter-

Downey Jr. is Dan Dark, a bedridden author of detective novels suffering from a strange, chronic skin disease His condition alone is almost visually revolting enough to earn the film its "R" rating.

He copes with his illness by delving

He copes with his illness by delving into a fantasy world - described within the pages of his favorite of the novels he wrote, "*The Singing Detective.*" An imagined flawless appearance, irresistible charm to women and a per-fect singing voice provide the perfect mental refuge needed by Dark. 'And yet, his hostility continues to grow, as his nswcholegist Dr. Gibbon (Mel Gibhis psychologist, Dr. Gibbon (Mel Gibson), notices

Director Keith Gordon presents a uniquely dark and bizarre fantasy-reality where eruption into musical num-bers is not unordinary or surprising. At times, the set is literally broken down, and singing in unison commences. Un-fortunately, such bold use of the musi-cal and disjointed multiple personali-

car and disjointed nutriple personal-ties is not going to appeal to everyone. On a side note, Gordon's rendition of the traditional noir film (The category includes films such as "The Big Sleep," or "Out of the Past.") is very successful. In other neo-noirs or noir parodies, often the intentionally convoluted plot, the femme fatale and the shadowy urban setting are all present, however, articulate verbal wit is generally absent Gordon doesn't forget this aspect of the genre that he pays homage to; ev-erything Dark says as the detective is choose the initial the set of the s cheesy, but witty. His motto becomes the cocky, rhetorical question: "Am I right, or am I right?" "The Singing Detective" ultimately

proves that there are still unique films out there waiting to be made. Whether you enjoy the overall narrative or not, the craft and ambition are worthy of praise



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News



David Sparger, an RA in Owen, secures one end of the damaged area of the residence hall as crews work to remove water and restore power to affected rooms

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Nineteen rooms in total sustained water damage, ranging from soaked carpets to affecting computers after the hall flooded, Leggitt said.

'It's still pretty much a mess Ryan Daniels, a freshman, said two hours after being allowed to return his room around 9 p.m. while housekeeping vacuumed the water out of his room. "Some of my homework is a mess," he said, motioning to the floor where it was.

"This works for me - I got an exam extension" Jay Regan, a

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freshman in turf grass management said, talking to friends surveying the damage to his room.

"I was taking a nap and it sounded like an engine pump-ing water. I opened the door and got blasted in the face. I closed the door stuffed touch under the the door, stuffed towels under the door, threw my stuff on the beds and then jumped out of the [first story] window," said Regan. Leggit said that the incident

was still under investigation, but said that she and other residence hall coordinators were more concerned with getting students back into a comfortable living ituation before the incident was looked into further.

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Welcome to the "SUITE LIFE"



Student group celebrates, spreads Hmong culture

The Hmong Student Association is in its first year at N.C. State.

Payam Rohani Staff Writer

Why Settle

for limited

Hmong Student Association (HSA) has kicked off its first year as an organization, giving N.C. State students another opportunity to explore the diversity on campus.

The HSA's goal is to educate NCSU students about Hmong history and culture. The associa-tion also serves to bring Hmong students together so they can

learn more about their culture and establish a bond. "I expect for the NCSU stu-

dents to recognize us, the Hmong students. We are of our very own origin and our very own culture. I expect NCSU students to learn who Hmongs are, where we came from, and why we are here," Chue Hue Yang, a sophomore in bio-logical sciences and member of

the organization, said. The most recent Hmong history is actually closely intertwined with America. Hmongs come from the moun-tains of Laos, where they fought

alongside Americans to prevent the spread of Communism. Af-

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a regulation about chalking," Michael Wallace, director of Student Organization Resource Center, said.

The regulation will offer guid-ance to student groups, giving them an appropriate method of advertising their group's events while helping maintain the aes-thetics of the campus. "A regulation such as this will

"A regulation such as this will help us have an attractive campus

neip us nave an attractive campus and preserve a means for students to advertise. It works well for ev-erybody," Wallace said. The senate first recognized a need for a chalking regulation after one student organization nearly chalked the entire cam-nus meticularly teliable the bino libratice pus, particularly taking liberties to chalk many vertical surfaces. "It's been a problem for some

time but recently it's become more of a problem. No one was taking responsibility for their chalking because there was no clear policy," Matthews said.

Clear policy, Matthews said. The regulation, if approved, will be the product of many dif-ferent participants. Wallace was approached by Evelyn Reiman, associate vice chancellor of Stu-dent Affairs, to draft a regulation at the same time the senate was looking at the same issue. "I have written a draft of a

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rehearsal time, but the Grains ceaselessly push themselves to the limit. Unlike a lot of other collegiate a cappella groups, the Grains refuse to use vocal percussion in any of their songs due to long-standing tradition, but the lack of tonsil-drumbeats do not go unnoticed. Don't assume that just be cause these guys possess ultimate musical talents that the task of choosing, arranging and

ter the Vietnam War ended and the Americans withdrew, many Hmong families left the moun-tains of Laos for Thailand out of fear of persecution. Many found themselves confined in refugee camps in Thailand.

Eventually, some managed to immigrate to the United States as well as France and Australia, said Doua Lor, the HSA historian.

"It was a harsh struggle for many to adjust from an agrarian society to a capital economy. Despite these struggles, a great

number of Hmong families have successfully relocated to different parts of the world," Lor said. As part of their activities,

policy after it being reviewed by the Office of Student Conduct, Senate Campus Community Committee, University Legal Counsel, grounds management, Mark Matthews and input from Erich Fabricius," Wallace said.

Many ideas have bounced back and forth between people about what the policy should in-clude, such as details of specific regulations, enforcement and penalties.

"We should have something that reflects everyone's thought. The great thing about going through the process is that everyone came back with new questions and ideas. That's how we make good policy, rules and regulations. A lot of people are involved and we got feedback," Wallace said.

The regulation details that only sidewalk chalk, rather than aerosol or spray chalks, can be used only on exterior paved public walkways on campus. No vertical surfaces or areas not exposed to rain can be chalked

Also, students can only chalk in order to announce events sponsored by university and student

"The policy will help people understand what they need to do to chalk responsibly," Wallace said

The policy will include issues dealing with enforcement and penalties should the regulation

most importantly, performing songs is anywhere close to eas Dr. Randy Meder, the adviser to the Grains, directs the choral participate, but his limited Apparently, the boys work best when no supervising pressure hangs over them, only the pres-

sure among themselves. "No breath there. We're going sharp! Guys, guys, listen. Make the doo more like a duw. Circle up. We need to *listen* to each other! We cannot speed up there. Watch that rhythm. Crescendo! Decrescendo!"

You can't help but love the se-

have a good turkey da

Hmong students on campus are

Hmong students on campus are learning Hmong language and script along with history. "My greatest goal in joining HSA is to gain a better under-standing of my people so I can gain a better understanding of who I am," Lao Yang, another HSA member who is a senior in chemical engineering scid chemical engineering, said. As a new organization, HSA is

in the process of planning new activities. Their organization has held several meetings so far and has had a booth in the Brickyard on several occasions.

For more informa-tion on the HSA, visit www.hsa.shorturl.com.

be broken.

Campus Police and the Office of Student Conduct will enforce this regulation. Anyone who is in violation of this regulation where defacement of public property occurs will be found in violation of state laws and of university policy or regulation. "The penalties will likely be a fine for removal after warning,"

Matthews said.

The regulation details that if the chalked advertisement is not washed away within a few days, the sponsoring organiza-tion must remove it. Should they choose not to, they will be billed for restoration costs such

"I think the regulation will help prevent vertical chalking. A lot of people know it's a bad idea but the bill encourages the university to adopt a regulation rather than a rule of thumb and provides clarity on the issue," Matthews said.

Students and administra-tors also believe the regulation makes sense. "I think it makes sense because

you don't want old stuff there because it hasn't washed away," Dingle said. "If people do chalk on vertical

surfaces it does mar the campus and 1 do fully support a regula-tion to that effect," Tom Stafford, vice chancellor of student affairs, said.

rious fun that is infiltrated with each member's definitive person-ality. There is no "quiet Grain;" all the guys consistently have some-

At the concert tonight, a few ex-cellent guest groups from down the road will join the Grains: the JNC-Chapel Hill Loreleis, the UNC-CH Clefhangers and the UNC-Greensboro Spartones.

The concert is on Nov. 25, 2003 at 8 p.m. at the Jones Auditorium on Meredith College campus. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$7 for faculty and \$8 for general admis-

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KEEP IT NICE AND CLEAN PEOPLE

OUR OPINION: THE ON-THE-FIELD RE-HAVIOR BY PLAYERS AT THE N.C. STATE MARYLAND GAME WAS DISRESPECTFUL AND UNSPORTSMANLIKE. WOLFPACK FANS ARE NOT BLAMELESS EITHER

It was a disappointing day for the Wolfpack as the Maryland Terrapins squeaked out a win over N.C. State, 26-24. Philip Rivers and his fellow seniors played their last game in Carter-Finley Stadium and emotions were at a peak. Everyone wanted Rivers and the

Wolfpack to win this game, since they haven't beaten Maryland in four years. But it just was not meant to be, and the Terrapins, with a long-range field goal kick, edged by to the chagrin of thou-sands of crest-fallen fans.

But there were a few fans that took their frustrations out on the opposing team by throwing bottles and other debris at the celebrating Terrapins. In response, a few Maryland players threw items back into the stands. State and The unsigned editorial that appears above are the opinion of the me

Maryland players also exchanged words. But the worst example of bad sportsmanship came before the game and involved the marching band.

Because of the senior recognition ceremonies before the game, Maryland had to get off the field so the band could do their pre-game show with 21 minutes left on the game clock. The Maryland defense stayed on the field until 20 minutes before game time, and when they left the field, freshman Terrapin Josh Wilson accidentally bumped into bass drummer Charles Rogers. Then Wilson turned around and shoved Rogers

In retaliation, Rogers threw off his bass drum. Wilson threw the drum and damaged it. Wilson maintains his innocence, while the marching band is looking into the damaged drum and whether Maryland should pay for it.

We are called the Wolfpack for a reason: Long ago, a letter to the editor was written to Technician, complaining that State fans are like a "pack of wolves bers of the Technician's edito

The students ran with it and the name stuck. Even with that unique moniker, certain behavior is just not appropriate. It is one thing to scream obscenities at

the opposing team; it is an altogether different matter to throw debris on the field. Sports fans need to control themselves As do the athletes. If it is determined

officially that the drum was damaged as a result of the Wilson's behavior, Maryland should pay for the drum and issue an apology to the marching band. There was no reason to harass the band on their home field. It was stupid, childish

and had no place on the football field. Athletes are held and should be held to a higher standard of conduct. The con-

trolled aggression belongs on the field of competition, ont in the stands, and certainly not taken out on bystanders

What happened Saturday was unfortunate and should be resolved quickly and in a professional manner to avoid further embarassment by either party. rial board except for news editors and are the responsibility of the editors in chief

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y vs. compassion

Brian Onorio reveals a political myth concerning the give and take or the make and take of charitableness.

You know how age-old mythe become fact over time? Like "Hey Christopher Columbus, the world is flat man! Because if it weren't we'd all fall off!" Silly as

it may seem now

the concept that the world was flat

was common-

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tific civilizations Or how about, "Silly Wright brothers! Man can't fly!" But on



Onorio

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that winter day in 1903, Orville and Wilbur proved everyone wrong. Well, your correspondent is about to right another societal wrong because it is within these pages of this publication that I will prove another myth just that...a myth.

that...a myth. It's long been said that the Demo-crats were the "champion of the poor" and that the Democrats were the "working man's party." You could sup-port those statements by citing one of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal pro-grams. But little do people know that these pieces of legislation are just as much proof that the Democrat's are the "poor man's party" as "we wo fall off the face of the earth if the would

world was round." It's always the "Stingy Republican," or the "Greedy Republican" and con-versely, the "Caring, Compassionate Democrat." These are the age-old myths that everyone assumes to be way...right? Wrong. The Catalogue for Philanthropy has released a review of all 50 states

and how they rank nationally in charitable giving for 2001. They rank the states by categorizing each state by their Average Itemized Charitable Contribution (AICC) and their Average Adjusted Gross Income (AAGI). The AAGI rank minus the AICC rank gives you a plus or minus number which is then ranked to produce the Generosity Index.

The Generosity Index serves as a pretty good tool for determining how charitable each state is per capita. Mississippi ranked 50th on the

wealth index and 6th on the giving in-dex landing it the nation's top spot on the Generosity Index. Alternatively, New Hampshire ranked 8th on the wealth index and 48th on the giving

index to claim the title of "Greediest Examining the data, it turns out that the 20 most generous states voted for George Bush in 2000.

Interestingly enough, 15 of the 20 greediest states all voted for Al Gore. This information has serious implica-This information has serious implica-tions and one of them is to finally get rid of the persona that all Republicans are filthy rich, oil smuggling thieves. The data provided by the Catalogue for Philanthropy at the very least shows that

Republicans give more per capita than the Democrats, but perhaps there's a more meaningful explana-

As Gabriel Openshaw very cleverly points out, "maybe the difference is that those in the red states are more generous with their own money, while those in blue states are more likely to be generous with other people's mon y." And he couldn't have said it better. I suppose the definition of "compas-

sion" is what is up for debate. I agree that compassion can be defined many ways and, in the end, can be inter-preted subjectively. However, I try to appeal to those with commonsense (who are conservatives more often than not) in my columns and this one is without exception. Sure, it's nice to have free health

care and education. If this is appeal-

ing to you, I hear Sweden and Russia are beautiful this time of year. But America has never been socialist. The Bostonians cried "No taxation without representation!" when the British crown announced a 2 percent

tax rate on tea. For those not strong in American history, that 2 percent tax led to the Boston Tea Party and subse-quently, the Revolutionary War. Quently, the Revolutionary war. Our nation was founded on the basis that it is not fair for a govern-ment to take money from its citizens that it does not need. I'm sorry, it may seem "uncompassionate" to say that I do not agree with social services that provide for a very small minority. It's provide for a very small minority. It's unfair to the majority population in New York that they have to subsidize a homosexual high school for \$3.2 million for 100 students. I didn't get a \$32,000 education from my high school. Neither did the more than 25 million other high school kids. It's not right to give homosexual students a wonderful, new high school when inner city schools struggle to pay the light bill. That's barely compassionate. In the coming years, Republicans can begin to dispel the notion that they are the greedy and selfish ones

they are the greedy and selfish ones It's not the Republicans that want take from many to give to a few. Dick Gephardt and Howard Dean want to repeal all of George Bush's tax cuts to fund a national healthcare system that will cost in excess of a trillion dollars. Why don't we take the truly compassionate route and give to those who need it?

We can use our national income for far better things. Instead of taxing the masses to death, let those who need it receive help and those who don't spend their own money the way they want to

After all, they earned it.

Contact Brian with your contributions to viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.

'Tis that season

Jason Eder reminds us to stop and remember Christmas for what it is: a time of peace, not a time for endless commercialism.

The holiday

head whose

but see it in

I had a dream the other night. I was in an extravagant hall with diamond chandeliers hanging from the ceiling, gourmet hamburgers from Wendy's were being served

and the people were lively and re-Jason Eder

spectful. We were sharing stories with one another, laughing, dancing and enjoying the pu-rity of life. Then Santa came. And rain of fire poured from the heavens of hell leaving the

world. And the chaos and confusion of

Christmas was upon us. Ah yes, good ol' Christmas. The holi-day with a figurehead whose butt is so big one can't help but see it in Septem-ber. Christmas shows "Ah yes, good up earlier and earlier every single year, and it has become ol' Christmas.

and it has become such a process that we don't even notice it anymore. I should be going to Franklin Street to celebrate Hallowseen Not

I have found that this untamable beast is fed from the commercial corporations we endorse. Here's what is happening People are getting more and more tired of fighting everyone and their brother from October

in traffic, while shop-ping, and on eBay. So, to avoid this, we look for things throughout the year that would make good presents. Since we can't find these cleverly hidden items of torment come Labor Day, we try to hit the stores a little early, again. Well, soon, these corporations are go-ing to notice this trend, and to follow the market, they will start hosting their free-for-all's earlier. Thus, the manufacturers will produce in mass quanti-ties sooner to meet the demand, so you

won't be able to get the good products going? Christmas is becoming desensitized.

We have to start thinking about it ear-lier and earlier so by the time it actually shows up, we forgot what we were do-ing for it. Whatever this holiday means to you, time with family, a legit reason to not go to class or as a religious observance that is going to slowly attenu-ate into a shopping strategy, and nothing else. After all, the holiday was created originally to celebrate a birthday. So, out of respect, what would Jesus say about all this?

That the Rockefeller tree is to remind us that there is always room for one more strand of lights? That we haven't been to church in 364 days?

And that's just the tip of the iceberg. Because when I think love, oh yea, I think Best Buy. That's why I camp out in front of the store on the day of their big sale.

Regardless, the materialistic things we have deemed necessary to represent our definition of the season are slowly becoming idols of despair, and we're letting them. The tree is an excuse to irritate environmentalists. Gifts are becoming a cheap, legit reason to express emotions, keeping in mind of course these gifts are great to wrap and give to someone else. Decorations are illusions that fool us into thinking it's going to that tool us into thinking it's going to snow. Deer used to be happy until we realized Rudolph made a good main course. Caroling has turned into a me-thodic hour of freezing and sending people on guilt trips. I wouldn't even be surprised if the Santa is in front of Welmark users actually IRS areasts of Walmart were actually IRS agents looking to reconcile their debts. These things were never intended to be in the

holiday. Are they necessary for the experience of the holiday to exist? Have you ever had

a Christmas with-out a tree, lights, or, God spare me, even presents? Have you ever used the season with a figureto compound upon your loved ones, not remind yourself why they are there? Has butt is so big there ever been a time where you have one can't help spent less money solely on Christmas than on food for a week? September."

I think you get the idea. So of course, this would have to be the end. There's

no way God made an eighth day. But no, there is a Feb. 30, so let's think about this "season" for a sec-ond. The climax and anticlimax from Christmas, Part II (some of you people call it Thanksgiving) all the way through the end of January is just for this one day. We build on nothing but falsities and finances to arrive at a morning that leaves us so burnt out all we want to do is get it over with, and it's supposed to be our days off. In all honesty, do we really get a break from school and work to celebrate a holiday Or are we just given the opportunity to cram the things in that we wouldn't do in our weekly lives?

My point boils down to this. Don't let yourself be caught up in the lavish and gaudy distractions corporate America has laid in front of you. Find for yourwhat this free time has allowed you to discover.

Experience the tradition and enjoy the time with those closest to you. But most of all, when you go to bed on Christmas Eve, make sure you leave the fire on because I'm tired of Santa appearing in that dream every night.

children screaming, the pigs slaugh-tered and widows throughout the

Halloween. Not Christmas, Part I.

Sports

ABROAD

disturbing

Edinburgh was renowned for witch trials, and what shocked me the most was the accounts of gruesome torture methods aimed at making a suspected witch confess. In one method, the legs were cuffed with several metal clamps, through which wooden sticks were driven into the bone. As more and more sticks were driven down the leg, the pressure would eventually cause the foot to rupture, and the victim would surely confess, only then to be burnt on a stake. In another horrible method, a rat would be placed in a heated

cage upon a suspect's chest, and as the heat drove the animal crazy, it would dig down and eventually through the victim

to escape. The rest of the tour was less disturbing, but much spookier, as we moved into the graveyard. There we heard ghost stories, and the tour climaxed when we entered a dark tomb that was rumored to be the place of many bizarre occurrences. As our guide was nearing the end of his speech and tension was building, two hooded figures that were part of the act came screaming into the tomb. This nearly scared the life out of some of us.

The last day was a perfect end to our trip. We walked through

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some quiet neighborhoods to the water's edge; it was a beauti-ful day, and we found a small pub, which served great seafood and overlooked the bay. Looking out over the water is always soothing to me, and it reminded me of my home on the outer banks. Emily and I enjoyed a nice meal of smoked fish and shrimp as we relaxed from our time on the go in the city. Edinburgh was definitely a

worthwhile visit; it has a relaxed atmosphere and many beautiful "what Paris should be." I would definitely recommend it to any travelers in the U.K. if their time allows.

BOWL continued from page 8

son, the Tangerine Bowl would have the next pick among ACC teams.

A Tangerine Bowl official said the committee met yesterday morning and endured a igreat deal of discussion.i

No decision was made, how-ever, but that should happen tomorrow morning when the committee will meet again at 8 a.m. to officially choose an ACC team.

State is just two years removed from a trip to Orlando, in which it lost to Pittsburgh 34-19. This year's Tangerine Bowl will be played on Dec. 23 and last year

piayed on Dec. 25 and last year paid each team \$750,000. That ACC squad will be matched up with a school from the Big XII conference. Kansas (6-6) and Colorado (5-6) are rumored to be the front run-par, Colorado i, pot vat bad eligible but could be after a home game this Friday against rival Nebraska.

> Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving break..

CROSS continued from page 8 Brothers Andy Smith and Wesley Smith were the Pack's third and fourth finishers, and

Devin Swann finished as the team's fifth runner. Allen Bader finished 181st.

The women's race was tight, with only eight points separat-ing first-place Stanford (120)

a close pack throughout the race. Hull and Gunning crossed the finish line together with times of 21: 03.03 and 21:03.4. The pair were 67th and 68th, respectively. Julia Lucas crossed the finish line next for the Pack, followed by Kristina

Roth and Kristin Price. The race was the first for Price since the Great American Festival.

Josianne Lauber finished a half second behind Price, and Amy Arnold finished 142nd overall.

EA Sports is in the game, but only for three weeks

Buckman is an alumnus of their Pump N' Run team — but say they don't get involved in the players' college recruiting. "Yeah, I'm involved with AAU basketball. But we're not in the business of putting kids with colleges," Pump said. "You call a hundred coaches randomly; no one will ever tell you something

one will ever tell you something negative about David and Dana.

There's a reason why we have (so many) games. We have a great product, and we bring integrity. Guys like Roy Williams, Bill Self,

When major colleges began

playing exhibition games in the late 1970s, decent opposition wasn't readily available on a large scale. There was Athletes In Action, Marathon Oil and

Select international teams soon

began to fill in schedules. Then came the proliferation of teams connected with summer league

high school programs as that phase of the sport began to grow with the establishment of the

"There are some wonderful people that work in those sum-mer programs," Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton said, "but I think there have been some

situations that maybe there have

been things that weren't really

The NCAA recently provided

another avenue for Division I programs: playing nearby fouryear schools from lower NCAA divisions or the NAIA with the

results counting only as exhibi-tions. For instance, Texas played

Tarleton State last season. In the

last three years, Kansas has played Emporia State, Fort Hays State and Washburn.

TCU coach Neil Dougherty was

an assistant coach on two of those

Kansas teams and said playing à

neighbor, even from a lower divi-

want an honest effort from the

other team to take a look at every

one on your roster," Daugherty said. "State schools had team

Regardless of the score, you

sion, had its benefits.

early NCAA signing period.

Billy Donovan, Mike Jarvis. We've been playing all those guys

for years.

little else

ethical.

Touring exhibition squads end play just as real season begins

Jeff Miller

DALLAS - Where most see DALLAS - Where most see nothing special, a select few spot a marketing goldmine. That's why there are designer jeans and \$4 venti lattes. And that's why major college basket-ball feme service for every data ball fans scanning for scores dur-ing this relatively sleepy period devoted to exhibition games will e the name EA Sports pop up

see the name EA Sports pop up like prairie dogs. The practice of playing exhibi-tion games has suddenly come under great scrutiny. NCAA Division I coaches are examin-tioned the there is explicit of ing whether there is a conflict of interest in playing games for pay against traveling teams that are linked with under-17 programs with which they recruit. Baylor recently removed a team

from its exhibition schedule this season after determining that former coach Dave Bliss encour-aged Bears boosters to contrib-ute thousands of dollars to that team's related foundation. Next April, the NCAA will vote on banning exhibition play against

any noncollegiate teams. Many college coaches consider EA Sports' collection of former college players a safe option for the two-game exhibition season — worthy opposition without going into business with potential recruiting entities.

Talk about your tough sched-ules. EA Sports faced Duke, Texas, Kentucky, Louisville, Kansas, Maryland, Cincinnati, Florida, Oklahoma, UCLA and Oklahoma State. All before Thanksgiving. That's because EA Sports is

a collection of five teams that played 65 games over a period of 20 days ending Nov. 19. "They're easy to work with be-

cause they have so many teams,' said OU coach Kelvin Sampson, whose Sooners will play EA Sports' Midwest All-Stars on Saturday. "They've always given us a good game. And they'll play you for anything. They're not trying to get rich." "They" would be David and

Dana Pump of Northridge, Calif. The identical twins in their mid-30s identified an entrepre neurial niche in the late 1990s while establishing themselves as the premier organizers of sum-mer league basketball camps and tournaments in Southern California.

"We just recognized an opporpride. A lot of times, they'll fight tunity," said Dana Pump, who has spent the last two weeks traveling to the end no matter what the spent the last two weeks traveling with EA Sports' East All-Stars. 'I don't think we'll ever own an NBA team, but it's kind of fun putting together five teams of ex-college and pro players.'' The Pumps do oversee a sum-mer league team of high school players—Texas sophomore Brad Buckman is an alumnus of their Pump N' Run team — but say.

He said the barnstorming groups "know they've got to play tonight, tomorrow night and another night. When they look up and see there's not much of a chance, a lot of times they pack it in."

The Pump brothers were al-readyrunning high-profile camps and tournaments in connection with Adidas when they signed on with EA Sports in 1998 as con-sultants to oversee the company's budding exhibition schedule, Now, Double-Pump Inc. includes a Web site, scouting services, all-star games such as the Big Time Tournament in Las Vegas and the exhibition schedule.

At first, they started putting together exhibition rosters for the November games as early as July. Now their ample Rolodex allows them to wait until after the World Series and to quickly assemble teams after NBA clubs and other lower pro teams have filled their rosters

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Only a handful of the play-ers are recognizable names: Ed O'Bannon from UCLA, Ricky Price from Duke, Randy Livingston from LSU. The two EA Sports teams that will play numerous Big 12 schools plus SMU and TCU feature no one who played for area colleges. Pump said players are paid a couple of hundred dollars per game, the amounts vary ing depending on experience and uality, just like on a proteam. EA Sports collects fees for the games similar to those paid to other exhibition teams.

But the Pump brothers have established an equally high profile in the college game by holding their annual Double Pump summer retreat in Los Angeles for head coaches, assistant coaches and athletic direc-tors. (The Pumps pay for the

ADs' airfare). Speakers range from other coaches to agent Leigh Steinberg to executives from major corpo-

rations such as Staples. A promotional DVD for the retreat features Oklahoma State's Sutton, Syracuse coach Jim Boe heim, Georgia athletic director Vince Dooley and Atlantic Bruno among those endorsing

the gathering. "The Final Four used to be the place for networking," SMU coach Mike Dement said, "but now... (the Pumps' retreat) has taken its place."

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and runner-up Brigham Young (128)The women's team maintained

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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

Scores

M. cross country 10th in nationals W. cross country 6th in nationals

N., C. State will find out its postseason destination this morning, likely the Peach or Tangerine Bowl.

Matt Middleton

A couple of hours before N.C. State battled Maryland Saturday in Carter-Finley Stadium, Gator Bowl president Rick Catlett proclaimed that the winner of the game would be invited to the New Year's Day Bowl.

That came true Monday when the Gator Bowl extended an invitation to Maryland, a 26-24 winner over the Wolfpack, who may have fallen all the way to Tangerine Bowl, which has the fourth pick among ACC teams. The Peach Bowl committee met

Monday at 6 p.m. to choose from either State or Clemson, which fin-ished its season with a 63-17 rout of rival South Carolina.

According to a Peach Bowl spokesman, the committee's decision will definitely be formally announced today, likely in the morning. Clemson (8-4, 5-3 ACC) finished

one game ahead of State (7-5, 4-4) in the ACC standings and also has a better overall record, but the Pack downed Clemson 17-15 earlier in the season. Additionally, Clemson has been to the coveted bowl three times since State's last trip (1994). In that game, State beat Mississippi

State 28-24 in an exciting contest. The ACC's Peach Bowl repre-sentative will square off against a Southeastern Conference foe, likely Mississippi or Florida. The Peach Bowl, which takes place in Atlanta on Jan. 2, ranks first in attendance in non-BCS games in the last five years and has an anticipated payout of \$2.15 million. If the Peach Bowl were to pass

over the Pack in favor of Clem-

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Dec. 28, 2000 N.C. State 38, Minnesota 30 Art.C. state 38, Minnesota 30 After falling behind 21-0 in the first quarter and trailing 24-8 ar haltime, Robinson and Robin-son led a furious Wolfpack rally in the second half to give State its first bowl win since 1995. Wide receiver Koren Robinson ran for a 19-yard touchdown and caught a 23-yard scoring pass from freshman Philip Rivers, and running back Ray Robinson tran for two touch-downs as the Pack outscored Minnesota 30-6 in the second Mail. In his bowl debut, Rivers passed for 310 yards and two touchdowns. Pittsburgh 34, N.C. State 19 Pittsburgh 34, N.C. State 19 The Wolfpack never found its rhythm in a lopsidel loss to the Panthers. The score knot-ted at 3-3 at the end of the first quarter, Pitt reeled off 21 points in the second frame to take a comfortable cushion to halftime. State never shut down a high-powered Panther offense that was led by receiver Antonio Bryants two touch-downs and 101 yards. The Pack mustered Just one offensive touchdown, and scored its only other touchdown on a 90-yard kickoff return from freshman Greg Golden.

Gator Bow Jan. 1, 2003 N.C. State 28, Notre Dame 6 A.C. State 28, Notre Dame 6 State ended its most successful season in school history with an emphatic win over Notre Dame. The Pack, playing in its first New Year's Day game since the 1995 Peach Bowl, never looked back after a dominat-ing second quarter. In those 15 minutes, firshman T.A. McLen-don scored twice and Philip Rivers found Jerricho Cotch-ery for another touchdown. The game was remembered, though, for State's dominat-ing defensive effort. The Pack finished with a school-record 11 wins.

All-ACC 1st team (votes):

(Votes): Offense OB-Philip Rivers, NCSU (126) RB-Chris Douglas, Duke (103) RB-PJ, Daniels, GT (100) WR-Graphonso Thorpe, FSU (94) TE-Heath Miller, Virginia (109) OL-Ake Barron, FSU (105) OL-Sean Lockleav, NCSU (89) OL-CJ. Brooks, Maryland (83) OL-Tyson Clabo, WFU (82) C-Hugh Reilly, GT (74) PK-Nick Novak, Maryland (83) SP-Steve Suter, Maryland (47)

Second-team N.C. State representatives: LB-Pat Thomas, (44)

Defense DL-Darnell Dockett, FSU (114) DL-Firic Henderson, GT (102) DL-Randy Starks, Maryland (101) DL-Math Zielinski, Duke (82) LB-Keyaron Fox, GT (97) LB-Hichael Boulware, FSU(96) LB-Leroy Hill, Clemson (90) DB-James Butler, GT (91) DB-Stanford Samuels, FSU (84) DB-Eric King, WFU (69) DB-Andre Maddox, NCSU (64) P-Ryan Plackemeier, WFU (117)

Honorable Mention: T.J. Williams, TE (23) Leroy Harris, OL (21) Jed Paulsen, C (26) John McCargo, DL (23)



The Wolfpack men placed in the top 10 for the third time in its last five national trips.

Solid finish for . runners

Men's and women's cross country teams finish in top 10 at NCAA championships, but fail to seize larger goals.

Sports Staff Report

waterloo, Iowa - N.C. State's men's and vomen's cross country teams wanted to return home with championships, or at least place in the top half of the NCAA nationals. Instead, the teams finished in the top 10 at the NCAA championships on Monday in Waterloo, Iowa.

The men's squad, paced by All-American Chad Pearson, finished 10th overall with a score of 346. The women's team captured sixth-place by successfully packing its run-ners together for a score of 290. The team's first and fifth finishers were just 10.2 seconds apart, led by seniors Lucinda Hull and Renee

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Both teams made their ninth consecutive r_1 appearances in nationals, and frigid tempera-tures made conditions tougher than normal. At the start of the race, the temperature rested below freezing. Stanford dominated the men's race. Its five

runners all placed in the top 10, giving the team a total score of 24 points. Stanford won by a 150-point margin over second-place Wisconsin (174).

Pearson, who was also named an All-American in 2001, finished 28th overall with a time of 30:12.0. Freshman Bobby Mack had his best ace of the season with a time of 30:26.8. He finished 42nd.

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Marcus Melvin will have his eyes on Howard tonight.

No break for basketball

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAMS WILL BE BUSY OVER HOLIDAY BREAK.

Sports Staff Report

For the N.C. State men's basketball team, it's a chance to gain more experience against lesser competition before facing tougher teams in Decem-ber. For the women's team, it's an opportunity to go west. Both teams will be busy du

ing Thanksgiving break, each playing two games. The No. 25 men's team will get an early start when it faces

Howard tonight at 7:30 at the RBC Center. State (1-0) is coming off a season-opening 71-46 win over UNC-Ashville in which it held the opposition to 11 points at halftime.

After tonight's game, State

has a few days off before returning to the court Friday to face Florida A&M. Both Howard and Florida A&M are from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, a conference that the Wolfpack is 17-0 against all-time.

while, will rest a bit before traveling to Eugene, Ore. for competition in the Oregon Classic. The Pack (1-1) is coming off a hard-fought 69-56 loss to second-ranked Texas on Saturday.

State plays Sacramento State Friday night at 9 p.m. and faces Oregon at 11 p.m. Saturday.



Kaayla Chones and teammates will wrestle with two west coast teams in Oregon.



