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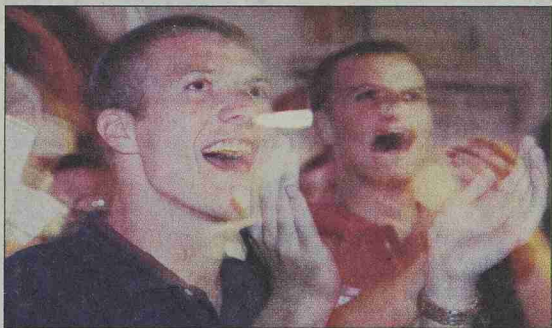
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TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

Forrest Hinton and Matt Walton cheer as George W. Bush takes the stage at the Republican National Convention last night.

Campus GOP group cheers on Bush's message

The College Republicans cheer on George W. Bush as he accepted the Republican presidential nomination last night.

Ben McNeely
Staff Writer

Cloos' Coney Island restaurant in Mission Valley reverberated with chants of "Four more years!" and "Flip-flop!" last night, as the College Republicans met at the local eatery to celebrate the final night of the Repub-

lican National Convention.

President George W. Bush accepted the nomination for the presidency and spoke to the crowd at the convention last night.

About 30 people showed up to eat hot dogs and cheer for the line-up of speakers, which included former Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee and New York Gov. George Pataki.

Les Honeycutt, a freshman in engineering, was working behind the counter.

"I used to work at Sonic and we

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MELIH ONVURAL/TECHNICIAN

ANGaza Laughinghouse, captain of Public Service Keepers Union 157, speaks to an anti-Bush rally at the Bell Tower.

Protesters rally against presidential administration

Activists gathered at belltower to speak out against Bush policy yesterday evening.

Erin Welch
Staff Reporter

Gene Feldman stood like Superman with his hands on his waist and cape flapping in the wind. But instead of donning Superman's typical red cape, Feldman, an N.C. State student, donned an American flag with corporate logos and symbols in the place of stars.

The flag symbolized "corporate control over American government and the incredible influence over who we are," according to Feldman.

Last night, rather than fighting Lex Luther, Feldman and others took on our president, George W. Bush. Protesters and activists assembled around the Belltower to protest the Bush administration. Participants mingled amongst each other and then assembled to hear local activists speak. Afterward, the protesters walked down Hillsborough Street

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Get involved

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College Republicans

President: Hall Lusk

www.ncsu.edu/stud_orgs/

republicans

Noteworthy: "Our organization is an essential grassroots club that aims to help Republican candidates from the national level to the local level, influence the campus's political atmosphere and have fun doing it."



College Democrats

President: Matt Spence

www.ncsu.edu/stud_orgs/

democrats

Noteworthy: "We are the representatives of the Democratic Party on this campus. We are dedicated to upholding the ideals of the party as well as stimulating interest among students in national, state and local politics."



Campus Greens

Co-chairs: Rosalie Haughton and Liz Morrison

www.nc-campusgreens.org

Noteworthy: "Campus Greens is a national, student-based, non-profit organization dedicated to building a broad-based movement for radical democracy on America's high school and college campuses."



SOURCE: College Republicans, College Democrats, Campus Greens Web sites

Businesses prepare for football Season

Local entrepreneurs draw up new plays for the fall.

Ben Motal
Staff Reporter

Players and fans aren't the only ones getting ready for the opening game on Saturday - local businesses are also readying themselves to meet the increased demand for goods and services that accompanies football season in Raleigh.

Sports bars, restaurants and bookstores are among the establishments that can anticipate increased activity during the season, and they are making the appropriate accommodations to keep customers happy and satisfied throughout the season.

Sammy's Tap and Grill on Avent Ferry has made several equipment additions to better accommodate customers, said manager and

owner Sammy Stevens. Nine TVs, including three big-screens, have been added to the bar, giving them a grand total of forty sets, Stevens said.

"We've also added 32 wireless speaker boxes for fans who want to come and listen to Saturday's game on the radio," Stevens said, noting that the first game will not be televised.

Sammy's Grill, which hails as the home of the Philip Rivers Fan Club, will also offer specials on Saturday, including \$2.50 pints of Ice House and Miller Light, \$8.50 pitchers and "a lot of food specials," Stevens said. Overflow parking is also offered on game-day, Stevens said.

For the Ohio State game on September 18, Sammy's will also host an after-game party complete with three bands, a bikini contest and "cheap beer," Stevens said. He also said that several food specials

will be offered for the party, including dollar hot dogs and \$2 hamburgers.

Jax Sports Grill, located on the corner of Avent Ferry and Gorman, is also getting ready for the upcoming season. Manager George Giuliano said that the bar will be offering specials such as \$2 pints and \$5.99 Philly steak and fries dinners on game day.

"We opened last November, so this will be our first football season," said Giuliano, as he points to the 2004 N.C. State football schedule hanging on the wall of the bar. He said that the bar will be especially geared toward away games, when many fans cannot attend the game and choose to watch it on television.

"We're anticipating more specials and contests for the road games," Giuliano said.

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CHRISTOPHER DAPPERT/TECHNICIAN

Daniel Steelman, a senior in interpersonal communication, tries on different hats at the campus bookstore in preparation for tomorrow's game.

RNC freezes Madison Square Garden

Rebecca Hill

Washington Square News, NYU
(U-Wire)

In these first days of the Republican National Convention, sweltering heat and stifling humidity have enveloped the area around Madison Square Garden. Pedestrians and onlookers huddled yesterday in the shade of local store awnings, waving Republican-red CNN fans.

But to police, Madison Square Garden is "frozen" - at least, as far as security is concerned.

Corporate suits and shoppers in the Herald Square and Penn Station areas have gradually disappeared in the past few weeks with the steady influx of media trucks, bomb-sniffing dogs and cops, but in these past two days, the sidewalks have been uncommonly bare and the streets devoid of boisterous traffic.

Those that have decided to brave the convention zone, the focal point of national security for months, have been directed through a maze of sidewalk barriers every half block or so.

At 9 a.m. Monday, just a few undaunted souls trickled out of the 34th Street-Penn Station entrance, which normally erupts with rush-hour commuters.

Many local workers are using vacation days during the convention.

Ken Chow, Internet Marketing Supervisor at Thomas Industrial Network at 5 Penn Plaza, was one of the few members of his department holding down the fort this week. Allowing extra time to commute was his main concern.

"It sucks," Chow said. "But it's peaceful around here for once."

On the street, the scene was also relatively quiet. Not until late Monday afternoon did the typical bustle of this Midtown locale pick up to something like its usual speed.

Protests have mainly consisted of quiet, solo acts.

A man standing on 34th Street behind the orange, plastic netting that act as pedestrian barriers and crowd control at the 7th Avenue intersection held up a sign reading "All Ye Are Sheep" toward the herd of restrained pedestrians.

Another man outside of Macy's, dressed in a glittering red, white and blue T-shirt, was cracking jokes about Texans.

Press members loitered around the grounds, clothes sticking to them with sweat, waiting for admission, with a deck of credentials and ID cards around their necks.

Police escorted delegates and attendees into Madison Square Garden either

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RALLY

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to the Republican state headquarters.

Local activists publicized the event throughout the Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill areas. NCSU activist organizations attending the protest included the Student Peace Action Network, American Civil Liberties Union, Campus Greens and College Democrats.

The crowd consisted of children, students, adults and even a scarecrow and a dog. Like most of the crowd, the scarecrow and dog displayed anti-Bush and anti-war signs.

Jerry Main, a freshman in electrical engineering, and Christine Fang, a freshman in political science, both attended the event.

Fang also participated in an anti-war protest of more than 1,000 people in Durham two years ago.

Main said the two participated

in the event to "show we aren't politically neutral."

Fang hopes her attendance will help to motivate students to vote in November.

"It is important to rally students because we are among the lowest in voter turnout," she said.

"Students have the most to benefit from voting because in four years, we're going to be entering the workforce," Main added.

In addition to students, the rally also attracted NCSU graduates, such as Bryan Proffitt, he said he felt this local protest gave other students who did not have the opportunity to travel to New York the opportunity to have their voices heard.

Proffitt stressed that the organizers of the protest were realistic and knew that they would not demonstrate the level of opposition shown in New York; however, he said he felt it was important to provide students a local outlet to express their views and opinions.

Brad Goodnight, a junior in computer engineering, did attend the protests in New York this past weekend with approximately 15 other NCSU students.

"We hope to make it clear that N.C. State students are not all conservative," Goodnight said.

Goodnight and Feldman admitted that the number of activists on campus was not extreme, but those numbers did not affect their presence.

"We have a small but really active group," Goodnight said.

Although both Goodnight and Feldman both participate in campus activist organizations such as Campus Greens and ACLU, their audience is not limited to students.

"We organize around where we are," Goodnight said.

According to Feldman, it is essential to get students to participate in protests such as this one.

"It's your world," Feldman said. "You have to affect it."

Dante Strobino, a senior in

electrical engineering, attended the protest through NCSU's SPAN.

"We must organize ourselves and lead ourselves and the rest of the disgruntled populace to force change by active resistance and by ignoring laws that we do not agree with," Strobino said.

According to Strobino, one's civic duty does not end simply with their duty to vote.

"[Students] think they voted so their opinions are expressed; but when we get down to voting for 'the lesser of two evils' we are not expressing anything," he said.

Although the number of protesters at the Belltower last night may not have compared to the thousands in New York this past weekend, Strobino did not doubt their significance.

"Margaret Mead said it best, 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.' Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has changed the world," Strobino said.

can be proud of the effort they put in and proud of what they stand for and what their party stands for."

Daniel Cloos, owner of Cloos' Coney Island restaurant, was thrilled to host the College Republicans.

"No. 1, it's great to see they are politically active. NO. 2, it's great they are Republican. They must have good parents," Cloos said. "I'm a Republican because I believe in a strong military, low taxes and strong faith. I'm a strong Catholic, and it is nice to see a man of faith in office."

The College Republicans will be working at Republican campaign events across the Triangle, all the way up to Election Day and will be at State football games passing out literature about their club, according to Lusk.

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never had anything like this," Honeycutt, a self-proclaimed Republican, said. "It's pretty awesome."

Gov. Pataki was up first, and then he was against the war... he was for the Patriot Act until he was against the Patriot Act," Pataki said. "This is a candidate who has to Google his own name to find out where he stands."

The room erupted in cheers with people chanting, "flip-flop" and holding up their footwear of choice for the evening.

Right in the middle, Daphnee Balan, a student at Shaw University, burst in and chanted, "Boo Bush! Yay Kerry!"

The crowd turned around and stared at the two out-of-place onlookers.

Michele Bradich, a junior in electrical engineering, and Jennifer Kirk, a student at Wake Technical Community College, commented on Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry's prepared rebuttal.

"I give respect to the men that were in Vietnam, but he is just bragging about his tours of duty," Bradich said.

"If he is elected president, oh my God," Kirk said.

"I'm moving to Bora Bora," replied Bradich.

The crowd rose to its feet when President Bush strode onto the stage. His theme for the evening was "nothing will hold us back," as he presented his case for reelection.

Bush's medical liability reform plan drew wide support, with some shouting "John Edwards" in jest.

"[His speech], so far, is really good. He has good plans and is being optimistic," said Sarah Davis, a freshman in political science.

Hal Lusk, president of College Republicans is also very optimistic about the campaign.

"This is an exciting time for college students. It's nice to see so many active and involved students from both sides," said Lusk. "Of course I support the president. Our convention is far superior to the Democratic Convention. We've had diverse speakers."

He also emphasized how important it is for students to vote this year.

"There was a congressional race in the western part of the state... 27,000 votes were cast and the election was won by less than 100 votes," Lusk said. "I've said to the group from the beginning, when they watch the returns on election night, they

Police Blotter Wednesday Sept. 1

11:30 a.m. Larceny

A staff member reported that a student stole an umbrella from the NCSU Bookstore. The student was issued a state citation for larceny and trespass from the Bookstore.

11:35 a.m. Larceny

An officer issued a subject a state citation for the larceny of a textbook. The citation was written in reference to case 4P0001228, which occurred on 8/27/04 at 11:30 am.

12:28 a.m. Suspicious Person-Trespass Warning

A non-student was issued a trespass warning for all NCSU property in D.H. Hill Library.

3:49 a.m. Drug Violation-Underage Alcohol Violation

Three students were referred to the university for possession of a controlled substance, underage alcohol violation and contempt.

3:49 a.m. Drug Violation-Underage Alcohol Violation

Officer noticed several subjects on the railroad tracks. A student was issued a citation for drug paraphernalia and referred to the university for possession of a controlled substance.

1:05 p.m. Assault on a Female

A student reported that a male subject walked up and intentionally pushed her with his shoulders. The suspect left prior to officers arriving on scene. The student was not in-

jured. The pushing took place on the Brickyard.

10:20 p.m. Damage to Property

A student found the right side view mirror broken off his vehicle, which was parked in the Dan Allen Deck. He parked there at 5:30 pm, and when he returned at 9:30 pm he found the damage.

2:46 p.m. Information-Police

A staff member reported that she had reported a male co-worker to her supervisor whom she felt was making inappropriate advances towards her. She wanted Police to know in case the situation became more serious.

5:54 p.m. Traffic Stop

A non-student was issued a citation for speeding 43 in a 25 mph zone on Sullivan Drive at Lee Lot.

6:34 p.m. Medical Assist

Officers, Fire Protection and EMS responded to Metcalf Hall in response to a resident who was having an allergic reaction at this location. She was transported to Rex by EMS. Housing Staff was notified.

6:54 p.m. Breaking/Entering Larceny Auto

A student found his Jeep Cherokee broken into in West Lot and the CD player was taken. The vehicle was last known secure Tuesday evening. CCB processed the vehicle.

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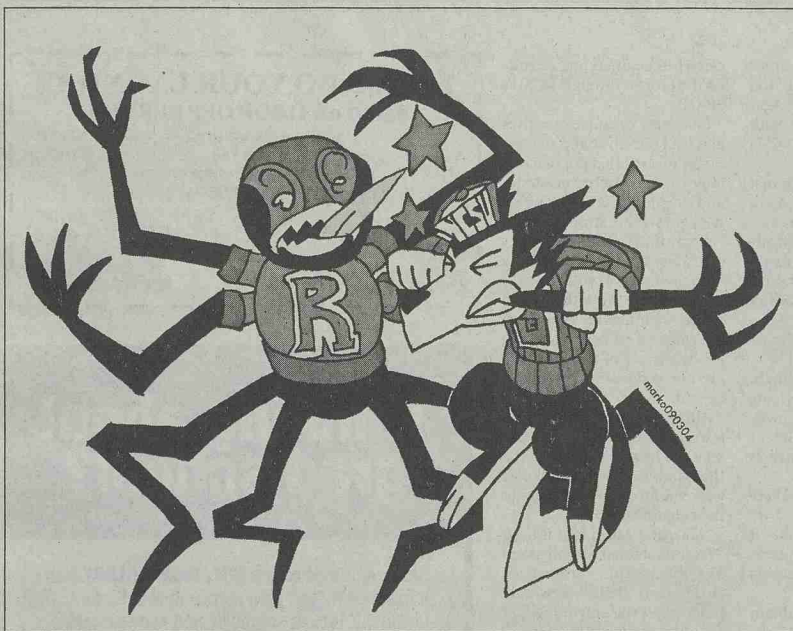
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Be conscious of campus security

Jonathan addresses the safety issues on campus in hopes of making N.C. State safer for students.

On Aug. 21, three students were approached at gunpoint between Carmichael Gym and Student Health Services on Cates Avenue. N.C. State recently added coverings and lights to Wolfline bustops around campus, but it seems as though they are not effective in slowing crime on campus. In the daytime, there are endless numbers of buses running around campus prepared to pick up students and take them through, as well as around campus.



Johnathan Bunson
Staff Columnist

But when night falls (when crime occurs the most) you can count on one hand how many buses you see running around campus. I understand that not as many students

need to ride the Wolfline after 5 p.m. because some drive their own cars and others are hanging around the dorms, but why are there so few buses at night?

The few buses which run at night would be safe for students if they typically ran on schedule, but the later and more dangerous it gets, the more irregular the time for buses to arrive at bus stops to pick up students.

At 2 a.m., buses officially stop behind D.H. Hill, so if you do not have a car, your only option is to call Campus Escort services to give you a lift. When it is that late, how many of us think about the process of calling and waiting? All we can think about is getting to our bed, lying down and calling it a night.

Scattered around campus between dorms and other places are the emergency blue lights. The idea behind these lights is that if someone were chasing you (trying to rob you, for example) late at night, you could press each light you pass and the police would get the signal and follow you.

The only problem with that safety measure is if someone is chasing you with a gun, with fear for your life in mind, are you really thinking about running a course of the emergency blue lights?

Campus security is a very serious issue which should really be focused on by the university. During my freshman year at Shaw University (five minutes away

from NCSU) in 1999, a friend of mine was killed.

Antwan was involved in a physical altercation with another male on the outside basketball courts. The guy got a few of his older male counterparts and late that night, his group walked past the front desk of the dorm, which a student occupied.

The student did not check them for student IDs, did not make a phone call to any supervision and the guys made their way up to the eighth floor. Some of the guys rushed into Antwan's room and jumped on his roommate and him while the other guys blocked off his door and told anyone who interfered that they would get hurt as well. These guys were at least in their upper 30's and 40's and were very strong, so their physical intimidation was too much. Antwan was pushed out of his eighth floor window, which some students literally witnessed.

All of this could have been avoided with better campus security measures.

Just because we are all young college students, it does not mean we have immunity from becoming victims of crime. Public safety's job is to protect students on campus, but most security measures are going to have to be applied by us on campus.

If it is late at night, walk in groups. As a male, I understand that we usually feel this concept only applies to females on campus. But four on one is not going to work, fellas. You can be a black belt, or have all the Bruce Lee and Wu Tang videos; but point blank, be smart and be safe. We all are our main means of public safety on campus, so be wise with your decision.

I commend NCSU for working toward campus security for the students, but I ask that you all seek diverse safety measures around campus. I ask that more Wolfline buses run around campus at night to make sure that students are safe when waiting for the bus and are picked up on schedule.

Safety on campus is a two-way street between students and Campus Security in an effort to promote positive awareness.

Let's keep that in mind.

Contact Johnathan with your comments at viewpoint@technicianonline.com.

CAMPUS FORUM

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Meaning behind wristbands lost

The subtitle on the article in yesterday's paper about the yellow LiveStrong wristbands, "The hottest fashion trend isn't much more than a piece of plastic" is not only just plain wrong, but also insensitive to the millions of people who wear them as a symbol of solidarity in the battle against cancer. Lance wears his because he is a cancer survivor. I ordered mine because I lost my grandfather to cancer. These are but two examples of cases where they are much more than a piece of plastic.

Sure, to some people, they don't have any meaning, they're just the latest "in" thing to have, but to many more, they have a much deeper meaning, something that that title and most of the article overlooks.

Ian Meyer

Visitation policies viewed as unfair

I read the article on Visitation Discrimination and was in total agreement with the views and opinions displayed in the article. Students are old enough to make their own decisions and shouldn't be treated like children.

Just this past weekend I had a male friend drive two hours from my hometown to visit me. My RA was aware that I had someone of the opposite sex in my room and made it a point to drop by around 1 a.m. to make sure he was gone. He wasn't, so she made him leave. He obeyed, and had to drive two hours back home. This was not only frustrating but also embarrassing. I hope that we will see some changes in the visitation policies very soon.

Tiffany L. Dickens
Junior
Animal Science

Drivers choose acceleration

First, when human error is involved, the proper term is "crash" or "wreck." "Accident" implies lack of fault so it is inaccurate to use when the driver is clearly at fault. A blown tire or other mechanical problem, a problem with the road itself, a collision with an animal or debris – a crash under these circumstances can be called an accident.

Second, that road segment being a curve on a hill does

not "cause" anyone to accelerate – this is not some steep mountain grade where coasting downhill in neutral will exceed the posted speed limit. Drivers choose whether to accelerate or brake through this segment. At best, the design of the road encourages some drivers to speed, primarily because there simply aren't a lot of interesting roads in Raleigh.

In my experience, and this is during commuting hours rather than at night, most traffic along Avenet Ferry moves at five to ten miles per hour below the posted speed limit. If Raleigh police are on speed patrol duty during these periods they are doing so either to give the appearance they are doing something, to generate revenue, or both. As a traffic safety effort they are wasting their time.

One question that cannot be answered by the Raleigh Police Department but can by Raleigh Department of Transportation or the North Carolina Department of Transportation is whether the road segment in question is geometrically deficient. Clearly there are sight distance limitations, which is why the speed limit is slightly lower there. There are also a large number of driveways, and drivers often back out, and some driveways and public street intersections are at odd angles to the road. A substantial number of drivers have turned left in front of me, cutting me off and requiring hard braking on my part, in order to enter driveways – which is symptomatic of poor judgment. Finally, the right-hand northbound lane has substantial pavement surface problems which may decrease traction for vehicles in that lane, plus some drivers change lanes in the curve to avoid these bumps and cracks.

Harrison Marshall
Senior Transportation Planner
Center for Transportation & the Environment
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Technology makes homework more difficult

Granted, WebAssign is something that we as N.C. State students love to hate. But as of lately it has been terribly sluggish and agonizingly painful to use. Most likely due to the new feature of being able to make submissions for individual items, the traffic to the server has dramatically increased. Right now at 10:37 p.m., instead of doing my homework (that's due tomorrow!) I'm instead being met

with a barrage of "This page cannot be displayed" errors. With a system such as WebAssign being "mission critical" this sort of prolonged performance, or lack thereof, is far from acceptable. I can only hope that my instructor will see "This page cannot be displayed" when trying to retrieve the grades to my incomplete WebAssign.

Evan Helton
Sophomore
Aerospace Engineering

Inequality article stirs unequal opinions

In just a few articles, Jeff has put himself at the front of the pack in terms of eloquence and intelligence in his expressing his opinions. I have been reading the Technician for over 15 years now and it is columns like his (of which there are few) that keep me reading. Keep up the great work.

Bill Klotz
Single Family Program Manager
Raleigh

Equality column rouses emotions

I am writing in regard to the "Praise inequality" column. This article being published has greatly disturbed me and appears to be attempting to push against equal rights movements. This is mainly targeting the "retarded, literally retarded" population stating that they are unable to function in society and should be eliminated to better the intelligent. First, if Jeff Gaither was truly the intellectual he claims to be in the article he probably would not have published the greatly offensive article last week and of course the article this week.

Using the term "retarded" to describe the group of students who, not by their own choice, have mental handicaps. Gaither places this group of people in an inferior class, a move similar to the Nazi propaganda during the Holocaust. Jeff Gaither continues his article claiming that because of the "retarded" students, he was unable to learn to his full capacity. Well I have good news for everyone out there who is being limited by what they can learn by this inferior class of students: I heard of a building called a library. Apparently they have a huge supply of books to

TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

HOMECOMING WILL BE WORTH IT

OUR OPINION: THE HOMECOMING PLANNING COMMITTEE HAS OUTDONE ITSELF IN ORGANIZING THIS YEAR'S HOMECOMING. THEY HAVE SET UP A SERIES OF EVENTS THAT PROMOTES N.C. STATE PRIDE AND CREATES A UNIFIED COMMUNITY.

The Homecoming planning committee has been working diligently since their first meeting in February to ensure a quality Homecoming for the Wolfpack for the 2004 season.

And they have been on the ball ever since.

The 16-member committee has organized a creative series of events that promote Wolfpack pride in a constructive fashion as well as unifying the campus community.

One of the larger events is the parade which will include the football team and cheerleaders, floats, banners and the marching band. Not only that, the parade will take place on Hillsborough Street, which adds to the excitement.

Hillsborough Street and N.C. State are often identified with one another.

First, the parade returning to Hillsborough offers a strong and forwarding alternative to Cates Avenue that allows more space for students and a larger, louder, exciting parade.

Second, NCSU and the city of Raleigh have encountered obstacles in the past and the committee taking this step toward working together is commendable, at the least.

There are at least 19 organizations involved with the Spirit Competition that are from a diverse and wide range of backgrounds. These organizations will

be competing with one another for 10 spots. Those who accumulate the most points will have the opportunity to paint and decorate 10 Hillsborough Street vendor storefronts for the week.

These decorations promote pride and spirit and gets students and citizens of Raleigh excited about the game. Non-students visiting Hillsborough will see the pride that students are taking in their university.

There is also a concert that will be held in Reynolds. Rumor has it that Big Boi from Outkast or the Counting Crows are in the lineup. Either selection will be a huge addition to the week, but Big Boi will undoubtedly draw the larger crowd.

Other events, such as 'Wear Red, Get Fed' and a blood drive, bring students together and encourage students to take pride in NCSU. And the blood drive promotes donation for a good cause.

This committee has done an astounding job in organizing events throughout the week that will bring together the student community AND the city of Raleigh. These events are planned so that students will want to be involved and are set up to be make this the best Homecoming NCSU has seen in years.

Kudos to the committee for making Homecoming an event to look forward to – and worth it.

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learn from and the best part is you don't have to pay for access to the books. There was also an invention recently called the Internet. It has even more sources that you can learn from and expand your knowledge. The only reason a pure in society today is unable to expand his intellect is pure laziness.

Extraordinary men overcome great challenges and expand their mind using every resource available. If Mr. Gaither truly wanted to find his intellectual boundaries and become extraordinary, he would have to start by not being ignorant and realize that anyone, regardless of their intelligence, can be extraordinary.

Spencer Kalk
Sophomore
Biology-Pre med.

Let me start off with a quote from a document you might have read once: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..."

I'm sorry if the founding principle of this nation bothers you, but you ought to get used to it, because this discriminatory, holier-than-thou rhetoric is not going to get you anywhere in this life.

First, did your school offer any honors/AP courses, and if so, did you take advantage of all these opportunities? Second: as a very wise teacher of mine once said, "Education is what you make it." You seem to be under the impression that schooling is about sitting around and letting the instructor fill your head with knowledge. If that is the case, you are sadly mistaken. Education is about taking opportunities and running with them, and learning to make your own opportunities.

Finally, many people consider the word "retarded" a slur. I would think a smart person, as you claim to be, would know that terms like "developmentally disabled," "special needs" or "exceptional children (EC)" are the respectful and preferred terms for these students. You really ought to volunteer to work with children like this sometime. You would realize that they are people just like you, and have as much right to an education as you do.

Jonathan Holloway
Sophomore
English



RAISING THE BAR

Crime has never been so tempting

New on the bar scene, *White Collar Crime* draws relaxed crowds for cocktails beneath Raleigh's cityscape.

Ashley Hink
Features Editor

White Collar Crime
319 West Davie Street
ATMOSPHERE: Cool and relaxed
CROWD: Non-pretentious good-lookers, 20-somethings
MUSIC: Good mix, no top-40
COST: Average to above average

On a warm Wednesday night, random groups of anxious young men venture down West Davie Street towards the hard-to-miss Girls Gone Wild bus. They line up outside a club, no doubt overflowing with testosterone and uninhibited girls excited for their, or specifically their breasts, big break on TV. Nearly naked coeds, cheap domestics, bright lights and top-40 hip hop set the stage for a cliched college party scene.

Onlookers lounging a block away occasionally turn their heads to peek at the fiasco. Some laugh at the scene, others appear disinterested and return to their beers, cigarettes and conversations on the patio of White Collar Crime. Separated from the street by a weathered brick entry, decorative metal work and a canopy of vines and willow trees, these mid-week bar goers enjoy the glow of candles and a view of Raleigh's cityscape.

White Collar Crime is hardly the place for table-top dancing and flashing body parts. On this night, everyone is perfectly content of such voids.

The new addition to Raleigh's bar scene is ever-so-welcomed by professionals and sophisticated collegiate alike seeking a cool place to relax, chat and of course, drink. A local bartender-turned-entrepreneur took over the rugged corner building that previously housed a welding business and decades ago, a Wells Fargo bank. So doorman claims, it

was often robbed and driven to close its doors, hence the name White Collar Crime. Upon entry and in the buildings rear are remnant pseudo-walls of the vault and gun storage space. Otherwise, the high ceilings, rafters and exposed brick peeping through the green walls are classic of the old brick buildings throughout downtown now being renovated into small businesses, restaurants and trendy hangouts.

Candles and the contemporary art of local Tisha Edwards line the walls and set the mood in Crime. Perfect for early date drinks to late night crowds, the bar is romantic, simple and conducive for conversations. A pleasant mix of music genres provide a nice break from overwhelming hip hop found at many bars. Portishead, 311, Prince, Led Zeplin and Radiohead are amongst the diverse artists heard at Crime.

Tall circular tables and chairs fill the front while groupings of comfortable lounge chairs and couches scatter the open space and corner niches. However, Thursday through Saturday nights at Crime can get packed and the chances of landing a table or seat at the bar are slim. As goes for getting a quick drink. It's not unheard of for a "one in, one out" policy to go into effect at the door. The sleek oval bar, although quite attractive, proves to be far too small on busy nights. Expect a wait, but expect a friendly smile and good



TIM LYTVINENKO/TECHNICIAN

Early evening bar-goers sip on beer and cocktails at the bar in White Collar Crime. The recent addition to Raleigh's bar scene attracts young professionals and students seeking trendy hot spots.

service from the bartenders.

The hustling crew shakes up specialty martinis like the Sour Apple and typical loaded cocktails, otherwise known as the "usual suspects" that cost around \$8. Domestic bottles are \$3 and imports are \$4 a pop. For avid lovers of beer brewed south of the border, Trinidad's Caribe comes highly recommended and is claimed by the bartenders to be "better than Corona." Betraying the personal favorite, I might have to agree.

Like other bars not serving food, Crime is designated as a private bar. However, unlike many of its kind,

Crime doesn't have a cover charge and offers memberships for \$1.

While not uptight or stuffy, expect a cool yet well dressed and good-looking crowd. A rainbow of Polo's and dress shirts adorn the men while young women sport heels and designer jeans.

Still being discovered by the trendy college crowd always on the prowl for a new night spot, Crime is frequented most by young professionals and new graduates.

Sipping on a beer, Joe Stevens, a recent Georgia Tech grad returning to his native Durham to work at IBM, notes the changes Raleigh's

nightlife has undergone in the past years thanks to additions like White Collar Crime. "This place [Crime] is the new Raleigh. 10 years ago, there would be nothing like this here."

Thankfully places like White Collar Crime are filling up once-empty or neglected buildings throughout the downtown area to offer cool alternatives to the typical college bar scene. Girls probably won't be going wild here, but the music is good, the space is beautiful and it's a perfect place for patio relaxing.

Under the nighttime lights of downtown Raleigh, Crime just might be a good thing.

TRIANGLE ROCKS

Woods brings rock to Ruckus

N.C. State senior Brooks Wood will perform his brand of Acoustic Rock to Mission Valley tonight.

Joel DeBerry
Senior Staff Writer

In a decade littered with drought and residential expansion, farm life in eastern North Carolina has declined. Crop yields are suspect, while housing has seen an exponential boom in the state's coastal region.

But while produce quality has recently followed suit with produce quantity, an eastern North Carolina farm has produced one fine young musician in Brooks Wood, a senior in computer engineering.

"I was a farm boy," Wood said. "Yeah, I used to ride around with my dad, harvesting tobacco in Greene County, listening to country music — Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, whatever."

Such was, and is, the life of many farmers — harvest your crop, listen to country music and pray for rain. However, Wood yearned for something more than an agrarian life, and began taking piano lessons at age seven.

"I played piano until I was about 13 or 14, when I decided to play guitar," Wood said. "Playing piano actually helped me a lot in guitar theory."

His experience on the ivories may have aided in his guitar mastery, but his early guitar lessons did not.

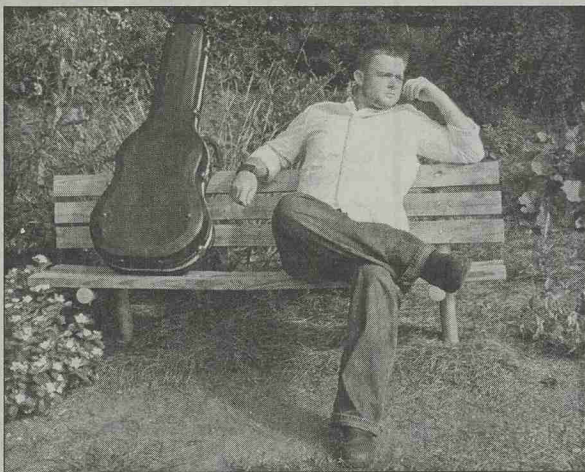
"I started taking lessons from this guy back home, and I didn't know anything about guitar, really," he said. "But I knew what a good guitarist was, and this guy wasn't one."

Shortly after, he picked up chord and theory books, and began to give himself lessons — a move that he partly attributes to his introduction to Bob Dylan's music by his uncle at just 12 years old.

"Oh man, that really bridged the gap for me musically," Wood said. "I knew there was something else out there other than country music."

Wood's love for music wasn't just fueled by his family, however. At that pivotal age of 12, he met Derek Trucks, now slide guitarist for the Allman Brothers Band.

"That guy's awesome. Meeting him



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Brooks Wood will be taking his acoustic tunes to Ruckus Pizza tonight.

really drove me to get better, because he was only 15 at the time and playing stuff that I couldn't see myself playing for a long time," he said.

The fateful encounter also solidified Wood's move toward rock 'n' roll, and away from country music.

"I knew that old country music had a lot of heart and soul," he said. "But I didn't think it would make me a better guitar player."

Years of writing music and poetry would follow, as well as playing non-stop gigs. By 16, he was playing coffee shops in Greenville, particularly The Admiral's Cup.

At 18, he had recorded an EP entitled "The Road," which was a small collection of songs he had written between the ages of 14 and 17.

By 19, he was fronting a band that carried his name, Brooks Wood Band. However, after six months and numerous gigs at fraternities and bars, he was once again solo.

"The guys I was playing with had their own band too, so they had a lot going on. I was doing pretty much everything — paying a photographer, booking, anything I could."

So by the end of summer in 2003, Wood was on his own, looking to perfect his already solid acoustic sound.

This sound would include an array of controlled rhythm and lead guitar licks, and background vocals. This sound would be influenced, and encouraged, by one of Wood's biggest modern influences.

Enter Keller Williams, and the audio marvel that is looping.

"Keller is the one that told me to do the looping," Wood said. "I met him at Peasant's in Greenville, and he said looping had helped him so much."

For the sake of enlightenment or clarification, looping occurs when a musician plays a track of music for a certain amount of time, records it, and plays something else over the rhythm.

In Wood's case, he uses numerous, distinct tracks at once, giving the impression that he has at least two other guitarists playing at his side. Perhaps this is why he markets his solo act as "Brooks Wood Band."

Whatever the reason, the eastern Carolina farm boy carries with him a catalog of about 15 original completed songs, over 50 original pieces and a countless amount of covers ranging from Dave Matthews to Derek Trucks to Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye. Woods will be taking his show to Ruckus Pizza in Mission Valley tonight.

Planning ahead...

Today	Saturday	Sunday
On Campus	On Campus	
"Day After Tomorrow" is playing at the campus cinema at 8 p.m.	"Day After Tomorrow" is playing at the campus cinema at 8 p.m.	
Off Campus	Off Campus	Off Campus
"Paparazzi" is opening at local cinemas along with "Riding Giants" and "Wicker Park."	-Shallow Be Thy Name is performing at Local 506 along with Robert Deeble and Hi Mom!	-Polynya, Centric and Blissade are playing at Local 506.
-Sharkquest is having their record release party at Local 506 with Des Ark and Billy Sugarfix.	-Automac is performing at Ruckus Pizza in Mission Valley.	-The Corey Parker Band is having their CD release party at King's Barcade.
-The Kick Ass is performing at King's Barcade with Art Lord and His Self Portraits, and Valient Thor.	-It's Zombie Room at King's Barcade with DJ Kalyx.	-Tycoon Dog and Somebody's Closet are performing at The Pour House Music Hall.
-Flav-O-Rich is performing at The Pour House Music Hall at 10 p.m. followed by Barney's Jive Band at midnight.	-Boxbomb, The Urban Sophisticates, Cities and Feeding the Fire are playing at Cat's Cradle.	-Subterranean Sunday at The Brewery has Rookie of the Year, Monday in London, Indianapolis and DMW Acoustics at 4 p.m. followed by a hip Hop Open Mic & MC Battle at 10 p.m.
-Needtobreathe is opening for Graham Colton at Lincoln Theatre.	-Free Sol is performing at The Pour House Music Hall.	
-Kyler is playing at Six String Cafe with Kristin Cifelli opening.	-Psychotogen, Torture Cell and Dreamscapes of the Perverse are opening for Bloodwritten at Lincoln Theatre.	
-Dodd Ferrelle & Tin Foil Stars is performing at Sadlacks.	-The Parsons is playing at Six String Cafe.	
-N.C. State student Brooks Wood is performing at Ruckus Pizza in Mission Valley.	-Alli With An I is performing at The Brewery with Dress For Leisure, Sullivan and Six Inch Voices.	
-It's 96 Rock Nite at The Brewery with Tribe, The Fifth and Sumosha.	-Alltel Pavillion at Walnut Creek is hosting Kyler, Dominic Miller, Annie Lennox and Sting.	
-Acoustic Planet Tour is making its way to Regency Park with Yonder Mountain String Band, Keller Williams and Bella Fleck & The Flecktones.		

Check out the next week's calendar of events Wednesday

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DBACKS

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Edwards is the least experienced player starting in the backfield. He started just four games, but led the team in pass breakups for the season.

With the departure of Greg Golden last winter, Edwards has emerged as a consistent cover man. Herring has been impressed by the play of Edwards in fall practice.

"Devonte has been real steady," Herring said.

Hudson, returning after sitting out the 2003 season, will share time with senior Troy Graham at the free safety position. In his absence, Graham got the majority of playing time, recording 92 tackles as a starter. Because

teams use so many more three and four wide receiver sets, Amato doesn't envision either one getting significantly more playing time this year.

"Right now we have Marcus on the first string and Troy on the second," Amato said. "But you know when we go to nickel, Troy will be there."

The backfield also has depth that was lacking at times last year. The addition of Hudson will allow Graham more rest, while sophomore A.J. Davis and freshman Jimmy Sutton provide depth at the corner positions.

The cornerback depth could be put to the test early, as an ankle injury to Reid may keep him out of the Richmond game on Saturday. Reid started all 11 games he played in last year, recording 37 tackles and eight

pass breakups.

In his absence, the younger backups have been working with the first-string unit in practice with mixed results.

"A.J. Davis is working in place of Lamont, and so is Jimmy Sutton. Really with those guys it's been an up-and-down roller coaster," Herring said. "What we are striving for with those guys is consistent play."

The whole unit struggled with consistency last year, and the result was the second-easiest defense to score on in the ACC. With a senior leader in Maddox and a group of experienced players surrounding him, Edwards has faith that on game day the improvement will show.

"It's all about being comfortable out there," Edwards said. "I think we'll look good."

Wolfpack Weekend

MEN'S SOCCER VS ST. FRANCIS | SUNDAY, 2 P.M.

The soccer team looks to follow up its 5-1 win of Brevard with another victory. Federico Peria picked up the slack in the absence of Aaron King against Brevard, recording two goals and three assists. Method Road hosts the match.

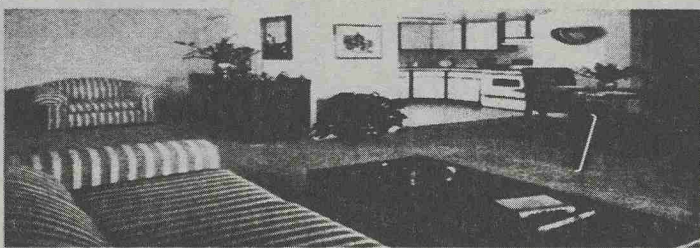
WOMEN'S SOCCER IN SUMMIT HOSPITALITY INVITE | TODAY - SUNDAY

The women's soccer team struggled to score goals in its opening game against Campbell, only managing a 1-1 tie. The team rebounded against Howard though, scoring four goals. The Wolfpack faces Fairfield on Friday night and Youngstown State on Sunday afternoon. Both games are at SAS Stadium.

VOLLEYBALL IN SUMMIT HOSPITALITY WOLFPACK CLASSIC | TODAY - SUNDAY

The volleyball team opens its season with four games in two days. Volleyball is coming off a 7-25 season, its third straight season at the bottom of the ACC standings. The team plays Wofford and UNC-Asheville on Friday, then faces Elon and UNC-Wilmington on Saturday. All games are in Reynolds Coliseum.

-compiled by Austin Johnson



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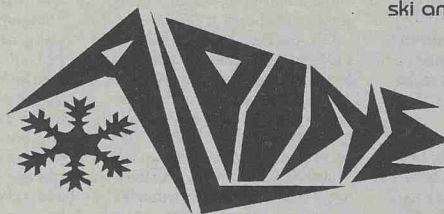
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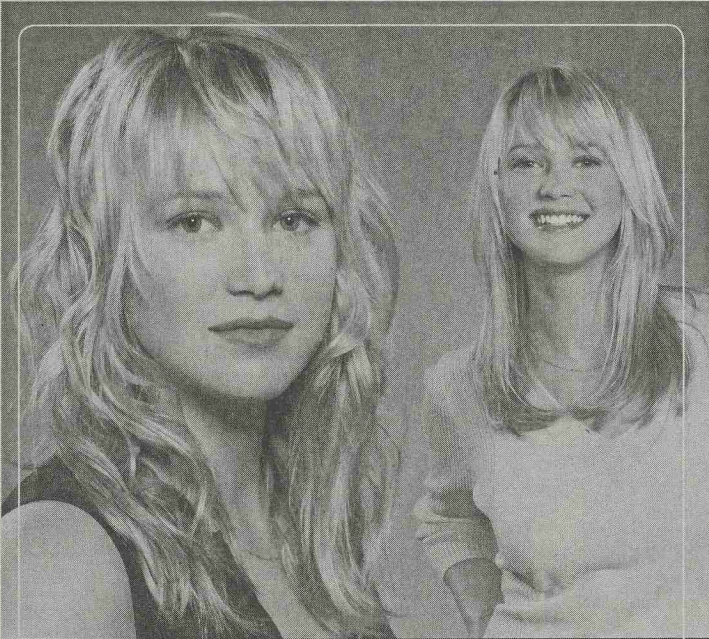
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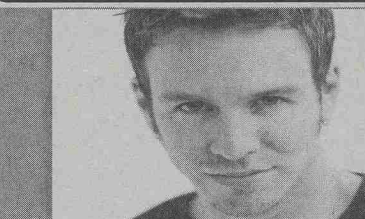
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Head-to-head, the Wolfpack leads the all time series versus Richmond 14-1-1, with the lone loss coming in 1970.

Carter-Finley Stadium
6 p.m. kickoff

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2004



Upcoming Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT
Saturday	at N.C. State
Sept. 11	at VMI
Sept. 18	at Massachusetts
Sept. 25	Lafayette
Oct. 9	Maine
Oct. 16	at Villanova
Oct. 23	James Madison
Oct. 30	at Hofstra
Nov. 6	Towson
Nov. 13	Delaware
Nov. 20	at William & Mary

Returning stat leaders

PASSING				
QB 3 STACY TUTT				
Cmp-Att	Yds	TD	Int	
48-73	535	2	3	
RUSHING				
QB 3 STACY TUTT				
Att	Yds	TD		
51	159	1		
RECEIVING				
WR 13 JAKE SCHOOLS				
Rec	Yds	TD		
49	549	4		

Keys to the Game

CONTROL THE CLOCK
The Spiders must find ways to keep the ball in their possession and wear out a State defense facing its first game action. State can't score while Richmond holds the ball.
STAY CLOSE
In a game that should be a blowout, Richmond stands a better chance if they keep it close early. State fans and players will be more nervous the closer the game is.
UTILIZE STACY TUTT
Anyone converted from wide receiver to quarterback is capable of making plays with both his feet and his arm. Tutt needs to use both effectively tomorrow.

Quotable



"We can't give up big plays on defense. We need to make people earn first downs."

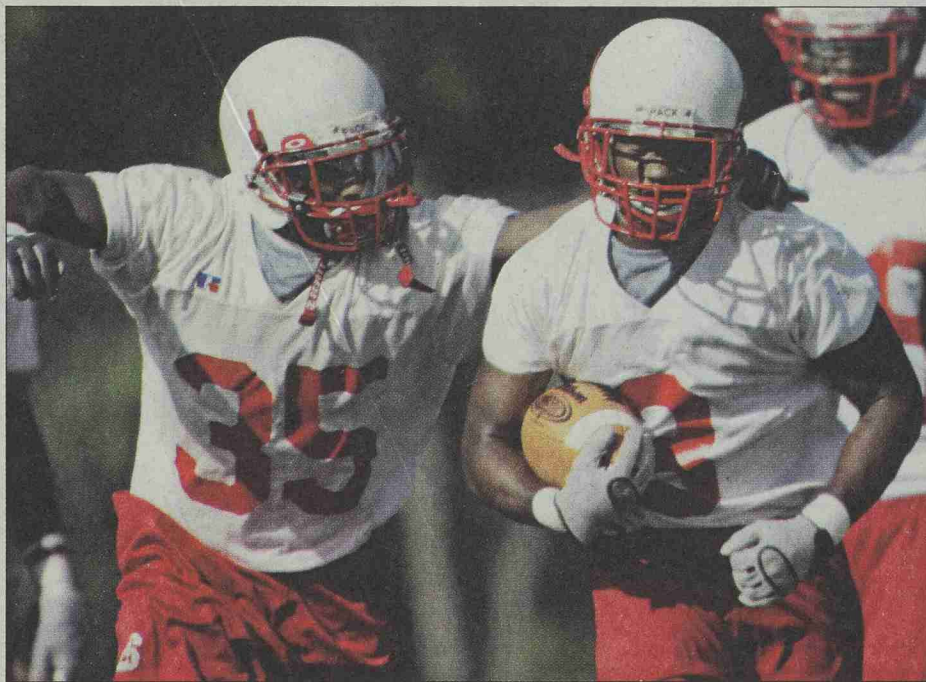
-Dave Clawson
Richmond Head Coach

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FOOTBALL
FRIDAY

SPIDERS vs. WOLFPACK

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Sophomore cornerback A. J. Davis, right, goes through a ball-stripping drill with junior roverback Jevon Moore during a fall practice.

Secondary looks for redemption

AFTER FINISHING LAST IN PASS DEFENSE A YEAR AGO, AN EXPERIENCED SECONDARY VOWS TO BOUNCE BACK.

Austin Johnson

Sports Editor

Last.
That's where N.C. State finished in pass defense among ACC teams last year. Dead last, giving up 284 yards a game through the air.
It was bad enough that Coach Chuck Amato made a change in the offseason.
Amato had been acting as defensive coordinator himself, but decided to give up the job and hire someone to fill the position full-time.
By spring practice, Reggie Herring had the job. Herring spent 2003 coaching linebackers in the NFL. wRoverback Andre Maddox noticed a difference right away.
"He brings a lot more intensity," Maddox said. "That authority figure is the main thing we needed."
Amato and Herring share similar styles — enough so that Amato calls the new coordinator an extension of himself on the field.
Cornerback Devonte Edwards said the hiring of Herring has paid big dividends over spring and fall practices for the Wolfpack secondary.
"We've grown leaps and bounds over these months," Edwards said.



Redshirt junior Marcus Hudson, left, and senior Troy Graham wait for the next drill to start during a fall practice. Hudson and Graham will likely split playing time at free safety during games this season.

The State defensive backfield will need those leaps and bounds if it hopes to improve back to its 2002 form, when the Wolfpack led the ACC in passing defense. After that season, State lost backfield leader Terrance Holt, forcing a new, younger core of defenders onto the field.
Those defenders are all one year older now. Maddox can see

the difference in maturity level during practice.
"I see a lot of things that I haven't seen," Maddox said. "Guys are more mature, they are a little more excited about playing football."
Maddox, a senior who led all defensive players with 145 tackles last season, will anchor an experienced secondary for the Wolfpack. Starting cornerbacks

Edwards and Lamont Reid are both seniors, while starting free safety Marcus Hudson is a red-shirt junior.
"Not only do we have two seniors at corner, we have two seniors in the linebacking corps, and we have seniors at the safety positions," Edwards said. "That helps."

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Upcoming Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT
Saturday	Richmond
Sept. 18	Ohio State
Sept. 25	at Virginia Tech
Oct. 2	Wake Forest
Oct. 9	at UNC
Oct. 16	at Maryland
Oct. 23	Miami
Oct. 30	Clemson
Nov. 6	Georgia Tech
Nov. 11	Florida State
Nov. 27	ECU (Charlotte)

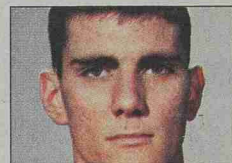
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RECEIVING				
WR 21 TRAMAIN HALL				
Rec	Yds	TD		
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Keys to the Game

SCORE EARLY
Try to take Richmond out as quickly as possible. A couple of quick touchdowns will make life a lot easier on State for the remainder of the afternoon.
AVOID BIG MISTAKES
Turnovers deep in State territory or bad penalties could spell disaster for State. The Wolfpack needs to avoid beating themselves with mental mistakes.
GET DAVIS INTO A GROOVE
In his first collegiate start, it's important to get quarterback Jay Davis going. The better Davis plays, the more confidence he'll have going through the rest of the season.

Quotable



"Playing a I-AA team, people think we might look past [them], but you have to get ready. It's our first game since February. We'll be ready."

-Jay Davis
N.C. State Starting Quarterback

PIGSKIN PICKS

Last year's showing

Virginia at Temple
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Wake Forest at Clemson
Duke at Navy
Richmond at N.C. State
Northern Illinois at Maryland
Florida State at Miami
Kentucky at Louisville
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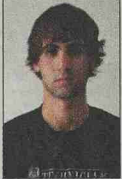
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