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Fraternity court residents waiting for renovations

By Erika Farr
Staff Writer

When Sigma Chi Fraternity resident Robert Fish tries to study in his chapter's dimly lit house, he usually ends up staring at the ceiling in frustration. Fish has been waiting for several months for Student Development or the Physical Plant to install a new ceiling with the fluorescent lights that would improve the situation. "We've been promised new ceilings since this summer," Fish said. "They pushed it back until fall break, then until Christmas break, now they promised new ceilings at the beginning of this summer."

John Rhoades, Fraternity Court area director, said progress has been slow because repairs can be made only when the houses are empty. "We can't have construction crews in the facilities when the undergrads are here because the noise and debris disrupts the environment," Rhoades said.

The project has been broken into three phases — last summer, this summer and next summer, Rhoades said. Because each house costs about \$200,000 to repair, the project is a major renovation and understandably takes time to complete. Rhoades said. Fish questioned the validity of these time restraints. "If [the noise] doesn't pose a problem with us then it shouldn't to them," Fish said.

But Rhoades said when the university attempted to make repairs on another fraternity house, "a group of students called the vice chancellor and complained about the noise." Despite the problems, the contractors have completed four of 12 houses on Fraternity Court. Brad Pollock, president of Kappa Alpha, one of the four fraternities that received new ceilings this summer, seemed pleased with the results.

"We got new ceilings this summer — they look pretty nice and the fluorescent lights are an improvement over the old ones," Pollock said. Maintenance problems on Fraternity Court go beyond just ceilings, however. "It takes four weeks to get a clogged drain fixed, and if a lock is broken it takes about a week to get it fixed," Fish said. Rhoades disagreed. "Basically things get fixed the next day," Rhoades said. However,

Rhoades said, the Physical Plant generally takes more time to complete work assignments. "It takes Physical Plant about 10 times longer to fix things than it should." Rhoades said some of the problem may be due to lack of communication. "We get work orders and problems all the time. Infrequently one

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Hunt vows to fight for UNC-System schools

By J. Keith Jordan
Staff Writer

Predicting that he will take a leading role in improving North Carolina's public universities in his upcoming term, Governor-elect Jim Hunt said Tuesday that he wants more funding and budget flexibility for the UNC-System. Hunt also said he wants the state to help N.C. State University, his alma mater, with its two most ambitious projects — the Centennial Campus research area and the \$66 million Entertainment and Sports Arena near Carter-Finley Stadium. "The UNC-System needs a real champion in the governorship, and I'm going to be that," he said during the interview at his downtown transition office. "Our universities have put us on the map." Hunt, 55, said he does not plan to support tax increases. He instead suggested that university finances would be helped in part by

letting administrators decide what to do with funds. "For example, when they earn research funds, I think they ought to be able to keep them," he said. "But I also think the universities must go through the same improvement process, using money more efficiently, that everyone else is in. I don't think it's fair for universities to be exempt from that." A Wilson native who previously served as governor from 1977 to 1985, Hunt expressed his optimism about Centennial Campus — a 1,000-acre parcel of land off Avent Ferry Road that NCSU is developing as a research partnership between business and industry — despite the project's slow start and financial difficulties. Hunt said the sluggish national economy has caused the campus's unimpressive growth so far but called the concept of uniting business and educators "solid."

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Angela Priggen/Staff

Governor-elect Jim Hunt discusses his plans for the future of the UNC-System during an interview with Technician. Hunt said he will help NCSU by contributing to Centennial Campus research area and the \$66 million Entertainment and Sports Arena near Carter-Finley Stadium.

Student killed en route to Bowl

News Staff Report

An N.C. State University student died Thursday following a one-car accident in Jacksonville, Fla. Theresa Michelle Fister, 22, a senior in civil engineering, was thrown from a Ford Bronco late last Wednesday evening after it crossed the northbound lanes of Interstate 295, hit a grassy median and flipped several times. She was taken to University Medical Center where she was pronounced dead at 4:45 a.m. Thursday morning.

The driver of the vehicle, Thomas Brown, 34, of Raleigh, told investigators that he lost control of the vehicle after the brakes locked up for an unknown reason. Brown and two other passengers were not injured. Fister, who was not wearing a seat belt in the accident, had travelled to Jacksonville to attend the Gator Bowl. A mass in Fister's memory was held Monday in Charlotte. Fister was born Jan. 19, 1970 in Lexington, Ky. After moving to Charlotte, she attended Latin High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society and Students Against Driving Drunk. From junior high school through senior high school, she swam for the Mecklenburg Aquatic Club and the Latin Swim Club Team. She is survived by her mother, Anne Tucker Fister of Greensboro, her father, Vincent Fister, Jr., and her stepmother, Anita Fister, both of Columbus, Ohio. She is also survived by two brothers and three sisters.



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From left to right, campers Mark Hubbard (Freshman, Textile Engineering), Richard Burnette (Freshman, Environmental Engineering), Emery Barker (Freshman, Communications) and Jeff Garland (Freshman, Environmental Engineering) pass the time with a game of cards Tuesday.

Getting set to welcome our baby blue-clad pals

By Gary Wise
Staff Writer

In many ways, the traditional campout for UNC-Chapel Hill basketball tickets began as it always has, WKNC announced that the campout for Thursday's UNC game was officially underway. Tents were pitched. Students grumbled and yawned. But as the morning progressed, many realized that something in the atmosphere was amiss. Could it have been the unseasonably warm weather? Or perhaps the unusually large proportion of people playing cards?

Senior Chad Huggins didn't think so. "There should be more people out here," Huggins said. "People need to have more pride [in NCSU]." By mid-morning, only 11 groups had secured their places in line outside of Reynolds Coliseum. In years past, the campout has started with as many as 70 tents. Many student campers said NCSU's struggling season is responsible for the low turnout. Others said semester break may be to blame. They pointed out that as of Monday many students had yet to return to campus. The campers who did show

up, however, said they would not let anything stop them from attaining their tickets — even if that meant braving the rain. Aaron Bowman and his group forgot to put the top on their tent and were consequently relegated to drenched sleeping quarters. But Bowman and his friends agreed that it was worth it to see the Pack play the Heels. "Most people aren't worried about the rain," camper Steve Church said. "They are in a different state of mind."

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Graduates face a tough road in quest for a job

By Ulrick Casimir
Staff Writer

For those about to graduate this spring, here is a message from the Career Planning and Placement Center at N.C. State University: Recent talk of the end of the recession does not mean a definite change in the hiring practices of today's job market. "Larger companies are hiring increasing numbers of people for [entry level] positions who have one or two years experience," said Walter B. Jones, director of the Career Planning and Placement Center. "The recession and cuts made [in the last few years] have made it such that people with more experience can be hired at the salaries of someone fresh off the block from college." Jones referred to statistics that show an increase in the number of companies scheduling visits to NCSU from the fall semester of 1991 to the fall semester of 1992. But while the number of interviews

conducted stayed relatively the same, the amount of schedules used went down from 371 to 355. One schedule shows that one interviewer had the option of scheduling up to 13 interviews, thus this decline indicates a loss of 208 potential interviews. "What the trend [over the past five years] says is that large corporations are tending to interview and hence hire somewhat fewer students, and where the hiring activity seems to be today is among the smaller and mid-sized companies," Jones said. He also pointed out the edge master's degree holders have over the bachelor of science graduates. "Certain large companies, if they want them, can hire master's candidates where before they would have hired bachelor of science candidates." Jones also stated the recession as a factor in the increased amount of "self-imposed stress" felt by students who have come to

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Jami Langley/Staff

More than 2,300 students who had completed degree programs during the summer or fall terms received diplomas awarded by NCSU Chancellor Larry K. Monteith.

Endowment set up to honor professor

By David Newton
Staff Writer

The N.C. State University Humanities Foundation has named a research endowment fund in honor of Erika Fairchild, a dean in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences who died Nov. 23. The Erika Fairchild Interdisciplinary Research Fund will total about \$40,000 and will support a symposium every other year on a topic related to the humanities and social sciences, said David Huffine, who is in charge of fund-raising for the Humanities Foundation. "When Dr. Fairchild passed away, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences decided to name the fund after her," Huffine said. "It is closely related to her work at NCSU." Fairchild, 60, had not been feeling

well and died of an unknown illness after calling in sick to work, said her secretary Sarah Smith. "The fund is part of the National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant, which was awarded to NCSU in 1990, Huffine said. The grant gives one dollar for every three dollars raised by the Humanities Foundation for certain projects. The total value of the grant is about \$1.2 million. Of the Fairchild Fund, \$30,000 will be raised by the University and \$10,000 will be contributed by the federal government through the Humanities Challenge Grant. "It's an honor to have received the challenge grant," Huffine said. "It's very selective." An endowment is a fund that is invested to raise money for a project. The original amount raised is

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Bowl-crazed students flock to Florida for Gator festivities

By Erika Farr and Tracey Neal Staff Writers

As the fog rolled in to the Gator Bowl on New Year's Eve, many N.C. State University fans felt their eight-hour drive to Florida might have been in vain.

The drive on I-95 was made more enjoyable by the sprinkles of NCSU red found in many passing cars. And the traffic wasn't bad until the Georgia state line. From then on, it was jam-packed traffic into Jacksonville.

Brian Dixon, a junior in business management, said he enjoyed the ride to Florida. "We had a great time on the drive down, passing

State students and honkin'." Dixon said.

Gator and State fans alike enjoyed the beautiful weather of Florida on game day as they sat in the parking lots for the pre-game tailgating parties.

Outside the stadium, an abundance of food, beverage and entertainment mingled with hustle and bustle of the excited crowd. Cheers and calling rang through the crowd as fans of opposing teams boasted of their team's eminent victory.

Two NCSU fans darted through the crowd painted in red and white while donning NCSU flags. Their optimism sometimes bordered on excessive.

Virgil Allen, an NCSU football recruit for next year, said, "I think we're gonna win. State's undoubtedly the winner!"

His painted partner's enthusiasm was evident in his willingness to risk life and limb.

"If we win, we might just dive off the coliseum," said Louis Barnes, a freshman in pre-identity.

Matt Smith, a junior in business management, said, "We're down here for the game but the party is a

definite bonus."

The trip was Wade's farthest venture south. "It is definitely exciting," he said.

As game time approached, more than 71,000 people decked in school colors began to file in to the stadium. As the fans took their places, the stadium was divided into sections of orange and blue and red and white.

Pack fan enthusiasm died down during the second quarter with the

arrival of the fog. By halftime, fog had consumed the stadium and many fans made a mad dash for the bathrooms.

Halftime was filled with the sounds of Gershwin, Beauty and the Beast, and tunes from the old west provided by the NCSU, Florida and 1500 high school students from all over the nation.

In the grand finale, the Lone Ranger and his trusty steed, Silver, galloped onto the field.

During the fourth quarter, the bleachers began to empty before NCSU finally scored a touchdown.

Many fans then began to head to the riverfront for the Jacksonville New Year's Eve bash and party.

Some students were looking for

ward partying again at the Landing, a Jacksonville hot spot.

"If the Wolfpack wins we'll have a real good time over here at the river," said Paul Green, an alumni in Computer Science. "The Landing was a lot of fun last night."

"They had a band and the spirit was good. There were a lot of Packers."

In other words, a good atmosphere for sweeping away bad game memories.

"The partying was really great and the Wolfpack was definitely prominent, in my eyes anyway," NCSU alumni Mark Priest said.

Research Symposium reflects Fairchild's interests in and contributions to the life of the university.

"We really do miss her here," Smith said. "She was very generous with her time to both the university and the community."

Smith said Fairchild was very involved in church and the community. She had just completed a criminal justice textbook, but she never got to see the finished product.

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"I have the greatest hopes for what that new campus will mean for my alma mater and for the state," he said. "I plan to help recruit new industry. The university has done a good job so far, but we

need new leadership from the governor's office."

He also said he supported the efforts to build the new basketball and concert arena and indicated that he would recommend state investment in its construction.

"I think there's an appropriate state role there, because it would help the economy of this whole section of the state," he said.

Hunt will be inaugurated Saturday

at 11 a.m. in a ceremony at the corner of Jones and Wilmington Streets. A pre-inaugural concert featuring the NCSU British Brass Band, the N.C. Central University choir and the James B. Hunt High School Choir begins an hour earlier.

(The complete interview transcript will appear in the Jan. 21 issue of Technician.)

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never spent. The university is seeking contributors to help raise the \$30,000 university-raised portion of the grant.

"It lasts forever," Huffine said.

Fairchild was the associate dean for the research and graduate pro-

gram in CHASS and was a member of the department of political science and public administration. She was honored with the fund because of her dedication.

"I have never known anyone more gifted as a teacher-scholar-administrator than Erika Fairchild," said William B. Toole, dean of CHASS.

"In her personal and professional relationships, she bestowed her talents generously and graciously."

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contact the contractor," Rhoades said.

Rhoades also cited irresponsibility and unrealistic expectations on the part of the residents as reasons for fraternity discontent with maintenance.

"In one case some individuals beat their door in with a sledge hammer and then were upset when it couldn't be replaced the next day," Rhoades said.

usual. Typically engineers find positions more easily," VanderLugt stated, pointing to the chemical engineers, who had the best percentage for placement and also had the highest average starting salary of \$39,384.

Jones and VanderLugt also stated that the liberal arts majors also have success with the Career Planning and Placement Center. "There are certainly opportunities for liberal arts majors," Jones said. "Too many liberal arts majors make the assumption that [they're not going to] find work, and it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. They can be successful."

Campers

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At around 12:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon there were around 50 tents in line.

Although the Pack has been struggling this year, student campers feel optimistic about a Pack win. "I think we have got some hope and may surprise some people," Bowman added.

Only student tickets will be available Wednesday morning. According to the Reynolds Coliseum Box Office, all other seats are completely sold out.

Camping procedure officially begins between 60 and 24 hours before tickets are scheduled for distribution. Students wishing to participate must listen to WKNC. Campers then have 30 minutes to get to Reynolds Coliseum with at least half of their group. Group line placement is determined by a lottery. Steve Church, whose group was picked to be first in line, said the wait was well worth it.



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hand thinks the other has dealt with the problem, but they haven't," Rhoades said.

Carl Fulp, assistant director for engineering for the Physical Plant, said that the Physical Plant does only limited work for Fraternity

Court. "We do some work when there is a real emergency, such as a door off a building or no heat or something of that form," Fulp said.

Rhoades said the Physical Plant is also responsible for all locks and doors on Fraternity Court but that most repairs on Fraternity Court are made by private contractors.

"If a resident sees something, they contact the house manager, and the house manager contacts me and I

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the Career Planning and Placement Center. "Anxiety levels have gone up considerably. [Students] hear stories about the classmate who finished right in front of them and is struggling in the market place. We were up about eight percent with students registered with the office [this semester]," Jones said.

However, all is not lost, or so implies Marilyn J. VanderLugt, assistant director for the Career Planning and Placement Center. "People went to IBM, one fellow

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Welcome back

About 20,000 relaxed souls will return to classes today, sluggish of mind, heavy of heart and stomach, laden with reluctance to give up the holidays. They know that textbooks, lectures and pop quizzes are poor trades for the feast and fun they give up. But there is life after the break.

College is by necessity calculus and chemistry and the ever-present grade point average. But it is not merely dealing with professors, cramming for tests and dragging one's weary body out of a warm bed. It is also a time to enjoy life, share it with good friends and revel

in that thing called personal freedom.

Your college years may prove to be the most valuable ones in your life. In those years you live life instead of observing it; you make new friends and relish the old ones. College serves as the perfect backdrop for discovering oneself and developing meaningful friendships.

Most students don't learn until it's too late that a campus offers more education than just that which take place inside the classrooms. We can think of no better time than today to begin looking for that other education. Enjoy.

Bad luck streak to end

December was not a good month for N.C. State University's football and men's basketball teams.

The football team, coming off a highly successful season, for the second year in a row suffered a heart-wrenching bowl loss that kept it from becoming the first football team in Wolfpack history to win 10 games and finish in the nation's top 10.

The basketball team, dealing with the tragic suicide of one of its members, got off to a very poor start, losing four out of its first six games, including its first ever loss to lightly regarded UNC-Wilmington.

Considering these setbacks, it's easy for Wolfpack fans to feel discouraged. NCSU is as close as any team in the country to becoming a consistent top-10 football program, but it hasn't been able to get over the final hump. The closer the Pack comes to the top, the more Wolfpack fans want to enjoy that success. And in basketball, Wolfpack fans desire a return to the level of excellence that NCSU has enjoyed through the years.

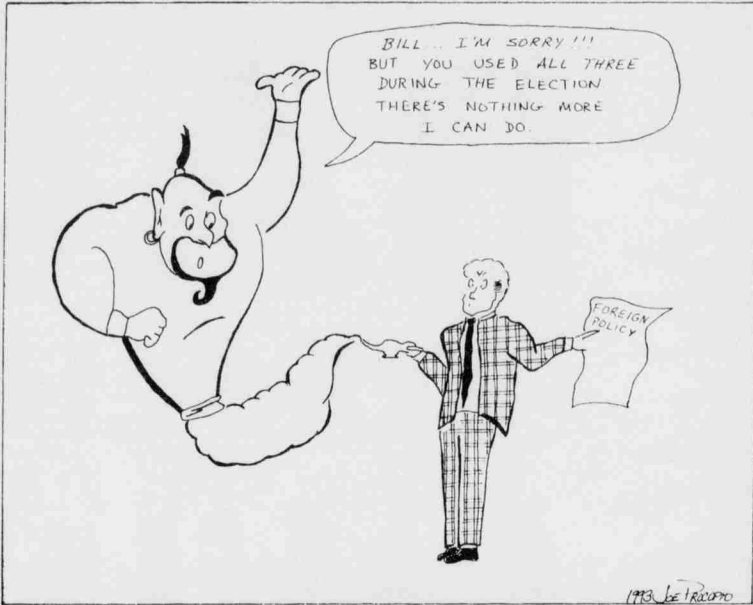
This discouragement is understandable, but it must be tempered by tolerance. Dick Sheridan and Les Robinson must be given the time they need for the tedious process of building a successful athletic program. Sheridan has already proven he's a winner; no one doubts that. But NCSU fans must continue to actively support him as he works to make the Pack a national power.

It may not happen next year or the next, but eventually, if

Sheridan is given the support he needs from both the fans and the NCSU athletics department, he will have the Wolfpack among the nation's elite programs. The last thing needed is the attitude that this season was a failure because of the Gator Bowl loss. Just look at UNC-Chapel Hill, Wake Forest and East Carolina. For those teams, simply being in the top-25 is cause for celebration. Sheridan has taken the Pack far, and NCSU fans must be willing to be patient.

Robinson has seen his share of adversity since coming to NCSU three years ago. But this was expected; he has had to completely rebuild the Wolfpack program, which was wrecked by the scandals of the late 1980s. People are impatient; they want a winner now. But they tend to forget that coaches What's His Name at Duke University and You Know Who at UNC-Chapel Hill, considered two of the most successful coaches in the history of basketball, had losing teams during the first years of their tenures. But Duke and UNC stuck behind their coaches and now they are reaping the rewards. NCSU fans owe it to Robinson to give him a chance to recruit and teach his own players before they conclude that he isn't a winner.

Both the football and men's basketball teams are in excellent hands. Sheridan is only a few years away from establishing NCSU as a national power. Robinson is only a few years away from having a team that can challenge for the ACC title. All that is needed is patience.



Columns

Bringing in the new year with change

Good things must come to an end. One can only hope that they will be replaced by other good things.

With 1992, the last vestiges of the 1980s slipped — or are in the process of slipping — into history. The last president elected in that decade is packing for Texas. Political correctness has become so firmly entrenched that its practitioners feel free to use that term, sans sarcasm, to describe themselves. A new book explains that since only three percent of all animal species form male-female pairs, we are out of synch with nature and must change or suffer the consequences.

Change ... there's the buzzword for the next few years. We have been convinced that we need massive changes, despite our country's enormous prosperity (especially during the now-maligned 80s), despite the freedom and generosity that our country exhibits in small ways every day, despite our heterogeneous population, rare in the world, that seems for the most part to work pretty well.

Ah, well. Everyone can improve, and we certainly have much room in America to do so. With this in mind, I would like to suggest some slightly belated New Year's resolutions:

•Boris Yeltsin:

Seek early retirement. The Russian people expect results, not action. If you decide to stick it out, though, let the voters know that bringing the Communists back to power is hardly the answer in fixing the economic mess their rule left. In fact, that would be almost like panicking in a mild recession and electing a president philosophically identical to one who almost destroyed America's economy 12 years ago. Sounds crazy, but I hear that type of thing happens every now and again.

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•Mickey "Captain Comma" McCarthy:

Pick the Wolfpack to win something. Anything. When it turns out that you're right for once, it'll be good for your soul and for your self-esteem. It must have taken a beating during the last few years, when you've been wrong about everything. No more picking UNC-Chapel Hill to finish second and N.C. State University sixth in the ACC football race. Realize that you are not a UNC alumnus and are therefore not obliged to overrate its athletic programs. Also, acknowledge that Dick Sheridan is perhaps the best football coach in Big Four history. If you do these things, you might leave fellow Mack Brown devotee, Tom Harris, alone at the bottom next year in your paper's rip-off of Technician's Pigskin Picks.

•Jay Leno:

It's looking pretty bleak in your professional life, but you're a swell guy, Jay. Just keep soldiering on. After David Letterman and (according to rumors) Dana Carvey sign on with other networks, there won't be anyone at NBC to replace you. "The Tonight Show" may have to settle for third place behind Arsenio Hall and Letterman, but it'll probably lurch intact into 1994.

•Ted Kennedy:

Avoid extramarital affairs. Refrain from drowning people. Avoid being destroyed by the emerging Clinton personality of the Democratic Party. Do not make public appearances while your nose is red.

•Rush Limbaugh:

Do not become mean-spirited and cantankerous, unfortunate changes you seemed to be making as Clinton's looming victory became clearer. You were right before November — the American people are not stupid, they just goofed up. The country will survive, and we collectively won't make the same mistake again any time soon.

•Hillary Clinton:

Stay in the closet the way you did during the campaign. People have long memories. If you start hanging around with Patricia Ireland (or even Patricia Schroeder), you will have done your husband a lot of harm in 1996.

•Les Robinson:

Aim for the stars. It would be easy to lower expectations to the point where the basketball team's permanent goal becomes a 20-win season rather than a national championship. But when the rebuilding process is over, we should have a chance for a title every season. Recruit the best players available; NCSU should not have to settle largely for projects. Along with Duke and UNC, we have one of the top-three traditions in the ACC; we should also have one of the top-three teams in the conference, especially if we build that thing off Blue Ridge Road.

•NCSU Community:

Strive for excellence, not just in terms of grades but in terms of what kind of people we are. Improve spiritually, intellectually and physically, in descending order of importance. Don't just float through life.

Everyone can improve, and we should all make the effort that does so will take.

But even if you're satisfied with the way you are now, I hope the first real year of the 1990s goes well for you and the people you care about. Good luck in 1993.

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Suicide coverage fair to Robinson family

I was very disturbed by Christian Dick's Dec. 4 letter concerning Technician's cover story on Anthony Robinson's suicide. He said some things that made me furious and that I am sure others do not agree with.

Dick implied that this incident was not important to the students, faculty and community of N.C. State University. When someone feels that things are so bad that he has to kill himself, it is very important.

There are many people and organizations that disturbed people can turn to for help. What happened was a shame, but what this article does is let others know that suicide should not be a choice.

In my opinion, the reporter, Jeff Drew, didn't overstep any boundaries of decency. He simply reported the facts about a tragic event. He said nothing derogatory about Robinson, his family, friends, teammates or coach. If this article upset the Robinson family in any way, I am sure Drew didn't intend it to.

In fact, if this article stops even one person from committing the same mistake, then I am sure that the Robinson family will be grateful. It will surely take some time to

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get over this tragedy, but they would not want anyone else to suffer the same pain.

So, Dick, if you think this article was inappropriate, then maybe you need to learn the meaning of responsible journalism.

Shawn Tucker

Sophomore, engineering

Native Americans need equal representation

Being a minority student on campus is a tough ordeal, and being a Native American is no exception. With over 65,000 Native Americans calling North Carolina home, I find a campus population of 115 Native American students very disheartening.

Since European contact, Native Americans have had hard and enduring

lives. We live with stereotyping everyday: the "tomahawk chop," the mascots and the infamous "gambling and drinking." For the record, we are not gamblers and drunkards, we don't all live on reservations and we definitely don't use the phrase "how."

I am not bitter and definitely not prejudiced. I just see a need for education, not just about Native American culture but all minority groups represented on campus. However, I suggest peaceful and organized means of achieving the knowledge.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Chancellor Larry Monteith for his cooperation and eagerness to assist our campus organization known as NANA (Native American Student Association). We plan on making our presence known at this university.

In the future, I hope my people can look forward to more representation on college campuses in students and faculty, more support from the state and federal government, and most of all, the opportunity to live in a world that is concerned about the progress of all its people, regardless of race, creed and color.

Shavale Lee Godwin
Sophomore, pre-med

Relieving oneself is more of a headache than relief in Harrelson

Welcome back. I hope your return was somewhat more cordial than mine. Not to say that she didn't mean well, but I was recognized at NCSU Bookstores while checking out my semester's texts.

Emily Morrow, a freshman at this fair institution, was my clerk for the day. Upon realizing who I was, she indicated how much she hates my positions on issues that have appeared in my columns. So I gave her a quest.

I gave her my phone number and told her to call me with the topic for my first column. She even got to choose the position I was to take.

In effect, I gave her carte blanche to dictate my initial "fascist-raving" for the spring semester. In doing so, I realized that I was leaving myself wide open to arguing a position that could be the antithesis of my own personal philosophy.

Indeed, since Emily had already strongly indicated that she was on the opposite end of the spectrum from myself, I awaited the challenge.

She phoned and told me her topic — Harrelson Hall and her dissatisfaction with the building.

My first thought was that this has been done a few times before. But then she sur-

prised me. She came up with something very specific that does not involve the typical complaints heard concerning this architectural monstrosity.

The bathrooms. Being male, the topic of bathrooms does not often rear its ugly head. As a man in a male-dominated society, I am assured of a facility at every turn. In fact, for men, the process of excretion is transcendent to the mundane of what women can experience.

For men, pissing is political; our ability to aim allows us to piss on things.

Having this awesome power is taken for granted by many, and hence we rarely give it a second thought.

The point that Emily raised is legitimate, and I fully agree with her.

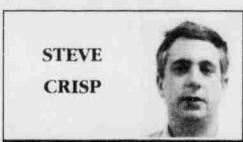
Women get the short end of the deal when it comes to bathroom facilities in Harrelson Hall.

To verify this complaint, I went on a fact-finding mission.

Harrelson Hall has a total of 13 facilities for relieving oneself.

Seven are staff bathrooms, which are locked to students. Even in an emergency, they cannot be accessed.

Two are public facilities accessible to the handicapped located on the outer perimeter



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of the first floor. Room 118 is for men and Room 142 is for women. The men's room has one stall and two urinals. The women's room has only a single stall.

The other four are community bathrooms located in the interior spiral ramp of the building. They are spaced approximately one per floor (ground level counting as one floor).

The first three bathrooms from the ground up are for men. Each men's facility has 10 stalls and 14 urinals with a full complement of sinks. When added to the other single bathroom on the first floor, men have a total of 31 stalls and 44 urinals.

Women, on the other hand, have one additional facility. This is located on the third floor of the inner ramp. This bathroom has 12 stalls (and no urinals for obvious reasons).

Added to the bathroom equipped for the handicapped on the first floor, this gives the females a total of 13 stalls with which to perform their functions.

Now I realize that male and female anatomies are different, but I think those differences dissolve into insignificance when members of either sex have to trot up two flights of stairs with a full bladder. Then again, men don't need to attempt this trick in Harrelson Hall. At worst, we need to walk down one flight.

Much easier on the sphincter, which controls the bladder.

Another thing I noticed concerns the stalls themselves. The men's stalls are located on the inner perimeter of the curve in the bathroom. When sitting, the walls of the stall open away from you.

In the women's room, though, the stalls are on the outer perimeter. The walls of the cubicles close up on one when sitting there, which can be highly confining and claustrophobic.

I would presume that this inequity arose because females were rather scarce on this campus when the building first opened in 1961.

My first thought was that this is a recent complaint stemming from the increased number of women on campus in 1993.

Wrong! I give you a quote from Technician found in an article titled "1,200 Critique Harrelson Hall" dated Nov. 20, 1961.

In referring to the success of an open house at the building's dedication, "According to [those conducting the tour], women asked the most questions. They were particularly disturbed when they learned that there was only one ladies rest room — and that one on the third floor."

Thirty years later the situation remains the same.

I am not sure whether the complaint of 1961 was heeded at that time and the wheels of university bureaucracy are still churning on the issue or if the opinions of women are summarily dismissed now as they were then.

Why doesn't the university simply take the bathroom on the first floor and change the sign that reads "men" to one that reads "women?" Don't even go to the expense of removing the urinals. I'm sure that women would be so appreciative that they wouldn't complain.

One other thing I need to point out: One of Emily's complaints was that I'm always complaining in my columns. Might I note that her suggestion for this column stemmed from a complaint.

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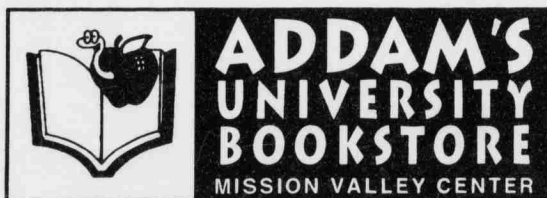
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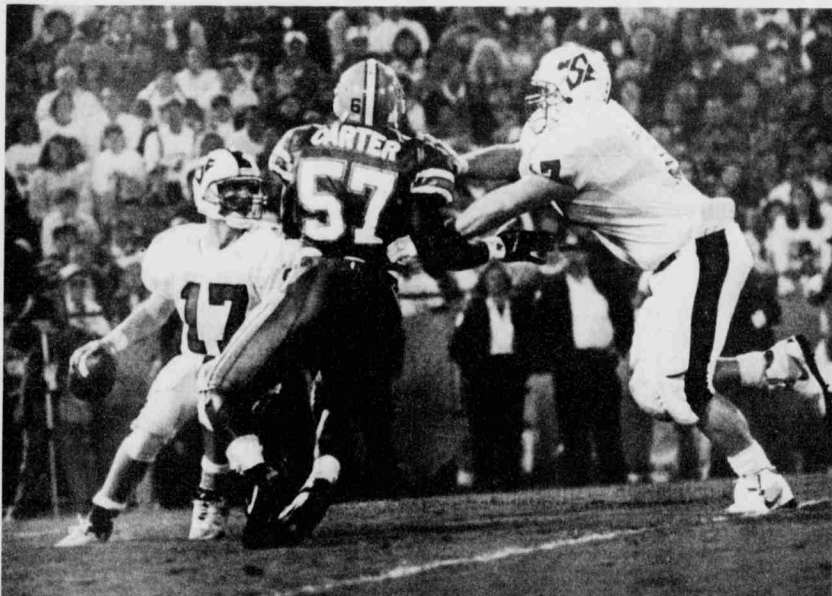
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Florida turns Sheridan's Pack into Gator bait



Wolfpack quarterback Terry Jordan (17) tries to avoid the oncoming rush from Florida's Kevin Carter (57) while guard Shawn Johnson (77) looks on.

Bowl hopes, 10-win season lost in Jacksonville fog

By Bill Overton
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Fogged the fog. It probably didn't matter on the New Year's Eve.

The University of Florida used a potent rushing attack along with dominating play along the line of scrimmage to defeat the N.C. State 27-10 in the 48th annual Gator Bowl. The loss ended State's season abruptly at 9-3-1 and dashed any chances the Pack may have dreamed about a Top 10 finish.

The final three quarters were played in a dense fog — dense enough that many of the 20,000-plus Wolfpack fans that occupied the north end zone couldn't see past the 50-yard line. It was a game that was more often heard than seen. But on the field, even amidst the fog, it was clear the Gators were the better team on this night.

"This reminded me of a game against another Florida team," said senior cornerback Sebastian Savage, referring to the Pack's 34-13 defeat at the hands of Florida State earlier in the season. "We didn't do too well in that one either."

Despite the fog, there were no excuses for the Wolfpack. Florida outgained the Pack in total yards, 445-267, running 88 offensive plays to the Pack's 67. The Gators grounded out 198 net yards rushing

Mike Reid goes pro
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compared with the 54 gained by Wolfpack runners. On this day, the Gators simply ruled.

"They did a good job with their game plan," said Wolfpack quarterback Terry Jordan, who threw 22 of 42 passes for 213 yards. "It's obvious that [Florida was] well prepared for this game. We were prepared also, but we just didn't execute. We had some chances, but we just didn't capitalize."

There was some football played before the fog. State and U of F traded possessions a couple times before Florida had the first genuine shot to break open the scoring. However, Judd Davis' field goal attempt from 32 yards sailed wide-left.

After the Pack went three and out, Florida, again, moved the ball well. This time, the Gators advanced to the NCSU 20-yard line, but Davis again missed to the left, this time from 37 yards.

Davis would finally connect seven minutes into the second quarter, hitting a 26-yarder which gave the Gators a 3-0 lead.

When State resumed possession, the fog slowly started to move in.

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Gators dominate line of scrimmage

By Jeff Drew
Senior Staff Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — It might have been a blessing for N.C. State fans that a bellowing St. Johns River fog blanketed the Gator Bowl Thursday night.

After all, who among the Wolfpack faithful would have enjoyed a clear view of Florida's 27-10 romp? It was evident enough through the mist that the Gators had dominated perhaps State's best team ever and crushed the Pack's hopes of earning some long-awaited national recognition.

The path Florida took to victory was skillfully crafted and wrought in Gator pride, dirt and sweat. Attacking the Pack's usually well-fortified offensive and defensive fronts, the Gators used raw speed, guile and tenacity to shatter State's foundation and crush any Pack resistance.

"The game was decided on the line of scrimmage," State coach Dick Sheridan said. "We were not able to control them. It was noticeable they were winning in the

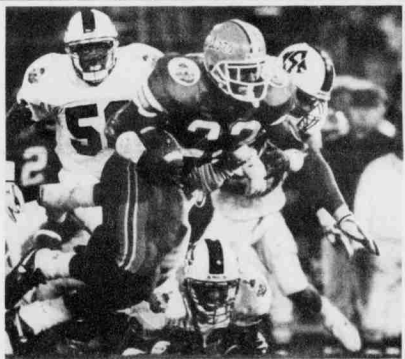
trenches."

Defensively, Florida's relentless pass rush overwhelmed the Pack offensive line and had the State offense in a fog far before the St. Johns version settled down in the stadium. Often making State quarterback Terry Jordan look like mere Gator bait, the ferocious Florida defenders collected three sacks and made several other Jordan deposits on the lush green natural surface.

"We got a good pass rush and their quarterback wasn't too mobile," Florida defensive end Johnnie Church said. "I was beating my tackle almost every play. They weren't quick; they had slow feet. I know I wasn't the only one beating his man."

When Jordan wasn't being pounded in the pocket, he was collecting grass stains attempting to ignite the State option attack. With fullback Greg Manior stuffed in the middle (four carries, four yards) and tailback Anthony Barbour covered on the corner, Jordan stumbled forward for just 18 yards on his five option

attempts. Meanwhile, Barbour, the Pack's most effective offensive weapon, saw his opportunities limited by State's option struggles and Florida's expanding lead. Though he burst for 16 yards on his first carry, Barbour earned only 10 more attempts and finished with a modest 50 yards, his lowest output



Errick Rhett (33) rushed for a game-high 182 yards in the Gator Bowl.

of the season. "We just couldn't get anything done. It seemed like on every play four guys would do a great job and one guy would just miss his assignment completely," senior guard Mike Gee said of the Pack's

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State again misses 10-win plateau

By Owen S. Good
Assistant Sports Editor

Jinxes and stigmas and other pesky hexes are nothing new to N.C. State head football coach Dick Sheridan. Some of the monkeys fresh off his back include an inability to defeat Virginia and a reputation of fading down the stretch.

This year, he and his team handed the Cavaliers a 31-7 drubbing and posted a 5-0-1 record in the final half of the season while earning an invitation to the 48th annual Gator Bowl; it was there that the Wolfpack was slapped with another label that continues to stick to its fur.

The inability to win 10 games.

In retrospect, Florida's 27-10 manhandling of the Pack will prove to be another missed opportunity that State had to cash in on a school-first 10-win season. It also marks the second consecutive time that the Wolfpack could have cracked the barrier in a bowl game.

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N.C. State	0	0	3	7-10
Florida	0	10	10	7-27
First Downs	13	26		
Rush attempts	25	50		
Running yards	54	198		
Comp-attempt	22-42	219-38-0		
Passing yards	213	247		
Total yards	267	445		
Fumbles-lost	2-1	3-2		
Penalties-yards	1-10	6-44		
Punts-avg.	11-39	5-41		
Return yards	3	79		
Time of pos.	26:17	33:43		

Scoring Summary

Second quarter
UF - Judd Davis 26 FG
UF - Shane Matthews 1 run (Davis kick)
Third quarter
UF - Willie Jackson 17 pass from Matthews (Davis kick)
NCS - Steve Videtic 23 FG
UF - Dave 42 FG
Fourth quarter
NCS - Aubrey Shaw 11 pass from Terry Jordan (Videtic kick)
UF - Harrison Houston 34 pass from Matthews (Davis kick)
Attendance - 71,233

Basketball team tunes up for Carolina with Iona blowout



Marcus Wilson (25) tries to cut off Corey Taylor's lane to the basket during the Wolfpack's 88-66 win over Iona Saturday night.

Sixth-ranked Tar Heels to play at Reynolds tomorrow

By Bill Overton
Sports Editor

A new year brought a new-found enthusiasm for N.C. State on the hardwood.

The Wolfpack returned to action after a 12-day layoff and pounded Iona College 88-66 Saturday night in Reynolds Coliseum. The win eased the painful memory of last year's 102-86 humiliation in White Plains, N.Y., and converted the Pack's frustration into some confidence heading into conference play.

Head coach Les Robinson complimented his team on a strong effort after a week of hard preparation.

"My philosophy on long layoffs is [that] they can hurt you if you dwell on them as a coach," Robinson said. "We haven't even talked about the fact that we haven't played since Kansas. We had a lot of (practice) sessions and I think, frankly, it paid off."

A half-empty coliseum greeted the Pack for the first time since a one-point victory over Oregon State two weeks earlier. State struggled early, forging to a 13-13 tie with the Gaels. But the Pack went on a 27-10 run in the last 10 minutes of the first half and surged ahead to a 40-23 lead with 3:21 remaining. State

"Tonight, we didn't play scared. We didn't play like we were on ice. We made mistakes, but they weren't mistakes out of fear."

—Les Robinson
men's basketball coach

would occupy a 42-27 lead heading to the locker room.

At halftime, it was clear that there was no one star. Miglen Bakalli and Kevin Thompson supplied the scoring sparks, each knocking down 11 points in the opening half. However, the Pack seemed to flow much more than it did in the first month of the season and showed a better understanding of the offense.

"We've done more teaching and less coaching [over the break]," Robinson explained. "Tonight, we didn't play scared. We didn't play like we were on ice. We made mistakes, but they weren't mistakes out of fear."

The second half had a ridiculous beginning. Referee Rick Hartzell and umpires Gary Marcum and Kelly Lombard whistled eight team fouls on the Wolfpack in the first four and half minutes, which helped send the Gaels to the free throw line 21 times in the second half. However, Iona never reduced the margin to less than 11 points as the Wolfpack rolled to the 22-point victory.

The statistics support the theory that the Pack is getting better. State only turned the ball over 10 times and shot 49 percent for the game. They out-rebounded the Gaels 37-30 and shot 39 percent from three-point range.

"I knew we worked hard in practice," Thompson said. "I didn't know if it was going to pay off this soon, but I knew we were a better team. I was proud of the team."

State was much more effective at getting the ball into Thompson's hands. The center is the Wolfpack's most effective field-goal shooter ever and the team is well aware that he needs to score.

"We're definitely looking to get Kevin the ball," said Bakalli, who

IONA	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TF
Taylor	3-5	5-6	3	1	2	12
Golem	4-8	1-2	2	1	2	9
Hart	1-2	0-0	7	4	4	9
Martin	4-9	0-0	6	2	1	9
Johnson	0-3	2-2	0	0	0	2
Marshall	3-7	0-0	6	3	8	8
Rivers	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
Barr	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0
Deaver	0-1	2-3	0	0	2	2
Doyle	1-2	2-2	1	0	4	4
Larsen	0-0	1-2	0	0	1	1
Roberts	1-3	2-2	4	0	2	5
Houston	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	21-49	20-28	30	11	15	66

N.C. STATE	FG	FT	R	A	PF	TF
Davis	0-4	0-0	2	5	0	0
Seale	4-7	0-0	3	2	9	9
Thompson 9-14	1-1	7-5	2	19		
McCuller	2-9	1-2	2	5	0	6
Marshall	3-7	0-0	6	3	8	8
Wilson	1-3	0-0	3	2	1	2
Bakalli	4-4	0-0	3	1	2	6
Fuller	8-15	1-3	3	2	22	22
Korreyay	4-7	0-0	4	0	8	8
Lewis	1-2	2-2	2	0	3	5
Newman	1-2	1-2	1	0	1	3
Knox	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36-74	6-10	37	22	23	88

Iona 27 39 - 66
N.C. State 42 39 - 88
Three-point goals - Iona 4 (Taylor 1-3, Martin 2-4, Johnson 0-1, Mustajir 0-3, Roberts 1-2, Houston 0-1). N.C. State 10 (Davis 0-2, Seale 1-2, Thompson 0-1, McCulle 1-5, Marshall 2-5, Bakalli 5-10).
Newman - Iona 16 N.C. State 11
Officials - Hartzell, Marcum
Attendance - 6,950

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Baseball program smiling after strong recruiting year

By Owen S. Good
Assistant Sports Editor

N.C. State baseball coach Ray Tanner has gathered a strong group of 15 recruits to build for the coming 1994 season. Featuring such standouts as the nation's best junior college hitter, the class should prove to be one of the best in the nation as the signing period wears on.

Easily the biggest signing is Tim Forkner, a second baseman now playing with Seward Junior College in Kansas. Last season Forkner belted out a .512 clip, tops among the nation's jocos, with 60 RBI in 55 games. Forkner is expected to take the

place of senior second sacker Jeff Meszar.

One of the top high school recruits includes Trot Nicom, currently signed on a football scholarship. A multi-faceted athlete, Nicom wears pads as a quarterback, but also demonstrates talent as an outfielder and left-handed pitcher.

Another pitcher/player prospect, this one hailing from the baseball-rich state of Florida, is Ft. Lauderdale's Ed Bou. Bou hit

at a county-best .341 with seven homers in 29 games, earning first team All-Broward County honors. Bou has speed as well, stealing 14 bases and scoring 33 times. To complement his bat, Bou crafted a 5-1 record with a 1.26 ERA on the mound this past season.

Two high school teammates will continue their exploits in Wolfpack flannels. Ryan Massimo and Bill Hillier, both from Durham's Jordan High, will tag-team in the infield and on the pitching mound, respectively. Massimo made the first team of the Piedmont 4-A all-Conference squad with a .429 batting average and 10 extra base hits in 70 at-bats. Massimo also worked 15

walks, giving him a formidable .529 on-base percentage.

Hillier went one better than Massimo, garnering the Piedmont 4-A's Player of the Year. He struck out 97 batters in 68 innings en route to an 8-2 record and 1.75 ERA. As a hitter, Hillier posted a .345 batting average and 17 RBI in 58 at-bats.

Of the 15 prospects, 11 have pitching experience. Tanner explained that "we put a larger emphasis on pitching this year," although he is uncertain whether the starting or relief pitching will benefit the most. "It's too early to make that kind of call," Tanner said. "We'll have to see what happens with Terry Harvey and this year's

bulpen."

Harvey, a sophomore, was the team's second-best reliever behind Jamie Wolkosky in last year's ACC title campaign. With Wolkosky gone, Harvey would have an expanded role. As for his football status, he was red-shirted this past season, and the chance of going to professional baseball after this season is still unresolved.

Going professional is a risk, Tanner reminded. "It's still possible that possibility [to enter the professional draft] in June. That happens when you get some of the top ballplayers in high school."



Tanner

Reid to enter pro draft

By Kevin Brewer
Assistant Sports Editor

Mike Reid is entering the workforce a little earlier than expected. The junior strong safety on the N.C. State football team announced Tuesday afternoon that he will forego his senior season and enter his name in the April NFL draft.

"The chief reason is I had an injury-free year and I've had a pretty good year," Reid said. "I've been rated high throughout the year."

"I've accomplished more than anyone thought I would, but not more than I thought I would. I'm thankful for the time I've been here. There's not much more I can do here."

Reid, a 6-foot-2, 219-pound native of Pacolet, S.C., was a first-team all-ACC selection this season and made the Associated Press all-America team as a second-team member. Reid also compiled 88 total tackles, three interceptions and a league-leading 13 pass break-ups.

During his sophomore season, Reid came up with 83 total tackles, two interceptions and 14 pass break-ups. He was also voted to the all-ACC second-team in 1991. "Mike has enjoyed an outstanding career at N.C. State," Pack defensive coordinator Buddy Green said. "His tremendous leadership qualities and performance have made a large impact on the success of our program over the past years."

Reid said he made the decision to enter the draft after the Pack's last regular season game against Wake Forest. He then discussed the possibility with the State coaches and his family during the week of the Gator Bowl. The State coaches told him he would be a second- or third-rounder in the draft.

He also said that State head



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Junior safety Mike Reid will enter the NFL draft to be held in April.

coach Dick Sheridan told him to get as much information as possible and not to let any else influence him.

"That's what I did," Reid said. "No one else influenced me. [Sheridan's] behind me 100 percent. He's been behind me since I've been here."

The accounting major still plans to earn his degree — he is about two semesters away from finishing — but he didn't deny the prospect of supporting his family with big NFL dollars.

"I would love to take care of my mom," Reid said. "She's taken care of me all of my life. I feel like it's time for me to do my part."

Reid's announcement came one day after quarterback Drew Bledsoe of Washington State decided to leave school early. Florida State's Marvin Jones, North Carolina's Natrone Means and Ohio State's Robert Smith have also entered the draft.

The prospect of a salary cap for NFL rookies in a recent bargaining agreement has made some underclassmen wary about when to enter the draft. A ruling on the salary cap is still pending.

"I have no control over [the cap]," Reid said. "My decision wasn't affected too much by that. What happens with that is out of my control."

Wolfpack loses 48th Gator Bowl

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The Pack, which had trouble all night trying to rush the ball against the quicker Gators, started finding success through the air.

Jordan found Reggie Lawrence in the flat for a nine-yard gain which was followed by a 15-yard personal foul penalty. After a seven-yard gain by Anthony Barbour, Jordan hooked up with tight end Ryan Schuitz for a first down at the Florida 31.

Barbour gained four more yards to the Florida 27 on first down. It was then that the game took a turn for the worst for the Wolfpack. Fullback Greg Manior fumbled a basic hand-off from Jordan and the Gators recovered. NCSU would not see the Florida side of the field again until only four minutes were left in the contest.

"The fumble was pretty critical," tight end Neil Auer said. "We were driving for the first time and were already in position to kick a field goal for the tie."

Florida made quick use of the turnover and marched 72 yards in just under three minutes, culminating with quarterback Shane Matthews sneaking in from the one-yard line. With 3:46 left in the first half and the fog now in full force, the Gators had the upper hand 10-0.

Matthews ended the night connecting on only 19 of 38 passes for a modest 247 yards, which might even be considered an "off" night for him. However, he made a minimum of mistakes. In his five games played at the Gator Bowl in five years, he never threw an interception.

"It seemed like we would get a good play and then their defense would come up with a better one," Wolfpack head coach Dick Sheridan said. "One key factor was our turnovers. We had a fumble and an interception when we were in scoring position and that killed whatever momentum we had."

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—Dick Sheridan
head football coach

The game was supposed to be filled with offensive fireworks. State had quarterback Jordan and an explosive running game, while Florida had a former Heisman-hopeful quarterback in Matthews and plenty of targets to throw to.

However, neither team could get any momentum early. The Wolfpack couldn't find anything. Florida turned to Errict Rhett.

Rhett rushed for a game-high 182 yards on 39 carries, 26 of which were in the second half. Following the blocks of a bruising offensive line, Rhett helped the Gators convert 10 of 21 third down conversions and keep the tiring Pack defense on the field for most of the second half.

"We wanted to come out there and throw the ball," Florida head coach Steve Spurrier said. "We couldn't. We felt running it was our best chance."

After the Wolfpack misfired on the first possession of the second half, the Gators cashed in. Using Rhett on the first four plays of the drive, the Gators drove 57 yards in just under three minutes again. With the fog only getting worse, the Wolfpack was behind by a seemingly insurmountable 17-0 deficit.

"It seems like after they scored their first touchdown we let down on defense," Savage said. "They ran extremely well and when they do that they're very hard to stop."

The Pack would get a golden opportunity to cut the margin to 10 points midway through the third

quarter. A Tim Kilpatrick punt sailed through the fog where Monte Duncan bobbed it at the Florida 29-yard line. Jordan found Auer over the middle for 21 yards and a first down at the Florida five. But, three cracks at the goal would only produce a one-yard loss and two incompletions as N.C. State was forced to settle for a 23-yard Steve Vidulich field goal.

Davis booted a 42-yard field goal with just over a minute to play in the third quarter to boost the Gator lead to 20-3.

If the Pack had any hopes of winning, they were completely extinguished with the Gator's second possession of the fourth quarter. Florida took possession of the ball with 11:32 to play and ran 14 plays, exhausting most of the clock. While the Gators received no points out of the drive, NCSU did not see the ball again until 4:38 was left in the game.

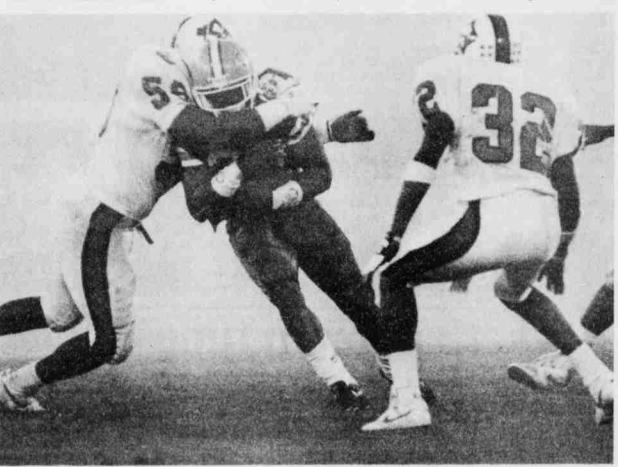
The Pack did drive to the Gator 20-yard line with just under four minutes to play after Lawrence made a spectacular grab for a 42-yard reception. But the Pack committed another costly turnover on the very next play as free safety Will White intercepted Jordan at the six-yard line.

Rhett would fumble only two plays later, and the Pack put up its final score of the night when Jordan found senior tailback Aubrey Shaw over the middle for an 11-yard touchdown.

Sheridan, obviously disappointed, tried to point out positives. He spent 30 minutes following the game speaking with each senior individually.

"I really feel bad for our seniors," Sheridan explained. "I told them that they had a lot to be proud of. It's hard to look at the season as a whole right now, but it was a very good season."

When the fog clears and the scars heal, N.C. State may see what Sheridan was talking about.



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Tyler Lawrence (58) puts the clamps on a Gator ball-carrier while Sebastian Savage (32) prepares to assist.

Defense exhausted by game's end

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offensive line struggles. "We were never in sync."

The Pack's six-week layoff before the bowl may have had an affect on State's offensive woes, Gee said. State had averaged 39.5 points-per-game in its last three outings of the season but never came close to establishing any offensive continuity against Florida.

State tight end Neal Auer said he wasn't sure how the layoff impacted the game.

"It might have a factor, you never know," Auer said. "They took us out of our game, but I don't know if that had anything to do with them having more time to prepare for us. I don't know if you can pinpoint it."

On the offensive side of the ball, Florida head coach Steve Spurrier's pre-game preparation obviously was effective. Mixing misdirection plays, power football and downfield passing, Spurrier concocted a game plan that kept the State defense off-balance and opened running lanes for bruising tailback Errict Rhett.

"Florida played just a great game," State senior linebacker David Merril said. "I was very surprised by how well they ran on us. They had me on my heels. I didn't know if they were going to pass or going to throw."

Eventually, the Pack's mental frustration developed into physical exhaustion. After stiffening three times deep in its own territory and forcing three Gator field goal attempts — including two misses

— the State defense finally melted into the Jacksonville night.

Florida scored on three of four possessions in the second and third quarter as its increasingly physical ground game pounded the State defensive line. The Gator domination culminated with the last scoring drive of the third quarter, a six-minute march, which featured nine consecutive Rhett rushes. The 42-yard march ended with a 42-yard field goal that pushed the lead back to 20-3 and essentially clinched the victory.

"By the start of the second half we were exhausted," senior nose tackle Ricky Logo said. "They had us confused in the first half with their play calling and they wore us down. We just couldn't stop them in the second half."

"We're only as good as our last game, and this is our last game. So we have to capitalize on our mistakes and come back faster and stronger."

—Damien Covington
NCSU junior linebacker

better team in a consistently better conference than the ACC. A win, even by the largest of margins, might have disguised the differences between a Wolfpack debuting in the AP Top Ten final poll and those teams that traditionally end up there.

"You look at the games we lost: the Florida State and the Florida games; those two teams were quicker and faster than we were,"

Sheridan said. "The team speed factor is something that we have to improve. I think that's evidenced in those two losses."

Junior linebacker Damien Covington sees other problems. "I think that the defense is going to have to come back together."

"We're only as good as our last game, and this is our last game," Covington added. "So we have to capitalize on our mistakes and come

back faster and stronger."

But as far as the respect the program is earning, neither Covington nor Sheridan see the Gator Bowl loss as a blotch on the team's reputation.

"I really don't think it has anything to do with respect and where it puts us in the nation," Covington said. "We've beaten a lot of talented opponents and we'll continue to beat a lot of talented opponents."

One of Sheridan's concerns about reputation deals with recruiting. He doesn't feel the defeat damages that aspect of the program.

"I think the fact that we are in this position is helpful whether we win or lose," Sheridan said. "It would help more if we won, but to be here and lose is a whole lot better than to not be here."

By no means is that a complacent "we're-just-glad-to-be-here" atti-

tude about bowl games. Sheridan and his team arrived in Florida ready to play, wanting to win.

"We had that opportunity [for the bowl win and 10-win season] this year and we didn't take advantage of it," Sheridan said. "What's really disappointing is last year we had a chance to win our tenth game in a bowl game. That's frustrating for us, to have those opportunities and not be able to take advantage of them."

That is what the Wolfpack must do next year and the years to follow. Top-ten teams, major bowl winners and national champions capitalize on their opportunities.

As for the 10-win monkey? Just like the rest, Sheridan will eventually pull that one off his back.

State falls one short of 10 wins

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As star-crossed as he may seem, Sheridan's sleep isn't haunted by eight field goal attempts missing right, left and short; an unstoppable Gator onslaught or an ominous East Carolina comeback.

"It's not a hex. It's a goal," Sheridan said of the 10-win season. "Anybody that likes to compete would like to be the best that's ever been somewhere."

And being the best team ever fielded at N.C. State is something that drives Sheridan and, through him, the team. Sheridan has made no secret of his desire to see N.C. State lumped in with the upper echelon of national talent.

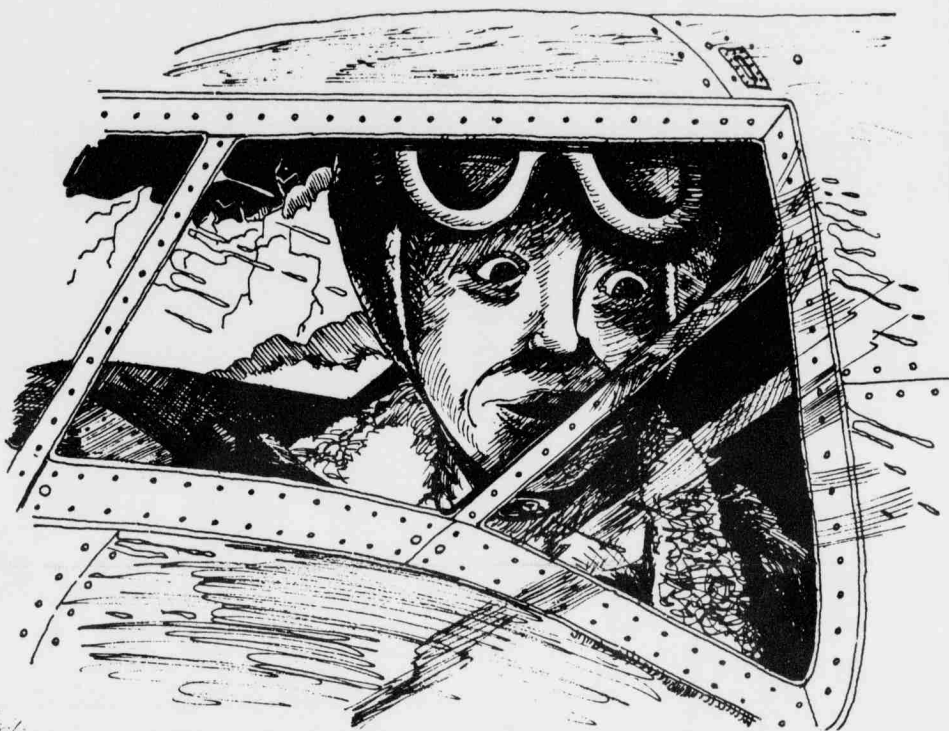
But where does a 17-point loss in Sheridan's biggest bowl leave the team in pursuit of others like Alabama and Michigan?

"Had we won the game, I feel like we would have been a top ten team. We would have won more games than any other team in the history of this school, and we would have been stepping it up a notch," Sheridan stated. "But what happens after this is really what makes each succeeding team strive for higher goals."

Optimistically, the Gator Bowl loss gives the Wolfpack a chance to evaluate itself against a consistently

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Basketball team picks up the pace

Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State men's basketball team continued to improve from a learning December. The Pack struggled to a 1-3 record over the Christmas break before defeating Iona 88-66 Saturday night. Here is a capsule look at the Wolfpack's games.

Connecticut 81 N.C. State 74 December 5, 1992

The Wolfpack was clearly not ready for this battle with nationally-ranked Connecticut — at first. But after settling down from a 13-0 deficit in the first half, State found itself in a hole just too deep to escape from.

State would cut Connecticut's 20-point halftime lead down to as little as five points, but didn't have the gas to pull ahead of the Huskies and had to settle for the seven-point loss.

"I'm certainly not pleased with the outcome of the game, but I think by midway in the second half, our players were finally convinced that we can compete with the University of Connecticut," Wolfpack head coach Les Robinson said. "I don't know that they thought that midway through the first half or going into the game."

Freshman Chuck Komegay delivered a season-high 21 points for the Pack while Curtis Marshall finished with 18. Lakista McCuller added a season-best 15 points.

Princeton 50 N.C. State 41 December 16, 1992

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Tigers used their slow-down style of basketball to send the Wolfpack to a nine-point loss. The Pack only trailed by two at the half, but Princeton slowly pulled away behind the shooting of Chris Pavlic, who had 18 points on 6-11 shooting.

The Pack showed much better patience against the Tigers, but it was unable to hang on to the ball. State turned the ball over 13 times compared with Princeton, which lost the ball only seven times.

"Our preparation for this game will help us throughout the rest of the season," Robinson said. "If, in a couple of weeks we are a good basketball team, we can look at this game as the starting point."

The game was witnessed by a national television audience on ESPN, but only 6,612 fans attended the game at Meadowlands Arena.

N.C. State 69 Oregon State 68 December 19, 1992

The Wolfpack trailed the Beavers 60-43 with just over eight minutes remaining in the ball game, but outscored OSU 26-8 after that to post the one-point win. State trailed 42-25 at the half after turning the ball over 15 times in the first half.

Gradually, they worked the lead down behind the three-point shooting of Curtis Marshall.

With Oregon State holding a 68-63 edge, Mark Davis, playing his first game of the season, connected on a three-pointer to cut the margin to two with 1:27 left. After a steal by Kevin Thompson, Marshall moved into the lane and made a bucket while being fouled by the Beaver's Chad Scott. The free throw was true, and the comeback was complete.

Kansas 84 N.C. State 64 December 21, 1992

LAWRENCE, Kan. — After its thrilling win over Oregon State, N.C. State had the undesirable task of going into Phog Allen Fieldhouse and tackling the second-ranked Jayhawks. The Pack put up a worthy fight in the second half but couldn't overcome the play of all-American guards Adams Jordan and Rex Walters as the Jayhawks coasted to the 20-point win before a sell-out crowd of 15,800.

After falling behind by 15 at the break, the Pack came out with less fear in the second half, closing the Jayhawk gap to 11 at one point. However, Kansas proved to be too much in the end, getting 16 from Jordan and 14 from center Eric Pauley for its seventh win of the season.

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Sports Staff Report

The N.C. State women's basketball team experienced an up-and-down Christmas break with seven games, including four road contests to end the stretch. Continuing to adjust to the loss of Rhonda Mapp on the inside, State mustered a 4-3 record to improve its overall mark at 5-4.

N.C. State 75 Florida State 67 December 16, 1992

The Wolfpack began its ACC schedule with its worst half of the season, falling behind to Florida State 40-22 at halftime. NCSU turned the ball over 13 times and hit only 10 of 30 shots from the field before the intermission.

Pack coach Kay Woy implemented the team's pressure defense for the second half and the team went on a 20-2 run to tie the game at 42. NCSU held the Seminoles to 29 percent shooting from the field in the second half and forced 12 turnovers.

Gibson hit six of 10 shots in the second half and finished with 24 points and eight rebounds. Danyel Parker had 14 points and five assists. Seniors Teri Whyte and Ashley Hancock each reached double figures in rebounds.

N.C. State 94 East Carolina 79 December 12, 1992

State had little difficulty in its annual meeting with East Carolina, Yow's alma mater. Eight different

Pack players scored as State went on a 25-6 run in the first half. The Wolfpack shot 48 percent from the field in the first half, while the Pirates made only 33 percent of their shots.

A Gibson basket gave State its largest lead of the game at 22 with six minutes left. The 5-foot-8 guard finished with 29 points. Also, red-shirt freshman Natasha Weddle saw her first action with the Pack and had one rebound in five minutes.

Krissy Kuziemi ski contributed with nine assists and only three turnovers.

N.C. State 82 W. Kentucky 75 December 20, 1992

With a couple of key wins under its collective belt, the Wolfpack was ready to take on seventh-ranked Western Kentucky. Gibson led the upset-minded Pack by scoring the team's first 11 points, including two three-pointers. She had 19 points in the first half as State took a 45-35 into the half.

Behind Whyte, Gibson and Parker, the Pack ran its lead to 18 on the Hilltoppers. Whyte supplemented the Pack attack with 11 points and seven rebounds. State also improved its ball-handling; the Pack finished with 23 assists to 14 turnovers.

Parker knocked in 10 points and Jenny Kuziemi had eight point and four rebounds.

G. Washington 85 N.C. State 79 December 22, 1992

Tar Heels venture to Reynolds

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had two of the team's season-high 22 assists for the Pack. "He shoots the ball so well when he gets it inside."

State's record now stands at 3-4 as it approaches the biggest game of the 1992 season. Sixth-ranked North Carolina (10-1) will visit Reynolds tomorrow night for a 9 p.m. game, which opens up the Wolfpack's 16-game ACC slate.

"We've got to make a lot of

adjustments," Robinson said. "We're going to have to have some very tough practices this week. They came within a missed shot of beating [Michigan]. We're going to have to be at our very best. There is no question about it."

Carolina presents some potential matchup problems for the Wolfpack. The Tar Heels have some size in the form of starting 7-foot center Eric Montross (17 pp. 8 rpg) and 6-foot-11 power forward Kevin Salvadori (3.5 rpg). The Heels also have experience at the point with junior Derrick Phelps (9 pp. 5 app).

Despite the obstacles, Robinson does feel much more encouraged about the new-look Wolfpack.

"Tonight is what I envisioned on Dec. 1," Robinson said. "The fact that we've been scared and knocked down — sometimes that makes you a little tougher."

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State struggles with conference slate

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Ranked for the first time since early last season, State came out ready to continue its winning ways as it began a four-game road trip. The Wolfpack held a seven-point advantage on three different occasions in the first half and took a 40-35 lead to the half behind the shooting of Gibson and Jenny Kuziemi.

Whyte and Hancock tried to continue the onslaught in the second period, but the Colonials mounted a comeback. George Washington took its first lead with 15 minutes had control of the contest with a five-point margin in the closing minutes.

Darlene Saar led the comeback with 21 points and 10 rebounds in 40 minutes. Forward Jennifer Shasky and guard Debbie Hemery had 17 and 18 points, respectively.

VCU 79 N.C. State 77 December 28, 1992

RICHMOND, Va. — Hitting the road again, the Wolfpack came out in a shooting slump against Virginia Commonwealth. The Pack hit 36 percent of its shots in the first half. State did manage a 40-36 halftime lead by Parker and Gibson.

The Rams pressured the Wolfpack for 23 turnovers in the game and came away with the two-point win. Forward Pavlikhina hit eight of 12 shots and had 24 points. Beth Mollerer and Dawntia Price also took advantage of the Pack inside game with 16 points each.

Gibson contributed with 24 and Parker had 17. Whyte and Hancock

each scored in double figures.

N.C. State 106 Fla. Atlantic 80 December 30, 1992

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Wolfpack ended its two-game losing skid as it scored 100 points for the first time this season. State also hit 65 percent of its shots in the first half and finished the game with a 57-percent mark. Gibson led the way with a career-high 38 points, hitting 15 of 27 shots.

The Pack defense held the Owls to 42-percent shooting from the field and forced 28 turnovers. Parker had 20 points and seven assists and Whyte added 15. The Owls' Yolanda Gregory led a one-woman attack with 34 points, 24 rebounds and three blocks.

Clemson 89 N.C. State 66 January 3, 1993

CLEMSON, S.C. — State continued to struggle with its conference schedule, losing its second consecutive ACC game. The Pack fell behind 25-17 in the first half and never fully recovered. Gibson finished with 17 points and eight rebounds.

After hitting 57 percent of its shots in the first half, the Pack managed to hit only 32 percent of its shots in the second half. Forward Shandy Bryan led the Tiger attack with 20 points and eight rebounds.

Jenny Kuziemi added 12 points and Parker had nine points, eight rebounds and five assists.

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Gator Bowl 1992



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The N.C. State University football team travelled to Jacksonville, Fla., during Christmas break to face its biggest bowl challenge ever: a showdown with home-state power Florida in the Gator Bowl. The then 14th-ranked Gators confronted NCSU with a talented squad that had just lost a close 28-21 decision to eventual national champion Alabama. To make the Pack's mission even more daunting, Florida would bring around 50,000 Gator fans to the bowl to support its cause.

NCSU and head Dick Sheridan were striving after their own goals in Jacksonville. With a victory, the Wolfpack would have secured its first 10-win season and probably its first top-10 ranking in the final Associated Press

poll. But unfortunately for NCSU, a win wasn't in the offering.

The day started well enough, with an enthusiastic pep rally featuring cheerleaders, the marching band and thousands of Wolfpack fans from North Carolina and even places as far away as Kansas. The sky was as bright as Pack fans hopes about the game. But when the gridiron showdown started expectations slowly began to dim.

As the sun sank fog descended on the field, obscuring the players and turning the television coverage of the game into something resembling Friday night high school football. At first it was the Gators up by only three. A field goal, nothing insurmountable. But things got worse. Florida's defense stymied the Wolfpack offense, and Gator running back Errict Rhett ran for 182 yards in the 27-10 decision.

But fortunately for NCSU fans, bowl games are about much more than football. They're about college pride, pageantry and parties — even if your team did lose the BIG game. And the Gator Bowl was certainly all that, despite what happened in the fog.

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