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Club gathers funds for march

A campus organization is making it easier for NCSU students to attend a potentially historic event.

NICOLE MILLER Staff Writer

At least three busloads of N.C. State students will have the opportunity to hear Winnie Mandela speak in support of African-American women at the Million Women's March in Philadelphia. On October 25, a prospective million-women, families and men will gather at the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia, Penn. for the Million Women's March. The march is not the sequel or counterpart to last year's Million Man March, but rather a separate platform-based movement to encourage the support of African-American women and families. Thanks to NCSU's Society of African American Culture (SAAC) and other university organizations, at least three buses of students and faculty will have an opportunity to take part in the march.

take part in the march is \$10. The organizers of the push to help students attend the march will ask NCSU's student government for the remaining necessary funds next week. Sign-up for the Million Women's March is open exclusively to students until September 29. After that date it will be open to anyone until October 10. A fourth bus may be acquired if the demand for seats grows. Organizers hope the Million Women's March will inspire activism on the campus. "Our hope is to motivate women, and to get more people involved on campus," said Ricky Livingston, a member of SAAC. Livingston wants students who attend the march to realize going to Philadelphia is not enough. Students must take the viewpoints they obtain at the march and put them to action on campus and in Raleigh. "We hope they will realize that this is larger than themselves," said Livingston. Various grassroots organizations and national organizations such as the Black United Front and the National Council of Negro Women

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Student expulsions continue to increase

More serious violations on campus are skewing NCSU's crime statistics.

TONYA JOHNSON Staff Writer

The latest word from N.C. State's Office of Student Conduct: less crime, but more serious crime. The Office of Student Conduct recently released statistics about students processed through their office during the 1996-1997 school year. There was a drop in the number of processed cases, from 731 students in 1995-1996 to 626 students last year. But the number of suspensions and expulsions at NCSU has increased. Paul Cousins, director of student conduct, believes that NCSU's statistics are about the same compared to other large universities. Although that may sound all right, there has been an increase in domestic violence, drug abuse, fighting and sexual harassment cases reported at NCSU, Cousins said. Because of this increase in serious violations, NCSU suspended or expelled more students last year than in previous years. This explains why the number of cases processed at NCSU fell while the number of expulsions went up, Cousins said. The survey for the 1996-1997 school year found that 566 students

were charged with non-academic violations, 342 of them were found guilty in disciplinary conferences and 58 were found guilty in hearings. This resulted in a total of 30 suspensions and 6 expulsions. "Even though we have our own campus police, more students are getting savvy and hiding alcohol or drug use, which is increasing on campus," Cousins said. And, because of several factors like the weather, more home athletic games and an increase in students, Cousins predicts escalating problems. Another fact Cousins mentions is that within the first six weeks of last fall semester, six students had been suspended for a minimum of one semester because of a second marijuana violation. At least four of the six students were freshmen. "This is alarming because we're getting people predisposed with drugs into our college environment," Cousins said. As far as academic charges, 25 of the 60 charged were found guilty, resulting in a total of 11 suspensions and six expulsions. Cousins believes that the increasing numbers of expulsions and suspensions will continue. "I expect the numbers will go up this year," Cousins said.

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Monday IN BRIEF



PE department changes hands

Several modifications have been made in Student Affairs this summer, both in program and personnel. One change was the transfer of the physical education department from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to the Division of Student Affairs. The PE department teaches courses for credit but doesn't offer a degree program. Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs, said Provost Phillip J. Stiles decided to make the change because the PE department has more similarities with the division of student affairs than with CHASS and because many of its activities are already connected with departments in Student Affairs. The move shifted about 60 employees, including more than 40 faculty members, into the Division of Student Affairs.

Chancellor calls for support of initiative

Diversity was the topic of the day when Chancellor Larry Monteth addressed the Staff Senate last week. The senators reviewed a draft of the university's proposed "Diversity Initiative" and offered their thoughts on it. Monteth told the senators that as N.C. State and the world change, the challenge for NCSU will be to provide an inclusive environment and a supportive atmosphere in which everyone has the opportunity to succeed. "The Staff Senate is probably the most diverse group on campus," Monteth said. "You can speak from diverse points of view, and I urge you to contribute to the dialogue on this single-most important issue for our future success. Diversity and inclusiveness have always been moral issues but now they also have become issues of survival and success."

Young Alumni Weekend scheduled

All N.C. State graduates, Wolfpack Club members and friends who graduated within the last 15 years are invited to this year's Young Alumni Weekend, to be held Sept. 19-20. A golf tournament will tee off at 9 a.m. Sept. 19 at Crooked Creek. The tournament will be followed by a pre-game tailgate party that will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 20 before the Wolfpack football team takes on the boys from Northern Illinois University. The golf tournament is \$50 per player, and the tailgate and game package will cost alumni \$20 per person. For more information on the Young Alumni Weekend, call Matt Smith, director of Young Alumni, at 515-3375.

In memory of the children

Child Abuse Homicides, 1996

Table with 4 columns: Child's Name, Age, Cause of Death, Date of Death. Lists various child abuse cases such as Starvation, Poisoned, Fire, Gun shot wound, etc.

Their names blanketed the side of the Bell Tower. Candles lit in remembrance of their short lives dotted its concrete steps. They were the children whose lives were cut short by child abuse. And they serve as a testament to a growing problem at a child abuse awareness event Saturday sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina. Above, Jack Dempster, a 13-month old baby, is held by his father, Bo Dempster, as they look at the names of the children who died as a result of child abuse last year. Right, one of many candles lit for victims of child abuse rests on a Bell Tower step.



NCSU sets admission goals for 1998

A group of administrators and faculty members discussed recruiting strategies Friday.

LYNN ALLEN Staff Writer

Raise standards, be consistent and improve the academic environment at N.C. State. That was the message George Dixon, NCSU's director of Admissions, conveyed to a group of faculty members as he presented plans and goals for next year's freshman class at a meeting in Witherspoon Student Center Friday. The current freshman class is reported to be the

largest, with 3,651 students. It obtained the highest average GPA, 3.69, and highest average SAT score, 1154, of any incoming class in NCSU's recent history. Forty-two states are represented in this freshman class, and the largest percentage of women ever in an incoming class, 42 percent, has also joined NCSU's ranks. "NCSU's goals now are to continue to scale upward in these areas," Dixon said. The Fall 1998 freshman class target is 3,600 students with a projected applicant pool of 11,000. An 18 percent maximum of out-of-state students (648) is also expected to be easily fulfilled.

Average GPA goals for the middle 50 percent of applicants is between 3.35 and 4.05 with a mean GPA of 3.71. The SAT range is 1060-1280 with a mean SAT score of 1165. "These goals are high, but not unattainable," Dixon said. Dixon also discussed the process that goes into accepting an applicant to NCSU. "Every application is looked at with human eyes with the goal of being consistent," said Dixon. Dixon said the first and most important step in looking at an application is the examination of a

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OUTSIDE

Weather forecast section showing temperature ranges (HI 83 LO 64 and HI 86 LO 66) and sun/cloud icons for T O D A Y and T O M O R R O W.

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Cousins said more students are getting smarter about cheating and getting away with academic misconduct.

According to Cousins, the sad part of all this is that some students who come here to learn and get an education end up messing up their lives and academic careers by making foolish choices.

"Real bright students come here, but by Christmas, the damage is done," Cousins said.

developed the Million Women's March with specific platforms in mind.

These include: the development of Afrocentric independent schools with a 21st century outlook; transition of women exiting the penal system; examination of human rights violations of Africans in the Americas and their effects; community support of childcare especially for single women; developing African American women professionals, entrepreneurs, politicians, artisans and students; as well as the political platform of gaining more investigation and support of the CIA crack cocaine lawsuit. Various civil-rights activists will present these issues.

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Dining makes big improvements

■ The way to a student's heart is through his stomach.

MATT WHITE
Staff Writer

This year at N.C. State, students will have a wider variety of foods to choose from at the university dining hall and Atrium.

Breakfast at the dining hall will be a new adventure for students, according to Randy Lait, university dining business manager.

Instead of the same old meals day in and day out, students have omelets, a self-serve breakfast bar and a wider variety of cereals, including brand names such as Kellogg's. The omelets are made-to-order and therefore will be hotter and fresher, Lait said.

Dining hall lunches and dinners have a new twist as well, Lait said. The hamburgers will be freshly cooked; there will be a new pasta bar along with an expanded vegetarian bar; students will have twice the number of salad dressings to choose from; and all the food in the dining hall will be on a three-week menu cycle.

Dining hall management is also waiting on equipment that will allow them to open an ice cream bar.

Students and faculty members who eat at the Atrium also have the pleasure of more food choices.

NCSU has signed licensing agreements with Stone Willie's Pizza and The Hot Dog Construction Company. Both have just opened at the Atrium. There

has been a high demand for Stone Willie's Pizza, which has caused NCSU to order larger and better pizza ovens, Lait said.

Lait said University Dining is also looking for ways to find more seating areas to relieve overcrowding problems at the Atrium.

Lait said the dining hall and Atrium management are always looking to improve dining and give a wider variety of foods to the students and faculty, so there may be more changes to come.

Goals

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student's high school course selection. AP courses and honors courses taken in high school are considered to have more weight than regular classes.

Second, the cumulative GPA and class rank of a student are considered. Third is SAT and ACT scores and the fourth and newest addition to the process is called the non-cognitive variable, which is a questionnaire sent out with the application that measures students' projected performance in college.

Yield activities for obtaining the university's recruitment goals were also presented by Dixon. Each representative is responsible for taking these yields to his or her own college.

These yield activities are intended to develop a more personal relationship with each prospective freshman. They also call for NCSU to keep in touch with parents to let them know the advantages of an NCSU education.

NCSU's student population is growing from year to year, Dixon said. He said the standards the admissions office have used in the past and will use in the future aid in making NCSU one of the strongest and largest universities in the nation.

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Oronde Ash has scored three goals in three years in the Duke addidas fall soccer tournament

Sports

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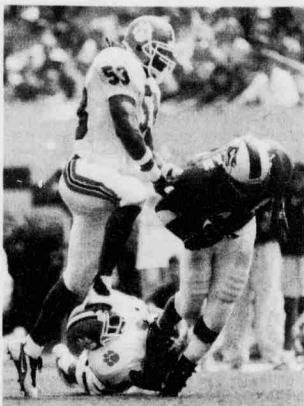
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The Wolfpack's Chris Coleman reels in a pass on Saturday against Clemson.

■ The Clemson Tigers hand N.C. State its first gridiron loss of the season.

JAMES M. LAIL
Special to Technician

The N.C. State football team's quest for a magical season was halted — at least momentarily — by Clemson Saturday as the Tigers edged the Wolfpack, 19-17, in front of 50,000 raucous fans at Carter-Finley Stadium.

Clemson place-kicker Matt Padgett hit a 25-yard field goal with 19 seconds left in the game to give the Tigers the lead. After Carlos King returned the ensuing kickoff close to midfield with 12 seconds left, State quarterback Jamie Barnette directed the pack in three last scoring chances. The first two were 15-yard outs that were ruled (controversially) incomplete. And on the game's final play, Barnette's Hail Mary went out of the back of the endzone to

end the Pack's hope and its early season heroics.

"One loss is not gonna be the downfall of this season," Pack tailback Tremayne Stephens, who finished with 105 yards rushing and a touchdown, said.

State had several opportunities to put the Tigers away, but didn't get the job done.

With just under 12 minutes left in the third quarter, Barnette launched an almost textbook-style 50-yard pass to receiver Eric Leak which should have been a definite score, except that the ball went through Leak's hands and bounced off his legs for an incompletion. Although the drive continued to the Clemson 12-yard-line, Barnette was stripped of the ball on 3rd-and-8, and Clemson's Rahim Abdullah recovered it and ran it back 74 yards for the momentum-killing touchdown.

State shot itself in the foot again in the fourth quarter. Up 17-13, Barnette attempted to

connect with the usually steady Torry Holt on another long pass play that would have resulted in a TD. But like Leak, Holt dropped the ball, and the Pack dropped its chance to win.

"We just didn't execute our offense to the 'T' like we ought to," Barnette said, focusing on the theme of the day.

"I don't believe we executed the way we had to win," State coach Mike O'Connell said. "I just don't think we executed the passing game like we have to."

With both teams coming into the game ranked nationally (Clemson No. 21 USA Today, State No. 25) and the Pack faithful still buzzing over both the overtime upset at Syracuse two weeks ago and the man-handling of rival Duke the week before, Carter-Finley Stadium was jacked up for a great game between the two rivals.

"We wanted to do well for [the fans] and we didn't step it up," State senior longsnapper Larry Daughtry, who

finished with two special teams tackles, said. "We expected to win, but we ran into a tough Clemson team."

The Tigers seemed to have control of the midfield passing lanes, with quarterback Nealon Greene connecting endlessly for 10- to 15-yard pass plays.

But it was State who had control early. On the game's first series, Barnette drove the offense 63 yards on nine plays before Stephens trotted in from four yards out to give the Pack the 7-0 lead.

Neither team could gather much offensive steam for the rest of the first half. Clemson settled for a field goal with 24 seconds left to go in the half to cut the lead to four, 7-3.

Although the Tigers moved the ball with ease, Padgett accounted for Clemson's offense, connecting on four of five field goal attempts.

State had trouble in the red zone, with the two scores in the area coming from

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Saturday's game: A dead giveaway

Wolfpack Notes

■ Volleyball, tennis, and the weekly Picks rundown.

Sports Staff Report

Volleyball drops three, looks forward to tournament

N.C. State's volleyball team, on the road at Colorado State in the Coors Volleyball Classic, fell to 0-9 with losses to host CSU, the University of Washington and the University of Arkansas.

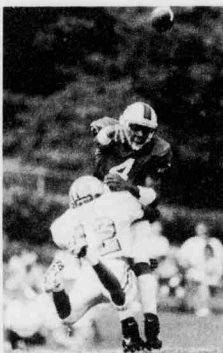
The Wolfpack started the weekend's tournament with a three set loss to Washington 15-7, 15-13, 15-7.

Nicole Peterson had 30 assists for the Pack, while Laura Kimbrell added 13 kills.

Against Colorado State, the Pack fell 15-5, 15-2, 15-10, battling back in the final set. Peterson added 17 assists and six digs.

State fell to Arkansas in three sets in its third and final match of the weekend with the score of 15-3, 15-6, 9-15.

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State's Jaime Barnette gets hit by Clemson's DaMarco Fox (No. 12)

Mental mistakes, Greene kill Pack

■ Dropped passes and an elusive Clemson quarterback keep State from pulling off the upset.

JAMES CURE
Assistant Sports Editor

Midway through the third quarter, N.C. State quarterback Jaime Barnette took one step forward in the pocket and let fly a long bomb of a pass. Pack fans on both sides of the stadium rose to their feet in anticipation of an impending touchdown reception. A touchdown reception that would have put the Pack up 14-3 over Clemson.

What the 50,000 in attendance saw, however, was a perfectly placed 40-yard strike dropped by wide receiver Eric Leak. Sensing the easy score, Leak turned toward the endzone a moment too

soon and could only feel the ball bounce off of his hip and harmlessly to the ground.

"We didn't execute very well on offense," fullback Carlos King said. "They [Clemson] came at us and we couldn't do anything about it."

So, what should have sounded like the entire Wolfpack faithful erupting into a victorious cheer became a stadium full of "Ooohs" and "Aahhs," followed shortly by the fan chatter of "what could have been."

The seriousness of what had just transpired wasn't fully realized until nearly roughly four minutes later, when the Pack stood just 12 yards shy of the endzone. As Barnette waited in the pocket for a 3rd-and-8 pass play to develop, Clemson's Tony Plantin blindsided the redshirt sophomore, knocking the ball loose. The Tigers'

Rahim Abdullah snatched up the loose pigskin and took it the length of the field for the go-ahead score.

What should have been a 14-3 Pack lead instead became a 10-7 Clemson advantage, a swing of 14 points.

Would a 'Could' be should a?

These three phrases comprise 90 percent of the rhetoric of the armchair athlete, be it for college football or any sport in general. To put forth that Leak's near catch for a touchdown would have guaranteed a Pack victory is impossible to say, but one thing is for certain: The drop — and the ensuing fumble recovery for a touchdown — put coach Mike O'Connell and his team in an uphill battle.

"It was the kind of football game that I thought it would be — it was a war," O'Connell said. "It was two good football

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State men split the weekend

■ The N.C. State men's soccer team rebound from a loss against Indiana with a win over the Nittany Lions.

SCOTT SNYDER
Staff Writer

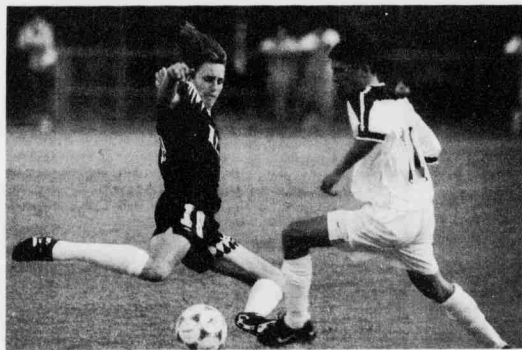
Durham, N.C. Durham is a tough town, especially if you are N.C. State.

The men's soccer team finished this weekend's addidas/Foot Locker Classic with a win against Penn State after shaking off a loss to the country's No. 1 team, Indiana.

On Saturday, the Pack faced the 16th ranked Nittany Lions, and came away with a 3-0 victory. State looked sluggish at first, giving up a shot in the first three minutes of play, but sweeper, Kurt Sokolowski returning from his one game suspension, held the Pack's defense together.

With 30 minutes gone in the half, the Pack was on the board. State's Ian Hooper made a fantastic run down the right side, and crossed it to Sebastian Rodriguez, who put it in the back of the net.

"Teofilo (Cubillas) sent me a through ball and Sebastian did a good job of getting open in front of the net. I just passed it to him, and



N.C. State Sophomore Jeremy Balenger stretches to move the ball past Penn State midfielder Matt Leahy in the Wolfpack's 3-0 upset of the 11th ranked Nittany Lions at the addidas Foot Locker Classic in Durham, N.C.

luckily it went in," Hooper said.

The first half ended with a 1-0 score in favor of the Wolfpack, but the match was played quite evenly.

State's defense looked much more intense than the night before, mainly due to the return of Co-captain Sokolowski, while the Pack's offense spent a majority of the first half off side.

In the second half, PSU came out quickly and with a lot of pressure on the ball. Only 45 seconds into the half, the Nittany Lions had a

corner kick opportunity. Once again, the defense hung on despite PSU's intensity.

Five minutes later the Wolfpack showed signs of its first offensive attack, which resulted in a Chris Welling goal.

Rodriguez received a throw-in and placed a wonderful through-ball to Welling, who was one on one with Penn State goalie Steve Saunders. Welling made it look easy, as he slipped the ball past the keeper to the near post.

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Women power past 'Noles

■ The N.C. State women's soccer team drubs FSU en route to first conference win.

K. GAFFEY
Sports Editor

It's not always about how you go out, but how you come back in.

That certainly was the case for the Wolfpack Women's soccer team in this weekend's match with Florida State.

The Pack, coming off a 1-0 loss to UNC-Greensboro, played a strong first half, keeping the ball on the FSU side of the fifty for a majority of the 45 minute period. The Pack gained an eight to two advantage in the shot column but was unable to find the back of the net.

The 3-2 Seminoles came into the game fighting for their first conference win of the season after dropping their season opener, 2-1 to Wake Forest and then a 9-0 embarrassment to the No. 1 ranked Tar Heels of UNC-Chapel Hill.

"When you play against a team, and you play the first half and you realize that you've created the opportunities, there is a degree of complacency," said State Coach Alvin Corneal after the game. "I thought that was unnecessary. I felt we needed to get in there and win the game."

State came out of halftime with a new game plan, moving a third attacker up to the front line and spreading out not only the State offense, but also the susceptible Seminole defense.

Apparently, Coach Corneal's plan worked. Just three minutes into second half play, Lisa Boggs caught the ball on the left side of the field, and after shaking off a defender, booted a shot past FSU goalie Melissa Juhl into the lower right side of the net.

Jennifer Marsh scored just ten minutes later on 20 yards out.

With just under 30 minutes left in the half, senior midfielder Megan Jedy kicked a rebound shot after the State offense missed a scoring opportunity on a corner kick.

Freshman Shane Gallo, who has come on strong in just a short time with the Pack, assisted on all three goals.

"She has come on beautifully," said Corneal of the first year forward out of Boca Raton, Florida. "The other girls are



Senior midfielder Megan Jedy dribbles the ball downfield past Florida State's defenders in the Wolfpack 4-1 victory Sunday September 14th, at Method Road Stadium in Raleigh, N.C.

improving, but she has really stepped up more than I expect any freshman to."

Sophomore Shannon Blair finished out the scoring for the Pack with a goal from 35 yards out at the 22:56 mark.

Lauren Lynch picked up the only Seminole goal midway through the half. Assisted by April Murphy and Casey McCall, Lynch sent a shot over the head of Wolfpack keeper Katherine Mertz.

"It looked like it barely touched her. It was a fluff goal, not one you want to miss," said Mertz. "She tried to get a touch on it, and she miss-kicked it, and it spun off her foot and floated over my head."

The FSU goal is only the second that the Pack and fourth year veteran Kat Mertz have allowed in the six games that they have played.

The Pack, now at 5-1, grabbed its first ranking of the season last week, coming in at No. 24 in the Soccer News national poll. The pack will take to the College of Charleston on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. at Method Road Stadium.

Check out the Women's soccer team against the College of Charleston on Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Method Road Stadium.

Strength in the middle

■ Seniors Ian Hooper and Pablo Mastroeni cover the field

K. GAFFEY
Sports Editor

Durham, N.C. There's a maxim held in French history that it is a great ability to be able to conceal one's ability.

Apparently no one has told Ian Hooper or Pablo Mastroeni.

The two showcased their talents on the road at Duke in this weekend's Footlocker/addidas Classic.

Both seniors, the two midfielders had a tough plate in Durham this weekend, trying to hold together a young and restless Wolfpack offense with a veteran State defense that started the weekend short two regulars.

All that without the help of outside-midfield staple Oronde Ash, sidelined with a knee

injury.

Friday's meeting with No. 1 Indiana was a grudge match, with the Pack finding themselves down 3-1 after the first half of play.

But in the definition of leadership, the duo rose to the occasion.

Mastroeni was all over the field, drawing much attention from Hooper captain Caleb Porter, who saw fit to show Mastroeni what it would be like if the ground was a magnet and Mastroeni was a metal pipe.

With the Pack offense seemingly idle after a lone first half goal, State coach George Tarantini moved Hooper from his usual role in the middle of the field to the attack.

The pack battled for most of the second half, but was deflated by two late goals, leading to the 5-1 loss — the Pack's first of the season.

Despite the loss, the mentalities carried over into the Pack's Saturday match-up with No.

11 Penn State.

"We knew that we had to come back today," said Hooper. "It was about respect."

Hooper and Mastroeni continued to show fans and foes alike just how much respect this team, and this season's class deserves.

Hooper assisted newcomers Sebastian Rodriguez and Nick Olivencia for the Pack's first and last goals in the Pack's 3-1 win over Penn State.

Both earned All-Tournament honors, but the stars barely do justice to the importance of Hooper and Mastroeni to the Pack, both on the field and off.

The contributions of the two were magnified by the losses that the Pack has seen over the past week. With the three seniors on the sideline of the Indiana game, and only defense man, Kurt Sokolowski, returning to

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his regular role for the Penn State game, Tarantini looked to the bench and a core of young players to fill in.

"Being a senior, with all of the young guys in, I felt like I had to pick it up," said Hooper. "I just wanted to play well."

For Hooper, Duke's fall classic has been kind. Both of Hooper's goals in the 1996 season came in the pre-ACC tournament.

"That is something I have come to expect from Ian," said Ash, who has three goals himself in as many years at the Duke tournament. "He is a good player, and he will take it down the field at all costs."

The two, along with the five other seniors will have to capitalize on those intangibles in the next week, as the Pack readies for their first ACC match-up with national top ten Maryland next weekend.



Penn State defender Chris Churchill tries to contain the fancy footwork of Sebastian Rodriguez during the Wolfpack 3-0 upset.

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Penn State would not die though. State defender Jaman Tripoli committed a violation by accidentally touching a ball back to keeper, Eric Handley, who picked the ball up to continue play. Penn State was awarded a free kick from about the six-yard line. The entire Wolfpack team lined up in the goal and, and the save was made.

At the 72-minute mark the Pack put PSU away. Senior Ian Hooper added his second assist for the day by serving freshman forward Nick Olivencia, who caught the Penn State defense napping.

Coach George Tarantini was pleased with his team's improvement. "More than anything else, we are learning. There is still a lot of work to do, but after we lost the way we did (on Friday), we came back strong and put a lot of effort into it," said Tarantini.

The win was a good one for the Pack, but coach Tarantini knows the road ahead is a rough one.

"We are in the ACC, so we can not look at who we beat. We have Maryland, Clemson, Virginia and Duke. So it doesn't get any easier," Tarantini said.

In the second game of the evening, Indiana beat the 9th ranked Duke Blue Devils in front of over 2,000 spectators. The Hoosiers moved to 5-0 on the season, and will certainly retain their number one slot with an impressive weekend.

On Friday night Indiana defeated State 5-1.

Indiana's ten returning starters were simply too much for the relatively inexperienced Wolfpack team.

Duke came away with their only win of the weekend, by beating Penn State 4-0. Three of the four goals were scored in the first half by the Devils.

NCSU will come home on a few positive notes from the weekend.

Freshman Nick Olivencia came in off the bench to be the catalyst on one goal against Indiana, and scored another against Penn State.

Keeper Eric Handley played well, especially for a freshman in one of the toughest tournaments in the country.

The Pack moves their record to 4-1 on the season, and 1-1 against ranked opponents.

Mental

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teams battling against each other back and forth. I'm very proud of the effort that our football team displayed today. I don't think we ever backed off from the challenge, but I don't believe we executed the way you've got to execute against a great football team like Clemson."

While the Pack struggled all day long to find their rhythm offensively, Clemson quarterback Nealon Greene had no problems executing the Tigers' game plan to perfection.

The senior connected on 20 of his 32 pass attempts for 250 yards, his first time in Clemson history that they've had back-to-back games with 250 or more yards of passing.

The two most critical strikes came during Clemson's final drive, a 21-yarder from deep in CU territory, and a 25-yard pass over the middle to get the Tigers down to the Pack's five-yard line. Tiger placekicker Matt Padgett came in shortly afterwards to kick the game-winning field goal.

As devastating as Greene was through the air, his scrambling caused even more problems for State. In between the aforementioned passes during the Tigers' final drive, Greene picked up 28 yards on a scramble straight up the middle. Greene finished the day as Clemson's second-highest rusher with 76 yards.

His 326 yards of total offense marked a new career high for the senior. "He's just like Jaime," O' Cain said. "He does a great job of scrambling."

"Nealon's a heck of a quarterback."

For the Pack, this marks the second straight year in which they've lost the home opener. Last year's 16-28 loss against Georgia Tech started what was to be another lackluster 3-8 season. In order for that not occur for a third straight year, the Pack must put this heartbreaking loss behind them.

"We're still confident," N.C. State Textile Bowl MVP Tremayne Stephens said. "One loss is not going to be the downfall of this season. We've just got to bounce back from this. We've still got eight games left, so we're going to take it one game a week."

Clemson

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Stephens' TD run and a Chris Hensler 26-yard field goal. State's other score was a 38-yard strike to Holt with nine minutes left to go, giving the Pack a 17-13 lead. The junior receiver finished the day with 103 yards of offense in addition to his touchdown catch.

Although the loss undoubtedly will drop the Pack from the rankings and will lessen the amount of national press that the team has received, State is still focused on what it has to do to win next week against Northern Illinois. And it starts with—you guessed it—execution.

"We had some miscues and that's gonna happen," State tight end Mark Thomas said. "But it's not gonna happen anymore. If we get 68 guys focused on one thing, there's no telling what you can do."

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Kimbrell, Amy Lemerman and Junior Co-captain Kaitlin Robinson each tallied double digits in the kills column.

The Pack returns to Raleigh and readies for this coming weekend's BellSouth Yellow Pages Wolfpack Invitational in Raleigh.

Invited to the tournament are teams from Syracuse, Marquette, Alabama, Rutgers and

North Carolina A&T.

The Pack will kick off the tournament with a 7:30 match against the Syracuse Orangewomen in Reynolds Coliseum.

Men's tennis picks up wins at William and Mary

Erik Graves and Jay Lewandowski of the State men's tennis team picked up individual wins in Day One of the Tribe Tennis Invitational at William and Mary College this weekend.

Graves downed Tulane's Mattias Skjorshammer 6-4, 7-6 in the 5th flight and then went on to pick up another win in the 6th flight. Graves defeated the Green Wave's Alex

Carretero 6-1, 5-7, 6-2.

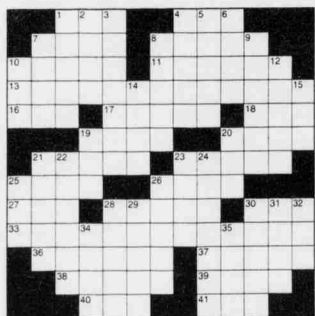
Lewandowski picked up wins in the 7th and 8th flights.

In the 7th, the State senior beat Wake Forest's David Angert 6-3, 6-4 and then went on to grab a 7-6, 7-6, 6-2 win over host William and Mary's Martin Larsson.

Graves teamed up with Devang Desai for a 6-3, 6-4 doubles win, while David Bolick and Alex Eaccarino defeated Wake Forest's No. 4 doubles duo 8-4.

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New device has weeds scared

Scientists devise new, safer way to apply roadside herbicides.

FRONTIERS STAFF REPORT

Each year nationwide, crews spray millions of gallons of herbicide along roadides and power lines to curb unwanted growth. But dense groundcover or uneven terrain can cause spotty or wasteful coverage, and accidental drifts, spills or runoff can harm workers and the environment.

Now, a pair of N.C. State scientists has come up with a better way.

Jim Burton, associate professor of horticultural science, and Walter Skroch, professor emeritus of horticultural science, have helped develop an herbicide applicator that can be attached to weed mowers. It applies a thin film of chemicals directly to plant stems as they're cut.

Laboratory tests show that about 70 percent to 90 percent of the herbicide applied by the technology is directly absorbed into the plants. By contrast, "with spraying, as much as 80 percent to 90 percent of the sprayed chemical can miss the mark and be wasted," Burton said.

In field tests, researchers using the new system were able to match or exceed the weed-killing effectiveness of spraying, while applying the herbicide at much lower volumes and rates.

"We were able to reduce chemicals and labor, but still get up to 95 percent elimination of weed regrowth," Skroch said. "And by applying the chemical directly to the stems, where it is quickly absorbed, there's less risk of runoff to contaminate soil or water, even in rainy or windy weather."

The duo's research toward the development of the applicator, conducted in collaboration with the Burch Co. of Wilkesboro, N.C., has earned them an Honorable Mention for Environmental Research in the 1997 Environmental Excellence Awards sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration.

The applicator, called the Burch Wet Blade, currently is being developed for use on roadside weed cutters. Development of systems for commercial and residential turf mowers may follow.

"Because it also can apply pesticides, fungicides, fertilizer and other chemicals, eventually it could be used on commercial lawns, farms, parks, golf courses anywhere you need to maintain turf or vegetation with as little impact on the environment as possible," Skroch said.

The applicator is designed for use on rotary cutters. A reservoir mounted on the cutter's deck holds the premixed chemical solution, and a pump regulates an adjustable flow of the chemical through the spindle shaft and out along the blade to an opening at the cutting edge. From



Thanks to the Burch Wet Blade "closed system" applicator, weeds like this one can be destroyed without affecting the surrounding environment.

there, a very thin film of it is applied directly to the plant stems.

"When you cut the plant, its vascular system sucks in the herbicide and begins sending it plantwide," Burton said. "A plant's vascular system performs a similar role as human veins and arteries."

An important benefit of the Burch Wet Blade "closed system" applicator, he said, is that because the herbicide is kept in sealed containers

and never sprayed into the open air, it's safer for the person operating the machine.

"Under this system, he should never come into contact with the chemicals," Burton said.

Development of the applicator was funded by NCSU's Center for Transportation and the Environment. Field tests were conducted in cooperation with the N.C. Department of Transportation and Duke Power Co.

Technobabble

Beware of geeks bearing gifts.

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Your computer starts acting oddly, programs that ran normally the other day all of a sudden cause the system to hang, or your favorite game crashes. You haven't changed anything that you can remember; your roommate knows better than to mess with your computer. The paranoia that resides deep in the heart of every one of us surfaces. You begin to panic.

Your heart races — has something overheated? Has the hard drive finally gone bad? What exactly does "Mean Time Before Failure" mean anyhow? Is it a virus?

Stop right there. That last one is a question you should be able to answer on your own. If your computer has a virus, it can only have gotten there in a limited number of ways.

Do you have any floppy disks that might be infected? When people give you programs or pass on documents via floppy disk, they may be giving you more than both of you had intended. Your friend could have unwittingly passed on a virus on the floppy that he lent you with that killer game on it. The true paranoid will be wary of any floppy he puts into his computer that he did not actually see come out of its original packaging. That is, of course, unless he has a good anti-virus program.

The good ones include F-Prot and Symantec's Anti-Virus for Macintosh (for PCs it goes under the Norton banner), to name two. These have options to scan floppies as they are inserted, before you have a chance to read an infected file from them, and before your computer can catch a nasty virus from the floppy's boot sector.

The boot sector, by the way, is the part of a floppy, or any disk, which contains instructions the computer uses to initiate the disk, and determine what to do with the data on it. The boot sector is automatically read before your computer tries to access any data from that disk.

Some of the first viruses utilized the fact that the boot sector of floppy disks held executable code. The authors of these ancestral viruses rewrote these few bits of instructions so that the new code stayed in the computer's memory, and rewrote itself to each new floppy put in the drive. Some of these viruses are relatively tame, and only rename the disks they come in contact with. Others, however, can have dangerous payloads.

Have you downloaded anything from the Internet that might have been infected? No matter how secure you feel downloading from a commercial site that claims to have checked all its files for viruses, the possibility is still there. Also, if you download from someone's personal homepage, or from a site that deals in explicit or pirated material, you're asking for trouble if you don't at least run a cursory scan on it.

Even if the program isn't infected, there are still hidden dangers in downloading from the seedy corners of the Internet.

There are still Trojan Horses to deal with. Many anti-virus programs can't catch these, as they are, not by definition, viruses. A Trojan Horse is distributed as a regular, legitimate program, but, when executed, delivers its payload — often a fatal one.

These programs are sometimes disguised as unreleased versions of popular software, or as evaluation copies of expensive programs. Often Trojan Horses are disguised as pirated copies of these programs as well.

Trojan Horses, however, are relatively rare and not contagious. In nature, any parasite that kills its host before reproducing tends not to be a very successful one. The same can be said of computer viruses. If, upon first running a program, it formats the hard drive, that program has successfully delivered its payload, but has not had the chance to infect any other systems. Just the same, your hard drive may be the one that got trashed, and this offers little comfort to those who have gotten hit by such attacks. Trojans are effectively information

weapons, and an observant victim can usually trace them back to their origin — the site where the program was downloaded, or the ex-friend who loaned the loaded disk.

Have you received any strange programs via e-mail? Now we must touch on a subject that I have heard extensive arguing about recently — e-mail viruses.

Almost anyone who receives electronic junk mail has seen the widely distributed mail about "Good Times" or any of its virus scare spin-offs. Some even claim to be press releases from the FCC. To date, the FCC has no jurisdiction over the Internet, and, according to my own query to the FCC, has never released any such press release.

As far as I know, e-mail viruses are an urban myth. Of course, in 1988, all computer viruses were thought to be urban myths by so-called "experts."

There are, however, ways of receiving viruses via electronic mail. Some mail programs will allow "attachments" to e-mail messages that can contain any kind of file, and as such, can contain an infected file as easily as any. If your e-mail program automatically downloads and opens attachments, this is a feature that you should disable — considering that anyone in the world can e-mail you. There is one upside, though — sending viruses via e-mail is like sending a mail bomb with a return address.

If you use Microsoft Office to read e-mail, or at all, you may also be susceptible to a new kind of attack, the Microsoft macro virus.

Ever since MS Word 3, Microsoft has built into Word and Excel their own programming language — Word Basic. Anyone who wants to can write "macros" in MS Word and Excel that automate certain functions of those programs. The resulting macros are stored in saved documents, and on each computer they are run on for future reference. Do you get the sense of dread that I felt when I first ran into this scenario?

The Word macro viruses are, for the most part, fairly tame, but are among the most annoying — and wide spread — of all new viruses. Several such viruses have been documented. One of these viruses actually scans through a document and changes all occurrences of "it" to "it's" and vice versa. Another, though this one actually falls under the category of Trojan Horse, attempts to format your hard drive.

Documents that are infected are easy to detect since they have a copy of the macro stored in them, and are most always converted to templates, or read-only files once infected. One reason these viruses are so wide spread, by the way, is that a number of distribution CD-ROMs sent out in recent years had infected documents on them. One in particular was distributed worldwide by Microsoft, who several months later admitted the problem, but that it was only a prank.

Microsoft, as well as most of the commercial anti-virus programs, has released countermeasures. Two can be found at www.microsoft.com/world/freesuff/mvtool/virusinfo.htm. One is actually another macro that stays on your computer and cleans out any incoming documents of potentially harmful macros, the other is a stand alone program that does the same. I have been warned, though, that it is not always reliable.

Most commercial virus scanners have released upgrades that detect macroviruses in documents and resident on your computer, so you should check the documentation from your virus scanner (you do have one, don't you?) about getting updates.

If you are considering purchasing any kind of virus protection, the availability and cost of such upgrades should be a major consideration, as an anti-virus program that is six months out of date is considered obsolete. Many such upgrades are available online, or through a short toll-free modem call.

A lot of excellent information can also be found on the Internet regarding viruses. One site in particular has historical references to supplement its database of current viral threats — www.boclabs.wisc.edu/~janda/.

Speaker focuses on students

Dr. Louis Schmier to visit N.C. State this Monday and Tuesday.

FRONTIERS STAFF REPORT

Dr. Louis Schmier is coming to N.C. State on Monday and Tuesday, September 15 and 16. During this two-day visit, he will speak seven times to nine groups.

Dr. Schmier, an inspirational teacher and philosopher, is in demand to present workshops at national and international conferences on teaching in higher education, to offer master teacher seminars, and to write for educational journals and newsletters. He has been teaching in the history department at Valdosta State University since 1967.

It was six years ago when Dr. Schmier stopped researching virtually overnight, leaving two books near completion to gather dust on the shelves, to devote all his time and energy to the classroom and to making students his profession. His new philosophy is that he teaches students, not a subject and that his chief concern is the learning of students, not his teaching. Rather than reach the "heights of his professional

reputation," he would much rather reach his students.

In 1993, Dr. Schmier began to share his ideas on the Internet. These reflective essays are entitled "Random Thoughts," and now number more than 150. The first sixty-five have been published as a collection under the title, *Random Thoughts: The Humanity of Teaching*. A second volume was recently released as *Random Thoughts II: Teaching from the Heart*.

Dr. Schmier's purpose in sharing his philosophy is simple. He wants to call attention to the "often lacking but needed human dimension of education, showing that the heart of teaching is to care about each student as a unique, sacred human being with unique feelings, needs and potential."

Louis Schmier's philosophy has permeated his classroom — and beyond, thanks to the Internet — to change the lives of students and educators alike, in his classes and around the world. It is a philosophy that challenges educators to care about students as fellow human beings — to explore, to understand, to acknowledge the importance of their feelings, memories, and day-to-day stresses, and convince them of their own abilities and potentials.

The Bold And The Beautiful:

Maggie persuaded Lauren to go with her to Stephanie and Eric's wedding. Meanwhile, Darla reacted with shock to Sally's plan to stop the nuptials. Ridge started drinking after (erroneously) thinking he'd lost Taylor to Brooke. He turned up half drunk at Throno's place to deliver some work. Meanwhile Taylor learned where Ridge was and rushed to tell him about the baby, but, to her sorrow, she found him in bed with Brooke. Wait To See: The unwelcome "wedding" picture.

Days Of Our Lives: Although Susan insisted to Celeste that Elvis Presley fathered her baby, Stefano actually had Susan implanted with a fertilized embryo that made the baby more than his "son." Hope overheard Bo and Billie speaking with Kate on the phone and

mistakenly assumed they were on their honeymoon. Wait To See: Stefano works out his plan about Little Elvis.

General Hospital: Stefan and Alexis were surprised by what they found at Natasha's gravesite. Nikolas realized Liz was why Sarah was cool to him. A.J. went for hypnotherapy to regain his memory and after recalling the night he made love to Carly, confronted her about it. Sonny killed the Tin Man and realized he had now put Brenda in jeopardy. Wait To See: Jax learns what "V" stands for.

Guiding Light: Matt's concern for Vanessa deepened when he saw her taking medication. Alan and Annie told Reva and Josh about H.B.'s death. Jenna "committed" Harley to the mental hospital where, as "Caitlin," so she would become Annie's "best

Schedule of Lectures:

Monday, September 15

Student Affairs Staff — 10:30 a.m. Walnut Room, USC

University Scholars Program — 3 p.m. Campus Cinema (First Year College Students will attend this session.)

N.C. Teaching Fellows — 4:30 p.m. 216 Poe Hall

(Student Chapter of N.C. Association of Educators will attend this session.)

Tuesday, September 16

N.C. State Faculty — 10:30 a.m. Ballroom, USC

University Scholars Program — 3 p.m. Campus Cinema (First Year College Student will attend this session.)

Disability Services for Students Program 4:30 p.m.

Wake County Public School teachers — 7 p.m. Stewart Theatre

All My Children: Gillian raved about Tad to Gloria who later told him she feels jealous. Jim reminded Laura of her "debt." Edmund saw through Dimitri's plan and decked him. Jack told Janet he's afraid he's lost Erica. Meanwhile, Kelsey told Janet and Belinda she's in love. Wait To See: Adam has a "proposal" for Liza.

Another World: Jake gave Vicky emotional support as she decided to allow Kirkland to undergo brain surgery. Toni showed up just as Rayburn was ready to rape and kill Josie. Gary warned both Amanda and Felicia about Alexander, but Felicia accused him of accepting Carl's "propaganda." After the Cory family conference on Paulina, Amanda told Alexander she can't go on with her plan. Wait To See: Grant makes a decision.

NATIONAL NEWS

Stealth fighter crashes during air show

Feds urged to buy from Microsoft rivals

■ Watchdog groups are suggesting that the government should buy software from many companies, as they do with defense contracts.

JOE SILVER JR.
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - Stymied in their bid to persuade the Justice Department to take stronger antitrust action against Microsoft Corp., consumer groups are pressing the federal government to buy more software from Microsoft's rivals.

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader raised the issue of how the federal government decides which software it purchases with the \$1 billion it spends annually during a meeting with Douglas Melamed, principal deputy assistant attorney general at the Justice Department. Nader and Jamie Love, director of the Consumer Project on Technology, argued that it is as unwise for the government to rely on a single software supplier as it would be to depend on a single defense contractor.

"The current procurement standards push the government toward Microsoft products," said Love, whose Washington-based watchdog group focuses on computer policy matters.

Under a year-old procurement reform measure, federal agencies have the flexibility to purchase computer products without the previous red tape over product specifications and price. But privately, many software developers say the measure has strengthened Microsoft's hold on the market, since many federal employees want to use the same Microsoft software products they use at home.

Microsoft's MS-DOS and Windows software operates 80 percent of the world's personal computers, and Microsoft Office software, a collection of word processing, spreadsheet and other

programs, is now the leading bundle of business applications, selling about 1 million copies a month.

Justice officials did not indicate whether they would support Nader's plan, which the consumer advocate will present this month to the General Services Administration, the federal government's procurement arm. Nader could not be reached, and Melamed declined comment through a spokesman.

Vivek Varma, a spokesman for Redmond, Wash.-based Microsoft, said the company had not heard of Nader's proposal but argued that Microsoft's success in the market stemmed from its superior product offerings.

"Government agencies need to get the best value they can for their technology (investment), and Microsoft offers great technology at attractive prices," Varma said.

Consumer groups from five states are scheduled to visit Capitol Hill Monday to lobby legislators to hold hearings on Microsoft's business practices in the wake of the software giant's recent multimillion-dollar investment in rival Apple Computer Co.

For more than a year, the Justice Department's antitrust division has been examining several Microsoft purchases and investments in other software and hardware companies. The Justice Department has taken no action against Microsoft and has not indicated what, if any, business behavior they are focusing on.

But the agency is believed to be interested in Microsoft's Internet activities, including the marketing of Microsoft's forthcoming Internet browser and several investments in technologies that allow computers to receive audio and video over the Internet.

In July, Microsoft acquired 10 percent of Progressive Networks and licensed Progressive Networks' RealAudio and RealVideo real-time streaming computer data transmission formats. Microsoft also

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■ Officials are investigating what caused the F-117 fighter to break up during a routine flight.

NANCY LEWIS AND FERN SHEN
The Washington Post

An Air Force stealth fighter plane roaring low over a crowded Maryland air show Sunday lost a piece of its wing and crashed into a waterfront neighborhood, exploding in flames and destroying one house. The pilot ejected safely and four people on the ground suffered minor injuries, authorities said.

The pilot, identified by the Air Force as Capt. Bryan Knight, a 12-year veteran who has been flying the \$43 million F-117 stealth fighters for four years, was making his third fly-by of the afternoon over Martin State Airport, where more than 10,000 people had gathered for the Chesapeake Air Show. Witnesses said the fighter went into a steep climb, lost several parts and then slammed into a crab storage building shortly after 3 p.m.

The explosion and fire destroyed one house and damaged the one next-door. Knight, who landed about 60 feet away from the crash, just "walked away," an official said. Baltimore County fire officials said four people on the ground had minor injuries and were treated by paramedics at the scene. Among those injured was an elderly woman who was in the house next to the storage building the plane hit. Neighbors said she is an invalid who requires oxygen at all times.

A fire department spokesman said the house was gutted, an outbuilding flattened and another house had exterior damage to the side nearest the crash. The crash site was about a half-block from the bay.

Susan Kidd, 17, was serving crabs at an outdoor party nearby when she saw the plane zoom upward as if it had just taken off. Then, she said, "it started shaking and spinning" and what appeared to be "pieces of the wing started falling off."

She said the plane "was flying just so crazy . . . I knew something was wrong." The crash, about 700 feet

from where she lives, she said, "made an enormous sound."
The aircraft, an F-117A, was the fifth of its type to crash since the plane entered service in the early 1980s. Stealth fighters were used against the best-defended targets in Baghdad during the Persian Gulf War because of the still-secret technology, which includes radar-absorbing composite materials and specially shaped surfaces.

The area around the crash scene was quickly sealed off, even to residents who were directed to a nearby fire station. Police and fire officials said the Air Force was in charge of the investigation.

A woman who lives several houses from the crash site and asked that her name not be used, said she and her husband were outside watching the plane when it "began a real steep climb and with that we could see pieces that came off the plane. My husband screamed, 'It's going to crash, it's going to crash' and we ran."

As the black pieces fell toward the ground, the woman said, the plane went into "kind of a drift, like a floating downward motion," then

began to tumble end over end before hitting the ground.
Baltimore County police spokesman Kevin Novak said all that was left was "one big pile of wreckage that is recognizable as an airplane and other small bits of debris scattered in a relatively small area around the impact point."

Several witnesses attending the air show said an unexpectedly sharp climb by the pilot, in an apparent attempt to maneuver his aircraft away from land, may have prevented more serious injuries and damage on the ground.

Air Force officials said the pilot, who had performed Saturday in another air show in Syracuse, N.Y., was supposed to do 300 three fly-bys, each at about 300 knots at 1,000 feet. But witnesses said the plane was in a steep climb when they saw debris falling from the sky.

Marty Campanello, 32, of Baltimore, corporate pilot for the Southern Maryland Hockey League, who was attending the air show, said he first saw the right

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CIA turns to boutique operations

■ Recently, the government agency has employed hackers and used sabotage to disrupt terrorist funds and activities.

WALTER PINCUS
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - CIA-run agents who had infiltrated terrorist groups in recent years aided in intelligence gathering that helped prevent two attacks in the past seven months against U.S. embassies abroad, new CIA Director George J. Tenet told Congress earlier this year.

Tenet declined to provide details of the operations, including where they occurred. But in making even that minimal disclosure, he was signaling that while covert action remains a primary activity at the CIA in the post-Cold War period, there has been a departure from the spy service's often-criticized history

of clandestine operations directed at influencing foreign government policies or attempting to remove political leaders, according to agency officials.

Reflecting new threats that face U.S. policy-makers, major covert actions are now being aimed at disrupting terrorist plans, stopping narcotics shipments or fouling up financial transactions of missile makers, sources said.

For instance, computer hacker technology has been used to disrupt international money transfers and other financial activities of Arab businessmen who support suspected terrorists.

Military research and development operations of hostile governments, such as North Korea, Iraq and Iran, have been sabotaged by having European, Asian and other suppliers sell them faulty parts that will eventually fail.

Other tools permit "spiking" exports and imports to and from rogue countries such as Libya and

Iraq with extraneous matter - such as putting water in oil - to create dissatisfaction with consumers.

"In the past five to seven years, the sophistication of the new tools of covert action have helped bring about a sea change in operations from the old days," according to a senior intelligence official. He added: "These operations are easier to do and provide incremental successes. A shipment is stopped, another is sabotaged, we take down a terrorist cell; things like this are happening now every week."

Rep. Porter J. Goss, R-Fla., the first chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to have served as a CIA case officer, said such operations, particularly in the area of counterterrorism, represented a new type of clandestine activity. "There are a large number of hidden activities going on to meet transnational threats," he said, "but I'm reluctant to call them covert action."

Tenet, who spent much of his last two years as the No. 2 man at the agency studying covert operations, has mandated that intelligence collection and not covert action will be the principal requirement for the Directorate of Operations (DO), the clandestine side of the agency. In naming Jack G. Downing, a highly respected DO officer to take over the embattled DO, Tenet told reporters recently he was turning to "a world renown operator" who can "run quality operations that generate unique information" on which action can be taken.

As the CIA approaches the 50th anniversary of its founding this week, the new approach marks an important shift in emphasis away from the type of covert actions for which the agency became famous and infamous.

"Covert activities involving exile groups or arming guerrilla fighters

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Cheaters should get the boot

■ N.C. State cracks down on misconduct.

According to the N.C. State Office of Student Conduct, 626 students were processed through the office during the 1996-1997 school year. That is a 105 drop from last year. But, these statistics are deceiving.

Although there was a decrease in the number of students going to the Office of Student Conduct last year, there was an increase in people getting suspended or expelled.

Eleven students were suspended and five were expelled from school last year. The increase is due to NCSU getting tougher on people because of a rise in serious behavior including domestic violence, drug abuse, fighting and sexual harassment.

Promising futures have been nipped in the bud by NCSU's tougher handling of misconduct. By the same token, these statistics show that fewer people are getting caught, but a face tougher penalties for their actions.

People come to a university to gain knowledge that will, hopefully, get them a better job. By cheating or behaving badly, students place themselves at risk to lose that opportunity. The notion that cheating is bad has been pounded into everyone at one time or another. Of course the saying that cheating is fine unless you get caught is also instilled into our society's youth.

NCSU has toughened its punishments for bad deeds out of necessity. Suspended and expelled students are an example of what NCSU thinks of misconduct — academic or otherwise.

The university is not the place to develop bad habits. If you're not getting a specialized degree, don't you think cheating will become worthless? An employer will think you are an expert on something and let you loose on a project, only to find out later that you don't know anything about the subject. All because you decided to cheat in a class.

Being ill prepared isn't the only problem that can face a student with a misconduct record. Having a suspension or expulsion from a university on your transcript doesn't exactly go over well with graduate schools or employers. That mark could be the difference between letting you in or letting someone else in.

Only a select few are able to complete their degree elsewhere after being expelled. And for those who are suspended, a missed semester or two can mean the difference between graduating with your peers and just graduating.

Tasting freedom from the watchful eyes of parents and other relatives come with responsibility.

While you work to earn your degree, don't let freedom go to your head. You are responsible for earning your degree, and if you do something to jeopardize that, it's your own fault.

Unity is the key

■ People need to overcome apathy.

The Million Women's March will take place in October. Will a million people attend? There is always that possibility. No matter how many people actually show up, the African-American community has done something few other minorities have managed to do: they have instilled a sense of unity among their members. While it is true that various African-American groups have their own opinions of how to actually go about effecting change, they all agree on the fact that change must happen. With this agreement in mind they consistently work together to make things happen.

These organizations are able to put aside differences in order to promote the greater good of the whole. It is for this reason the civil rights movement was so successful. It is an accomplishment few other groups have been able to copy.

Rights movements for other minorities have not been able to put aside individual differences in order to promote unity. Each group is so concerned with their individual issues and goals that they lack the power of the masses.

To effect permanent change you must present politicians and government with a united front. You have to prove that you control a voting block of sufficient size to affect the outcome of elections.

Once you have done that, people must listen to you. They have no other choice.

Unfortunately, most groups cannot do that. They have limited numbers of people involved who actually are willing to do the work and make the effort that is required for changes to be made.

We have become too involved with forming special interest groups that are concerned with a single issue. The object is to band like-minded people together into large groups that vote as a block. The power of numbers is the only thing that can equal the power of money. Since money speaks in government there is a clear correlation to be drawn.

To make these large groups happen you must first overcome apathy. This is probably the hardest thing any leader has to contend with. We have become a society that expects someone else to do the dirty work for us.

Unfortunately, in the area of social change, each individual is required to make an effort. That lack of effort is what has created the problems we are now experiencing with our politicians and our government.

Each of us has to be willing to put forth our share of the effort, to put aside our individual differences and to concentrate on an ultimate goal.

If this happens, then change will have to follow. It will no longer be a choice.

Campus Forum

Player speaks up for Pack Club football

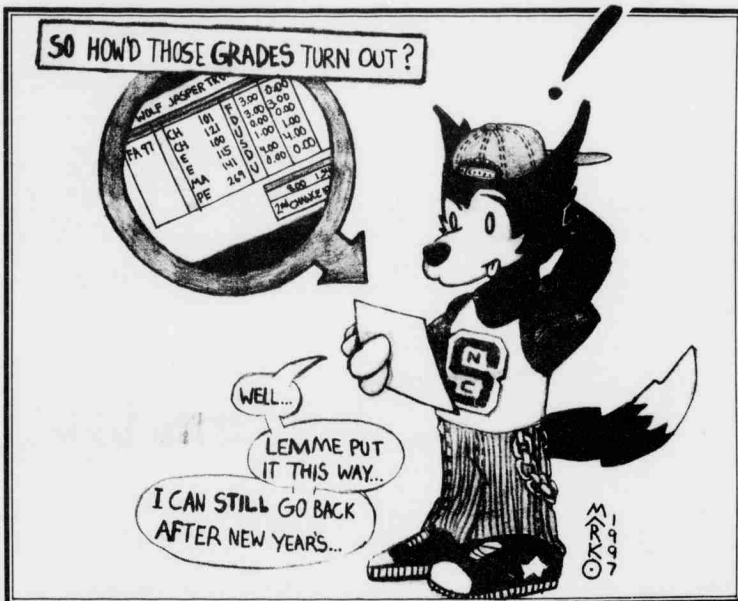
I am a graduating student and would like to share an injustice with the rest of the students and faculty in the hopes of restoring some pride in this school. I am writing in regard to the never-mentioned Pack Club football program, a program that is not listed anywhere on campus.

I am a 30-year-old student who found new life when I found there was such a program on

campus. It so happens that I heard a former player discussing it. You see, this school does not recognize a club football program, due to the risk of possible injuries. Yet, the school allows for a club rugby team, which is basically football without protective pads. When questioned as to why the institution does not sponsor a club program, the response is generally that students can attempt to play on the university team. There is no N.C. State rugby team, therefore the team is sponsored.

I commute 60 miles a day, and I am married and have a child. For me, there is no possibility of playing on the university team. I have a family to support. However, there have been several players from the club football team who have tried out for the university team, only to be cut at the end of

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Mean people really suck

KELLY MARKS
Staff Columnist

full case of compact discs.

I've never really considered myself an optimist. In fact, I've always been a pretty pessimistic soul. Yet, somewhere deep within my heart I have always believed in a common human goodness. I wasn't so naive that I skipped blindly by myself through poorly lit parking lots at 3 a.m., but I was trusting enough that I didn't automatically reach for my pocketbook when a suspicious character passed by me. To reiterate, I felt I was pretty savvy when it came to street smarts, but I liked to give people the benefit of the doubt.

Last Thursday, an incident occurred which has made me rethink things a little. My car — along with 21 other vehicles owned by unfortunate Sullivan-Glot parkers — was broken into. They smashed my window and stole my stereo, a flashlight (it probably came in handy), and a

Now, I'm not going to break into some sob story about innocence lost or how this incident has made me cynical about all of mankind, but one can't help but feel something when he or she is suddenly made a victim. Seeing my poor little car bashed and beaten in, and then stripped of its worldly possessions, was an emotional experience. That night, as I loaded the stuff they left behind into my trunk, I felt a little empty as I reached my hand out for the window to close the door and my hand met nothing but air. The next day, as I trudged up to the top of the hill with my broom and dustpan in hand, I felt angry. I could have killed someone with that broom, and it was only a little plastic one. Think of the damage I could have done had the perpetrators crossed my path and I'd had a wooden version on hand. (Don't worry though, this isn't about me going on a Dr. Green from E.R.-escue rampage with me throwing things).

In retrospect, these are probably natural reactions. Nobody likes the idea of being a victim. When someone intrudes upon your personal space — be it your room, your car or your person — there's this sick little feeling of violation. However, as I rode home this weekend — in silence, with the wind in my face — I thought about the incident a bit more seriously. After the initial shock and anger wore off, I considered the upside.

At least they smashed the driver's window and not the front windshield. At least everything (save maybe some of the CDs) is replaceable. At least I wasn't nearly as close to the theft took place. Thinking about how it might have been worse makes me feel almost fortunate that they only broke into my car.

But as I said before, I'm not really an optimist. As these views of the "good side" flashed through my mind, I thought about the sad and

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Data encryption is a must

PRESTON MOON
Staff Columnist

that allows the U.S. government to have easy access to the coded information. The government argues that this policy is meant to protect national security by preventing such groups as foreign terrorists or domestic militia from communicating out of earshot of American police agencies.

Data encryption has become increasingly important for securing online commerce and communication. If its production suffers, then so does global business.

The encryption or "coding" of data involves complex mathematical equations that scramble information so that only authorized persons can decode it. Without encryption, computer hackers can intercept credit card numbers, corporate secrets and even love notes sent over the Internet.

Current U.S. policy dictates that companies can only export encryption products if they provide a "back door" in the programming

telephone, companies that communicate electronically with consumers do not want their sensitive account and billing information to fall into the wrong hands. Enter encryption.

International data transfer requires two steps. First, the sender must encrypt the information with certain computer software. Second, the receiver must decode the information with certain software. Because of the complexity of the equations used to do the encryption, both sets of software must be of the same type so that the key that the receiver uses to unlock the coded data will fit the lock used by the sender.

In order for the software to be the same, exporting must occur to get

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Resolving to be all I can be

SHUNTREICE N. JOHNSON
Staff Columnist

discouraging fact of college life. Some things that never fail to be included in my own personal list. (This may look vaguely similar to your list; but believe me, I haven't been rummaging through your things.)

The new semester has started and, with all the new beginnings, I'm sure that the average students have already put together their list of objectives for the new school year. I call this mythical list "the resolutions." In many cases, this list is often more severe and less satisfying than our annual New Year's resolutions because it deals with something more important than a trivial matter — your grade point average.

The experience of receiving your grades at the end of the semester can be a disappointing and often

assignment on this list."

1. I will do all homework, class assignments and papers at least two days before they are officially due. (Ha! As if that will happen in my lifetime!) Like many of you slackers out there, I can't be motivated to write a decent paper unless the due date was yesterday. (That's the good thing about this list, no one really expects you to do these things.)

3. I will also become superbly organized. My desk will be the epitome of neatness. I have visions of college students visiting my dorm room for miles around to

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pathetic people who must have done this.

If you estimate the damage to every car at approximately \$1,000 (and I'm sure this is a low estimate), then the total cost for all 22 cars would be \$22,000 (simple math). And for what? The turnover on everything that was stolen couldn't begin to approach that estimate. I may not be wise in the ways of the black market, but who buys CDs without the jewel boxes or liner notes? Who really wants to pay good money for my cheap yellow flashlight? At best, they could have probably garnered only \$5,000 for what was stolen. It seems a waste.

And then I thought, perhaps they

just had such an urgent need for a flashlight at that very moment — they had to get it, at all costs. And while they were in the car, they spied my CD case and felt that the eclectic mix of bands would be the perfect complement to their collection. Maybe I should take it as a compliment to my good taste in music.

The sad truth is that this whole incident only goes to prove the naysayers and five o'clock news teams right — the world is full of bad people. I don't care about their childhood, or how their mothers locked them in dark closets as children and now they feel they must resort to stealing other peoples' flashlights — they are just mean-spirited and intrinsically evil. I didn't used to believe that such people could exist and now I do.

That's probably the real crime here. I'm not even going to be able to come home at a late hour without

looking over my shoulder. I'll probably start clutching my purse to my side when anyone walks by — be it a shady-looking hoodlum or an 80-year-old grandmother with a flowered hat. I even locked my doors at my house this weekend. I'm sure that sounds normal, but in the rural, residential, gated community where I live population me, my family and about twenty retired couples — it's not a common practice. I'm fortunate to have grown up in a place where I feel safe.

And it's not that I feel unsafe now. I just feel a bit wary of people in general. Out of the full spectrum of emotions that this whole ordeal has caused, from the anger to the just blah-numbness of shock, all I'm left feeling a little sad. It's not an uplifting thought to realize that bad things happen to nice people and that these kind of things aren't preventable, or to realize that bad

people even exist. This probably sounds a bit childish, but movies and books (think Les Misérables) just gave me this notion that even in the most hardened heart shines some rays of hope and love and other good stuff.

As I said before, this isn't a column about innocence lost, just about awareness raised. Incidents like this should alert everyone to the dangers in a perilous world, but more than likely that kind of realization only follows a personal experience. All I can tell any of you is to lock your doors, hide your valuables and watch your back.

As for me, I'll get on with my life, sans stereo for awhile. One day, I might even be able to look back and laugh and hope that the mysterious criminal is out there, somewhere, enjoying my Garbage CD when something very heavy falls on his head.

Moon

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the software to the receiver. However, government controls are jeopardizing American software companies from exporting encryption technology because of the "back door" policy.

Allowing the U.S. Government access to any and all information transmitted across the Internet is a big turn off to companies and consumers. Software companies fear that an outright ban on all commercial encryption is the government's ultimate goal. With tougher controls being proposed and amended to current legislation, the federal government is definitely moving in that feared direction. Absolute control over American Internet business will all but kill worldwide Internet business because of the United State's dominating position in the computer industry.

American software businesses argue that it does not matter whether or not they do the exporting of encryption technology because some other country likely will in their absence. So either way, those covert groups who want the technology bad enough will have it no matter what the U.S. government does. Obviously, the American companies are into this exporting for their own good and not for the good of the terrorists.

The Internet has afforded companies many opportunities for faster and more efficient business, which amplifies the benefits to consumers. With restricted business capabilities online because of government-created insecurity, many corporations are likely to abandon or at least scale back plans for their Internet markets.

This will surely hurt the individual consumer who has become used to the faster, easier and more high-tech way of buying products.

Johnson

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marvel about how wonderful and efficient my desk space is. Of course, I will actually have to find my desk before this particular dream can come true.

I will go to fewer parties, and study more frequently. It is just a defect in my personality, or is it hard to remain in your room studying when all of your friends are getting ready to go to the club?

I will listen to my advisers and join some clubs and organizations that are offered through my college. I have actually attempted joining some of these clubs, but walking or catching the bus at night to these remote meetings held my interest for a very short period of time. I'm not saying the meetings weren't interesting, it's just too much of an effort to go to your Biology club meeting when Martin is playing.

I will wake up at least an hour before my first class in order to beat some of the rush-hour morning

traffic. Why is it so important to get that extra 20 minutes of sleep after your alarm clock has rung? My life would just be so much better if I woke up a few minutes earlier. I wouldn't have to run for the bus or even to class. I would be able to escape the embarrassment of walking to my assigned seat in the middle of my professor's lectures. I might even be able to get a little work done between classes.

(This is an important one for all you achievers out there.) Every semester, I vow that I will listen to my advisers' suggestions. I now realize they are there for a reason other than hurting my pride. I know that every student who attends N.C. State is very anxious to graduate. It's not that we don't have school spirit, it's just that paying tuition gets a little played out at times. So what does the average student do in this situation? We sign up for a whole bunch of classes. For the new freshmen, I recommend following your advisers' advice. I know it seems as if you are being held back, but it is probably for your own benefit. If you think you can handle taking chemistry, physics, calculus

and biology all in the same semester you are probably wrong but your courage is admirable. Believe me when I say that you will have more than enough time to take all the classes you have listed on your schedule. There really is no rush, and besides — college is the time to chill before you are thrown into the real world. You should try out many different subjects before you lock yourself into a particular major. And who knows? Maybe instead of being an engineer, you'll find that you have the soul of an artist.

Even if you never achieve anything remotely close to this list, keep the hope alive. (The hope that you will magically turn into the perfect student and make our alumni proud to have you.) Which leads us to our crucial objective — the perfect GPA. For some strange and unknown reason this objective usually skirts out of my body the moment I hear the word "party". A word of advice to many students on this campus: If you keep trying to achieve your best, everything will eventually fall into place and if not, there's always next semester.

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spring practice because of the many scholarship athletes who must have a spot on the team. After all, why should the university pay for a student's education if a walk-in is going to take his spot on the team? There are several players on the club team who could make the university team if it wasn't for the scholarship athletes. The excuse that the university offers students the opportunity to play football is ludicrous.

I will fill you in on the club program to point out the lack of pride that the student athletic department and the administration have.

We play full-contact football with full pads, play by high school rules and must adhere to strict standards to prevent injury to ourselves and fellow players. We play against Appalachian State, Duke University and our biggest rivals, UNC Chapel Hill. All three of these schools sponsor their respective teams. Here is what that means: these schools allow their teams to play on the university team's astro turf practice fields.

Their players pay approximately \$40 in dues. Our team must pay \$120 in dues to cover the cost of supplying referees and EMTs, of renting a storage locker to store equipment and to rent a field to play on.

This brings me to the

embarrassment that this school causes. We play on Sanderson High School's field, practice field, that is. This field has water sprinkler heads, which we cover with floor mats, and a side line that is a hill with woods 10 feet out of bounds. It is generally more of a dirt lot than a playing field. If it rains, we are not allowed to play that week for fear of misplacing the mud of this field. What an embarrassment to have a team like Carolina show up at this field to play a game.

The three other schools have nice uniforms supplied to them. We played in the same game pants last year that were used 18 years ago. (We did raise enough money this year to buy new ones at the cost of \$1400.) We either have to purchase jerseys or hope that the university team will give us their old jerseys from several years back.

I only have but a few requests from the school. We don't necessarily want money or equipment. We want to play on the track field on campus. I have seen, on several occasions, a high school team using that same field for Friday night games. I know they probably generate revenue for the school, right?

We, the members of the club team, pay tuition to this university. Most players live in the dorm and therefore room and board as well. Let's see, 30 players at \$1100 per semester comes out to \$33,000. Add in room and board for some students, and I would dare say that the players as for the Pack Club Football contribute over \$50,000 just for the fall semester.

How much does the high school

team play for the use of the field? We would be allowed to play on the track field if we hosted a playoff game. This has not happened in several years. Why? We are not advertised throughout campus. The intramural department will not list our team on any of their announcements for club sports offered at the university.

Authorize this, and we can become a strong contender and once again represent such a great school. Without school support, we struggle each season to fill our roster through word of mouth, and we do not always get the quality players walking around campus wishing they could again play football.

If you are interested in joining our program, contact our coach Jon Gibson at (919) 598-6600. We practice at the Fraternity Court fields on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. You must make two practices to play on Sunday. Oh, yeah, you must pay the above mentioned \$120 and have proof of insurance to play.

I hope to hear from the administration regarding this letter. I would also ask all the students here who hate Carolina to write into Technician. We should have pride in our university, no matter what sport or at what level it is played at.

David W. Anderson, Senior, Political Science—Criminal Justice.

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take a lot of time and attention and divert resources from developing a base of agents who could be gathering intelligence on our hardest targets," one top agency official said. He added that often the exiles in traditional covert activities directed at a country "can't be controlled, people get locked into political positions and often the payoff is negligible or can't be measured at all."

The agency has been sharply criticized for its operations against Iraq leader Saddam Hussein by Iraqi exiles and former agency operatives disappointed in how things turned out.

In addition, new CIA and Justice Department investigations into past agency operations in Central America are expected to be released shortly, guaranteeing more criticism for the agency's cooperation with drug dealers who were also aiding Nicaraguan Contra operations and for training Honduran special forces that later committed human-rights violations.

Agents recruited for intelligence gathering rather than paramilitary operations are "more disciplined," the official said, "and are not the same kind of people as exiles. They relentlessly gather intelligence on which we can act, giving us the option of using some new tools."

Intelligence Chairman Goss said, "There has been an evolution in the tools and equipment," pointing out that in the 1960s CIA covert action included trying clandestinely to affect elections, influence third-country political and labor leaders and university students without showing U.S. involvement.

Today, Goss said, these formerly covert activities are now openly undertaken by U.S. scholarship and travel programs or national endowments run by Republican and Democratic parties and openly financed by the U.S. government. That was inconceivable 20 years ago, Goss said.

"Covert action is a term of art," he said, adding that "I can't answer for what it will be in the year 2010."

There still are traditional, smaller-scale covert operations under way against Iran and Iraq that include placing propaganda in local newspapers or a country's television network, leafletting, and beaming in radio broadcasts from secret mobile transmitters and supporting exiles.

Some are under way because members of Congress want something done against such anti-American countries. One CIA official noted that House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., has made well-publicized demands that efforts be made to take stronger steps to undermine the Iranian government.

Such pressures worry intelligence veterans.

"Little, dumb covert actions to get Congress off your back are bound to fail," said a former top-ranking CIA officer with experience in Afghanistan and Europe. He was referring to the Bush and Clinton administrations' covert-action programs directed at Iraq's Saddam Hussein over the past six years.

Microsoft

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acquired another Silicon Valley audio-video start-up, VxTreme Inc. The deals come on top of Microsoft's \$425 million purchase of Web TV.

Experts believe Microsoft hopes to use these investments to establish an industry standard for deploying multimedia technology over the Internet.

In addition, Microsoft is gearing up to give away copies of the latest version of its Internet browser - a tactic archrival Netscape Communications used to become the dominant Web browser. But critics say that the giveaway, scheduled to begin Sept. 30, is evidence that Microsoft is using predatory pricing and its software dominance to gain control of everything from the Internet to television.

The plays have begun to unnervingly some rival software makers who had not spoken out publicly against Microsoft out of fear of reprisals.

Executives of Powerquest Corp. in Orem, Utah, for instance, say sales of their new Drive Image software have been hurt because Microsoft has vowed to withhold technical support from customers who install Drive Image or other products that use similar technology to copy files on a hard drive in order to quickly restore them in the event of a computer crash.

Microsoft said the policy helps avert possible unauthorized duplication of its software products. But Robert Raymond, Powerquest's vice president of development, said he believes Microsoft won't help users of imaging software because Microsoft plans to offer its own solution in the next version of Windows.

"Even though our product offers users great benefits, our prognosis is that the (Microsoft) threat ... will have a fairly severe impact" on the willingness of consumers to use Powerquest's product, said Raymond.

Crash

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aileron fall from the plane. The aileron is a movable flap on a wing that can be used to control a plane's rolling and banking movements.

Campanello said the plane then yawed or pitched over, and the pilot appeared to lose directional control. As the plane pulled up into a steep climb, the falling aileron then "took off a chunk of the left wing and the debris went back over the tail and took out a piece of the tail."

Then, Campanello said, the plane started to fall like a "leaf," drifting downward.

Air Force officials said last night that the pilot, who has logged about 500 hours in the plane, is certified as an F-117 instructor pilot. Officials said that the F-117s appear at about 200 air shows a year, either doing fly-bys or as part of displays on the ground.

Bosnian voters turn out for election

Bosnians voted for the first time since 1990.

LEE HOCKSTADER
The Washington Post

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Bosnians turned out in large numbers Sunday for a second and final day of local elections that many voters hoped would help reverse the effects of "ethnic cleansing" that radically altered the composition of towns and villages in the country's war.

Thousands of people returned to vote in the towns they fled during the three-way factional conflict and tens of thousands more refugees voted by absentee ballot for town councils in their former homes.

Western officials, who are running and funding the elections here, proclaimed the vote a success and a major milestone in Bosnia's tortuous peace process.

"The nationalists, the undemocratic forces, the war criminals - they have all resisted this process,"

said David Foley, spokesman for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), which is running and paying for the \$50 million vote. "To those who say there is no progress in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to those who say ethnic divisions are as deep as ever, today the people of Bosnia have given their answer, and they say 'Think again.'"

But the officials acknowledged that implementing the results of the elections, which could shift control of a dozen or more town councils from one ethnic group to another, would be difficult. And the ultimate goal of many Bosnian voters - returning to homes from which they were driven by rival ethnic armies, and which are now themselves occupied by refugees of another ethnicity - could take months or years, if it happens at all.

"You cannot expect to completely take this country back to where it was before the war - that's an illusion," said Robert Frowick, the

retired U.S. diplomat who is head of the OSCE mission here. "We have to have a rule of reason as to what we can do with just diplomatic instruments."

Although no precise figures were available, officials said turnout among the 2.5 million registered voters appeared to be heavy. Counting and transporting the ballots from 136 municipalities, plus six precincts in the divided southern city of Mostar, will take place under extraordinarily tight supervision of the OSCE. Results of the vote, Bosnia's first local elections since 1990, will not be known for at least a week.

Croats are expected to lose control of councils in several towns in western Bosnia which they seized from Serbs in 1995 during the closing stages of the war. Serbs fear losing council majorities in eastern Bosnian towns that had large prewar populations of Muslims.

A focus for contention is the western town of Drvar, whose 97

percent Serb population fled their homes and the advancing Croat army exactly two years ago. Croats now live in the Serbs' former houses and apartments in the city, set in a green valley surrounded by Alpine meadows and heavily wooded mountains.

Apparently fearing a heavy absentee vote by Serbs will cost them control of the town council, local election officials in Drvar processed Serb voters at a glacial pace in voting Saturday - about four an hour.

Ambassador Robert Gelbard, the special U.S. envoy to Bosnia, flew to Drvar to berate the Croat authorities there Saturday. Sunday the OSCE set up extra polling stations to handle the Serb voters stranded near Drvar all Saturday night in buses and cars by the Croat stalling tactics. Polling hours were also extended.

Most voters, no matter where they live, were expected to vote for the three main nationalist parties - Serb Democratic Party, the Muslim Party of Democratic Action and the Croat Democratic Union. Each has played on voters' fears of the other



Palestinians crack down on extremists

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's trip to the mideast may have paid off.

REBECCA TRONSON
Los Angeles Times

JERUSALEM - The Palestinian Authority, pressed last week by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to crack down on Islamic militants, is drafting a plan aimed at destroying the infrastructure of the extremist groups, Israeli and U.S. officials said Sunday.

The officials cautioned that the commitment, conveyed in weekend meetings between Palestinian security chiefs and CIA representatives, is still only a statement of intent. But they said it includes a program to break the infrastructure of Hamas and Islamic Jihad and a pledge to allow U.S. officials to monitor what Israel terms a revolving door for Islamic militants at Palestinian jails.

Palestinian officials declined to comment on specifics of the meetings Friday and Saturday. But the commitment, if carried out, would represent a significant achievement for Albright, who

ended a three-day visit here last week expressing disappointment that her trip had not produced more progress toward reviving Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Late Sunday, Israel acknowledged the new cooperation with an announcement that it will release part of the funds it has withheld from the Palestinian Authority since July 30 suicide bombings in Jerusalem. Israeli officials characterized the decision to transfer millions of dollars in tax revenues collected by Israel but due to the Palestinian Authority as a goodwill gesture.

The Israeli army also announced that it would lift a ban that has kept Palestinians from traveling outside their cities and villages since another multiple suicide bombing in Jerusalem on Sept. 4. The internal travel restrictions are scheduled to be lifted early Monday, but a general closure that prevents Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip from entering Israel will remain in force.

"We understand from the Americans that the Palestinians are submitting a very complete program of intentions to fight the terrorist infrastructure," said David Bar-Ilan, a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu. Bar-Ilan said the Palestinians also agreed to allow U.S. officials to monitor their jails to see who is arrested or released. Israelis maintain that Palestinian authorities are releasing militants who should be in jail.

But Palestinian officials differed with Israel on the amount of tax revenues to be released Monday and said the Israeli actions fell far short of what was needed.

"They take the money from one pocket, keep it for a while, then give it back and call it a token of goodwill," said Marwan Kanafani, an adviser to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat. "It would be much more convincing if they gave it all back."

Israeli officials said the money to be released amounted to about \$14 million of the \$28 million in tax

revenues that the Israelis still hold. But Palestinian Finance Minister Mohammed Zuhdi Nashashibi recently estimated the funds still owed at about \$95 million, noting that the tax revenues have accumulated over time.

Israel made an initial payment of \$12 million to the Palestinians in mid-August.

Under the Israeli-Palestinian peace agreements, Israel is obligated each month to collect taxes and fees on Palestinian goods and labor and then transfer the money into a bank account controlled by the Palestinian Authority. The revenues amount to nearly two-thirds of the Palestinian budget, and the United States and other nations have expressed concern about the Palestinians' economic plight.

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