

# NCSU fires O'Cain

♦ After seven years at N.C. State and a 41-40 lifetime record, Coach Mike O'Cain is out of a job.

**Jack Daly**  
Staff Writer

Mike O'Cain's tenure as head football coach at N.C. State came to an end Wednesday as Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and Athletics Director Les Robinson elected to fire the seven-year coach.

The decision was reached between Fox and Robinson late Tuesday and Fox visited O'Cain at his Raleigh home Wednesday morning to deliver the news.

"The decision was extremely difficult and was made after consultation with key university groups," Fox said in a press release. "O'Cain is a man of the highest level of honor and integrity and served the university well throughout his tenure here."

The news of the firing didn't take many by surprise. O'Cain had met with Fox Monday and said the meeting "wasn't positive." That meeting led to intense speculation in the media that O'Cain's job was in jeopardy.

After Fox told him of the decision Wednesday, O'Cain met with Robinson on campus, in O'Cain's office.

"He felt like a tremendous monkey was off his back," Robinson said. Neither O'Cain nor Fox attended the press conference at the Carter-Finley Field-house early Wednesday afternoon.

"Considering the university's expectations right

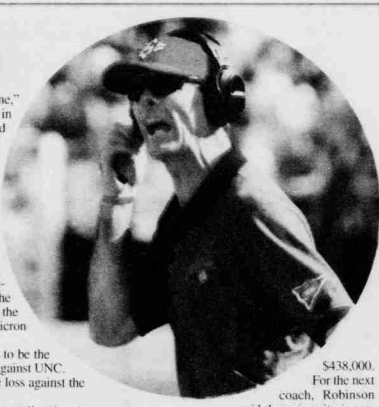
now, it's the best thing for everyone," O'Cain told *The News & Observer* in Thursday's edition. "They did what's best for the university. I said all along that I didn't want to be part of the problem, but rather a part of the solution. If not being here is part of the solution, then it's what needs to happen."

O'Cain posted a 41-40 career record at NCSU after replacing Dick Sheridan as head coach in 1993. The native of Orangeburg, S.C., led the Wolfpack to post-season appearances in 1993 with the Hall of Fame Bowl, 1994 with the Peach Bowl and 1998 with the Micron PC Bowl.

The catalyst for the firing seems to be the fact O'Cain was 0-7 in his career against UNC. Most damning for O'Cain was the loss against the Tar Heels this season.

NCSU came into that game 6-4 overall and on its way to a second-straight bowl appearance before then 1-8 UNC shocked the Pack, 10-6. Wide Receiver Chris Coleman was stopped a foot short of the goal line on the final play of the game and angry NCSU fans have been enraging Robinson and Fox ever since.

"[That game] made me sick," Robinson said. "There were three years remaining on O'Cain's contract, which Robinson said the university will honor. The base salary on the contract was \$146,000, which means NCSU still owes O'Cain



438,000. For the next coach, Robinson said the university is prepared to offer a base salary of between \$150,000 and \$200,000 per season. With shoe endorsements and other income, the new coach should pull in more than \$500,000 per year.

Robinson did not name any candidates for the position and said he hasn't spoken with anyone directly. He did say he's inquired through third parties.

For the search process, Robinson will rely on a

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# Chuck Amato is NCSU's man

♦ The former assistant coach for national champion Florida State is N.C. State's 32nd football coach.

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The wait is over. The days of speculation have been replaced by a definite name.

That name is Chuck Amato.

Amato, 53, an N.C. State alumnus who starred on the White Shoes defense under Earle Edwards in the mid-'60s, is also the former assistant coach for national champion Florida State. He was introduced Thursday as the 32nd football coach in NCSU's history at a press conference in the Carter-Finley field-house with an overflow crowd of approximately 300 people in attendance.

"[Loyalty] means something," Amato said. "Where people believe you when you say something. And they're not always looking over their shoulder and saying, 'He's just using this to go someplace else.'"

"This is someplace else for me. This is someplace else for me."

Amato worked with the Seminoles for 18 years in a number of different positions. Before that, he coached at Arizona and was defensive coordinator at NCSU under Lou Holtz.

Amato's contract is a five-year deal worth \$185,000 per season. Amato figures to take home a lot more than that after he signs television, radio and other endorsement deals. Athletics Director Les Robinson has said previously that the final financial package should be worth roughly \$500,000 per season.

The search for a new football coach began on Nov. 24 when Robinson announced that former head coach Mike O'Cain had been fired at a press conference in the same fieldhouse where Amato's took place. As the weeks wore on, some Wolfpack fans became impatient with the wait. Robinson said there was ample reason for the delay.

"[Florida State] asked me early, 'Could we keep him for the bowl game?'" Robinson said. "We are part of a corporate group bigger than N.C. State called the Atlantic Coast Conference. And we real-

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# TECHNICIAN

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## Trustees vote yes

**Natalie Duggins**  
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With little discussion and only a handful of students watching, the university's Board of Trustees voted in favor of a \$300 increase in tuition for students at N.C. State. The increase will mark the single biggest tuition hike since the university's inception.

Only two members of the trustees voted against the proposed increase, Richard Robb and NCSU Student Body President Raj Mirchandani.

The more than 400 students in the College of Veterinary Medicine could incur the most significant tuition increase, if approved by the University of North Carolina system's Board of Governors. The proposal, passed over the opposition of President Mirchandani, would increase tuition in the Vet School by \$750 every year

for four years, totaling \$3000.

The vote ended two tumultuous months of debate between students and the university administration regarding the tuition issue. In late October, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Board of Trustees approved a tuition increase to span five years, totaling

money would go to fund financial aid and the university's under-funded, student-centered programs.

"We want these programs to retain high quality," the chancellor said during the town hall meeting. "We will seek every possible source for you to succeed."

It wasn't until Nov. 19 that

*Over the holiday break, the NCSU board of Trustees voted to approve Chancellor Marye Anne Fox's \$300 tuition hike. Molly Broad, head of the UNC system, may have other ideas, however.*

\$1500. As opposition to the increase mounted at neighboring NCSU, Chancellor Fox held her own town hall meeting regarding the possibility of a tuition increase at State.

At that time, Fox stressed that a tuition increase at NCSU would not be used to fund an increase in faculty salaries, but instead, the extra

Chancellor Fox unveiled her proposal of a one-time \$300 increase in tuition for NCSU students, despite attempted political maneuvering by Mirchandani to postpone the proposal. As students gathered outside Holiday Hall in a silent protest, the Finance and Planning Committee opted to send the proposal to the Board

of Trustees' Campus and Student Affairs Committee before submitting their final recommendations to the entire Board.

The final vote on the tuition increase came just two days before the UNC System's Board of Governors imposed Dec. 15 deadline for increase requests.

President of the UNC System, Molly Broad, has since developed her own plan for dealing with the shortcomings that face each of the 16 institutions in the system. "We do this with great reluctance and grave reservations," Broad told *The News & Observer*. "The needs are so urgent that we're willing to do what otherwise would be unthinkable."

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NCSU Chancellor Marye Anne Fox discussing her proposal with students at a "Town Hall Meeting" last month.

# 2,200 left out in the cold

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With the remnants of last weekend's campout still smoldering outside Reynolds' Coliseum, the campus community is still searching for answers for how an N.C. State tradition went so horribly awry.

"We never expected that many people," said Student Body Treasurer Andrew Payne. "It was twice as big as usual."

More than 400 groups registered for last weekend's campout, requesting nearly 4,500 seats for

Wednesday's game against Carolina. After braving the elements for two nights, only about 2,300 students walked away with tickets.

According to Ryan Avent, chairman of Student Senate's Campus Life committee, initial estimates projected that students were to receive anywhere from 3,200 to 3,500 tickets. However, from that number came "a lot of other allowances."

In addition to the portion of student seating that was allocated to the Student Wolfpack Club, the pep band, cheerleaders, CO-OP students, student-athletes and their families and recruits were

recipients of advanced tickets.

Instead of the initial projections that would have had at least 70 groups receive student seating, tickets offices were left empty after 49 groups had passed through the lines.

Avent acknowledged that the problem was one of miscommunication between Student Government and the Athletics' department. However, the chair of the campus life committee was adamant that no student was ever guaranteed tickets to the game.

"Unfortunately, there's no tickets and there's nothing that we can do about it," said Payne. Currently, Payne said that

Student Government would be working with the Union Activities Board to hold another "Big Event" at Reynolds' for State supporters to come out and watch the basketball game.

While little can be done to fulfill student ticket requests, the university is still reeling from the effects of campout — the numerous bonfires, charred kiosks at Thompson Theater, asphalt broken in parking decks, torn light posts and newspaper bins and torn-down trees.

"There was extensive damage," said Payne. "This was upsetting to a lot of university administrators."

It has not yet been decided who will bear the burden of this weekend's campus vandalism.

"A lot of people were causing damage because they had nothing to lose," said Sen. Carrie Farley.

No official decision has been made regarding the status of this weekend's schedule campout for next Saturday's basketball game against Duke. However, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Tom Stafford said that he will meet with representatives from Student Government, Charlie Cobb and members of the university administration to determine the fate of campout.

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The plan initiates a tuition increase at each school in the UNC system. Of the 16 schools, only five - UNC-CH, UNC-Charlotte, NCSU, East Carolina University and UNC-Wilmington - had tuition increases that were approved by the trustees of that respective university.

Under Broad's plan, UNC-CH and NCSU will be the recipients of the highest tuition increases, with a \$322 increase for undergraduates and a \$388 increase for graduates. The increase would allocate \$100 to the university's capital improvements. Two hundred dollars of the Broad's proposed increase would fulfill the requests made by UNC and NCSU to fund faculty salaries and university programs, respectively. President Broad rejected similar requests from UNC-Charlotte, ECU and UNCW. The additional \$22 goes to fund an across the board tuition increase in the UNC system.

Broad's initiative also looks to the North Carolina General Assembly to fulfill their duty in paying for the costs of an education at a North Carolina public university.

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committee that he will co-chair along with Provost Kermit Hall. Robinson will also rely on advice from some of his football contacts, including Pittsburgh Steelers Head Coach and NCSU graduate, Bill Cowher. Robinson emphasized that Cowher himself was not a candidate for the position.

The expectations for the new coach will be both simple and ambitious at the same time. That is, he will be expected to win and have his players graduate. Robinson said that NCSU should contend for the ACC crown every year and consistently make bowl games under the next coach.

To make NCSU more attractive to potential coaches, Robinson knows that the school needs to spend money to improve its facilities.

"We need to step up to the plate and to get to the next level, we're going to have to make strong commitments," Robinson said. "There's no question about that. Facilities have been talked about a lot lately and they are important. In hiring a new coach, I will be very candid and tell him where we are in the project."

By the end of the 2002 season, there will be luxury boxes, additional seats that will enclose the stadium and a recruiting facility at Carter-Finley.

"I believe that our donors are ready to support an enhanced athletic program and we intend to draw on these resources going forward," Fox said. "We have the ability to have an athletic program that embraces core academic values and is consistent, competitive and a contender in our conference."

As far as O'Cain, he shouldn't have a problem finding a coaching job. Robinson said there were plenty of people that stepped up and supported him during the review process, but in the end, their numbers were too few.

"I fast-forwarded to next year," Robinson said. "Why would it be any different going to play Carolina an eighth time? Why would a new quarterback have any more confidence? Why would things be easier? And when, maybe, 7-4 again would be good enough."

## AMATO

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ly pull for each other. And we for the championship."

Under FSU coach Bobby Bowden, Amato handled most of the administrative duties that usually would be handled by the head coach. Amato also played a large role in recruiting, convincing the likes of three-time All-American Andre Watersworth to walk on at FSU.

"I don't think [NCSU] could have made a better hire," Bowden said. "Chuck has done a tremendous job at Florida State. I hate to lose him, but I understand him wanting to go back to his alma mater. I want to thank him publicly for the great job he did for Florida State University in his 18 years here."

Holtz, whom Amato described as his mentor, also wished Amato the best.

"Chuck Amato is an outstanding person," Holtz said. "I know he has a sincere love for North Carolina State. North Carolina State is fortunate to have him as their coach. I'm sure he will be successful."

While Amato had a whirlwind tour last week - he went from winning the national championship over Virginia Tech 46-29 Tuesday night in the Sugar Bowl to being announced 48 hours later as NCSU's coach - he will be just as busy in the upcoming weeks.

First on the to-do list for Amato was to meet with his new players. At the press conference, Amato said he expected to meet with the team Sunday night or early today.

Aside from meeting with the team, Amato will have to hit the recruiting trail hard in order to land enough recruits before the Feb. 2 signing day. Amato will also have to announce his coaching staff for the upcoming season. As far as potential coordinators go, Amato said he has some names that he will approach about the positions, but he declined to give out such information.

The charismatic Amato received numerous standing ovations at the press conference, and his quick wit seemed to win over whatever skeptics were in attendance.

"All the people in the back are really in-laws and thanks for coming," Amato quipped. "It wouldn't be this full if it wasn't for that."

Still, Amato knows that if he wants to remain popular with the

Wolfpack faithful, he will ultimately have to win.

"Absolutely nothing's easy," Amato said. "We've got to roll our sleeves up. We're not afraid of doing that. We've got a great textiles school here. They're not afraid of rolling their sleeves up, they like it."

He also pointed to a school that has become successful, but doesn't have the history of the head coach, the Florida State and the Nebraska's.

"Ten years ago, would you have believed that Virginia Tech, in 1999, would be playing for the national championship in the second BCS bowl game?" Amato asked. "I don't think so."

Amato was the first person that Robinson approached in the interview process for the coaching job. The two met in Atlanta for an interview and Amato later met with members of NCSU's search committee in Tallahassee.

After that interview, Amato said that his chest was almost two inches bigger.

While other names were bandied about in the media as favorites for the job, Amato's name was always there, albeit

sometimes in the background.

For his part, Robinson said that Amato was always the favorite. "There were so many things I liked about him," Robinson said. "I wanted somebody to beat him. He was put there as a standard."

It was a standard that ultimately nobody beat.

At times, different media outlets reported that the Pittsburgh Steelers' Bill Cowher or University of Georgia head coach Jim Donnan were probably going to get the job, but in the end it was Amato's name that Chancellor Marye Anne Fox chose from the list of four names Robinson submitted to her.

Fox attended the press conference along with Provost Kermit Hall, who was a member of the search committee.

"I can tell you that each of the men on that list would have been a wonderful coach at North Carolina State University," Fox said.

Robinson and Amato met in Charlotte on Wednesday to hammer out the final details of Amato's contract, and Fox gave final approval Thursday morning to the hire.

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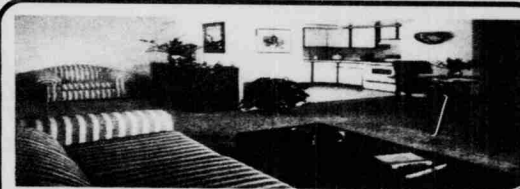
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## Do a DoubleTake on Ani DiFranco

**Dawn Mecklenburg**  
Documentary Film Virtuoso

The 3rd Annual DoubleTake Documentary Film Festival begins this week in Durham with what promises to be an exciting year. The festival received an impressive amount of entries this year, creating a difficult task for the judges, who narrowed over 425 submissions, down to 50 films to be presented for competition.

Nancy Buirs, director of the DoubleTake Festival commented, "I believe that this year's list reflects what the DoubleTake Documentary Film Festival strives for every year: to present the most extensive and exciting forum for the public, as well as those in the industry, to experience the vision of gifted and spirited filmmakers."

One of these filmmakers, in particular, caught our attention. Linda Duvoisin's "You Don't Know What I Got," a

Superlane Films Production, will have its world premier this Friday, April 7th at the Carolina Theater. Duvoisin began her film over five years ago at a time of personal reflection, during which she became "intrigued by women who lived their lives with unwavering passion and conviction." To Duvoisin, the most outstanding example of such a woman was Jimmie Woodruff, her childhood housekeeper, or "domestic guru." After interviewing Jimmie five years ago, Duvoisin began her long search to find a diverse array of American women who shared this similar passion for life.

The first to follow Jimmie was singer/songwriter Ani DiFranco, who at the time was playing small clubs and living the life of a "struggling artist." DiFranco immediately struck Duvoisin as having that same "contagious passion" which had originally captivated her. As Duvoisin's search continued, other

women, including 97-year-old Myrtle Stedman, an artist from New Mexico, and Minnesota Special Agents Linda Finney and Julie Brunzell, were added to the "mixture of voices."

Duvoisin feels that the diversity of the characters' educational, geographical, professional, and socio-economic backgrounds helped to weave together a unique tapestry of stories, advice, poetry and passion for life. Duvoisin said she was "really excited about the opportunity to share the stories of these incredible women who have been a great source of inspiration to me."

While speaking to Duvoisin about her film, it became evident that in her desire to present the world with a diverse array of women - who in their individual ways have continued to kindle their own passions for life and managed to spark the fires in others, Duvoisin has revealed to the world that she too is "a woman of unwavering pas-

sion and conviction." And for this we wish her all the best of luck.

"You Don't Know What I Got," Duvoisin's first film festival submission, will be competing for two awards at the DoubleTake Festival - The Audience Award and the Jury Award. Although she has worked on several documentary projects, including the Discovery series "Understanding" and the "Great Books" series for the Learning Channel, "You Don't Know What I Got" is Duvoisin's first Independent film project. She is currently working on a documentary for Animal Planet on the re-introduction of the endangered Gray Wolf into its natural habitat in New Mexico.

For more information on the DoubleTake Documentary Film Festival, go to <http://www-cds.aas.duke.edu/filmfestival/>. For more information about Superlane Films and "You Don't Know What I Got" go to <http://www.whatgot.com>.

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# A&E

## To be alone...

◆ An interview with singles and couples around campus reveals the pros and cons of being in or out of a relationship.

**Jonathan Lanford**  
Senior Staff Writer

Disclaimer: Names have been changed. Mostly.

Valentine's Day (V-Day) is probably the least momentous holiday of the year. No relatives are staying in town; no traditional long distance phone calls have to be made to grandparents and no rodents come out of their holes to predict weather not in terms.

Decorations are mild in comparison to the Christmas blitz and, depending on your status, you can purchase proportionately fewer gifts for one special person, rather than armloads full for the masses. Then again, you can stay single, save your money, and stay home, since N.C. State unquestionably does not recognize V-Day as a university holiday.

Which would you choose: Valentine's Day and Brian's fourth year and pressure to spend money, or single, relaxing to the sound of a full wallet, unencumbered by the constraints of a demanding soon-to-be ex? What would the average college student choose? In interviews earlier this week, I asked three NCSU couples and two single people to discuss relationships and being single.

### The People

**Tommy and Pamela:** Both Tommy and Pamela are both 20. Tommy is majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Pamela is majoring in Chemistry. They've been dating 10 months and six days. Tommy tells us that the two

met through his ex-girlfriend. Pamela says they started dating after being friends for approximately four months. Pamela was initially attracted to Tommy's sense of humor, while Tommy says Pamela was "smart and hot as hell." Tommy cuts to the chase, saying, "We went to 'hang out' one time and I kissed her."

**Akhl and Tyler:** Akhl is 19 and a junior in computer science. According to Akhl, he and Tyler met when "she joined Scholars Council ... Also we work in the same office."

"I saw her once around the office, and said, 'Man, she's cute.' We got to know each other better at the Scholars Council retreat."

They started dating in November, as he tells the story. "Me and my roommate got a couch, and we invited Tyler to come down and try it out. She came down every night after that. We got to know each other better, and ended up dating."

**Julie and Brian:** Julie is 20 years old and a Nutrition major. This is her third year at NCSU, and Brian is fourth. They have been dating three months, after they met in an English class last fall and discovered they had mutual friends. Initially, what attracted Julie was that Brian "was really easy to talk to, in a nutshell."

**Erin:** Erin is 19 years old, and plans to major in Engineering. Her last relationship was in October '99, and since she has briefly considered dating. Now she states she is not even looking. "I guess that means that I've decided to become single."

**Andy:** Andy is 21 years old and a fourth-year student in Civil Engineering and the decision to be single is mainly just a matter of not finding anyone you wish to have a relationship with. Whether

that time period is a week or a year is just luck," says Andy.

### The Conversations

Q: What are the advantages of being in a couple?  
"You have an emotional support system," Julie answers.

Tommy unabashedly admits, "Play, play, and more play," while Pamela says she likes having someone to do things for her.

Akhl speaks for the more sensitive male, saying, "It's great to have someone thinking about you and you thinking about them. Plus, you don't have to worry about finding people to go to events with."

Akhl also mentions that while he was single he was looking for somebody to complement, not complement, him in a relationship. He hoped he could "open up to [her] and not feel bad about it."

Q: What are the disadvantages of being single?  
Single Erin loves the fact that she can "flirt with anybody and everybody without guilt."

"I'm not tied to anyone," she says, "so I'm not always with the same person ALL the time."

"The major advantage to being single is the fact that you don't have to worry about pleasing someone else - you can do whatever you want. It's also a lot cheaper," says Andy.

Also, he admits, "When you're in a relationship, you feel like your hit is over."

Q: What are the disadvantages of being in a couple?  
"You can't really flirt as freely as before," Akhl admits. As an afterthought,

## Hail Gloria: Queen of Feminists

◆ Gloria Steinem visited Raleigh to speak about equality and gender issues.

**Sarah F. Miano**  
Managing Editor

At 66, Gloria Steinem has reached a point in her life as a world-renowned writer, activist and feminist organizer when she's become a household name, when many women can say they've "grown up" with her, when she can expect keen attention from her audiences. And not surprisingly, when the news of Steinem's visit to Raleigh leaked out, devotees from all along the East Coast flocked to buy tickets.

Last Wednesday night, Steinem took the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium stage - lit up with hearts, flowers and a peace sign - to speak to and answer questions from a throng of the Unique Lives & Experiences Lecture Series presented by Rex Healthcare and hosted by The News & Observer. Ruth Sheehan, "chick columnist" from The News & Observer, welcomed Steinem and introduced her as "more than a cultural icon."

"It's a little like meeting the Pope," Sheehan remarked.

If one was only judging by Steinem's appearance - wide smile, sparkling eyes and silver bangles - one might not have known they were looking at the most influential spokeswoman of the women's movement during the last 35 years. But then she spoke:

**We have to continue to change our language ... Language carries our dreams; it carries our meanings.**

"I suspect she [Sheehan] doesn't need me, just like we don't need a Pope. It's a disgrace to the skirt he wears," Steinem began. She expressed her hope that each "unique" individual attending the event would go home with one new idea, feeling, fact or "subversive organizational tactic."

And, believe me, each person went home with more than enough inspiration.

"We are living in a sound-byte culture ... It's a form of obstructionism," Steinem said. "One such obstruction is the term 'post-feminism,' according to Steinem, projecting that the women's movement, which many profess to be over, has at least another 70 years to go. During the past 30 or more years, we

have gone through an enormous consciousness change, according to Steinem, but we are still a long way from equality and acceptance. "The barrier is still there," she said. "We have to continue to change our language ... Language carries our dreams; it carries our meanings."

She also addressed the double-role problem: "Until men are fully equal in the home, women cannot be equal outside the home." Layers of gender roles cover both men and women, but the solution is to reach back into our cores to rediscover our true selves, according to Steinem.

"We must raise boys to raise children," she asserted, listing qualities such as empathy, compassion, patience and flexibility. She related the experience of being raised by her father, who, she said, treated her as "a friend and a comrade." Steinem feels that "men can be as loving and nurturing as women can be." She also addressed structural problems and stressed the need for a national system of childcare, shorter workdays, and an established basic minimum income for every child. She received applause and laughter when she acknowledged the men in the audience. "Just your presence tonight will keep you safe in the upcoming revolution," she quipped.

Further, Steinem addressed the various forms of family in existence - from single-parent families to lesbian and gay families, from two-parent families



The famous women's rights leader, Gloria Steinem, speaks with people at the Unique Lives & Experiences Lecture Series in Raleigh.

to stepfamilies. "It's not about the form, it's the content," she said. "Divorce is a passage; it's not necessarily a failure at all."

In conclusion, members of the audience were encouraged to look back and see how far we've come as a whole, and to understand that everything

we do as individuals matters. "If a butterfly can flap its wings 100 miles away and change the weather patterns, each of us has enormous power," she said. "I think with everyone coming together, we make one hell of a butterfly."

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forced to cheer from the sideline, and just as much a part of the team as any of the red and white clad athletes that crossed the finish line. But that is what has come to be expected of Rollie Geiger teams. Case in point: Chan Pons, 1999 Men's Individual ACC Champion.

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the Georgia lead to 44-43 when Thornton tipped in a Ron Kelley miss. The Bulldogs went on a mini-run, but N.C. State was able to catch up and take its first lead at the ESA when Kelley hit two free throws with 8:15 left. N.C. State had a 55-53 lead at that point. The lead teetered back forth for the rest of the game, but the balance shifted in State's favor after three Bulldogs fouled out.

## COUPLES

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he adds, "You also have to have every single day. I don't have time to shave."

Pamela complains, "He always comes over and eats my food." Tommy feels he has good reason to eat her food. "It costs money. Quite a bit sometimes."

"Single people don't have to worry about how what they do affects their significant other. You're more vulnerable when you're in a relationship. All your insecurities are out in the open. There's nothing that you can hide without it affecting the relationship. You don't see your friends as much when you're in a relationship. When you're single, all you do is what you want to do. Your time is all scheduled by JUST you," says Julie.

She adds, joking, "I'll tell you a disadvantage: your bed gets all screwed up."

Q: What are the disadvantages of being single?

Erin sometimes misses her best friend, who's in a relationship. "She gives a lot of her time to her boyfriend and sometimes I feel left out."

Andy speaks a little nostalgically. "A girlfriend can make you

He took a year off, red-shirted, raced unattached in Raleigh and in Boston and in a couple of places in between.

He has been leading the Wolfpack all season and is now receiving national media coverage.

On Monday he became the Pack's seventh individual champion in history and the fifth of the decade. He doesn't want to talk about himself, he wants to talk about the team.

He wants to talk about what could

With Georgia leading 63-61, Grundy stole the ball off a bad Bulldog pass and went in for a layup but missed. Gainey followed his miss and was fouled by Shon Coleman.

Gainey made both of the resulting free throws with 2:01 to go, setting up Miller's game-winning three.

"It was a great screen and good pass," Miller said. "I got my feet set and knocked it down."

After Miller's shot, Georgia's D.A. Layne missed a three that would have tied it. Gainey's free throw ended the victory. Aside from the actual game, the

feel happy in ways that your best friends never can."

Speaking about couples, he says, "It's like they've got some secret that no one else knows about. It's kind of a psychological understanding like 'Hey, we're onto something good here.'"

Q: Does pop culture put pressure on people to become couples?

"I think it does, but it didn't play a part in our relationship," Akhil answers. "Girl movies (chick flicks)," he says sarcastically, "project some sort of hooking up at the end, or in the middle even, and that prompts you to go and try to find somebody. If you're pretty confident about your image, you could care less about pop culture."

Tommy seems to think pop culture has no influence on society. "People have been naturally attracted to each other since long before the emergence of pop culture as a prevalent influence on youth in society."

Jatie thinks pop culture's sights are set in a different direction. "I think pop culture puts pressure on people to be physical with other people, but not necessarily to be in a relationship."

Erin also thinks there are different pressures at work. "People are pressured to start dating because all of their friends are. There was a point when all my close friends started dating and I felt like there

have happened had Brendan had been in the race. He wants to talk about what will happen for the Pack as a team at the upcoming District and National Meets.

He wants to talk about the young runner that he befriended a church one day and has become a mentor of sort to and how well the youngster is progressing.

Whether or not you are a cross country fan, and most people aren't the evidence is hard to ignore: if

opening of the arena was also on center stage.

Georgia Coach Jim Harrick said it was an "NBA building" with a "great crowd."

The N.C. State players were very impressed with the facility, and Sendek said the atmosphere was better than he expected.

"I think that all of the questions that were swirling, as everyone wondered whether we could recreate the environment that we enjoyed for the last 50 years in Reynolds, here in the ESA, was resoundingly answered with a 'yes, exclamation point, tonight,'" Sendek said.

was no one to talk to. [A way for me] to get over that would be to get someone of my own."

Andy is a little less than optimistic, saying, "The whole social order of the world is based upon the idea of the happy couple. For some reason, people believe that if you aren't dating someone, you're a lonely loser."

Q: Do you have a preference to hang out with either single people or couples?

"No, not at all. In fact, my roommate's single, if any young cute girls are interested," says Akhil. "It doesn't matter to us. We're not into public shows of affection, so most single people feel pretty comfortable around us."

Tommy seems to think pop culture has no influence on society. "People have been naturally attracted to each other since long before the emergence of pop culture as a prevalent influence on youth in society."

Erin admits some bias. "I do like hanging out with single people."

Every single person needs other single friends to chill with."

She laughs, "Plus, you can check out guys with other single girls!"

Andy is pretty open, with one exception. "If they can both talk to someone besides their partner, then it's not really an issue. It's only awkward when the couple is so absorbed into themselves that they ignore the people around

athletes deserve recognition for doing what they do well, then these men and women deserve a little more than most. And I'll say it one last time. At the least, they deserve a locker-room.

K. only has a few Technician columns in her. She is glad. If you have any suggestions, call her at 515-2411 or e-mail her at kim@smu.sea.ncsu.edu. She was thinking about writing about Loren Kirk's 52 points.

## HORNS

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just 172 total offensive yards for the game.

"I wouldn't say that it was frustrating. I could have played a lot better, and I knew it," said Barnette, who won his third and final season opener as a starter.

"It wasn't pretty, by any stretch of the imagination, from an offensive standpoint," O' Cain said after the game. But this is football, and pretty doesn't win football games, a notion the Wolfpack seems to have figured out.

them, especially if they're overly affectionate. It's like they're flaunting the fact that you don't have girlfriend. A kiss is all right, but a five-minute tonsil examination is un-nerving."

Q: Do you have any special plans for this Valentine's Day?

Akhil has had something planned for quite a while. "I took her to the Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus. To keep her in suspense, I told her I was going to do something for her on Saturday night and that she should keep it open. This afternoon she kept asking me so I told her where the event was, but not what it was."

Tyler later looked it up online, and confirmed it through Akhil's friends.

Tommy and Pamela were very expressive about their view: "We shun this holiday."

Erin announced her plans with a particular irony. "I have an orthodontist appt ... and guess who with? Dr. HART!"

Andy's plans for V-Day include "Homework, TV, bed... Maybe not in that order. And maybe not the homework."

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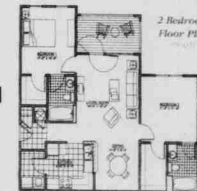
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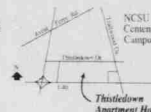
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## Dear Chancellor Fox

Dear Chancellor Fox,

Until this past weekend, I had great admiration for you, writing many times in this very column in support of your new vision for our university. I shared this excitement with so many other students. We believed we had a chancellor who was going to take us to the next level; we never realized that we would be the ones sacrificed. Not only are we the victims, but it seems that we are sacrificing our love for and confidence in our beloved chancellor.

But now I feel betrayed. Your motto "Students First!" seems to have changed to "Students First to Foot the Bill!" The very students you vocally cherish are now being asked to fund measures that the General Assembly has failed to support.

At last Wednesday's town hall meeting, you spoke of student-centered programs which lack the necessary funding to place them on the same level as other institutions across the country. You mentioned programs like Study Abroad, arts and honors programs and a teaching and learning center.

Quite frankly, chancellor, I could give a damn about these "student-centered programs," if it means raising tuition. If it means that students who worked so hard to get here can no longer attend because you see these programs as away to obtain recognition by the esteemed Association of American Universities (AAU). We will become members of the AAU because greatness is within our grasp.

But in the end, it won't be noted that we left so many behind because we focused on prestige rather than people. People are the very reason for N.C. State; they are what have driven it since 1887. Not being from North Carolina yourself, you may not yet fully understand what NCSU means to the people.

This is what it means. NCSU was founded to support the large, poor farming community in North Carolina. Until NCSU sprang forth, poor working-class families could only dream of sending their children to college to gain a first-class college education.

Not only did the birth of NCSU promise a college education for thousands, it also guaranteed that the work of the farmers would be supplemented through research and extension. NCSU not only hands out diplomas, but it is the preserver of an economic engine that drives our state. If it were not for the NCSU and the hard working people of North Carolina, I can assure you that the agriculture industry could not possibly contribute \$46 billion annually to the state's economy. Nor would 22 percent of the state's population have a job.

Quite simply, NCSU is for the people of the state. Even now, NCSU can not pay its employees, "common people," the housekeepers and groundskeepers, a living wage. They are the very people whom NCSU is responsible for educating and motivating. And now you are only stacking more bricks onto the wall that separates these students from obtaining their dreams.

Chancellor Fox, I had a nightmare last night. It started off with a gathering of student leaders where it was revealed that you, after spending over three hours with students at a town hall meeting, listening to the emotional stories that so many brought forth, decided not to share those stories with the Trustees.

That instead you found it necessary to call privately the individual Trustees and ask for their support of a tuition increase, in the process letting them know that you cannot publicly support an increase, because it would be "political suicide."

I pray that my nightmare doesn't spread to the rest of the campus. That, in fact, you will tell the Trustees exactly what you learned last Wednesday, that students will be hurt by a tuition increase. If you feel that the only way to accomplish your goal of improving the university is to raise our tuition, please don't waste our time and money and go back to Texas.

Rather, I hope you understand our fears and concerns, and you will join us in our fight.

Thank you for your time.

*PA Payne*

Andrew Payne

## TECHNICIAN'S VIEW

The N.C. State administration, along with a group of student leaders, has done away with the NCSU tradition of camping out. While the students who camped this year and those who have camped in the past certainly brought the ban on themselves, the decision was a knee-jerk one, rather than a well-thought-out solution to the problem.

The primary problem is enforcement. Public Safety officers were not on hand this weekend to arrest any would-be campers or dismiss those who would attempt to line up before the 10 a.m. line-up start time.

It's highly unlikely, however, that the university will consistently allocate Public Safety officers

The university has announced that camping out for basketball tickets will no longer be allowed. Was the decision a reasonable solution to the campout problem?

precious resources on an urban campus — to what is essentially a house-sitting job at Reynolds Coliseum.

Furthermore, the policy does not allow students to get seats together in groups greater than four, nor does it allow students to buy guest tickets, moves that could be construed as attempts to

divert those tickets to other recipients, namely alumni and the paying public.

The meeting in which the new policy was adopted left a number of questions unanswered: will the four-student limit and guest-ticket ban endure? Does the university intend to get seats together in groups greater than four, nor does it allow students to buy guest tickets, moves that could be construed as attempts to

between the student uproar likely to ensue with the release

a dark parking lot.

The street needs to be cleaned up and returned to a place where students want to be, not fear to be.

*Don't Raise Tuition:* Like it or not, this university was founded as a land-grant university. Land, because for years we have been agriculturally based.

Only recently has our engineering school risen to national prominence. Before that, we still had textiles, the Vet. School and our forestry programs.

We are a university largely comprised of students coming from farms and rural areas. Often, these students do all they can to afford the current tuition. Raising tuition would go against our background and our founding fathers, who created this university. We would then ascend to the ranks of more "uppity" universities, who cater only to those who have money now, denying an education to those who want to learn and help later.

*Increase Campus Safety:* Students should have no fear of walking across campus.

I personally will never forget a midnight stroll across Duke's campus on a weeknight, through some quite dark areas, on which I never felt threatened. I have done the same thing on this campus, and felt as though the boogey man was behind me the whole way.

What is the difference in these two schools? At Duke, I saw their public safety officers on foot, walking around. Here, I see a blue light standing in the Brickyard. Those are great ideas, but if you've just been shot, what good does that blue light do to help you? Officers on campus may not be able to stop a shooting, but they will be able to get there quicker if they are already on patrol and not in a car sleeping in

the parking problem, as well as

## Campout no more

## Ideas for a better post-millennial NCSU



Staff Columnist  
Mike Pittman

It's finally here. Let's all give one great sigh of relief and a "yip-hooray!" It's the last Technician of the Millennium. I'm pumped up, how about you readers, you pumped up?

Of all the things that have happened in the last millennium, where does one begin to top it all off in 400 (give or take 2,000) words or less? Should I tell of the great things that have happened at N.C. State since it's founding? Maybe I should hit the major technological revolutions of the past millennium. My Technology in History professor sure would like that! I could tell all about how the world will (or won't) blow up in a month minus one day.

No, I think I shall move in a different direction. At this time, I don't feel right looking back at the past. A friend of mine once said, "History is good for only one thing, ironically." Alex Trebek read no further, no more history in this column! Instead, let's look to the future.

There has been much talk about what needs to be done to make this university better. Here are some ideas that the students and administration need to do post-Y2K to help our university ascend to the upper echelon of great universities.

*"Rough-up" the Brick Sidewalks:* We all know how much we love brick, 'till it rains. I'm sure you've been the victim, or know someone who has, of the slick-brick syndrome going up Engineering Row. It's rainy, it's early morning, and in no time flat, you're sitting on the sidewalk with a dumb look on your face.

Simply putting a little texture on the bricks would save the rears of hundreds, if not thousands, of students each year. Those students in turn would have higher self-esteem, having not just embarrassed themselves before class. Class attendance would also skyrocket, just because students could sit in class and not stand because of a bruised posterior.

*Get Rid of the Key System:* Each and every member of the university has a campus ID card. Those cards are not being used for nearly as much as they could be.

As an employee at NCSU, I have five keys on my chain related to campus. When I lived on campus, that number was seven. How hard would it be to encode on that little magnetic strip the "combinations" which allow one entrance to certain doors? This would also alleviate the problem of lost keys, because the keys would only need to be deactivated from a central computer and not cause the re-keying of campus buildings.

*Help Create a Better Hillsborough Street:* Students say that Western Boulevard is one of the hardest roads on campus to cross. Hillsborough Street is what needs to be done to make this university better. Here are some ideas that the students and administration need to do post-Y2K to help our university ascend to the upper echelon of great universities.

Working on Hillsborough Street, I see that, nearly every day, someone gets caught off-guard and nearly run over. In order to safely traverse the street, both up and down, you must be fully alert, you can't cross driveways, roads or the street itself without fearing, at least minimally, for your life.

How about taking the two outside lanes and creating diagonal parking spaces? This solves part of the parking problem, as well as

# Opinion

## Basic Design Issues (and their Solutions) at NCSU

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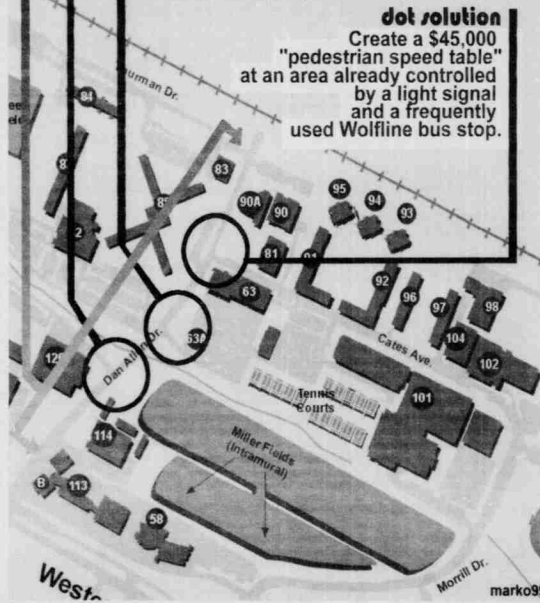
### problem 2

Automobiles attempting to turn left off Sullivan Drive are frequently unable, due to those exceeding the Dan Allen 20mph speed limit.

### problem 3

Automobiles attempting to turn left off Dan Allen onto Cates (and vice versa) are prohibited by those exceeding the Dan Allen 20mph speed limit.

**dot solution**  
Create a \$45,000 "pedestrian speed table" at an area already controlled by a light signal and a frequently used Wolfline bus stop.



Mike Pittman is a firm believer that, despite what some would say, we will all have classes Monday, Jan. 10, 2000. If you disagree with this or anything else the boogey believes, E-mail him at [mike\\_pittman@ncsu.edu](mailto:mike_pittman@ncsu.edu).



Jack Yow celebrated her 25 years of coaching at N.C. State Sunday.

## Kay Yow celebrates her 25th anniversary

◆ There were plenty of festivities this weekend to honor Wolfpack women's coach Kay Yow.

Jack Daly  
Sports Editor

It was a busy weekend for Kay Yow. N.C. State's women's basketball coach was celebrating her 25th year as coach at State. And, as one might expect, there were festivities—lots of them.

Friday night, there was a reception for former players. Saturday night saw a banquet honoring Yow and the women's basketball program. Sunday, there was a halftime ceremony acknowledging all those who played under Yow at State. Added to all that, the women's program retired seven jerseys of Wolfpack greats, the first time that

State has retired a jersey in women's basketball.

And oh yes, there was a basketball game too. State won that Sunday, 67-58 over the Clemson Tigers.

But the main focus of the afternoon was Kay Yow and the women's basketball program. 6,125 people showed up to wish Yow a happy 25th coaching anniversary.

"Coach Yow is certainly deserving of a weekend and a tribute to her," said Trudi Lacey, a Wolfpack star in the late '70s and early '80s who was amongst the seven that had their jerseys retired. "She's just a great human being as well as a coach. I'm just honored to be part of her program and thrilled to have my jersey retired. Just a wonderful weekend."

Yow's former players said they are not at all surprised to see Yow still at State, even after all these years. "Time flies when you're having fun," said Andrea Stinson, another



one of the seven who had their jerseys retired. "Coach Yow, she has fun coaching and getting new players in and teaching new people."

"I think 25 years is awesome. I tip my hat off to her and she's done a great job. She has a great group of girls, former players and current players. I think she's just a coach that people get attached to."

Stinson is the leading scorer for the WBN's Charlotte Sting but gladly took a break to join the festivities for Yow this weekend.

"I've been blessed to be in the elite seven," she said. "I'm just

happy to be here."

Yow's younger sister, Susan, also had her jersey retired. It was a special moment for the player and the coach.

"You can't even put into words what she's been able to do here," Susan said. "Just bringing her passion for the game and her passion for the players and wanting to see the program be the very best it can be at N.C. State. N.C. State's been so good to her, and so good to us."

Susan was on her older sister's first team some 25 years ago. At that time, neither could have predicted what would lie ahead for the Yow's in Raleigh.

"I think Kay summed it up really well [Saturday night] when she said she was a visionary-type person and there's no way she could have envisioned what this moment would've come to [Saturday] evening and even today," Susan said.

While not all the players could be present for the ceremonies - one of the Pack's Chastity Melvin was one of those who had prior commitments - those who did were certainly treated to a memorable weekend.

"This was a great weekend for Wolfpack women basketball," Yow said. "I think we all really enjoyed having the former players back, just everything that's happened this weekend."

Even Raleigh Mayor Paul Coble joined in the praise of Yow. He declared Sunday "Kay Yow Day" in the Capital City.

"Kay Yow has turned the women's basketball program at N.C. State into a national contender, with four Atlantic Coast Conference championships, an appearance in the 1998 Final Four and 18 appearances in postseason tournaments," Coble said in a press release.

## Pack blocks Horns

◆ N.C. State starts season 1-0 for third straight year.

K. Gaffney  
Sports Editor

AUSTIN, TX - It is becoming a tedious situation. N.C. State opened the season on Saturday the same way they have opened the season the past two years, and the same way they play so many games.

The Pack started off with a sub-par performance, somehow kept themselves in the game, and then pulled away from the seemingly impossible odds to pull off the upset that no one said was possible.

The Wolfpack's 23-20 win over Texas gave the Wolfpack its third straight come-from-behind win in its opener in as many years, and was the result of some special team heroics.

Once again, the star of the game was a man named Holt.

Sidelined as a red-shirt last season while his brother Torry re-wrote the State and Atlantic Coast Conference records books, Terrence Holt was apparently taking notes.

The younger Holt, a reserve defensive back for the Pack in 1999, who saw action only on special teams in Saturday's Black Coaches Association Football Classic, blocked two punts in the last twelve minutes of the game, leading to the 14 points N.C.

State needed to win the game.

"This is a dream come true for me," said Holt after the game. "I had a dream last night that I played a big role in the outcome of the game."

The Pack's special team's explosion came at a much-needed time, as the Wolfpack offense was stagnant throughout the game. The Wolfpack running backs fumbled the ball on the first two plays of the game, turnovers that led to 10 points for the Longhorns.

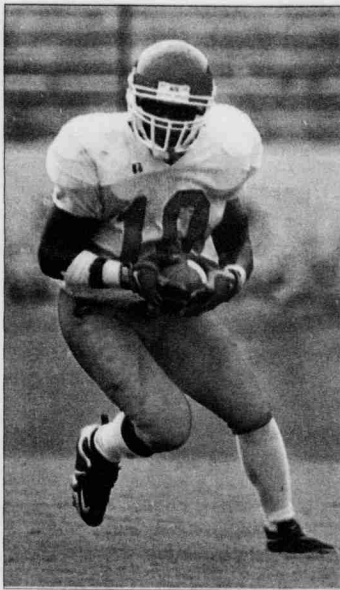
State's Ray Robinson, the ACC Rookie of the Year in 1998, saved face for the Pack, rushing for 60 yards on three plays in one series, and capping it off with a 25-yard touchdown run for State's first points of the game.

After Robinson's explosion, which occurred in a three-minute span, the Wolfpack all but ignored the sophomore tailback, pitching him the ball just nine more times in more than 40 minutes of play, three of which came in the last drive of the fourth quarter.

If the Wolfpack running game was stagnant, the Wolfpack air attack was non-existent.

Wolfpack field general Jamie Barnette threw for just 65 yards, his worst passing game since taking over the starting role for the Wolfpack more than two and a half seasons ago.

Barnette completed just nine passes in 16 attempts, and led the Wolfpack offense to



Eric Leak scored the game-winning touchdown on a 35-yard blocked punt return.

## A new era for the pack

◆ Archie Miller hits the game-winning shot as the Pack opened the ESA with a victory over Georgia.

Jack Daly  
Sports Editor

Coming into the basketball season, it was the freshmen on N.C. State's men's team that garnered most of the attention.

Damien Wilkins, Clifford Crawford and Marshall Williams were touted as the players that would push the Wolfpack over the edge in close games.

It figures then that a pair of sophomores stepped up and did the most damage in Friday's opener for the Pack in the Entertainment and Sports Arena (ESA). Anthony Grundy led State with 13 points, and Archie Miller hit the game-winning three pointer with 58 seconds left to give the Pack a 67-63 win over the Bulldogs in the first ever basketball game at the ESA. Grundy also added four assists and seven steals.

On the key play of the game, Miller found himself open on the baseline, in the near corner Grundy fed him the ball and Miller swished the shot, giving the Pack a 66-63 lead. It was the same play that the



Kenny Inge is blocked.

team had run a minute earlier when Miller had missed. "The big thing is, when the game was on the line, [Miller] had enough courage and heart to nail that big shot," said coach Herb Sendek. "To me that speaks

volumes."

Justin Gainey added a free throw with 12 seconds left to give N.C. State the four-point margin of victory.

At the beginning of the game, the Pack seemed to be focusing more on its new building rather than Georgia. The Bulldogs reeled off ten straight points and had three 12-point leads, 14-2, 17-5 and 19-7.

"I'm proud of our guys' effort," Sendek said. "With all the fanfare, the pageantry and the history of the moment, we took a knockout punch right between the eyes ... but our guys hung in there and found a way to win."

State battled back to trim the margin to 38-31 at halftime. Damon Thornton was the leading scorer for the Pack in the first half with six, while Adrian Jones had nine for Georgia. The Bulldogs shot the ball well in the first half, going five of seven from three-point range and shooting 56.5 percent overall. The Pack opened the second half with a 12-6 run, closing

# Grad Tab Sports

## NCSU takes men's title

K. Gaffney  
Commentary

N.C. State is a cross country school. While the rest of the conference gripes over bragging rights for the so-called "major sports" like football and basketball, on Monday the Wolfpack once again proved that when it comes to cross country, there is no touching State.

Christy Nichols won the women's individual title.

Chan Pons won the men's individual title. Three women earned all-conference honors. A record-setting seven men earned all-conference honors.

The men won the conference title with a record-setting score that was a close to perfect as possible with out actually being there. And while the women didn't win their fifth consecutive title, the stature of the N.C. State program is not diminished.

Only three times in the 21 years that the Atlantic Coast Conference has held a race has the Wolfpack lined up a team and not finished in first place. The titles won by UNC-Chapel Hill in 1994 and Clemson in 1986 were won in years when the Wolfpack was, because of injury, unable to line-up a full five-member team.

1999 is only the second time that the Wolfpack had finished second in the team competition and they have never finished lower than third. Nichols' win was the ninth individual championship for State since 1978.

Only once before Monday had the men's individual champion and the women's individual champion come from the same school, and that was done by State in 1993 when Tony Riley and Kristen Hall completed the feat. The 1999 second-place finish is the first "loss" for the Wolfpack at the conference championships in 17 years.

And that is just the women. To look at the men's side of the coin is, at least this season, scary.

The records speak for themselves. What is impressive is the things that will never be found in recorded history.

When the 1999 State team is listed in the conference record books, there will be no asterisk next to the entry that explains that Brendan



Chan Pons won State's second straight individual title.

Rodgers didn't run with the Pack in the conference championship. But the eight guys that did will never forget that. It wasn't like he wasn't there, he was, just