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# FIRE CAUSES MAJOR DAMAGE IN ATRIUM

DAMAGE FROM THE FIRE WILL RESULT IN THE ATRIUM BEING CLOSED FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS.

**CARIE WINDHAM  
AND JESSICA HORNE**  
APRIL 23, 2003

When students poured out of class and headed to the Atrium for lunch today, they were met with a big surprise.

The mobs of hungry students were there, the Brickyard preacher was there but the Atrium was deserted — roped off by yellow police tape.

"I was planning to go eat at the Atrium before class, but because of the fire, I went to class on an empty stomach," said Andrew Throneburg, a freshman in civil engineering.

An early morning fire ripped through the coffee shop in the Atrium, causing severe damage in that area and smoke and heat damage to the entire complex. Though the fire, which began at 3:36 a.m., was quickly put out by the Raleigh Police Department, the Atrium will remain closed for at least two weeks, according to officials.

"It could've been worse," said Randy Lait, business officer for University Dining. "It's bad enough but it could have been a lot, lot worse."

No injuries were reported from the fire and most of the dining facilities outside of the coffee shop were spared from significant damage.

The exact source of the fire is still unknown, according to Campus Police Officer Jon Barnwell, but authorities do know that the fire was the result of an electrical malfunction in the coffee shop. Any foul play has been ruled out.

Lait said that the coffee shop was "destroyed" in the blaze and will have to be rebuilt from scratch. Outside of that area, extreme heat melted several light fixtures and the Li'l Dino's awning but the most prevalent damage appeared to be from smoke. The entire ceiling,



Tuesday's fire caused major damage to the Coffee Shop inside the Atrium food court. Photo courtesy Randy Lait

Lait said, is totally black.

"It would take a miracle to get us back open by Monday," he said. In addition, the Erdahl-Cloyd wing of D.H. Hill library is temporarily closed for smoke damages.

But Lait did not rule out the possibility of the other shops in the Atrium being open by the first summer session.

"Everyone's really jumping on it," he said.

Lait, who received word of the fire around 6:30 a.m., said that officials have already begun the process towards reopening. Workers have already begun to remove the burnt material from the coffee shop and have begun to take the necessary hazardous waste precautions. That process should be completed in three days.

The next step will be restoring the facility. A fire restoration contractor walked through on Tuesday and estimated that, optimistically, the rest of the Atrium could be open in two weeks. Another walkthrough will be held today and should yield more concrete predictions.



Sarah Desanctis, Justin Recchion and Chris Duffy discuss where they are going to eat lunch now that the Atrium is closed for a while. Recchion said, "I guess I'm going to be eating across the street more." Staff Photo by Rob Bradley

In the meantime, students will have to look elsewhere for a meal between classes. Many students are hopeful that an alternative for dining will be available soon.

"I have grown accustomed to eating at the

Atrium because my classes are near it," said Hansen Murphy, a sophomore in mechanical engineering. "It was quite an inconvenience to have to walk to Fountain [Dining Hall] when I could have eaten there instead."

# STUDENTS MARCH FOLLOWING 'READ-IN'

AFTER PARTICIPATING IN A 'READ-IN' LATE THURSDAY NIGHT, MANY STUDENTS DECIDED TO MARCH TO CHANCELLOR FOX'S RESIDENCE TO TRY AND GET SOME ANSWERS AND REASSURANCE CONCERNING THE BUDGET.

BY CARIE WINDHAM  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2002

It was nearly 1 a.m. Friday when a pack of N.C. State students took to the sidewalks of Hillsborough Street. Despite the late hour, the energy was high, as shouts of "No more budget cuts!" reverberated down the empty street.

But as the group ducked under a hedge entrance-way at its destination, it fell silent.

Slowly, the students filled the yard as they searched for any signs of life in the dark house. Only a single lamp in a first-floor room was lit.

Then, the crowd exploded again. "Open the door! Open the door!" they chanted.

Fists pumping, feet stomping, the crowd continued until a second-floor light flickered on. As the crowd cheered, the front door opened.

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox emerged, having just been delivered a rather rowdy wake-up call.

It was an unexpected twist to a night when most students expected only to "read in" to protest budget cuts.

The night had actually begun several hours earlier at D.H. Hill Library. At 11 p.m., students and media began pouring into the library to participate in a "read-in" to protest the reduction in library hours due to budget cuts.

Despite its hasty planning — most students had only found out about the protest through fliers or e-

mails that day — organizers estimated that more than 400 students filled the seats at D.H. Hill Thursday night.

By refusing to leave at midnight, the students were trying to show the administration how important the library is to their everyday lives as students and their willingness to fight for it.

Matthew Spence, director of government relations for Student Government, said, "We're here because the library is a vital part of what we do as a Research I institution.

"Our immediate goal," Spence said earlier, "is for the chancellor to come out and address, specifically, the library issue. We won't speak to anybody but the chancellor."

As the students waited, they formed study groups, chatted on the Internet or went to corals to read.

Michael Anthony, student body president, thought the students' actions were a great testament to their message.

"People are in there studying, they aren't goofing off," he said. "This is the same way things used to look in the years before."

In addition to studying, students circulated through the building registering students to vote and collecting money for the housekeeping staff members forced to stay until the students left.

By the end of the night, more than \$200 had been raised, and organizers estimated that more than 100



Students greet Chancellor Marye Anne Fox with applause as she opens the door of her residence to speak about concerns relating to the budget and the library's operating hours. Staff photo by Matt Huffman

students had been registered to vote.

But by 12:40 a.m. the chancellor still had not shown up.

"We called her residence and told her students were out here and wanted to talk to her," said Anthony early Friday morning. "People want to hear from the chancellor."

The question still remains as to how much contact was actually made with the chancellor prior to rousing her from bed. She said later that she was under the impression that Susan Nutter, director of the library, would be speaking to the students and said she was expecting a call.

"I didn't get the call. The call didn't come from Mike Anthony until 10 minutes ago," she said while addressing students at her house Friday morning.

Nevertheless, the students decided to bring their message to her if she couldn't make it to them.

After a brief pep talk from Anthony, the group arrived on the chancellor's lawn where she emerged — a little startled but ready to talk to the students. It was only minutes before she said exactly what they wanted to hear: "As soon as we get a budget," she said, "it's our first priority to restore the library hours. I can pledge that to you."

She went on to explain that the budget situation may turn out to be less dire than originally expected.

"As the budget is coming together," she said, "there is a very good chance that we'll still be able to operate, and we'll be able to march back from the cuts we talked about this summer.

"If the joint committee gives us a budget we can work with," she went on, "the first thing we'll do is restore the library, and the next thing we'll do is to make sure you have enough classes to proceed in the spring."

She also added, "we can't continue to make cuts year after year and maintain the quality of education."

But the students didn't stop there; for the next hour the chancellor fielded questions about everything from tuition increases to out-of-state tuition to energy costs. Despite the early hour, both the students and the chancellor seemed prepared to talk it out for as long as it took.

"I'm willing to stay for as long as you want," said Fox.

But answers weren't all that students wanted; they also asked for her support in fighting the bud-

et cuts and future tuition increases.

"I do that every day of my life," Fox said. "I'm down there every day saying how important it is to restore the budget."

The questions and answers continued well into the night. At the end of the night, both students and members of the administration were optimistic about the event.

Carolyn Argentati, director of public services for the library, knew about the "read-in" ahead of time through listserv e-mails and went to the library that night to make sure arrangements were made for the staff to stay for an extended amount of time.

"I think it's wonderful," she said. "It's a great feeling to work in a library with so much support and students that care enough to come out in support of it."

Provost Stuart Cooper was also at the library Thursday night.

"I think it's terrific that students are here to get access to an academic service," he said. "I think it shows that they are here to learn."

Kassandra Lockhart, a student who marched to the chancellor's house, was pleased at the chancellor's responses.

"I think a lot of people out here were thinking that she didn't give a lot of direct answers," Lockhart said, "but I don't think that they understand that she can't give direct answers because she really doesn't know. If you don't have a budget then how can you say? I think people wanted more, but she gave all that she could."

Jonathan Ducote, president of the UNC Association of Student Governments, thought that "it showed a good amount of student support, and it really showed that students are informed about the issues."

But all those involved agreed that the fight did not end on the chancellor's lawn that morning.

"From here, we need to stay vigilant with our work lobbying with the General Assembly," Ducote said. "There's still a lot to do, and that window of opportunity for affecting change is closing quickly, so if the students want to do something, they need to get down to the General Assembly quickly and let their legislatures know."

# FACULTY SENATE CENSURES FOX

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION TO CENSURE CHANCELLOR  
MARYE ANNE FOX PASSED BY A 29-6 VOTE.

BY ANIESHA FELTON  
JANUARY 22, 2003

The N.C. State Faculty Senate has spoken. During Tuesday evening's meeting, the body voted 29-6 to censure Chancellor Marye Anne Fox for her handling of the recent firings of two top university administrators.

After Provost Stuart Cooper refused to fire two of his subordinates, C. Frank Abrams Jr. and Bruce Mallette, Fox promptly did so. Cooper then resigned from his position. Since these actions, voices in the campus community have asked for answers and questioned the chancellor's seemingly abrupt decision.

The Faculty Senate's censure carries no disciplinary action and is less severe than a no confidence vote, but it signals the senate's displeasure with Fox's specific actions in this case. The adopted resolution also proclaims that the provost should be the chief academic officer of the university with primary influence over personnel and financial matters that directly impact academic affairs.

In a memo circulated before Tuesday's meeting, some NCSU administrators — including John Gilligan, vice chancellor for research and graduate studies; Mary Kurz, vice chancellor and general counsel; and

Thomas Stafford Jr., vice chancellor for student affairs — asked faculty members to reconsider going through with the censure.

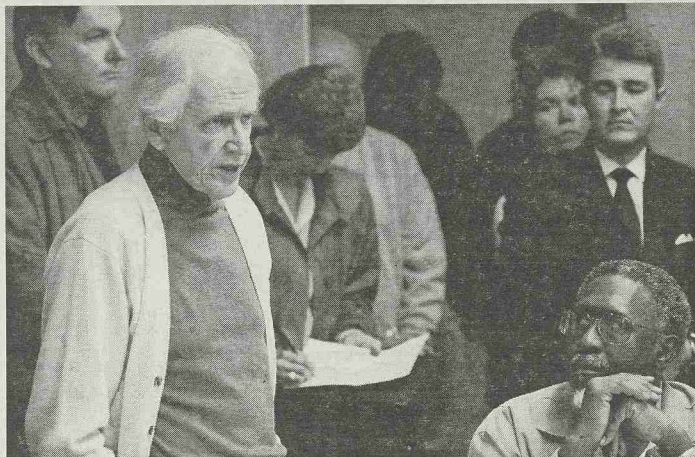
"All of these challenges call for a chancellor especially adept at representing our community of scholars to alumni, media, elected officials and donors. Chancellor Fox has excelled in these relationships that are so fundamental to our future," the memo states. "We urge you to allow time for response, resolution, and healing, without declaring a formal statement beyond the powerful messages you have already conveyed."

But general faculty and Faculty Senate members had strong feelings of their own.

"Her actions were very unfair," said D.S. McRae, a professor in mechanical and aerospace engineering. "I was close to Frank [Abrams]; his contributions were great, and to see him go the way he did was a pity."

The meeting, held in D.H. Hill Library, consisted of remarks from the chancellor, a substitute for the original resolution and campaigning both for and against the censure.

Fox spoke briefly of the censure, stating that it is a difficult time for the community and her personally. She also spoke of the university moving forward.



Kerry S. Havner, professor emeritus of civil engineering, explains his amendment to the censure resolution of Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. Economics professor Alvin Headen and a standing-room-only crowd listen intently. Photo by Carl Hudson

**"I REALIZE HOW DIFFICULT CHANGE CAN BE, BUT I BELIEVE THAT WE MUST ... STRENGTHEN THE VOICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AT N.C. STATE."**

CHANCELLOR FOX



"I realize that we all must remain steadfast in our desire to advance the vision and goals of North Carolina State University — particularly in the area of academic affairs," she said.

Fox also championed change.

"I realize how difficult change can be, but I believe that we must ... strengthen the voice of academic affairs at N.C. State," said Fox.

"Change was necessary to ensure the

nence of academic affairs."

As Fox was closing, she told senate members she understands that they disagree with some of her actions but pleaded for them to believe that her actions were not done in a precipitous manner. She stated that her actions were well reasoned over a very long period of many months.

"I can't settle for less, you can't settle for less," she said. "We share a common goal, a commitment that goes beyond this room. It is a commitment for a passionate dedication of the academic welfare of the institution."

After Fox left, the debate began.

"There is nothing she has promised," said a senator. "We expect more from her. All she offers is paper changes. That's not enough for me."

"The chancellor has come twice. She wants a relationship. I worry that if we pass the censure, it won't be a strong voice. Fox has raised prestige to first class nationally and internationally. The uni-

versity will suffer if this censure passes," said another.

With senators from different NCSU colleges informing the other senators whether professors from their college wanted a stronger censure, a weaker one, or none at all, the overall consensus was that the chancellor should be reprimanded for her actions.

The senate voted unanimously to substitute the original censure resolution with another, more severe proposal by Senator Kerry Havner, professor emeritus of civil engineering. The senate then made its final decision to censure the chancellor and the meeting was adjourned.

"The resolution needed to be stronger," said Havner. "I did not create it out of cloth; it was based on my colleagues' expression of views."

With this resolution, Havner hopes that the chancellor will make an effort to improve relationships with the faculty.

"She needs to take more time seeking and understanding our views," he said.

# CALLED UP

N.C. STATE STUDENT  
CONRAD HAYTER HAD LESS  
THAN A WEEK TO PREPARE  
TO GO OVERSEAS.

BY THUSHAN  
AMARASIRIWARDENA

APRIL 15, 2003

Soon after finishing up his forestry class last Monday, N.C. State student Conrad Hayter received a call. It was his commander – Hayter was told to prepare to head overseas

before the next week was out. And before he could let the emotions flood over him he had to start a series of actions that would allow him to leave his country, life and peace of mind behind while jumping into a world of uncertainty.

Hayter, a sophomore in agriculture business, has kept the war for much of past months in the backburner. Having previously spent four years straight out of high school on active duty, Hayter, 24, had seen the world and more, but has since grown accustomed to the comforts that life as a student at NCSU afforded.

However, as an eligible call up on active duty with the North Carolina Air National Guard, the notion that he could be sent off to become part of the action halfway across the world was always in the “back of my mind. I was expecting it. My initial reaction was that I’ve got a lot of stuff to do. I’ve got school to take care of.”

While his commander gave him the directive to prepare to head into war, Hayter was left after the phone conversation with many questions – where exactly was he headed? When was he going? When would he be back? And of course, what would he do about school with only a mere three weeks left?

His family and friends were the first to learn



Brian Lassiter, a senior in computer science, helps Conrad Hayter with the heavy lifting on moving day. Staff Photo by Tim Lytvinenko

of his coming mission.

A flurry of sadness and pride enveloped them as news of Hayter’s curt departure came to them. Brian Lassiter, a fellow NCSU student in computer science and longtime friend from their home in Moore County, bluntly expressed his sentiments: “It sucks to have someone you know so well have to go. It gives you an uneasy feeling about things’ [but in the end] everything is going to be ok.”

And that too is what Hayter concluded about the situation that would become his life in the coming months; “I’m confident that everything will work out.”

Regardless of his confidence, he had a lot to accomplish in less than a week.

He began by contacting his teachers, informing them about his quick departure.

Gary Blank, a longtime NCSU professor and instructor for Hayter’s forestry technology and society class, was one of them.

“Conrad had been a responsible student so it was kind of a no brainer [in regards to accommodating his situation]” said Blank.

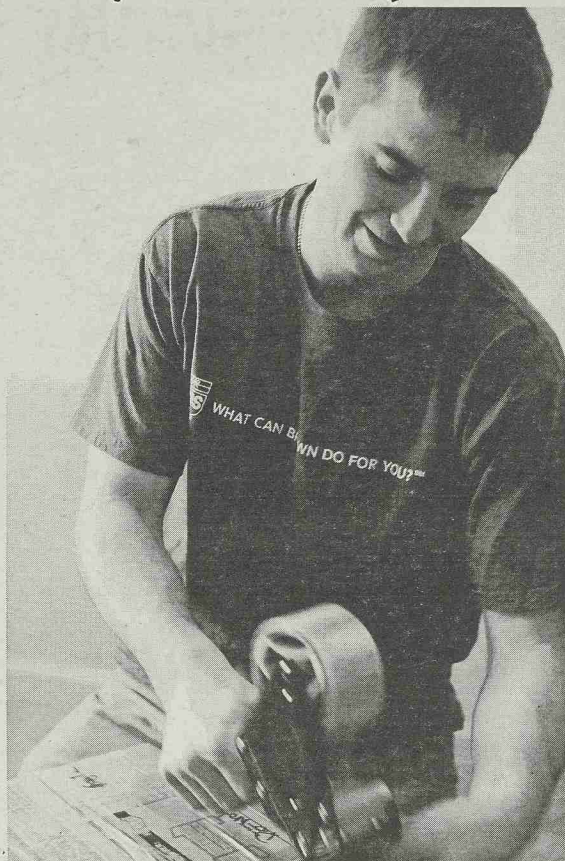
While no university wide policy is in place for such circumstances, Blank and the rest of Hayter’s professors deal with the situation at their own discretion, often electing to either leave the student’s grade as it is (as Blank did), give a final, or request the completion of a project.

“Under the circumstances [my professors] were more than helpful,” said Hayter.

Accustomed to the process, having dealt with students being called up earlier on in the year and from semesters past, Blank also said that students affiliated with the armed forces have tended to be characteristically responsible a trait that is evident with Hayter.

From his four years in the military before coming to State, Hayter learned much, but he points to the discipline that it instilled in him as the overriding attribute that he gained from his tour. He notes that many students merely feel “that they have to go to school,” while he genuinely has a desire to learn because of all the opportunities that it will afford him.

Having trotted around the world while on duty, making stops in locales in the south Pacific, Bosnia, Kosovo, Czech Republic and forty-two of the fifty states, he has realized the how fortunate he is. If there was one thing that Hayter seemed to wish to relay to his fellow stu-



Called to duty, Conrad Hayter moved out of his apartment in preparation for his departure to an undisclosed location. Staff Photo by Tim Lytvinenko

dents, it was, “Get out. North Carolina is a tiny place. See the world if you can because you’ll certainly appreciate what you have a lot more.”

With his shipping orders he was told to pack everything to hold him over for a duration and destination unknown in a small military issue crate. Along with those vacuous orders he had to pack up his Raleigh apartment and move all of his personal belongings back home with the help of friends and family this weekend.

While he doesn’t know where he is heading, Hayter has a clue as to what he will be doing. An Air force staff sergeant, he specializes in installing the necessary infrastructure needed to help land planes across the world in remote regions.

In his line of specialization he doesn’t feel like he’ll be placed in any immediate danger. Hayter is actually looking forward to the humanitarian aspect of a mission in Iraq, as he believes that is the true goal of the war. As a serviceman, he was quick to be supportive of the troops already there and the President and his staff for his decision.

“[We’re] justified in being over there, and

the sacrifices in emotion and life are worth it,” Hayter said, and that they were out there to “liberate a people,” and that the war was not merely a politically fueled ploy.

As he glanced over the students sitting in the library, he returned to reiterate that “All the people over there [in Iraq] are doing this so we can go to school, live our day to day lives’ protest. As I look across the library, I see we’re doing this so that they can come here, enjoy their lives so that we can wake up in the morning and be free – be able to sit down and drink coffee – the simple things.”

Hayter, while acknowledging his upcoming mission, looked forward to the day that he would return to American soil. His next goal in life is to complete college, “it’s going to be a very rewarding to pick up that diploma,” and merely thinks his duty is “only a speedbump” in the journey of life.

“I’ll take it as it is it’s just another opportunity,” concluded Hayter. Hayter reported for duty yesterday.

Staff reporter Tim Lytvinenko contributed to this article.

# BUSH'S ULTIMATUM HEARD AROUND CAMPUS, WORLD

AMERICAN'S EVERYWHERE - INCLUDING STUDENTS AT N.C. STATE - WATCHED IN ANTICIPATION AS PRESIDENT BUSH DELIVERED A SPEECH DEMANDING THAT SADDAM LEAVE IRAQ WITHIN 48 HOURS.

BY CARIE WINDHAM  
MARCH 18, 2003

The usual banter and laughter of the Wolves' Den was put on hold Tuesday night as students crowded around televisions and huddled in groups to tune into a national address by President Bush from the White House.

As the president spoke, students ate slowly keeping their eyes glued to the screen, turned in their chairs and listened in.

But one statement ceased even eating.

"All the decades of deceit and cruelty have come to an end," Bush said. "Saddam Hussein and his sons must leave Iraq within 48 hours. Their refusal to do so will result in military conflict, commenced at a time of our choosing. For their own safety, all foreign nationals - including journalists and inspectors - should leave Iraq immediately."

The ultimatum and unspoken warning gave the students little doubt that war could be days away.

But few seemed really surprised.

"I wasn't shocked, the media seemed to know what he was going to say," said Mike Odum, a graduate student in parks, recreation and tourism.

Neither was Matthew Spence, a junior in political science. "It's what I was expecting," he said. "I'm just severely disappointed in how we've handled this entire situation."

Bush's 15-minute address, which aired at 8 p.m. across the nation, and on translated radio shows around the world didn't stop at delivering an ultimatum. Bush made his case for war, citing Iraq's use of diplomacy as a "ploy to gain time and advantage."

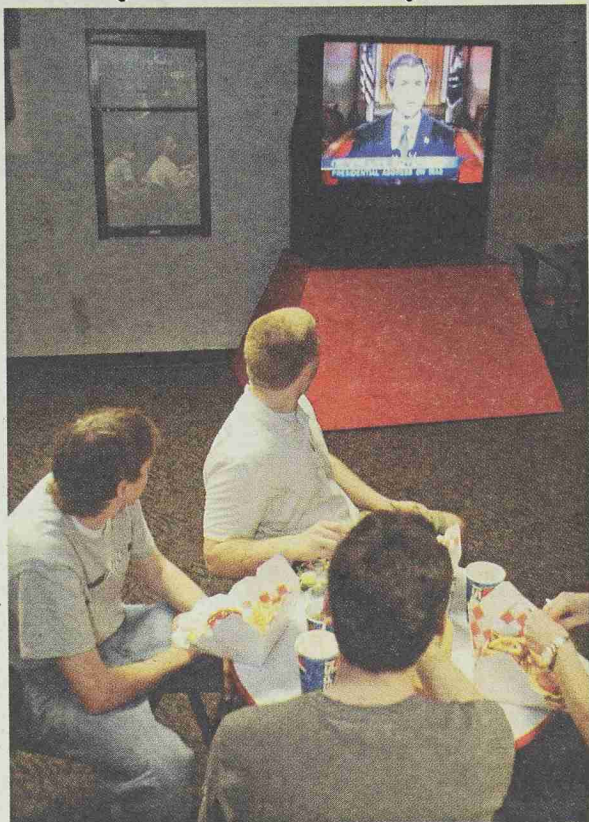
Using the same reasons as months before, Bush said Iraq had defied United Nations Security Council resolutions and that the regime has constructed and continues to conceal weapons of mass destruction.

These reasons, according to Bush, add up to call for action.

"The United States and other nations did nothing to deserve or invite this threat. But we will do everything to defeat it," he said. "Before the day of horror can come, before it is too late to act, this danger will be removed."

In making his case for war, Bush attacked those that would not - chiefly nations that have publicly announced they would veto a Security Council resolution.

To the American people, he explained recent measures to heighten security and strengthen



Kenny Jennings, Jeff Carter and David Robbins, all freshmen in engineering, watch President Bush deliver an ultimatum to Saddam Hussein. Staff photo by Matthew Huffman

protection in airports and along the coast.

"Should enemies strike our country, they would be attempting to shift our attention with panic and weaken our morale with fear. In this, they would fail," he said.

But Bush also reminded citizens that a solution would not be quick or without sacrifice, but he stood firm in his belief that it would be for the greater good.

"The power and appeal of human liberty is felt in every life and every land," he said. "And the greatest power of freedom is to overcome hatred and violence, and turn the creative gifts of men and women to the pursuits of peace."

After the speech, Evan Seitz, a senior in education, did not seem impressed.

"I just think it's another idiot thing our president does," he said. Opposed to the war, he thinks that Bush, as "leader of the free world," should be able to find a peaceful solution.

Spence also thought there were options left to explore in establishing peace and security where the Middle East is concerned.

"I think the first step is to make significant progress with Israel," he said. "And the next step is to avoid making ourselves look like the inter-

national bully."

In his address, Bush defended preemptive action by stressing the connections between Iraq and terrorism.

"The regime has a history of reckless aggression in the Middle East. It has a deep hatred of America and our friends," the president said. "And it has aided, trained and harbored terrorists, including operatives of al Qaeda."

But Spence was not convinced.

"Saddam Hussein is definitely a threat but nowhere near the immediate threat to American soil that al Qaeda is," he said.

But other students weren't as harsh with their criticism.

"It's definitely time for preemptive action," said sophomore James Wilson who likened Hussein to leaders such as Hitler and Stalin. "We can't just stand by and wait for another act - it's suicide."

Odum, though not necessarily in favor of war, did support the president and his decisions.

"I'm not for war," he said. "But I support the decisions made by those in charge - if that's what needs to be done to protect the country."



# WITH WAR ON OUR MINDS

SOLDIERS, IRAQIS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WHO WILL NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR THE EFFECTS OF WAR.

**BY AYREN JACKSON**  
MARCH 20, 2003

Staring blankly at her computer screen, Francine Gatewood twirls a piece of her dark hair around her finger. Minutes pass as Gatewood, a senior in computer science, continues to stare silently into space.

When asked what it is she is thinking about, Gatewood snaps back into the here and now and answers, "War."

As the deadline for war with Iraq draws near, it is not only the soldiers in the Persian Gulf, their families and friends or the Iraqi officials and citizens who will experience war anxieties.

The truth is that while the troops, the president and Iraqi officials prepare for war, so must the average American citizen. History has proven that the images and stories of war that are depicted daily during war times do inadvertently affect everyone — particularly children and young adults.

In the '91 Gulf War crisis, many psychologists across the country reported treating not only soldiers who were experiencing Gulf War Syndrome but also adults and children who had experienced psychological difficulties during the crisis and afterward.

And now while students everywhere try to concentrate on their studies and extracurricular activities, it remains a difficult task for some to not become distracted by the war.

"Students should not watch too much TV," said Karen Debord, associate professor and extension specialist in child development. "[Students should also] check in with their family regularly, stay close to friends and give each other support."

In addition, Debord says that students should stay to a routine, eat and

sleep well and become acquainted with the university emergency policies and procedures.

But some students have been preparing themselves by trying not to think too much about the war and by distancing themselves from the images in the media.

"I'm the type of person that when we do go to war, I am more reactive than proactive," said student Joseph Darkoh. "Up to now, I've been trying to stay focused on what's going on in Raleigh and with me."

"I haven't prepared in any way for this," said Josh Tetterton, a sophomore in political science.

But some colleges and departments across campus have tried to reach out and prepare students for what is to come.

"This is going to be a very stressful time for all of us," stated an e-mail message that was circulated to students and faculty members within the computer science department. "Try not to get worried or angry or depressed about matters which are not your fault and especially not within your control right now."

And while the war will be fought in another time zone, thousands of miles away, some students still feel the need to be prepared should something happen on American soil.

"I have made sure that my mom has all of my contact information just in case something should happen," said Gatewood. "[My mom] tends to worry so I think that it is best for her to be able to reach me quickly."

"I've been trying to plan for an emergency," said Naomi Keller, a junior in biochemistry. "I told my family we needed to have a plan, but they just shrugged it off."

The ways students plan to cope with the stress of war are as unique as the students themselves.

"I've prayed for protection and for the direction of the government," said Sam Chou, a junior in computer science.

While everyone has different ideas about what could happen with a war against Iraq, no one really knows what will happen. But regardless, students will prepare themselves for what is to come however they see fit.

"The worst thing that can happen is for someone to not have previously thought about a scenario and then have it happen. Panic sets in, and you are going to be too much in a state of shock to do anything immediately," said Brian Davis, a senior in computer engineering. "I am not, however, altering my lifestyle. I live every day as I always have — but [I] keep the fact that we are on the brink of war in the back of my mind."

## FOR ONE THAT GOT AWAY

TIM COFFIELD

FEBRUARY 12, 2003

Hey Baby,

I'm chalking this one up to the ice. More directly, perhaps, it was the university administrators who were at fault — after all, they were the ones who made school optional that Friday. Then again, it may be possible to place blame on the fact that you live a full two-and-one-half miles from campus and do not yourself possess a four-wheel drive vehicle. I am almost certain that, had you the means, you would have made it. But I'm getting ahead of myself here. When I think back and reflect on our history, I lose myself in the tranquility of your memory. My heart is awash with yearning for that which will never be.

From day one of the semester, I labeled you my 8:05 Attendance Girl — meaning that the thrice-weekly sight of you from my seat two rows back, three seats over, was inspiration enough to get me out of bed and to class on a regular basis. But don't let this make you feel special. I have an Attendance Girl in every class. It's how I stay in school.

Of course, I never actually approach my Attendance Girls or talk to them or anything. That's just not my style. No, my intentions involving you were of the most humble origins. I was content to simply gaze placidly at the back-left side of your head during lectures. And how pretty it was! I must admit, your left ear is magnificent. It's not too big or anything — and I never once noticed an excessive wax or dirt build-up. One time, I think you had an infection from a recent ear piercing, but this did not detract from your ear's resplendent beauty.

Sometimes, when you turned your head to the side just so, I could see your left eye and the side of your nose. In addition to your exquisite left ear, you have a splendid nose. I love the way it turns up just a little bit at the tip — but not too much, not too elfish or anything. I often thought to myself, "If the other side of that girl's nose looks like the left side, now that is a great nose." This would later prove to be true.

I suppose the most romantic thing to do now

would be to compliment you on the beautiful color of your left eye, but the truth is that I never could make out the exact hue. I mean, usually you looked straight ahead at the teacher, shielding your eye from my view. That said, I was almost completely confident that you had pretty eyes, whatever color they might be.

It's not like I ever followed you or anything after class, but I did notice that you ride your bicycle to school and that you live off Stafford Road behind Cameron Village, two-and-one-half miles from campus. Well technically it's 2.487 miles, judging from my odometer, but I'll round off for the sake of simplicity.

As the semester progressed, the craziest thing happened. I began to picture myself with you. For example, I particularly liked to envision us together at Golden Corral for dinner, affectionately feeding each other turkey legs and yeast rolls, or at the circus on the weekend, arm in arm. I started looking at you in a whole new manner.

Soon our relationship had gone far beyond that which I typically shared with my Attendance Girls. Instead of heading to class merely to see you, my motivation became to talk to you, to ask you out. Unfortunately, something always interfered with my plans. For example, the thought of speaking to you often left my shirt sweat stained around the neck. I did not want you to see me with a sweaty neck.

It took all the nerves I could muster, but eventually I started making small comments to you after class, to which you would cheerfully respond.

"The professor had on a great shirt today," I would say, for example, shaking like a cold dog.

"Yes, he did," you would respond, smiling. I would note that the right side of your face was strikingly symmetrical to the left, much to my delight.

Sometimes I would just say "it's cold today" or "can I borrow a pencil?" These moments defined my day.

The closer we became, the stronger the call grew for me to ask you out. It was a powerful natural urge, undeniable and unyielding. Like the

## THE LIGHTER SIDE OF ON-CAMPUS CRIME

BEN KRAUDEL

OCTOBER 23, 2002

We all know and are slightly frightened when we hear the news of lowered crime-preventing standards on and around campus and the crimes that take place because we don't have enough people patrolling the streets. Using the Campus Police blotters from the last week, it's time to analyze some of these crimes.

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, after a long day of a few larcenies and several checkups on suspicious persons, this happened at 1:09 a.m.: "Medical Assistance - A student was walking down the stairs at Lee Hall when they struck their head on some concrete. The student was transported to the hospital." With these two sentences being all I have to go on, confusion sets in. Did the student fall? It doesn't say they fell ... it just says they were walking down the stairs and somehow smacked their head against concrete hard enough to merit a trip to the emergency room. Wow, welcome to college, folks.

The next day, Thursday, Oct. 17 proved to be a much more eventful day. After only a couple of fire alarms and false calls, Campus Police responded to this call at 1:59 p.m.: "Serving Warrant - A staff member contacted police in regards to a subject masturbating in the computer lab of D.H. Hill Library. The subject was identified and had warrants for their arrest for probation violations out of South Carolina. The subject was taken into custody and transported to the Wake County Detention Center."

First off, there was a guy (and it had to be a guy) polishing the bishop in the library's computer labs. Once you're done laughing at that, this guy had warrants out for his arrest for skipping out on probation from South Carolina. He came a very long way to grace the people at D.H. Hill with the honor of watching him shellac his own gazebo. Not to get too deep, but what kept him from getting up and walking the short distance to the bathroom? I mean, if you're hiding from the cops, spanking it while the kid next to

you is doing his Webassign is probably not the best idea.

Just the day after that, on Friday, another incident took place at 11:55 p.m.: "A white, powdery substance was found in the breezeway at the Campus Police Department. Officers and FPD closed off the area and contacted RFD Special Hazmat Unit. A check of the substance found it to be flour. Further investigation found several more sites. The substance might have been used in some type of game being conducted by campus groups."

While I realize that Campus Police probably dealt with this in this way because of protocol, I prefer to imagine a large meeting off to a corner of the Brickyard, where the chief, played by William Shatner, screams, "Damn it, man! We need those tests back now! What have these students been up to?" A few moments later, a shaky man wearing a full-body radioactivity suit runs up. "It's ... it's flour, sir." Shatner looks to the sky, "Holy hell... They've been baking."

It was a weekend of unfunny crime. Until thankfully, this gem appeared from Monday at 9:29 p.m.: "Suspicious Person - A student was found walking into North Hall with a computer monitor." Surely, you ask, why is this funny? Well, it's not, until you, like I did, enter this sentence at the end of it, "The student was subsequently beaten." Is it true? No. Is it funny to think about? Oh yeah.

The last day I looked at was Tuesday, Oct. 22. The first to catch my eye was at 12:41 p.m.: "Larceny - A non-student left their laptop at Talley Student Center overnight and upon their return, they found it missing."

This asks the question, is it really stealing if you find it sitting beside you in the Wolves' Den? Maybe you just believe one of the more benevolent gods was gifting it to you. I think it'd be a hard case to make in court.

Then at 11:07 p.m.: "Suspicious Incident - A staff member reported receiving several annoying calls." Well, that settles it, the next time a telemarketer calls me, I am alerting Campus

## LOCAL DEVILS ARE MAKING THE BEST OF THINGS

GHIASSAN HAMRA  
STAFF WRITER

People in the Triangle are always proud of local bands that do well for themselves nationwide. If you talk to any music aficionado from the Triangle, they will more than likely talk highly of Superchunk, Ben Folds Five and Archers of Loaf. However, there is one successful artist from our fine state that you don't often hear people praising, and they're called Crooked Fingers.

Crooked Fingers is actually the moniker ex-Archers of Loaf front man Eric Bachmann has been releasing great music under for the past few years. His 2000 self-titled release, "Crooked

Fingers," was among the best albums for that year, and his follow-up, "Bring on the Snakes," was almost as good.

What separated these two albums were the back up musicians that Bachmann employed. On "Crooked Fingers" the extra cello, violin, etc. added the intricacies that made the album great. For "Bring on the Snakes," Bachmann decided to stick with fewer instruments, to make for a more minimal album that was good but not great.

For his most recent effort, "Red Devil Dawn," Bachmann has seen the error of his ways and employed a handful of musicians to help him create an album that exhibits the higher quality of an artist's first album with a few years of matur-

ing as a songwriter. If you haven't heard Crooked Fingers before, don't expect anything that resembles Archers of Loaf in any way, shape or form. The fact is Bachmann's vocals are better equated with Tom Waits and Neil Diamond than they are his former self, and the songwriting is similar to that of Nick Drake and Leonard Cohen.

Now that this fact is established, you should also know that this album is brilliant. Bachmann ranks among the top singer-songwriters of our time, and that's saying a lot. Most of his albums are spent lamenting the standard maladies of the drunk romantic. Love, loss, regret — these themes are familiar, but they don't seem to get old if you have the right presenter.

Doing a play-by-play of songs on this album is pretty much useless. Every song is as brilliant, if not more brilliant, than the song that came before it. One would be hard-pressed to find a disappointing track on this album.

2002 was an outstanding year in music, but one thing it lacked were great albums from singer-songwriters. Already Eric Bachmann has made up for the lack of albums with an album that will stay in your CD player for months to come.

So, go buy this album, listen to it repeatedly and add Crooked Fingers to your list of hometown heroes; preferably, somewhere above Ryan Adams (face it, "Gold" sucked).

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**TIM COFFIELD**

MARCH 26, 2003

I was talking to mother on the ol' telephone yesterday about how deeply it infuriated me that TNN had moved its daily "Knight Rider" reruns to 3 p.m. — a time slot in direct and flagrant conflict with "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" on USA. I told her I was seriously considering writing a letter to TNN expressing my deep concern over what I fear may be the beginning in a turn towards less-than-stellar afternoon programming. But

sadly, I couldn't reach a pen from where I was sitting on my futon, so obviously I couldn't write the letter.

Then, for mysterious reasons unknown to me, mother informed me loudly that I needed to do something with my life.

"You need to do something with your life," she said loudly. "All you do is sit on that nasty futon, eat Doritos and watch TV all day." Quickly, I hid my bag of Doritos under the futon. "No I don't," I said. I am so sneaky!

Then she asked if I had received the hemorrhoid cream she'd mailed me. I hadn't, but I really wished I had. Itchy.

But anyway, how her words stung like tomato sauce on canker sores! Was her biting criticism valid? Was I wasting my life away under the soft glow of the television? I doubted that much, but she did have a point. I did need to get out and do something with my life. I am far too stellar a person to keep myself all to myself. I need to share me a little bit.

It is for this reason that I am officially declaring my candidacy for student body president. My name will not be on the ballot, so a vote for me will require a write-in. Why should you, the wary student, take the extra time to cast a write-in vote for me? Allow me to list the reasons.

1) I will never have a good job.

Many candidates run for office for no better reason than to pad their already-extensive resumes. With these resumes, they will go on to get good jobs. You, the common students, will

probably work for them one day. Consequently, it is likely that they will fire you one day.

Do not stand for this, Wolfpackers! Save your jobs! Do not support these go-getter types! Me, I have no resume, or any desire to ever have an honest job. I will never fire you. A vote for me is a vote for job security!

2) I will lead a revolution to oust Chancellor Marye Anne Fox from power.

The fight will be long and hard. There will undoubtedly be much innocent bloodshed, perhaps culminating in an epic battle in the Brickyard. But mark my words, I will lead a heroic coup d'état against the current regime. After my successful war, I solemnly vow to hand the throne over to more a deserving and popular leader, such as Chuck Amato or Preacher Gary.

3) I will plow down Harrelson Hall and build a giant parking lot.

Classes in Harrelson's closet-like rooms induce the kind of internal pain typically reserved for castration or deep stomach wounds. Statistics show that schedules heavy on Harrelson classes are responsible for more student suicides than any other catalyst, save listening to numbing speeches by the above-mentioned Chancellor Fox.

Additionally, I personally have gained over \$700 in parking tickets this year. These I have avoided paying only because the university does not know my address, phone number or full name. I suspect other students experience similar parking troubles. I will take care of that with the new giant parking lot. Park for free! Vote T.C.

4) I will bring the buffaloes back to N.C. State.

Three hundred years ago, burly buffaloes may have roamed the brick-strewn grounds on which our campus now stands. I will not let the tragedy of their disappearance go unaddressed. By means of an aggressive breeding program, I will bring the buffaloes back to N.C. State, and buffaloes breed very aggressively. Kind of like Dennis Rodman and Carmen Electra. Kind of like arena football.

5) I will eliminate attendance policies (if I make it to the meeting).

It is our innate right as college students to not go to class. We are paying to be here, dammit. Professors penalizing students for missing class is like the Yankees banning season ticket holders from the ballpark for excessive absences. Many students use drugs to an extent that makes consistent attendance near impossible. I will not allow for such blatant discrimination against these innocent, incoherent, young people.

Sadly, I have heard that pushing such legislation may require my attendance at certain government assemblies. I apologize, but that may not be possible.

In all honesty, I will probably not do much else for you, fellow students. I don't make it onto campus very often; my futon is far too comfy. And these hemorrhoids make it hard for me to get up and walk around; I prefer to lie on my stomach — I have a medical excuse, darn it.

Wolfpackers, write-in my vote for me for president — because you can.

# 'SPORTS NIGHT' FINALLY FINDS A HOME

**BY JOEL FRADY**

FEBRUARY 4, 2003

It's been a long, painful road for writer Aaron Sorkin and the crew behind the ill-fated network dramedy "Sports Night." After premiering on Sept. 22, 1998 — exactly a year before creator Sorkin's other series, "The West Wing," hit the air on CBS — the show opened to the kind of critical acclaim that very few television shows get.

TV Guide named it "the best show that you're not watching," and the Emmy nominations came pouring in, but even that wasn't enough for ABC (the network it was on), and it met a premature demise after only two seasons.

Only a year later the show looked like it was going to get a second chance when cable network Comedy Central bought the syndication rights. To everyone behind the show, it seemed like a great move — on Comedy Central the show could be promoted and build an audience that liked the kind of witty, fast-paced mixture of comedy and drama that ABC was almost afraid of.

"Part of what people like about half-hour television is that it is comforting; it feels the same," Sorkin told Comedy Central before the show made the transition. "It can be on in your living room, your kitchen and you're not really paying attention, but the sound of it is soothing. The

look of it is all the same; it's three walls and a door. There's no knocking on the doors; people say their lines and they cross and they go away.

"Sports Night" was not that — and ABC needed to convince people that it wasn't anything to be afraid of ... ABC wanted a sitcom flavor; they wanted to create a comedy block. You start yourself off with "Dharma and Greg," and ["Sports Night"] just wasn't going to fit in that peg. You know, the struggle was us saying, 'Let us do what the show is and let it succeed or fail based on what it is and not make it try to be something else.'"

But even on Comedy Central, where the show was allowed to be what it was, it failed; the ratings were low, and before too long it found itself where it is now: playing in one-hour blocks from 3-4 a.m. or 7-8 a.m., once or twice a week.

Not that it didn't have its perks — having not been properly advertised on ABC, many people (like myself) found the show, and subsequently fell in love with it, when it was running on Comedy Central. At the time it had an incredible time slot, running at 10 p.m. every weeknight but Wednesday, not running that night simply because that's the spot that "South Park" has had for the last six years and will probably have for six more.

What's ironic, sadly, about the show is that the style it presented is now becoming more and more popular some five years after its release. "The West Wing" continues to bring in viewers from week to week, and other programs (like "Gilmore Girls") are running free with the same mix of comedy, drama and banter that kept the few fans of "Sports Night" had watching.

Sadly, though, the cast hasn't altogether had the same kind of success. The only happy story comes with Peter Krause (who played Casey McCall), who has had incredible success (and several best actor nominations) in the lead role of Nate Fisher on HBO's "Six Feet Under." Joshua Malina (who played the goofy but likeable Jeremy) sat still for a few years before taking the role of Will Bailey on Sorkin's "West Wing."

The rest of the cast — including "Dead Poets Society" co-star Josh Charles and Felicity Huffman, who got an Emmy nomination for Best Actress right before "Sports Night" was canceled, are still in limbo.

But the show, which followed the romantic and social adventures of the anchors and producers behind a nightly sports show, has managed to build a fan base big enough to aid it in finding the life it just recently found, when only weeks ago all 45 glorious episodes followed the

same trend as many other television shows (think "The Sopranos" and "Twenty-Four") as it made the leap to home video.

The discs look great — each episode is now displayed with the incredible definition that DVD offers, as well as allowing the viewer to watch and enjoy without the hassle that comes with almost all television shows: pesky commercials.

The only real downside is that the episodes aren't divided into individual tracks; each track on the disc contains the entire episode, but this is only a hassle if, like many diehard fans, you're trying to find a particular line or scene to play for your friends before they give you funny looks.

With that small problem aside, it might be the best thing that has ever happened for the show. After missing out twice on the popularity that the show deserved, it might have finally found a home. And really, considering what's on most of television these days, do you have anything better to watch?

Despite having very few extra features, the 6-DVD set contains the entire series, with each disc running around three hours, and is very reasonably priced. Though the suggested price sits at \$59.99, it can easily be found for well under \$50.



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BY MATT MIDDLETON  
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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Deep in the bowels of Jacksonville's Alltel Stadium, the hallway was relatively quiet as stadium personnel and team managers quickly went about their business.

Suddenly a voice could be heard from down the hall, as T.A. McLendon walked gingerly toward the N.C. State locker room, arm in sling, loudly singing an all-too-appropriate song - the

## N.C. STATE ENDS ITS RECORD- SETTING SEASON WITH A **28-6** GATOR BOWL WIN OVER NOTRE DAME.

song of the victors, Queen's "We are the Champions."

Just minutes before, that same stadium was a mass of red - signifying the horde of Wolfpack fans who had flocked south by the thousands to northern Florida - and aqua blue, the color of the stadium's seats, which had long been vacated by the Notre Dame faithful. Notre Dame fans saw their history-rich team soundly beaten 28-6 by N.C. State (11-3) on New Year's Day in the 58th annual Gator Bowl in front of 73,149, the eighth-largest crowd in the bowl's history.

"Believe it," shouted Pack cornerback Greg Golden as he high-fived university chancellor Marye Anne Fox on the sidelines.

Not very far away, linebacker Pat Thomas fell on the turf and rolled around with glee as the final seconds ticked away.

And they ticked away in the most fitting of ways.

As special team members Austin Herbert and Danny

Young doused head coach Chuck Amato in blue Gatorade, the Pack defense was putting the finishing touches on its second goal-line stand of the game, this time denying Notre Dame after it drove all the way down to the Pack 1-yard line.

"It was so much fun to stand on the sidelines and cheer for the defense," said tight end Sean Berton.

So with the entire team looking on and cheering, Irish running back Ryan Grant was stuffed by George Anderson and Manny Lawson on fourth down, the final score held, and State's defense

would end the year by leading the team to back-to-back wins over two of the sport's most decorated teams - Florida State and Notre Dame - without surrendering a single touchdown.

"This is definitely one of the biggest wins in N.C. State history, if not the biggest," said Amato just minutes after accepting the trophy from bowl chairman Susan Hamilton "[It's great] to finish the season with two wins over perennial powers in Florida State and Notre Dame. In the last 120 minutes, neither of them scored an offensive touchdown."

The closest the Irish (10-3) came to scoring a touchdown all day turned out to be the biggest play of the game.

Early in the game on second-and-goal from the State 1-yard line, Notre Dame quarterback Carlyle Holiday ran the option to the wide side of the field and appeared to have a clear path to six points.

Out of nowhere State senior linebacker Dantonio Burnette shed his blocker and delivered a punishing hit to Holiday, who remained on the ground for an extensive period of time.

"They ran the option, and when I saw the hole open up, my eyes got wide. I put a hit on him [Holiday] and drove him into the ground," said Burnette, remembering the play. "When I got up and saw him on the ground, I said, 'OK, this game is going to be turning around now.'"

He was exactly right.

Holiday would not return for the remainder of the game after aggravating a shoulder injury courtesy of Burnette's thunderous hit. Junior Pat Dillingham took over for Holiday and was completely ineffective, finishing 19-for-36 with 166 yards and three interceptions.

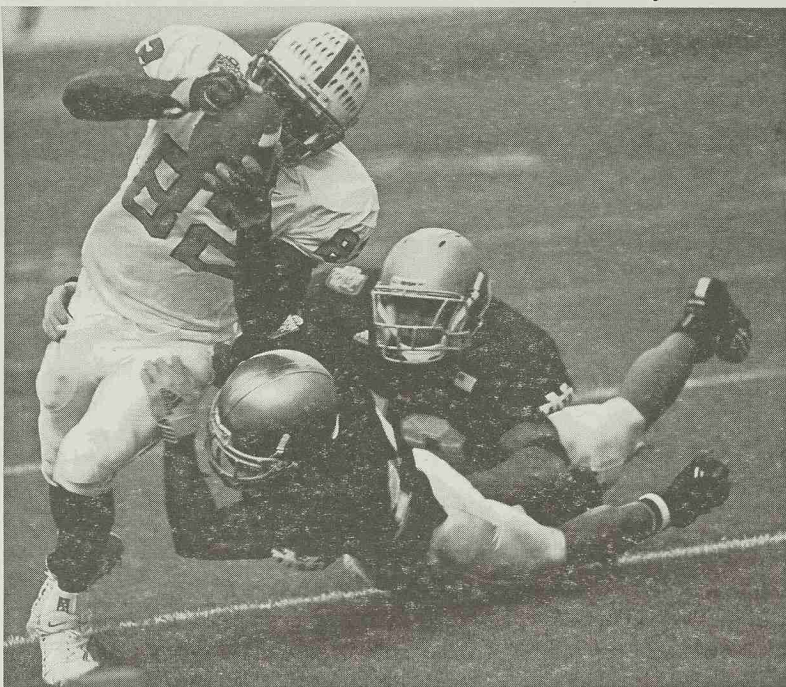
"Anytime you lose a starting player it puts a bit of difficulty on your success," said Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham.

After Notre Dame settled for a field goal after Holiday's injury, the Pack found its offensive rhythm on its next possession.



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-DANTONIO BURNETTE



Jerricho Cotchery dives for the corner of the end zone after catching one of his 10 passes. Cotchery would fall short of six points, but his reception set up a T.A. McLendon scoring run. *Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko*

The quarter ended, State was behind on the scoreboard, but deep inside Irish territory after Rivers completed two straight 11-yard passes to Jerricho Cotchery.

Four plays into the second quarter, McLendon found the end zone relatively untouched to give the Pack its first lead of the game, and it would never look back.

The Irish punted on their next possession, and Rivers picked up right where he left off, completing passes to four different receivers down to the Notre Dame 3-yard line. McLendon scored his school record 18th touchdown of the year on the very next play

on the Pack's version of the "fumblerooski," which calls for Rivers to take a semi-shotgun snap, place the ball between McLendon's legs before rolling out, appearing to have the ball.

"We can't win traditional; we feel we have to do these things, and we like to do them," said Amato.

Notre Dame's next drive would end with the first of three interceptions thrown by Dillingham - all by backup safety Rod Johnson, who was playing the game on the heels of the death of his maternal grandfather. Johnson's three interceptions tied a State record.

With a short field to work with, the Pack wasted no time reach-

ing back into its bag of tricks. On the fourth play of the drive, Rivers took the snap and threw an across-the-field lateral to Bryan Peterson, who bobbled the ball before regaining his composure and finding a wide open Joe Gray for a 24-yard gain.

Three plays later, a pressured Rivers flipped the ball to a streaking Cotchery for a 9-yard score and a 21-3 halftime lead. Rivers finished the half 13-for-15 with 134 yards and was also the team's leading rusher with 21 yards on four carries.

"We had everything down in our timing, and we were just able to click," said Rivers of the offense that more than doubled the Irish's output in the first half.

Notre Dame's defense stiffened in the second half, but its offense was unable to capitalize on the opportunity. Every drive the Irish had, the Pack defense answered.

Notre Dame managed to post another Nicholas Setta field goal near the end of the third quarter but nothing more.

"We really wanted to be physical with the whole team because we knew [Notre Dame] was going to try to come down here and try to bully us and push us around," said Burnette of the Pack's defensive strategy. "We went out and really used our speed and quickness. We just smacked them in the mouth a lot."

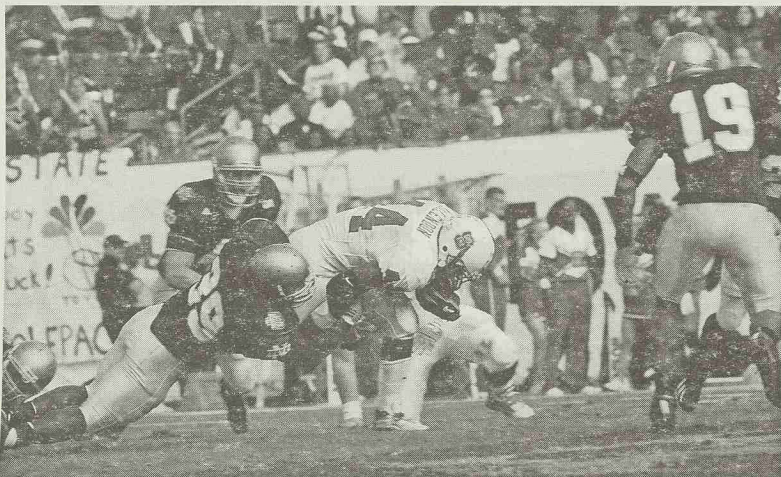
Berton accounted for the Pack's final touchdown, catching a 7-yard toss from Rivers in the fourth quarter. Rivers finished with 228 yards passing and 22 yards rushing, both team highs. McLendon left the game with a shoulder injury in the second half, and the Pack was never able to establish any sort of a running game, thus turning to Rivers to lead it to victory.

"No. 17 is a good man to put the ball in his hands to win the game," said Amato.

With the win, the Pack upped its school record for wins in a season to 11 and finished the year ranked as high as No. 11 in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll.

"I don't believe there are many 10-win teams in the country at this time," said Willingham.

And there are even less with 11, including in Raleigh.



Running back T.A. McLendon barrels through the stiff Notre Dame defense. McLendon, who left the game with a shoulder injury in the second half, was named the ACC Rookie of the Year. *Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko*

# WOLFPACK FANS MAKE IMPACT KNOWN

THOUSANDS OF  
N.C. STATE SUPPORTERS  
MADE THE TRIP TO JACKSONVILLE TO  
SEE THE PACK WIN ITS FIRST GATOR BOWL.

BY STEVE THOMPSON

DATE JANUARY 9 2003

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — When N.C. State was selected to participate in the Gator Bowl, bowl president Rick Catlett said that the number of fans the Wolfpack would bring to the game had no impact on the committee's decision.

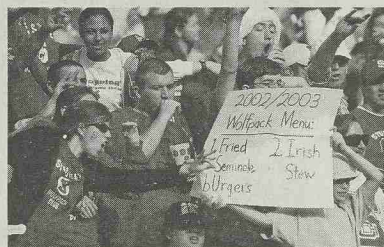
It may in future years.

Bolstered by a win over Florida State to finish out the regular season and the allure of a New Year's Day bowl against storied Notre Dame, State fans came to Jacksonville, Fla., in droves. Throughout the week, Wolfpack cheers consistently drowned out those coming from Notre Dame fans. Pregame festivities, such as the New Year's Eve pep rally, were so heavily attended that the crowd was packed shoulder to shoulder at the expansive Jacksonville Landing.

"It seemed like all of Raleigh had migrated to downtown Jacksonville for New Year's," said senior David Meyer.

Over 28,000 tickets were sold through the university to State fans, and thousands more were purchased independently. The massive Wolfpack showing gave State a virtual home field advantage in its eventual 28-6 win over the Fighting Irish.

"I went down there with around eight or nine people," said



A horde of N.C. State fans made the trip to Jacksonville from Raleigh and filled both the stadium (right) and the city's nightlife spot, Jacksonville Landing (left). Staff photos by Matt Huffman

sophomore Billy Askey. "There were tons of State fans down there. It felt like a home game. It was a good feeling to know so many other fans made an effort."

Even Wolfpack players were impressed with the fan turnout. With minutes remaining in the game, State players began to pay homage to the thousands who had traveled to witness a monumental victory for the program — running up and down the sidelines in front of a sea of red.

"As soon as I walked out I thought, 'Woah, are we at Carter-Finely or something?'" said Jerricho Cotchery. "It was a sea of

red out there, and we owe it to the fans for that."

In addition to helping cheer the Pack to victory, the fans also helped the economy of Jacksonville in a big way.

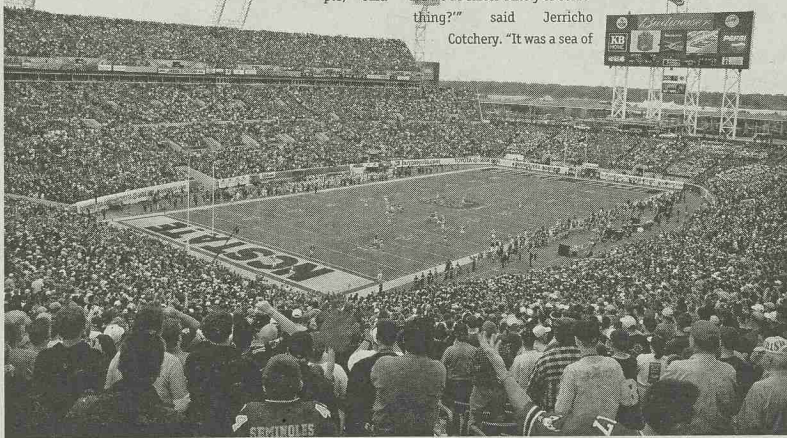
When Wolfpack Athletics Director Lee Fowler said in late November that State could likely bring 25,000 fans to the game, Gator Bowl officials commented that such a turnout could increase the economic impact from around \$30 million to \$40 million. With well over 35,000 fans at the game, State fans likely exceeded Gator Bowl officials' expectations.

Establishing a reputation as a team that travels well will pay dividends for State in the future. Iowa was likely selected for the Orange Bowl not only because the Hawkeyes had a great year, but also because Orange Bowl officials knew Iowa fans would travel well. Also, a lesser Clemson team was selected for the Tangerine Bowl ahead of a much more deserving Virginia team due in large part to Clemson's reputation for having traveling fans and Virginia's reputation for not.

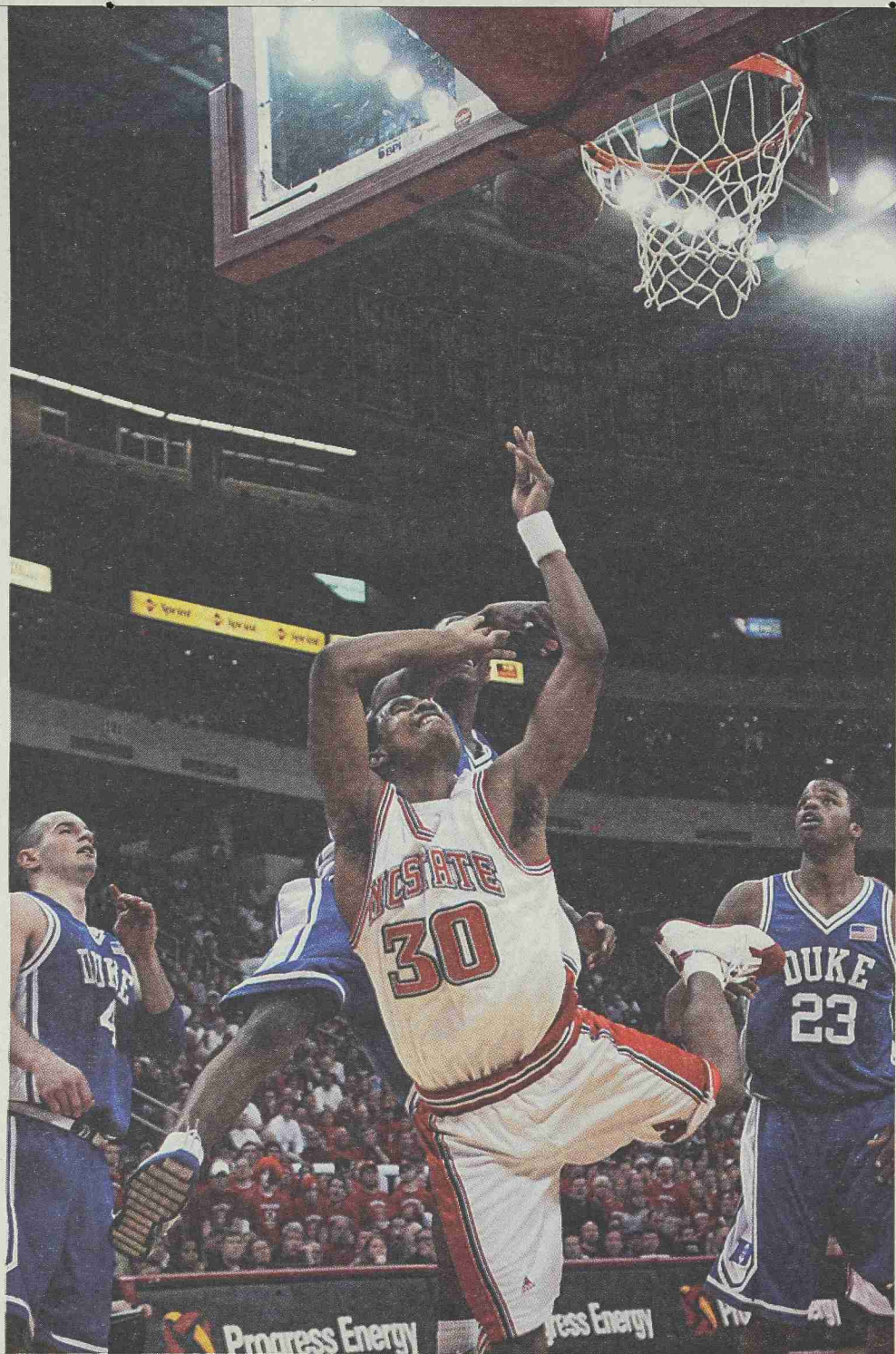
Regardless of its future impact, however, the Wolfpack turnout in Jacksonville was impressive. A number of seasoned sports writers commented that this was the most biased crowd they had seen at a bowl game in some time.

The fact that the Pack was able to pull out the win over the Irish made the experience that much greater for State fans.

"Jacksonville was the best bowl experience in my lifetime as a Pack fan," said junior Charlie Whitehorne. "The city of Jacksonville and the Gator Bowl really put on a show. Not only did I have a good time, I probably had the experience of my life."



Jacksonville's Alltel Stadium was a seas of red on New Year's Day for the Gator Bowl. By the end of the game, State fans were the only people remaining to witness the end of the Wolfpack's win. Staff photo by Michael Pittman





# SO CLOSE

AFTER LEADING MOST OF THE GAME, N.C. STATE CAME UP AGONIZINGLY SHORT IN THE FINAL MINUTES OF THE ACC TOURNAMENT FINAL AGAINST DUKE.

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BY ANDREW B. CARTER  
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GREENSBORO — N.C. State has suffered tough losses before. But not like this.

With four minutes left in Sunday's ACC Tournament championship, the Wolfpack had its first title trophy since 1987 and was on its way back to Raleigh. It was all so perfect: State fans rocking the Greensboro Coliseum in unison, chants of "Wolf ... pack" spilling down from the rafters. Herb Sendek, the Wolfpack's beleaguered leader, about to win his first conference crown. The Wolfpack had it, all right. A tad less than four minutes showed on the clock, and State hadn't been closer to such a win in 16 years.

And then, Duke happened. And when the Blue Devils were done doing what they've become so good at doing, they were the ones celebrating an 84-77 championship win.

Like a car wreck, it came so quick. Up 69-63 with 3:45 remaining, State appeared on its way. But Duke's next six possessions went like so: A J.J. Redick 3. A Dahntay Jones dunk after a steal. Two Redick free throws. Another 3 from Redick, this one from Winston-Salem.

With 1:10 left, it was Duke 75, State 69. A 12-0 run straight out of the Devils' playbook, it led to just another conference crown for the boys from Durham, their unprecedented fifth in a row.

"We always knew that run was going to happen," said the Wolfpack's Josh Powell, who shined brightly in the tournament. "Our coaching staff told us that run was coming and just to stay focused."

It was tough for the Pack. Noted for its aggressive pressure defense, State found itself in extraordinary foul trouble Sunday. There'd been games before where one or two of State's players would be in trouble, but on Sunday, State had four players with four fouls — including its big three of Julius Hodge, Marcus Melvin and Powell. A fifth, Clifford Crawford, fouled out with 2:50 to play. The officiating left more than a few people scratching their heads.

"I was playing him the whole game the same way," said Crawford, who was whistled for holding Redick. "For that to be my fifth foul — I don't know if [the official] was aware of it or not — I thought it was a little touchy."

With many in its arsenal in foul trouble, the Pack couldn't afford to be as aggressive as it was earlier in the game, when it had built a lead as high as 15 with just less than 12 minutes to play. Instead, State was forced to play more passively than it wanted.

"Our foul trouble was really crippling," said Sendek. "Guys were trying to play good, hard-nosed defense without picking up their fifth foul. During that time in the game, we did not have the same defensive stopping ability that we had at other points of the game."

Until the foul trouble set in, State dominated as much as a team can dominate Duke. Powell, who was named first-team all-tournament, was unstoppable down low, finishing with 26 points in a brilliant cap to his gaudy tourney numbers. Hodge and Melvin,



Josh Powell and the Wolfpack had their way with Duke for 37 minutes in the championship game of the ACC Tournament. Powell was named first-team all-tournament. Staff photo by Matt Huffman

who joined Powell on tournament's first team, had 17 and 14, respectively.

It was Powell's play that sent the State faithful in a frenzy midway through the second half. With State clinging to a 40-38 lead, the sophomore big man scorched Duke for eight straight points, including two three-point plays.

"He really showed that when he's playing well, we're a much better team," said Hodge. "He got it done."

But somewhere in the middle of Powell and Pack's spectacular play, the fouls slowly crept into play. Hodge picked up his fourth with 12:11 remaining when he was called for a hold on Chris Duhon. Forty seconds later, Powell picked up his fourth.

Both went to the bench, and the Pack's 14-point lead wasn't so big in Duke's eyes. All Hodge and Powell could do from their court-side seats was watch as Redick, who had a game-high 30 points, bombed in two long 3s to cut the State lead to 55-49.

Back came Hodge and Powell.

"I had to sit out a couple of minutes and I tried to keep in the game on the bench," said Hodge. "When I got back in there, I didn't want to get my fifth foul, but I was playing aggressively. [Foul trouble] is no excuse. Duke just made some great shots."

Redick especially. The freshman sharpshooter keyed Duke's comeback with 23 points in the final 10 minutes. The Devils' rally from a 15-point deficit was the largest ever overcome in a tournament final. Despite his hot shooting, State still had a chance and trailed by only three with 27 seconds left. Duke, though, wouldn't falter on the free throw line. In addition to Redick's outpouring, Duke was led by Dahntay Jones' 18 points and tournament MVP Daniel Ewing's 11.

Scoutor Sherrill had 11 for State as the Wolfpack outshot Duke 44 percent to 42.9 percent.

For Sendek and the Pack, it ended a wild three days that saw State rise to the crest and fall to the depths of an emotional seesaw. Nobody was more proud of his team, though, than Sendek.

"I couldn't be proud of this basketball team," he said. "I can't express well enough in words how privileged I am to coach these guys. It means more to me than I can adequately describe."

It wasn't hard to see why. For a team that has been through more adversity than many, State came within minutes of a special ending to a special tournament run. Not even the last four minutes could change that fact.

# THE FLAWS OF DESEGREGATION



**BY DECKER  
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I am a graduate of West Charlotte High School, located on the west side of Mecklenburg County. I loved this school, and it was here that not only my love for education was cultivated but also a love for what I understood to be "integrated education."

At West Charlotte we were praised nationwide for the way we made the Brown decision work, for the way we made the Swann decision applicable.

I argue today that these cases were flawed in that they neglected or otherwise missed out on the socioeconomic causes of segregation, and in missing the causes allowed for the continued perpetuation of an education system in conflict, with young people as its victims.

Last week the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system received its copy of the North Carolina School system report card assessing each of the systems' schools. I took the time to study these statistics and to pay attention to trends in certain schools across the system.

I went to West Charlotte in a day when it was the pride of integration specialists. We were a school of roughly 50 percent blacks, 40 percent whites and 10 percent other ethnic backgrounds. Not only was there statistical significance to our integration claims, but the students interacted and got along well.

As the school system soon caught up with West Charlotte and reached relative parity in racial distribution system-wide, the school system — under pressure from parents — decided to end all efforts to "maintain" these racially diverse schools. The intent was not to end desegregation within the school system, but to end the forced aspects of it that were in place, thus giving parents more choice.

It was that last word — choice — which would become the staple of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system as it has in the past two years instituted the "choice plan." On the heels of a federal court ruling that the schools were in fact desegregated and the school system could no longer assign students based on the presence of segregation, the choice plan seemed completely logical.

Students were to be assigned a zone of schools, and within their zones, students could choose which school they would like to attend. When all is said and done, this policy would ideally maintain the diverse distribu-

tion of students and also give choice to many who want to attend their own schools.

Choice is now the problem, not the solution. This policy of pupil assignment has in two years almost erased any progress made by the previous years of integration compliance. My old high school in two years went from a student makeup of roughly 55-percent black to a makeup of close to 85-percent white.

Across town at Providence, a high school located in one of Charlotte's wealthiest areas, the population is now 80-percent white.

The West Charlotte and Providence examples form just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to statistics in this realm.

When I attended West Charlotte, my alma mater was competitive as far as test scores go. Now West Charlotte is one of the lowest performing schools in the system with below "State Average" scores in almost every category.

Sadly these schools are not outliers, but only models for what is happening across the system. Schools are failing to provide adequate education and students aren't learning, while the physical and educational gaps between blacks and whites continue to widen.

This speaks volumes not only about the need for consistent methods of desegregation but about the fact that, as long as socioeconomic forces are discounted as a "segregator" within our schools systems, there will always be racial inequality.

In Charlotte, the choice plan allowed the ugly beast of class inequality to infiltrate our school systems. No matter a student's family income, each should receive an equal education. West Charlotte can't retain half of the teachers Providence does, it gets half of the property tax credit Providence does, and close to 60 percent of West Charlotte's students are below or close to the poverty line as opposed to only 8 percent for Providence.

As I study Brown vs. the Board of Education and subsequent decisions on race in secondary and higher education, I can't help but acknowledge flaws in all the cases. Until the courts recognize economic inequality as a perpetuator of segregation, their attempts at securing the Fourteenth Amendment will only lead to further conflict.

The whole world is watching the University of Michigan's Supreme Court case right now because of its extreme importance in determining the nation's ability to account for racial inequalities in education but also for something new. Something new, in the aspect that we somehow hope we can get a better way to even this playing field of education because it seems every attempt made continues to make the divide much larger.

# 'MA' FOX CLEANS HOUSE



**BY ANDREW  
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JAN. 13, 2003

"A faculty vote of no confidence in the chancellor." That is what Thomas Honeycutt, an associate professor in the College of Engineering told The News & Observer on Friday.

"No confidence?" What is that supposed to mean? This isn't a parliamentary style of government.

Apparently everyone knows the circumstances surrounding the shakeup last week in the provost's office. Last time I checked, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox has the authority to fire whomever she pleases in the administration. Members of the university's administration serve at the chancellor's will, and the chancellor serves at the will of the UNC System president.

Asinine statements aren't reserved for members of the faculty; students' comments in chat rooms and newspapers have also jumped to conclusions. The fact is that the chancellor has yet to provide any public explanations about the termination of two officials in the provost's office. And she probably won't.

What I do not understand is that so many well-educated members of the campus community have leveled accusations against the chancellor, calling her actions "a gross abuse of power."

Every day in the corporate world, hundreds of high-ranking officials are terminated from their positions, and they don't receive as much attention as this story did. And rarely does anyone question why they were let go.

Please don't misunderstand the point of this column. I knew both Frank Abrams and Bruce Mallette very well and worked with both of them on a number of issues important to students. We can thank Abrams for the 4.333 GPA quality points we receive for an A+, and we can be grateful to Mallette for reigning in the out-of-control Educational and Technology Fee (ETF). I just hope that Mallette's wife — Julie Rice Mallette, the Director of Financial Aid and Merit Scholarships — doesn't leave because she truly is students' greatest ally.

But the fact remains that the chancellor is the

captain of the ship, and no matter how good you are or how friendly you are to students, you must be able to work with the chancellor. The chancellor is not one to allow a mutiny.

Many people have likened the chancellor to tempered former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and have even said she "rules" the university like a tyrannical dictator.

Let me set the record straight. Critics of the chancellor are quick to point out this isn't the first time the chancellor has "thrown out" a provost. They point to the sudden departure of former Provost Kermit Hall as an example. It may be true that Hall and Fox's leadership styles clashed, but Hall left for a higher-paying, more prestigious role as president of Utah State University. It's rather presumptuous to claim that Chancellor Fox drove Hall from N.C. State. He is very well-qualified and a respected individual in academia, and it was only in a matter of time before he would be running a major university.

The university has made tremendous advances since Chancellor Fox took the helm of the state's premier research institution. Over her tenure:

- \* NCSU students have earned nationally competitive scholarships, including the Truman, Udall, Mitchell and Gates Cambridge.

- \* The average SAT score for incoming freshman has increased to over 1175, and the average high school GPA is over 3.91.

- \* Grants from all sources, including the federal government, totaled \$168.2 million, a 5 percent increase over last year.

- \* Pledges from alumni and corporations increased 15 percent this past year.

- \* The successes of our athletics teams speak for themselves.

These are just a few examples of the many accomplishments that NCSU has achieved since Chancellor Fox succeeded Larry Monteith.

I know many of you will say I am just trying to kiss up to the chancellor. But let me say this — I have always and will continue to call the chancellor out when she jeopardizes the university and its students. I am not hesitant to tell the chancellor that "she can go back to Texas" before she damages NCSU.

But this is not that time. We all must move forward and support the chancellor.

"A vote of no confidence?" I wish getting rid of tenured professors was that easy.

# STUDENTS A MAJOR PART OF RALEIGH



BY ZACK  
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The Raleigh City Government can't stand us. They can't stand the way we live, they can't stand the way we act and most of all, they can't stand the way we waltz into their town and think we deserve respect. It's been happening for years — actually for decades. It's not fair, and it's hard to make sense of really.

The main reason why they have such a problem with students is because we're only here for a handful of years. The way they see it, we're guests in their city. We come for about four or five years, go to class, party and then pack up and head elsewhere once we're ready to settle down. They figure that since a majority of college students change residence each year, they don't really have any respect for neighbors, property or neighborhoods. They expect us to treat our houses like a rock star's hotel room, with them picking up the tab. Of course, this is ridiculous.

Students do tend to live in a different place from year to year. From dorm rooms to apartments, from apartments to houses, we don't stay put very much. That doesn't mean we don't respect the places where we stay. Sure, there are a handful of students who do enjoy living in their own filth. Brent Road has some houses that always seem to smell like beer and are filled with trash. Some apartment renters will never move the old kegs away from their front door or clean up the vomit stains on the doormat. But is this sort of thing really happening in every student residence? Do 30,000 people really never pick up their trash and party 24-7? Of course not.

How many times have you walked in to a party and said, "Hey, I've been here before!" It happens all the time, and there's nothing wrong with it. I have a hard time living in filth. After the first week here, my roommates and I got tired of the threat of being eaten alive by rats in the middle of the

night. We started cleaning up the place.

Some places are meant to be party venues, and their owners are satisfied with that. But these are few and far between. The problem of students "not taking proper care of their property" is not so widespread that we deserve to be discriminated against by an entire city.

The government pretends to be trying to work with the students. When the Raleigh City Council tried to pass the Housing Ordinance law, it "grandfathered" the clause, so that it supposedly wouldn't affect any current students. Perhaps council members weren't discriminating against this generation of N.C. State students, but what about the next? They won't even have a say in the matter. NCSU students were amazing — we spoke up this year. We made things happen and changed policy. The city is going to have to realize that Raleigh is, in part, a college town. Like it or not, students are here to stay.

Students are as much a part of Raleigh as Snoopy's hotdogs or that big goofy acorn downtown. The city loves the money we bring in, they love the high-powered companies attracted by our many brilliant graduates. They don't consider the fact that our alumni often choose to stay around this, their alma mater. They don't care that we love Raleigh and deserve their respect.

Vote. In the municipal elections two years ago, around 1,100 students voted. That means one out of 30 people voted. That's pathetic. Raleigh is not going to stop treating us like a redheaded stepchild until we make it clear that we are a force to be reckoned with.

The elections are coming up, and we need to make a difference for once. If you're not registered to vote in this district, you need to be. Sure, you have to fill out a form, but it takes about 5 minutes — and it's worth it. Here's my challenge to every single student at state: register to vote before the end of the semester. If we can get just 4,000 more students registered, we are in business. If you haven't done so already, come to the Student Government office on the top floor of Witherspoon Student Center (near Bragaw) and pick up a registration form. It's that simple.

# BUBBA'S MESSAGE



BY MICHELE  
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you do" and a nice check that covers your educational expenses.

There is one slight disadvantage to this program, and it has to do with one of the greatest and most reasonable complaints with the lottery. Lotteries tend to draw the most money from the people with the least. Studies have shown that lower-class families purchase lottery tickets more often than wealthier families, perhaps in an effort to increase their income in a large and fast way. If Georgia's HOPE Scholarship works the way it is supposed to, lottery ticket buyers may be spending just a few dollars a week to send their child to college.

Another way Georgia has tried to combat home differences is to allocate lottery funds toward advanced technology in classrooms. Since its inception, \$1.78 billion of lottery money have been used to network school computer systems, ensure that every classroom has a computer and a television, as well as set up security devices to make schools safer. Between the three programs, one would think that every Georgia student would have an equal chance to do well and make that B average, but researchers have still found division between certain parts of Georgia.

Dr. Michelle Kemp, a former professor of Georgia State University, found that "middle-class neighborhoods have relatively lower numbers of lottery outlets per capita but claimed the lion's share of the HOPE scholarship funds between 1995 and 1998." These results suggest that Georgia's other lottery programs are not necessarily helping poorer students overcome all of their education obstacles. How do we help kids succeed? There is a lot of truth in the fact that students that grow up in wealthier homes do have an advantage over kids without the same opportunities. Higher-income homes can afford tutors, certain extracurricular activities and additional educational resources.

Georgia created laws, such as the Georgia Lottery for Education Act, ensuring Georgia students and teachers are the ones seeing all of the lottery profits. They created a better system than most, but researchers cannot ignore the division between lottery ticket buyers and lottery education winners.

With a lottery we have the potential to help students as young as four and as old as us ancient college students. We may also improve upon Georgia's system, putting a lot of attention on students from poorer neighborhoods who may not be receiving all the attention they need. We know we need funds, and we know that overcrowded classrooms are not the answer. We also know that Bubba is not the one to change people's minds about the lottery. Rather, we as a state need to come together and decide how we really feel about this issue, and just maybe our state legislature may be able to make up their minds too.

I am tired of the budget. I am tired of the North Carolina legislature. I am very tired of Bubba. Have you met Bubba yet? I can tell you he is not that odd, bearlike, talking, stuffed toy creation that was marketed a few years ago as the next Furby. He is a "Southern" looking gentleman with a South Carolina Gamecocks T-shirt who appears on a commercial trying to get people to support a North Carolina lottery. He says, "Thank goodness your legislators in Raleigh won't give you your own education lottery. So now you know why, here in South Carolina, we just luuvvvv your good ol' North Carolina legislature."

I actually want a lottery in North Carolina, but I do not want to convince the public with pathetic commercials that insult our intelligence. I want the public to vote for a lottery because it is a fast and proficient way to create new education programs that will benefit N.C. students. The problem is that our state has not gotten any closer to a referendum than it was back in February when Governor Easley made another major push for one.

In some ways, I want to congratulate our state for not rushing into something without exploring all the positives and negatives. A lottery can definitely entail both, and I think it is extremely important we find the best possible way to introduce it. Many states have rushed into "legalized" gambling, and all it has done is drain pockets and produce few results. But there is one state that has been more successful than not with their lottery, and that is none other than our fellow Southern sister, Georgia.

Georgia's first smart decision was to create education programs that supplement its education budget, rather than replace it. One problem that many states have encountered is they simply replace their education funds with lottery funds, so that the schools can either remain constant or get worse. Georgia created three new education programs in 1993 that revolutionized public schools and universities. The most prominent is the HOPE (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) Scholarship Program, which allows any Georgia high school student with a B average to get free tuition at any Georgia public university, as well as money for student fees and books. The HOPE Scholarship even trims away at Georgia private school tuitions as well. Money is also allocated for teachers who wish to go back to school for advanced degrees.

Just think ... no financial aid, no scholarship interviews, no nothing. Just a "how do

# STATE JUST KEEPS ON ROLLING

FOR THE N.C. STATE BASEBALL TEAM, WHICH ECLIPSED ITS WIN TOTAL FROM LAST SEASON WITH ITS WIN OVER UNC-WILMINGTON, GOALS ARE LOFTY.

BY ANDREW B. CARTER  
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In the beginning, N.C. State's baseball hopes were a lot like its home. Back then, in early February, Doak Field sat a muddled mess in the western part of the NCSU campus, almost a symbol of the very team that calls it home. The pristine, bright red seats that now line the third base side existed only in the blueprints. The plush green grass that now covers Doak like a carpet was a mud-wrestlers dream.

And much like the field, the Wolfpack nine seemed hardly poised to compete for a top spot in a loaded ACC. Not with the loss of stars Brian Wright and Mike Prochaska from the year before. Not with injuries from two of its expected top pitchers this season in Derek McKee and Daniel Caldwell.

Of course, that was then. And now? Well, now the Pack is 34-9 (11-4 ACC), ranked as high as No. 6 in the country by one national magazine and has already eclipsed its win total from a year ago with Wednesday night's 5-4 victory over UNC-Wilmington. Not bad for a homeless gang that was picked a solid sixth place in the preseason ACC baseball poll.

"If you would have asked at the beginning of the season if we would have been at this point, I would have said, 'Yeah, I hope so,'" said Wolfpack catcher Colt Morton, who leads the Pack with 14 home runs. "But I probably wouldn't have believed it."

Now, Morton and teammates are turning the doubters into believers by the day. And who would have thought that the biggest turnaround would have taken place after the team's worst loss of the year, a 14-1 setback to Furman on Feb. 25. After that embarrassing loss, State reeled off 16 wins in a row, culminating in a series

win against Florida State, which was ranked No. 2 in the country at the time. It was during that dominating 16-game streak that the Pack developed its true, nasty personality. Starting pitchers Vern Sterry and Mike Rogers combined for nine wins during the marathon of victories, which was the longest Pack winning streak since it won 19 in a row in 1990. Talk about a confidence boost.

"What really got us knowing we were good is when we competed with Florida State," said Sterry, who is 10-0 with a 2.67 ERA. "They were the so-called best team all around, and we kicked their butt pretty good. The way we competed against a top team like that, we knew we could compete against any team in any conference."

It only got better for State. The Pack has since taken two of three from tough ACC foes Clemson, Wake Forest and Virginia, and swept Duke in Durham for its first series win in Blue Devil country since the mid-1990s. Along the way, the Pack has developed perhaps the best young closer in college baseball in freshman Joey Devine, who, with 11 saves, is approaching the school record of 15. Add stellar pitching to timely hitting, and that's pretty much been the formula for the Pack, a team that has had a player gain ACC Player of the Week honors for six weeks running. So what's been the difference?

"When we came in at the start of the year, there was a different attitude about the team this year," said Morton. "Everybody had a common goal in mind, and that was to win. It's not so much being an 'I guy' as it is about being a 'team guy.' We love playing the game, and we're like a bunch of brothers out there. We go out and just have a lot of fun on the field."

The Pack also had something to prove. State hadn't been ranked this highly since the Ray Tanner era, and

hadn't had a 40-win season under Elliott Avent since 1998. The last time State made the NAAs, which it is virtually assured of doing this season, was 1999.

"We came out hungry," said Morton. "Hungry for a good season. I think the big thing for me was when we got into ACC play and took two of three from Florida State and had a chance to sweep them. Then we took two of three from Clemson and had a chance to sweep them as well. For a bunch of guys, that really opened some eyes, like 'Wow, we've got the talent, we're doing it, and we're going to keep doing it.'"

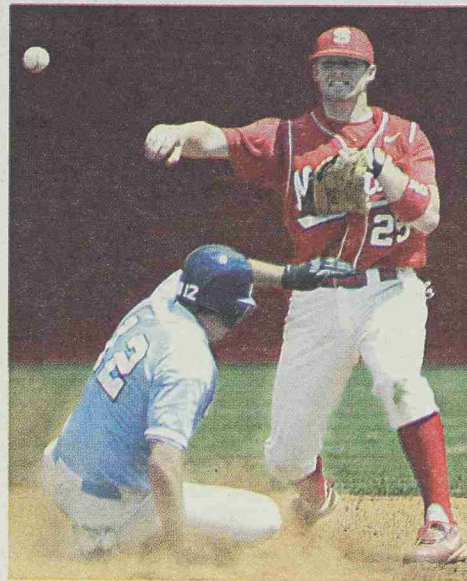
Avent, in his seventh year as skipper, has been most impressed with the intangibles. The hustle. The toughness. The intelligence.

"I get personal satisfaction from the players, and I'm personally satisfied for them," said the coach. "This has been amazing, and it's as great a group of guys as I've been around in 23 years of coaching. The satisfaction comes from seeing the success that they're having, and they richly deserve it."

Especially considering the route the Pack has taken to success. Early in the year, the team played its home games in places like Zebulon, Kinston, Clayton and Wilson. Long bus rides and late nights were the norm for State's "home" games, but the Pack never frowned. In fact, at least one member of State's team relished all the mileage.

"I love to travel," said Sterry, who transferred to State from Cypress Junior College in California. The right-hander even found a lucky seat on all those rides.

"I always sit in a certain seat on the bus," said Sterry. "It's the second seat behind the first TV on the left. It's about six or seven spots back - it's a good seat."



Adam Hargrave and the baseball team have risen as high as No. 5 in the nation. Staff photo by Tim Lytvnienco

Apparently so. Such luck might not have been born if renovated Doak Field would have been ready to start the season. As it was, the Pack didn't play its first game in the new - yet still unfinished - friendly confines until April 2 in a 3-2 win over UNC-Greensboro. The Pack never lost focus, despite having never found a permanent home in the early months.

"It doesn't matter where we play, it matters how we play," said Avent. "Anytime you've won 34 games and you're only 43 games in, no matter what we've gone through - if we had every game at home - I'd still say that's pretty doggone good."

"But when you look at what we've done and how we've done it, it's pretty incredible."

Also incredible is the fact that the Pack lost its top three pitchers from a year ago, and suddenly turned into one of the best pitching teams in the ACC this season. Why hasn't the loss of the drafted Prochaska and injured Caldwell and McKee been a factor?

"That's what I don't know," said Avent, whose teams have been decimated by injury the last two seasons. "Maybe the last two years showed

them you can put it together and overcome everything - that's what this team has done."

When all's said and done, the coach believes this pack of wolves might be one he treasures the most. Avent fondly savors some special moments at New Mexico State, like when his team once beat top-ranked Cal-State Fullerton two out of three.

"I've had a lot of clubs that were very, very special," he said. "This group of players, the things they've done and how hard they've played, will probably make them the most special group I've ever had."

The Pack's goals are only higher, too. With a few more key ACC series left, including this weekend's against rival North Carolina, State is gunning to put itself in position to win its first ACC crown since 1992. And after that? Who knows? A trip to Omaha, Neb. and the College World Series might be in order. More than a few Pack players may have made reservations already.

"I personally think we have," said Sterry, laughing. But then the easy-to-smile righty got serious. "I think we're well on our way to getting there."

# WOMEN'S SOCCER SHOCKS NO. 1 CAROLINA

THE WOLFPACK  
REMAIN UNDE-  
FEATED WITH A  
BIG WIN OVER  
THE TOP-RANKED  
TAR HEELS.

BY JON PAGE  
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Amidst steady downpours at SAS Soccer Stadium on Thursday night, N.C. State women's soccer players couldn't describe their emotions after beating No. 1 North Carolina, 2-1 — they didn't need to.

The ear-to-ear, smiling faces of Wolfpack players and fans told the story of State's first ever defeat of the Tar Heels. UNC now leads the all-time series 30-1-2.

State (8-3-1, 2-0-1) struck first when senior Adrienne Barnes finished off a rebound to give the Pack a 1-0 lead just 1:33 into the game. UNC (10-1-2, 0-1-0) tied the score in the second half with Lindsay Tarpley's ACC-best 10th goal of the season.

But the deciding goal came in the 65th minute of play off the foot of Lindsey Underwood.

Barnes stole possession of the ball and blew past a UNC defender near midfield. She then sliced her way through the back of the Heels' defense and slipped a perfect pass to Underwood who was streaking down the left side of the field.

"Adrienne made a great effort against the defender to steal the ball," said Underwood. "She looked up and found my feet and I just saw the net and looked to slide the keeper."

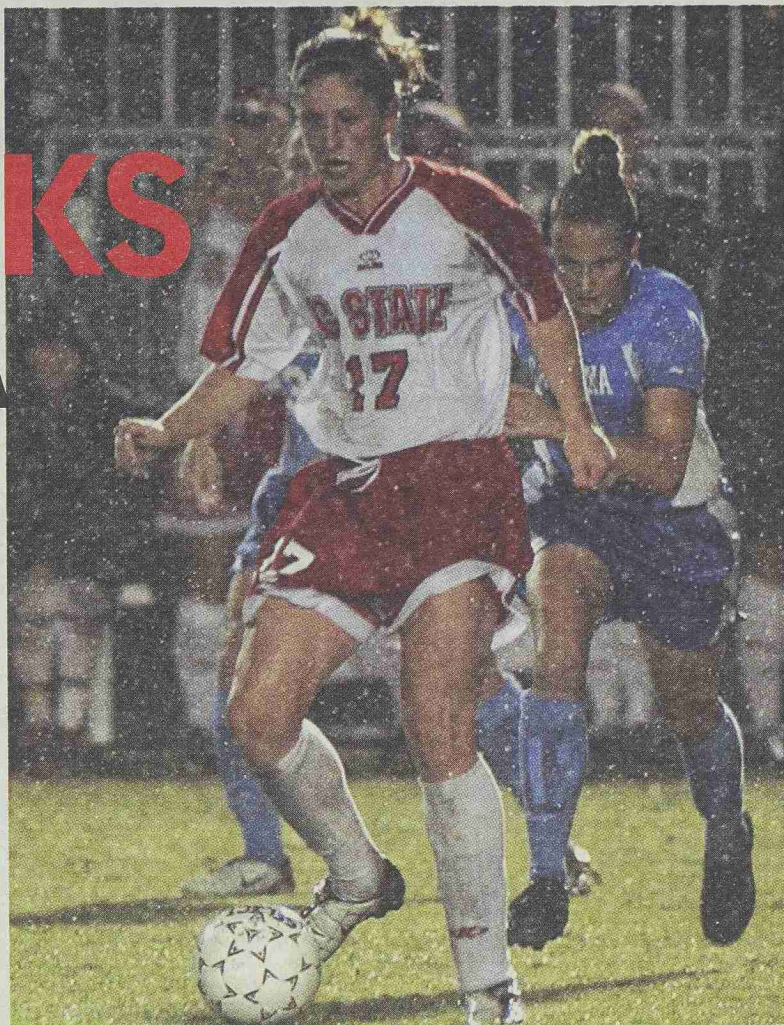
Underwood's goal gave the Pack an advantage but the game was far from over.

"We knew we still had to be composed and fight the rest of the game to pull out a victory because [UNC] is just an excellent team," said Underwood.

Indeed, the Heels lived up to their status as the nation's top soccer program and never surrendered, but defender Jaci Harper said Underwood's goal gave the Pack a much-needed lift.

"It changed the whole game," said Harper. "After that goal we could play all defense. We still had our attacking offense going, but we could sit back more."

Harper acknowledged senior goalkeeper Gretchen Lear as the contest's most valuable player.



Junior forward Lindsey Underwood scored the game-winning goal in the women's soccer team's historic win over North Carolina. Staff photo by Tim Lytvinenko

Lear tied a school record with 19 saves.

"Some of those saves that [Gretchen] made were unbelievable," said head coach Laura Kerrigan. "It takes most keepers four or five games to get 19 saves. She had a phenomenal game."

State needed all the help they could get defensively as the Heels outshot State 45-10.

"Defense is not played by one player, it's played by eleven players on the pitch," said Kerrigan. "[Everyone] played good solid defense today."

Along with Harper, Rachel Durr, Jenny Pearce and Erin Bushey consistently dominated on defense in front of Lear.

"They put so much heart in it," said Lear. "They blocked so many shots and really kept us in the game tonight."

After the game, UNC coach Anson Dorrance praised State's performance.

"They were inspired and [are] having a good season. It's not like they just came out of nowhere," said Dorrance. "They're undefeated in the conference right now. We tip our hat to Laura Kerrigan

and her collection of players. They were superb."

Kerrigan, who played on the State teams that tied Carolina in 1988, credited the victory to the dedication of her players.

"[These seniors are] my first real recruiting class," said Kerrigan. "They didn't see what this place was at the time, they saw what we could be. They've worked hard towards it for four years."

"This is a huge win and the fact that [UNC is] No. 1 in the country makes it that much better."

The Pack will rest up over the weekend and look ahead to Tuesday's match with Duke, but for now the team that was picked to finish last in the ACC will take some time to revel in the glory of its epic accomplishment.

"I can't think of anything that would equal this feeling," said Lear. "We've always grown up seeing Carolina as this big powerhouse. Just to play with them and show them the kind of players that we are — that we can play with them — is amazing."

"We've reached a goal that we set for ourselves and that's really satisfying. We're not going to back down from anything now."

# N.C. STATE KNOCKED OFF CONFERENCE POWER FSU TO SET A SCHOOL RECORD FOR WINS IN A SEASON.

BY MATT MIDDLETON  
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By the time the two met and embraced at the center of the field, the celebration was in full swing.

Once again it was student besting teacher, and the celebration of N.C. State's 17-7 win over Florida State swirled around Bobby Bowden and his former assistant Chuck Amato as they met following the contest.

A majority of Carter-Finley Stadium's sold-out crowd had spilled over onto the playing surface to create a mass of red. The goalpost in the north end zone was wavering on its last bit of support before it finally came crashing down with the help of Wolfpack linebacker Roger Pollard and safety Victor Stephens.

After losing the last three games following a 9-0 start, the Pack (10-3, 5-3 ACC) broke that skid by dominating the Seminoles like they had never been dominated before in an ACC contest. Ironically, FSU clinched a 10th league title with the loss thanks to a Virginia pasting of Maryland. The Pack finished the season with a strong statement to bowl scouts, probably earning a trip to the Peach or Gator Bowl.

"To beat Florida State for the second time in two years, it's unbelievable," said Amato. "I don't mean that in a negative sense to them because you know how I feel about Bobby Bowden and all those people down there."

State outgained the Noles by 185 yards, doubled their time of possession, rushed for 191 yards and held them without an offensive touchdown — all things Amato attributed to the leadership of his senior class.

"What a great tribute to a senior class that we're going to truly miss," said Amato. "Truly tremendous leadership. We always talk about seniors not letting us lose. It's a 'Bowdenism.' The seniors wouldn't let us lose."

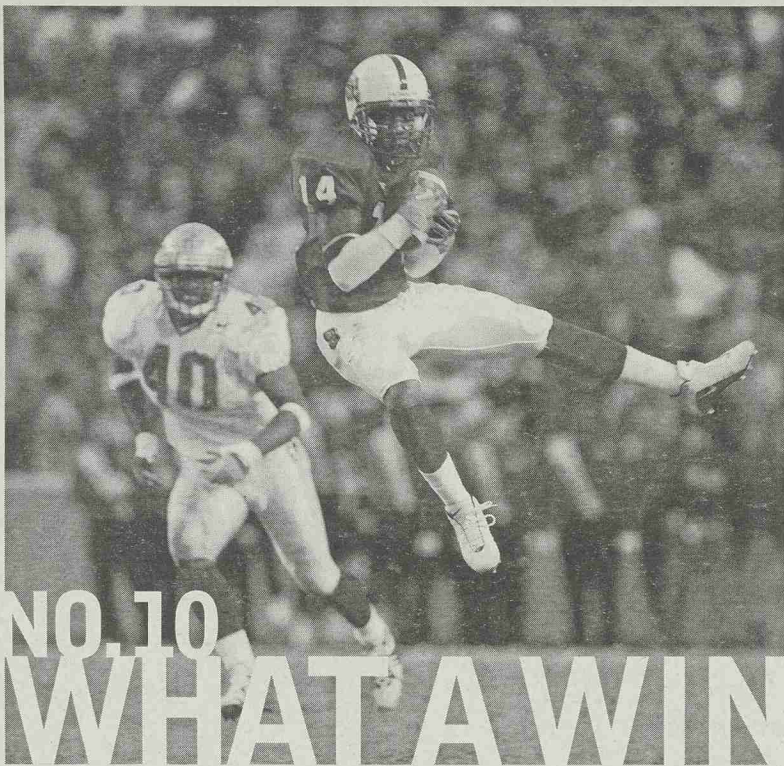
Initially, the first possession of the game suggested nothing of the sort. FSU drove down the field behind the arm and legs of sophomore quarterback Adrian McPherson, who showed off tremendous speed and passing accuracy by easily directing the Noles all the way to the Pack's 16-yard line.

Back-to-back sacks by seniors Dantonio Burnette and Shawn Price forced the Noles to bring on Chance Gwaltney to punt. Gwaltney bobbed a perfect snap and had his attempt blocked by Jerrick Hall.

The Pack took over and drove inside the 5-yard line before stalling. Adam Kiker nailed a 21-yard field goal to open the scoring and give State the lead.

After a second FSU punt, State again drove into field goal range. Kiker lined up for a field goal on fourth-and-7, but this time Amato unveiled some trickery that had holder Chris Young take the snap and scamper through a hole in the line.

Young was then stripped of the ball by Allen Augustin, and teammate Michael Boulware scooped up the fumble and raced 84 yards to the end zone to give FSU the lead in front of a stunned



## NO. 10 WHAT A WIN

Dovonte Edwards hauls in a pass in the Wolfpack's 17-7 win over Florida State. N.C. State became the first ACC team to beat Florida State in back-to-back years. Staff photo by Dave Kuzdall

crowd.

After the teams traded punts, the Pack refused to go into the locker room without the lead. Starting at its own 22-yard line, Rivers threw a 27-yard pass to Dovonte Edwards and then threw the key block that sprung running back Josh Brown all the way down to the FSU's 1-yard line.

On the play, Rivers line up at wide receiver while center Jed Paulsen snapped the ball directly to Brown, who then ran 60 yards up the left sideline.

T.A. McLendon ran in for the score on the next play for his 16th touchdown of the season, tying a school and ACC freshman record.

State's 10-7 halftime lead would hold through the third quarter before State drove 82 yards down to the Noles' 1-yard line with Rivers picking apart the FSU defense that was content to sit back in coverage rather than blitz.

"They didn't blitz hardly any because they thought they could get enough pressure with their front four," said Rivers.

But they didn't. Rivers was sacked twice, but finished 18-for-27 for 171 yards and no interceptions. The shifting and use of motion by the offense looked nearly identical to the unit that Rivers led to a 34-28 State win a year ago.

"Offensively, we did kind of what we did last year by controlling the game," said Rivers. "It was the same game plan as last year, and we got our streak going against them now."

"It was the same game plan with a lot of shifts that we felt would confuse the defense," said Edwards.

That drive would stall, however, after Rivers threw incomplete to a wide open Sean Berton on fourth and 1. But on the next play the Pack's defense came up with another big play when tackle Terrance Martin pressured McPherson in the endzone and was held

by Bobby Meeks, resulting in a safety.

Jerricho Cotchery returned the free kick to FSU's 31 and Adam Kiker would again connect on a field goal to give State an eight-point lead with 7:36 left.

The Noles next drive was thwarted by a Greg Golden sack on third down, and Bowden elected to punt the ball away with just under six minutes remaining.

Freshman Manny Lawson got through FSU's line untouched and blocked Gwaltney's offering out of the end zone for another safety to make it 17-7.

"I've said this so many times: If we don't dominate the kicking game, we're going to lose," said Amato. "We blocked two punts and got a piece of the third. That was big."

FSU gained 65 of its 177 total yards on a semi-meaningless final drive. State finished with 40:26 of possession time compared to 19:34 for FSU, something that hurt State during its losing streak.

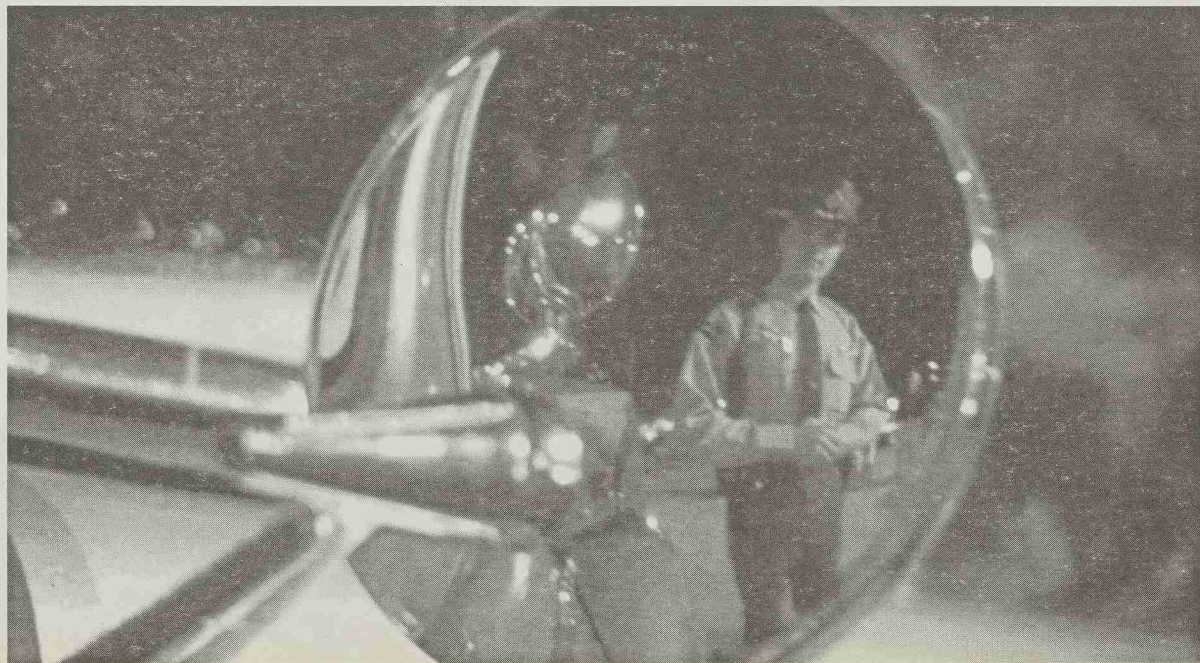
"To sit on the sidelines like that is so frustrating," said Berton. "We had to do it in the Georgia Tech game; it frustrated the living daylight out of us and made us feel more pressured."

With the victory, the Pack now owns three of the five ACC losses the Noles have suffered and likely assured itself of landing its most lucrative bowl bid under Amato.

A decision about the bowl will likely not be made until next Monday, according to Peach Bowl representative Chuck Edwards.

Edwards said the committee cannot decide on a team until all teams have completed their games. Maryland and Virginia, the Pack's contenders for the two bowl games, each have one game remaining.

"It's out of our hands now, all we can do is sit back on the couch, have a beer and watch ESPN," said Berton.



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