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Car crash kills former NCSU soccer player

Morlock from a truck after a local soccer game.

TIM CRONE

Former N.C. State soccer player Robin Morlock died the night of Sat., June 13th, after being thrown from a speeding truck on 1-440. Morlock, originally from Brookfield, Conn., played as a defender on NCSU's women's

soccer team between 1993 and 1996, serving as the co-captain of the team during her final year. The next year she worked as the team's manager and more recently in the NCSU Sports Information office. According to the NCSU Athletics Department, she planned to go into sports information or a related field upon graduation and had discussed moving to Austin, TX., for the rest of the summer.

Morlock and two friends were returning from a game of the Raleigh Wings, a local semi-

rofessional soccer team, according the Raleigh News and Observer, he Wings had pulled off a close in, and the girls were under-andably excited.

Morlock and her friend Laura Ferguson, currently co-captain of the NCSU women's soccer team, were riding in the truck, and Morlock's former teammate and Wings' player Stacey Hampton was driving.

"They were acting rowdy, jumping, dancing in the car," said Aaron Singh, a witness who

attempted to save Morlock's life, in an interview with the News and Observer. While stopped at a light, "one of them said something to me." However, the music coming from the truck was so loud that the speaker's voice was drowned out.

After the vehicles entered the Beltline, Singh said that "the truck pok off."

According to a police report, the crash occurred about 10:30 that

night, on the section of I-440 between Hillsborough Street and Western Boulevard. The report indicates that the truck was speeding, then lost control and crashed into the center median. It finally came to rest on its roof, and Morlock was found unconscious outside the truck, her head lodged inside the front bumper.

Moments later, Singh passed the accident, stopped and did what he could to assist. According to the News and Observer report, he and another passer-by freed Morlock

from the bumper of the truck, and a passing nurse tried to revive her with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Morlock, however, did not recover, Ferguson, the other passenger, escaped with only minor cuts: Hampton, the driver of the truck, was in satisfactory condition at Wake Medical Center after suffering a broken leg and other abrasions.

Morlock's funeral will be held in Connecticut; however, a memorial service will be held tomorrow at 2:30 pm at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, 1801 Hillsborough Street.

Arena \$20m in the red

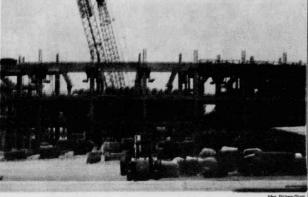
■The Carolina Hurricanes have offered to contribute extra funds, but NCSU is reluctant to give up any

JACK DALY

The Centennial Arena Authority

The Centennial Arena Authority announced recently that the new sports arena being constructed near Carter-Finley Stadium is going to be \$20 million over budget.

However, the Carolina Hurricanes, one of the arena's major tenants, along with the N.C. State basketball team, have proposed an offer to cover the excess that will



Construction progresses at the future home of the Hurric

bring the final price tag to \$152 million, according to Ray Rouse, chairman of the authority's

"Basically, the Hurricanes have offered to lend that money that the arena goes over budget," said Rouse.

The hockey club's offer is contingent upon a couple of different concessions, which Rouse

said had to do with general rent and lease language. Yet, a June 18 article in the News and Observes asid that the Hurricanes were also after more control over naming rights in exchange for the additional money. Currently, the naming rights of the arena fall under the control of NCSU, and Athletic Director Les Robinson said that NCSU would

the Wolfpack.

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"That would have to be negotiated, as we have naming rights currently," said Robinson.

We have objections to giving away the naming rights as we essentially paid \$22 million for naming rights."

Robinson did say that NCSU is quite willing to cooperate and "play ball" in terms of negotiating with the Authority and the Hurricanes, especially regarding the luxury boxes in the arena.

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boxes in the arena. Rouse said the Arena Authority is currently in the process of negotiating with the Hurricanes regarding the additional money and hopes to have an agreement within a couple of weeks.

"I can tell you it is in everyone's best interest to do this as soon as possible," Rouse said. If negotiations with the Hurricanes break down, Rouse said the other options to finance the overrun would be either the city or NCSU. In the past, officials at NCSU have expressed reluctance to shell out any more money for the arena, and Raleigh Mayor Tom Fetzer said that he would not contribute another dime "in this lifetime" to the project in a recent News and Observer article.

Meanwhile, Sept. 1999 is still the target date for the opening of the arena, according to Rouse, and no

EPA gives grant

■The Environmental Protection Agency recently awarded N.C. State a \$2.1 million grant.

NEIL HEBERT

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded N.C. State a \$2.1 million cooperative research grant to fund the work of 14 graduate students and four postdoctoral fellows. The research, to be conducted primarily at the EPA's National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory in Research Triangle Park, will focus on how pollutants and other environmental

agents affect human and animal health.

health.
Faculty from the departments of zoology, animal Faculty from the departments of toxicology, zoology, animal science, biochemistry, immunology, engineering, mathematical modeling and comparative biomedical sciences will also participate in the research, which is to begin this summer. "This grant will allow us to recruit some of the best students and postdoctoral fellows nationwide," said Kenneth Adler, professor of cell biology in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Adler, who serves as the program manager and principle investigator,

Quiet time



Kemel Ding, an incoming graduate student from China, takes advantage of a nearly vacant Brickyard Sunday afternoon to take care of some species.

Economist speaks on economic instability

economic engine may mean a decrease in the number of new jobs

ALLISON BALLARD

North Carolina's strong economic engine may be slowing in the coming year, according to the latest issue of The North Carolina Economic Outlook.

For students graduating in the next year, this may mean a decrease in the number of new jobs available to them, says Michael Walden, Outlook coordinator and professor in N.C. inator and professor in N.C s Agriculture and Resource

Economics department.

"Graduates may not be able to be as picky or selective when looking for a job," Walden says.

Walden stresses that the picture will not be a gloomy one. Whereas job growth has been at five percent, which is a huge increase, it is expected to slow to around two percent, Walden says. There will still be new jobs in North Carolina—just fewer of them.

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working world.

"When students graduate, they think about getting a job and buying things, like a car of furniture," Walden says.

One thing to consider — interest rates are expected to be slightly higher, which means paying back much more money for larger purchases.

Walden suggests that people not overburden themselves with debt and concentrate instead on saving portion of their take-home pay.

"Research shows that Iyoung people aren't saving as much as they should," Walden said.
Outlook also predicts that residential construction and retail

sales will slow. One reason for the slowing of the state's economic engine may be lack of available labor.

There should not be a lag in larger onstruction projects, though. One cason is that commercial builders re looking 10 or 15 years ahead then making decisions.

"The overall picture is rosy for the riangle for the next 25 years or o," Walden says.

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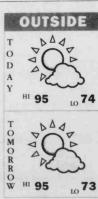
Outlook draws on the state's
Economic Activity Index, a
measure of economic growth, to
estimate the strength of the
economic engine. The index uses
retail sales, total employment, the
unemployment rate and the value of

evaluate economic activity.

The current issue of Outlook provides economic information on each of the state's 20 regions and gives the economic forecasts for 1998.

1998.
Outlook's purpose is to "paint a picture of North Carolina right now, present information on trends of the past 15 years and make forecasts for the year ahead — beyond that predictions are less reliable," Walden says.
"In the past, we have actually underpredicted the strength of the economy."

Outlook is a project of N.C. State University and Centura Bank.



N.C. State student aids A.L.A.

country for mother, friend.

NEIL HEBERT

Amy Nakamoto had been after he

Amy Nakamoto had been after her mother for years to quit smoking. Judy Nakamoto would agree to quit. She would throw out her cigarettes and would remain smoke-free for several weeks. But she couldn't make a final break. Amy was frustrated.

Then, as she was finishing up her senior year at N.C. State (she graduated in May), Amy learned that the American Lung Association had decided to organize a fundraising bike ride across the country, from Seattle, Wash., to Washington, D.C. Bingo.

This should be the experience of a

Her deal was simple: she would ride 3,000 miles across the country and raise

\$6,000 to do so, if her mom would quit smoking, for good. Judy accepted, and Amy started training.

She had a second, personal agenda for tackling this Olympian feat. Amy, who came to NCSU on a \$4,000-per-year soccer scholarship (which had been raised to \$5,500 by her junior year), had sustained a stress fracture to her right leg as a sophomore, and as a senior she threw her knee out and eventually underwent three arthroscopic knee surgeries. As a result, Amy played little her sophomore and senior years, She wanted a final athletic triumph before moving to a new state with a teammate and pursing a graduate degree in psychology.

To qualify for the GTE Bigride, Amy started offering friends, relatives, teammates and anyone else who would listen the chance to sponsor her ride. Her father's business associates pitched in. Parents of teammates were supportive. McDonalds kicked in \$500, clothing, and a stash of coupons to be redeemed along

the way. After exhausting all of her connections, and dipping into her graduation money, Amy was still shy of the 86,000 mark. She turned to mom. "She was short. I had to cough up the last \$1,300 to put her over," said Judy Nakamoto. By agreeing to pay \$130 for the next 10 months, Judy had an extra incentive to make this her final break with smoking.

with smoking.

She gave up her cigarettes on June 14.

Amy was set. She flew out to Seattle a few days early to visit family members and do a little sightseeing. Mon., June 15, she and more than 700 other riders, from teens to septuagenarians, gathered in Memorial Stadium in Seattle at 6 a.m. to begin the Brigide.

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Her mother was excited for her. "This should be the experience of a lifetime."

The sun had been up for an hour, the sky was clear, and after opening remarks from ride officials, the bikers were led through the streets of Seattle by a police escort. It was half an hour later before all the bikers had left the stadium.

A storm rolls in.
By the middle of Monday, it had started to rain. The temperature plunged to 40 degrees.
At the end of the dreary 81-mile ride. Amy was met with a nightmare: word had made it to the ride camp in Easton, Wash, that Amy's teammate, and future roommate, Robin Morlock, had died in an automobile accident in Raleigh, Robin had been in charge of organizing Amy's end-of-ride celebration in Washington, D.C. for Amy's friends and family.

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Amy left the ride and flew out of Seattle Tuesday morning to join teammates gathered in Morlock's hometown of Brookfield, Conn. Amy had to send to Raleigh for funeral clothes. She stayed with the Morlock family and tried to process the tragedy.

After many phone calls to ber parents in Falls Church, Va., Amy decided to continue in the Bigride. The Thursday

Sound Advice

***** - Jimi Hendrix - innovative and original.
**** - Jimmy Page - pretty good stuff.
*** - Jimmy Buffet - well, sometimes.
** - Jimmy Carter - in need of help.
* - Jimmy Hoffa - better off dead.

Holly McNarland - "Stuff" **
Alanis, Abra,
Fiona - add
Holly to the list
of names of

Holly McNarland, a woman
of extremes.
She's a screamer
on "Elmo,"
which portrays a thick shell of bitterness and anger
and a core of solid enmity. Yet her sigh-singing on
"Mystery Song" breathes a soft welcome wind into
your ears. Which is the true Holly?
Following just one listen, you can conclude that
"Elmo" Holly is the real thing. That feeling may have
been a soft welcome wind, but let's just say it didn't
come from Holly's direction.
After listening to her "Stuff," you can state with a
high degree of certainty that this is one wrenching
woman. Through her music, you can tell that she takes as good
care of herself as Reverend Dimmesdale.
Nevertheless, she is already successful in Canada
with her single, "Numb." Now McNarland is trying to
hit in off hig in the U.S. with a slot on the Lillish Tour.
Whether or not she can do it depends on whether she
focuses on her image or on her music.
Eight times out of ten, her twistedness is fine for her
music – even desirable. Who better to sing about
angst, anger and pain than someone who believes
he she deals with it on a daily basis? Now the question
must be turned around — who wants to listen to it?
There is certainty no shortage of this sound, a fact that
just a tiny bit more sincere.
Her intensity is high – especially on "Elmo," a highoctane tune to get you moving, but after you get
rolling with the electric guitar and the power inherent
in Holly's voice, you find yourself in a 35 speed limit
zone, as she moves on to "Porno Mouth." The lyrics
slow down and diminish too, in their quality, delivery
and overall effectiveness. You might as well have a
trooper tailing you.

"Water" keeps the quiet mood, but it was much
better written and is just has a much better sound than
its predecessor. It and "Elmo" rival for best track, but
their rivally wouldn't draw to large an audience.
Following "Water' is "Coward," a self-proclamation
of lack of strength and spirit, about wading in pools of
self loathing as an alternative to making change in
one's life. Skip it and listen

you.

If you're in the mood to hear about depression, obsession, pain, anger, resentment and angst, then you can find it on "Stuff." But if you already have a CD from the ranks of the women of angst, do you really

This, the latest from Rocket From the Crypt, was three years in the making. After their critically suc-cessful debut "Circa: Now," Rocket went back to the studies and

emerged with the equally credible "Scream," These guys set the bar up high, and maybe they needed three years of running to get momentum for their jump. Even with such a start, they fall a bit short of their capabilities. Did new influences get in the way? Probably not - these guys are rockers pure and true at heart. Was it production? Possibly. Though the sound is more refined than that of their previous albums, the music is still guitar and horn-heavy vibes straight from the womb of the Crypt. Did their rock-and-roal attitude get in the way of their recording? Almost certainly, but that was to be expected. Opener "Eye on You" wastes no time getting started, and features guest vocalist Holly Golightly, whose womanly voice adds a twist of humor to the sextet of testosterone rockers and their inflammable shirts. This followed by "Break It Up," an enticing number that is representative of "RFTC" as much as any of the songs on the album. Here you have lots of guitar and a healthy portion of horns as well – the band features a sax and a trombone player, and one of their favorite

Your Horoscope

Aries (March 21 to April 19) Don't be shy. This is your week to shi show off your optimism regarding work, relation-ships, and life. Creative juices flow this weekend.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20)
While many minor interruptions cloud up you schedule, you are at your best and accomplish a lot. If the phone is constantly ringing, it will bring you good news.

Gemini (May 21 to June 20) Taking a trip for business is favored. In addition, you reap many rewards in meetings with people in authority. This weekend, if shopping, bargains come your way.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22) While you think a child's complaint is only a small matter, think again. Use compassion and understanding. The weekend is spent focusing your energies on the family.

Leo (July 23 to August 22) Your insights into a troubled friend can make a big difference. Intuition is the key. Lay down the law and speak your mind with family members over the weekend.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22) You're shrewd in business and financial dealings, due to your keen ability to attain a great deal. Don't seek out second opinions. Believe in yourself!

Libra (September 23 to October 22) Plan a social event for the near future. The results are likely to be satisfying. Loved ones are in sync this weekend and understand one another.

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21) While you could feel uncomfortable about finances, search out a trusted family member or friend who can help. Don't agree to a loan; it will cause bad feelings in the long run.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21) You have the urge to do something fun, but instead should concentrate on a professional matter. Follow through on your instincts. Your hard work pays off by week's end.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) Don't get yourself down if romance is a bit rocky. Leisure activities with your friends cheer you up. Vent your feelings to those whom you trust this weekend.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18) If you are travelling, you meet an intriguing admirer. At home, harmony and happiness will come through children who have good news to report.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20) While you could be down about your finances, be prepared for good monetary news coming your way. A family member has good advice. A change of surroundings is in the works.



Patricia Caple and John McIlwee in Act I of 'Light Up the Sky.'

Lighting up TheatreFest

Thompson Theatre's TheatreFest.

NEIL HEBERT

It's summer and you're looking for comedy, "The Truman Show?" Doesn't really qualify. "I Got the Hookup?" Keep it, please, whatever you do. "Dirty Work?" Has to be done, but do I have to sit through it? For less than the ticket price of this dreck, my fellow summer wasters, you can experience real, live comedy from the pen of no less a playwright than Moss Hart at Thompson Theater. Moss Hart? Maybe you've heard of him, but you're having trouble placing the name..

No, he wasn't the gay that knocked out words for Rodgers before Hammerstein came along. Hart was the nimble wit tutored throughout the 30s by playwright

George Kaufman, who by the 40s was churning out classics on his own. Classics such as "Light Up the Sky," the subject of this review. This sendup of the theater follows an idealistic young playwright as he negotiates the friendships and technical control of the subject of the negotiates the friendships and treacheries of actors, directors and producers with the help of an older, Kaufman-esque playwright. It's a play about a play, and the play's star, director, producer and peripheral sycophants and cynics. Does this sound like tedious theatrical navel-gazing? For once, it's not. It's simply slick, sophisticated and funny.

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Set in the leading lady's suite in
Boston's Ritz Carlton Hotel, in
1948, the three acts of the play
cover about 12 hours, beginning
with a 5:30 opening-night toast.
The on-stage director Carlton
(played by John McIlwee) calls this
touchy-feely lovefest between the
end of final dress rehearsal and the

opening curtain "Magic Time."
Novice playwright Peter Sloan
(Sean Rivenbark), whose allegorical and opaque debut is to open
in three hours, drops in on this
ritual of vain congratulations and
becomes convinced that the cast are
completely sincere in their
enthusiasm for his ideals and his
work. We, of course, know better.
These are theater people, after all.
We find out early that the leading
lady's mother, Stella (perhaps the
most vivid performance of the
evening, by Dr.Patricia Caple of
NCSU's Communication Department) has snuck into the final dress
rehearsal and witnessed a catastrophe-in-the-making, \$300,000
belonging to first-time investors
Sidney and Frances (David Burr
and Frances D. Wescott) is riding
on the production, as is the
reputation of director Carlton and on the production, as is the reputation of director Carlton and star Irene (an outstanding

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Weekly Schedule

Cinema

Campus Cinema Thurs., June 25 "Gattaca" at 8 p.m. FREE

Berkeley Café Thurs., June 25 Indoor Storm Fri., June 26 Triangle Blues Society benefit Sat., June 27 Burgeon

Salt, June 27 Burgeon Brewery Wed., June 24 Ritual 99, Methyline Fri., June 26 Weekend Excursion, 9 Minute Snooze Sat., June 27 Leadfoot, No Saner Sun., June 28 Resin, Sticklaw, Drill 187

Fri., June 26 Unsound, 7 Tone Diesel, Kut Phat Cat's Cradle

Wed., June 24 Morbid Angel, Vader, Haunted and

rs., June 25 Pat McGee Band , June 26 Versus, Pacific Ocean, True Love

Sat., June 27 Hobex
Tues., June 30 Spring-Heeled Jack, Amazing Royal

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Lake Boone
Sat., June 27 DAG
Tues., June 30 Far Too Jones, Albert Hill
Lizard & Snake
Wedt, June 24 Gas Huffer
Fri., June 26 Claing Quartet, Analogue, Elvis-X
Sat., June 77 Mercury Birds, Tarot Bolero
Tues., June 30 Undead, Independents, Psycho 13
Record Exchange. Hillsborough Street
Fri., June 26 Getups
Walnut Creek
Fri., June 26 Stevie Nicks and Boz Scaggs
Sat.-Sun., June 27-28 "Lord of the Dance"

Burning Coal Theatre - Raleigh Thurs, Sat., June 25-27 "Pentecost" by David Edgar \$10-\$12. Call 845-1918.

ArtsCenter - Carrboro Thurs.-Fri., June 25-26 Player's Theatre "Company at" at 8 p.m. \$10 Sat., June 27 Philidor Percussion Festival at 8 p.m.

12 Charlie Goodnights - Raleigh Wed. Thurs., June 23-25 Faye Woodruff at 9 p.m. Fri.-Sat, June 26-27 Sean Morey at 8 & 10:15 p.m. N.C. State Fairgrounds Sat., Sun, June 27-28 Coin & Stamp Show Scott Bidg. N.C. Symphony Summer Series - Cary Regency

ark
Thurs., June 25 "American Rebels" at 7:30 p.m. \$12
Sat., June 25 Mike Cross at 7:30 p.m. \$12
Regulator Bookshop - Durham
Fri., June 26 author Wally Lamb at 7 p.m.

N.C. Museum of Art
"Contemporary Considerations of the Portrait"
hrough Feb. 28.
NCSU Craffs Center
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1998 Windover: 4th Annual Exhibition through June

NCSU Witherspoon African-American Cultural Center
Multimedia works by UNC system professors & students through July 24.

Editorials

Regional railway needed

■ The Triangle needs a consolidated mass transit system

This past year, the Triangle's population surged over one million. The effects of the population boom of the Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill areas can be seen at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. everyday on roads such as 1-40, NNC.-54 and U.S.-70. These passages from the hustle and bustle of jobs and careers to the comfortable confines of the coveted home are only going to get worse in the days ahead. There is a solution to all of this concession: a regional

the days anead, there is a solution to all of this congestion: a regional mass transit rail system. The Triangle Transit Authority (TTA) is currently in the planning stages of a mass transit system for the Triangle

Region.

Imagine the effects of a regional train that circulates through the three major Triangle cities and their surrounding communities, like Carboro, Wendell, Fuquay-Varina, Apex, Cary, Hillsborough and Clayton. Traffic on the major arteries would be drastically reduced, thus allowing more people to travel with ease every morning and afternoon.

The amenities and perks of a regional rail are interesting Major "park-and-ride" centers could be constructed near the routes of the regional rail, allowing commuters only a short ride to and from home in their vehicles. At the park-and-ride centers, concourses could house shops and restaurants for travelers on the go. If commuters didn't get a chance to grab a bite at the concourse cateries and diners, then perhaps food and beverage services could be provided on the train, similar to the services available on commercial jettiners. Even better, the regional rail might even be a starting point for travelers or noute to destinations outside the Triangle. The regional rail could connect passengers to railroad depots or even Raleigh/Durham International Airport. The advantages of a regional rail would be felt near and far.

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The Triangle is growing like a virus, and a mass transit system is needed in the worst way. The last thing this area needs is political leaders placing the regional rail on the backburner, because 1-40 and all the other congested highways can't be widened much more.

Pakistan entering risky times

MUHAMMAD ALY BALAGAMWALA Staff Columnist

"I wish to congratulate you on this auspicious day of blessings." With this statement, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, commenced his address to his 140 million countrymen. The speech was an explanation of the momentous events that had occurred earlier that day, Thurs., May 28, 1998; on that day that Pakistan publicly proclaimed herself as a Nuclear State.

State.

The circumstances leading to this entry into the elite nuclear club commenced in 1947, when the British Raj left after dividing India into two separate nations. One segment, which had a majority of Muslims, became the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The other was proclaimed as the Republic of

India. This mammoth division uprooted thousands of homes and businesses, as Muslims migrated to Pakistan and the Hindu and Sikhs moved towards India. In the process of separation, one of the contentious issues was that of the State of Kashmir. This state is situated up North and is a strategic place as it borders to Pakistan, India and China. Despite the presence of a Muslim majority, the Indian army moved in to occupy the state. This sparked off a major tussle between the two nations (quite like the rivalry that exists between State and Carolina). In 1948, both countries went to war over the disputed territory and a mutual cease-fire was compromised by the United Nations. The two nations again went to war in 1965, which ended on the intervention of the former Soviet Union. The UN passed two historic resolutions calling for a

plebiscite to determine what the people of Kashmir wanted. However, India stubbornly refused. In 1971, India invaded Pakistan and the war lead to the separation of the province of East Pakistan, creating the nation known as Bangladesh.

The nuclear side of the story started in 1974 when India tested a nuclear device at Pokhran, a site in the Rajhastan desert in southwest India. This propelted Pakistan to counter the Indian juggermau. On May 10, 1998, India shocked the world by exploding three nuclear devices followed by two more the next day. American intelligence feigned surprise claiming that they had no idea that India was preparing for such a test (makes you wonder just how well your taxes are being spent). Pakistan realized that since India had openly barged into the nuclear club, her

own security was surely threatened. The nuclear club consists of the United States, Russia, China, France and the United Kingdom. Following its entry as the sixth participant, India openly started threatening Pakistan over Kashmir using the nuclear success as a menacing weapon. Countries across the globe clamored to convince and influence Pakistan that testing her own hombs

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Ferry/Wood Residence Halls.

for students living at Bragaw, Becton or Syme Halls, purchasing food and drinks is convenience stores, known around here as "C-Stores," built at or around the premises. But for students living at Wood Hall and Avent Ferry Complex (AFC), there are no C-Stores near the

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The nearest convenience store for students living at Wood Hall is the C-Store at the Talley Student Center, which is quite a walk from Wood. This kind of distance is unfavorable not only because of the excessive distance, but also due to the poor lighting on the route which begins on Morrill Drive and ends at Cates Avenue. Students walking late at night to this store could be at risk for dangerous situations.

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Those who live at AFC are alienated from the rest of the university. Located on the south side of Western Boulevard, AFC students' first option for a convenience store is located at

Mission Valley Shopping center, near the liquor store. They must cross Avent Ferry Road, which is busy all day long and most of the evening hours. Once again, students walk into dangerous situations, like being hit by a car or the Wolfline bus

bus. These students need C-Stores badly. AFC houses over 300 students, so a C-Store at the complex would not have a problem getting students' business. The store could possibly be constructed in one of the study lounges or the grassy expanse between AFC and the Stroud Center, perpendicular to the AFC volleyball court. The two entities that could make serious headway into this project are University Housing and University Dining. Housing could look into prospective locations for new C-Stores, while Dring could examine the logistics of operations and goods available at the stores. The students in AFC and Wood from vending machines or be forced to walk a country mile oget a quick smack. They deserve the same C-Store services that students in other residence halls at NCSU receive.

First impressions worry too many

I just got my first black eye ever. At the age of 221 guess I was due. I have tried really hard to come up with some extravagant story to back up this mark of force but for some reason my imagination is not asset. up this mark of force but for some reason my imagination is not up to its old self. I was proud of this shiner when I woke up one morning with shades of black, blue and a bruised orange hue. It happened to be unexpected though. The day before I had been playing a few games of pickup basketball and being of above-average height I was playing down low and I guess physical. I got bumped around a little bit but that's the way the game goes.

reactions would be to a legal aged male with blemish like this. I guess I thought I would receive compassion from females and torment from males. Both of these compassion from females and torment from males. Both of these assumptions were proven false. From most of the girls I know, they were just inquisitive. Wanting to know how I received it. Maybe they though I was dotted in defense of one of their own or some other heroic event but that is something I only wish I could brag about. The guys though it looked cool and believed I could use it to my advantage somehow.

For the most part I have just received a lot of stares. Especially at my place of employment. What must these customers be thinking when I greet them? Is this kid a thug? Am I next? Boys will be

boys!?
To say the least my first impressions I have given people have been marred just a little bit the last few days. These impressions are totally out of my control, which is frustrating. Hey, I know what you're thinking. If I'm so worried about it, there is always a makeup counter not far away that would be happy to sell me some concealer. Well I know Boy George and the Culture Club is coming to town this summer but I am not stooping to their level.
We have to present ourselves just about everyday of our lives. Whether you want to be casual or dressed to the nines, most will try anything to get some sort of edge. Take for example a trip to the gym. In a place where everyone is there

to supposedly enhance there looks while not focusing on their appearance, they still carry labels on running pants or warmup suits. There are wonderful aromas that abound in the humid, hot weight rooms that we call B.O., but sometimes you can walk past a person, wearing perfume or cologne. What's the point? Hey I'm not saying that people should forgo deodorant, but hey, isn't this a time that we should spend building bodies, not friends?

We are for the most part a culture devoted to vanity, so even a trip to the gym is a chance where you might have to make an impression. I know there are some politically correct people who denounce

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Broadway plays are overrated

BRETT WETZELL Staff Columnist

I really try to appreciate art, in all I really try to appreciate art, in all its forms. Appreciation and enjoyment, however, do not necessarily go hand in hand. And while I can certainly respect the ability of an actress to produce a sound from her throat so pure and shrill that it defies any need for lyrical comprehension, I have to wonder, are people that like musicals just stupid?

For reasons of personal

musicals just stupid?
For reasons of personal subjugation that I'd rather not admit, I have attended far too many of these plays where everyone sings instead of speaks. Fans of musicals (a base which I believe consists solely of mothers, wives, and girlfriends) love nothing more than

to submit innocents to their horrific pasttime. Perhaps they hope to cultivate an interest in their victims, or maybe they just like to watch men squirm, I'm not sure.

Some musicals still display a semblance of their roots to drama, and will be brave enough to interject normal speech and basic plot between the emotional bursts of song, which apparently aren't so different from the sensations that overcome people in their shower or car. Such musicals miss out on the accolades and praise a truly great musical can win. No, for a musical to be truly impressive, the entire play must be in song. There are severel its to keep the audience from ever discovering what the play is actually about. That's why they sing the whole time – so you can't discover

how stupid the story really is. Sure, they give you a program, but the theater is kept so dark that if you want to have a clue to what each scene is about, you need to make sure to bring along your living room lamp, which they, of course, have the foresight to disallow. By keeping the audience "in the dark," the audience never knows just how much the play sucks and has to assume it doesn't. Considering that they usually paid well over \$50 for their tickets, this kind of suspense of disbelief is usually fairly easily achieved. Take "Les Miserables," a perenniah it I was forced to actually see on Broadway. Anything that is born off a street with so pretentious a name should be warning enough, not to mention its title, which is such a dead giveaway to the experience awaiting you that fans cleverly, affectionately,

refer to it as "Lay Mizz." Well, I have no idea what this story is about. Every once in a while a cute little kid would prance about the stage, getting himself into some kind of trouble, and everyone was French. Thus the extent of the impact of this musical treasure on myself. I would like to meet one person that can explain to me what they were singing about at this play. I know one thing, if any up bumped into me, then busts forth in raising melody "EX-CUUUSE MEEE, I didn't see you THERE!" I would not suddenly compose a clever melody forgiving the gentleman for his impropriety, rather, I'd probably punch him in the jaw and run.

Brett will be appearing in the forthcoming local production of "Cats," as Cat No. 18. Don't miss it!

McLain

fashion and in extreme cases even soap, but you in your own way you are extending who you are to other people even though it may not be a conscious decision. You may be presenting yourself to only a certain

conscious decision. You may oce presenting yourself to only a certain genre.
What's the point of being so vain?
We're all in college, right? A place of mass expansion of brain cells formed out of our university experience. What's inside should be what's important. Hey, have you read Ginsberg or do you know the equation of motion? When does a fetus become a living being, at conception? At birth? While I'm at it, do you believe in abortion, the death penalty, the myth that McDonalds serves real bee?
Wrong. How many people do you actually randomly approach on the street and ask these questions. If your answer is none, then how or when do you decide to get inside a person head? If your answer happens to be above one or two you are better person than most.
I believe the way we present ourselves is a key to the door of conversation, association and/or humiliation. It does not depend on just your clothes or perfume or a meter face. It could be a smile, a

humiliation. It does not depend on just your clothes or perfume or a pretty face. It could be a smile, a kind word or even a black eye. Our bodies talk. For example sometimes I have a bad day and I might not smile for a while. This does not mean I'm an unhappy

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person, but what would a girl think if I came over to hang out or take he came over to hang out or take with the came over to hang out or take he came of the came

only saw her on bad days?

Everyone at one point in their lives has had some sort of object lodged between their front teeth. Why is this so embarrassing? It stems from the thoughts of others that have to wonder in the back of their heads, "if he doesn't care about cleaning his teeth, maybe he does not know how to take care of himself." Also, "If this person is so backwards as to have a piece of buttered corn being choked to death by his pearly whites he definitely does not have a clue as to the idea that George Bush's son, the present governor of Texas, might be running for president in 2000 and his affiliation with the Christian Collattion."

Collatition."

Picture this. Some kid is walking down Hillsborough Street and it looks like he just stepped out of a time warp from the 80s. A gray "Members Only" jacket. Multicolored Jamz that are so bright you can hear them. A pair of suede Pumas with the fat shoelaces that the Fat Boys made popular. Long wavy hair formed to the shoelace of wings, and last we can't forget a pair of Aviator glasses.

Most people today would

pair of Aviator glasses.

Most people today would probably cringe if not laugh hysterically. Why do we feel this way? He could happen to be more intuitive than Plato, cooler than the

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Fonz, smarter than Einstein, funnier than Chris Rock and able to take keg stands longer than John Belushi.

Two of our five senses just happen to be sight and sound. If we chose to be too intellectual to denounce what picture our eyes conceive or sounds are ears record, cenounce what preture our eyes conceive or sounds are ears record, then we are just denouncing part of the human experience. It is O.K. to be a little vain. It is even O.K. to only wear name-brand clothes. You don't have to conform to societies norms either to pay attention to your looks. If you choose to dress in a way to be noticed at a Marilyn Manson concert or a late-night showing for the Rocky Horror Picture Show by all means try your best. We all are individuals so don't be afraid to express it.

The problem lies in peoples' resolve to try to out do everyone else. To have a faster car, the latest hair style and a hip vocabulary. Why can't we try to focus on being the best person we can be Build on your personal experiences to reach

your personal experiences to reach the next level in life and forget

about where your peers are. Now after mulling over everything our exterior can expose don't forget it is only a small percentage of what makes a human being. Birds of a feather will stay with the flock. This by all means does not mean we should not explore new territory.

If you want to challenge my intellect, just look for the person dressed like Kaptain Kangaroo on Fridays. If this proves to be difficult, try e-mail.cmmclain@unity.ncsu.edu

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"Let's Get Busy" features such coolly controlled rhythm that you can't help but to sway and sing a bit. The salsa-inged rifs and vocal delivery of "You Gotta Move" on the congas and a piano to perk up your feet, but they will combine with the congas and a piano to perk up your ears and give the song your full attention. Such a combination is almost as interesting as the lyrics to "When in Rome" – When in Rome – do the jerk! If you come clean." The nonsense is sugarcoated, and it goes down smoothly. But like any sugar high, it is only temporary. Soon after the Roman nonsense is the closing of "RFTC." "Run, Kid, Run" a saxy, upbeat, chant-al-long which begs for appreciation and recognition.
All in all, his falls a bit short of the Crypt's lofty standards. But still, it's much more solid than many other rock albums that have been or will be released this year.

Ride

funcral ran long. Amy missed her flight. After hiring a limousine to another airport. Amy caught a flight to Yakima, Wash.

On Friday, Amy rode the 73 miles between Kennewick and Dayton, Wash. The ride will take her through Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland. The Bigride ends on Aug. I, when participants will ride on to the Mall in Washington, D.C. for a closing celebration. Judy is hoping she makes it.

"She sounded very good," said Judy, who said that Amy was particularly looking forward to the challenge of crossing the Rockies on a bite. She added that Amy was having trouble even mentioning Robin's death. "She's been that fragile. She said 'right now, I'm riding for Robin."

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Theatre

performance by Dorothy R. Brown). Conflict established. Many jokes cracked along the way.

In Act II, we find the players gathered back at the Ritz after the play. The iceberg has ripped through the hull (pardon my cinematic allusion here). "Magic Time" is a distant memory. All loyalties and civility disintegrate before Peter's eyes, as actor blames director, director blames producer, producer yells at playwright and drunken Shriner conventioneers party through the hallways outside. The Shriners play an important role here, but I don't want to give anything away. With tensions at a fever pitch, Peter becomes disgusted with his own "naive" ideals and with the theater troupe brought them to life. It's boy meets art, boy tosses art and, ves, boy grabs art back (it's a comedy; of course they're reunited). Many more jokes cracked here.

Kudos to TheaterFest for its good taste in drawing room comedy, and to director Fred Gorelick for his

Kudos to TheaterFest for its good to director Fred Gorelick for his faithful recreation of the time and tenor of 1948. (When music played during intermission, it wasn't just old music, it was pop from 1948.)

The Thompson actors did a fine job of playing theater people who can't stop acting when they leave the theater, what would seem to be mannered in other contexts used here to paint characters in love with themselves and the mythology of the theater. Hart sparse his theatrical kin nothing here.

The costumes, from premier-night gowns in Act II to silk pajamas in Act III, were convincing, as was the living room, complete with a chrome bar-cart downstage from which cocktails were mixed nonstop throughout the evening.

While early on the dialogue seemed a taf rushed, quite soon it was flowing easily and in time. Hart's quick rhythm is almost unceasing; there is perhaps one extended pause (seven seconds, tops) in the entire play. Indeed, the play ends almost abruptly in the midst of a torrent of dialog, leaving the audience in a state of jovial stupefaction.

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Two of the character's heavy New York accents of undetermined origin (was there a neighborhood of Jewish Italian folk somewhere in Brooklyn in the 4087) seemed strained throughout, and occasionally muffled a joke (although the audience's laughter covered up many more). Dorothy R, Brown, on the other hand, had an wonderful, clear voice and diction to match, and it was not surprising to read that she's been appearing on the small screen recently, in an episode of "Dawson's Creek" and a made-for-TV movie. Notable also was James V, Sullivan's all-too-brief 10 minutes at the end of Act III. Sullivan was a scene-stealer and acted at the level of TheaterFest's best.

"Light Up the Sky" continues

best.
"Light Up the Sky" continues through Sunday at Thompson Theater (shows at 8 p.m.). So, leave Jim Carey and the bad cineplex popcorn behind, and get thee to some live theater, pronto. In a week or two, "Truman" will be at the cheap theater, and Moss Hart will be gone.

Aly

heat from the opposition as well as the majority of citizens, claiming that Pakistan needed to warn off any aggressors (namely India) and also regain National Pride. After 17 days of intense deliberation, Pakistan went ahead and exploded multiple nuclear devices at Chagai Hills, a site in the province of Balochistan. This was followed by the speech of the Prime Minister revealing that Pakistan had successfully detonated five devices. Intelligence sources however could not confirm the number and many believed that the number five was conveniently given to be on par with India. In his speech to the nation, the Prime Minister warned of the dire consequences of the tests and asked the nation to brace up for a round of hardship (as if the nation wasn't alterady going through burdens). The Prime Minister said that Pakistanis should give up all luxuries for the sake of the country and cut down to one meal per day if necessary. However, what he should have said was that all money squandered on unnecessary government protocol and non-development expenses and the wealth that the rulers routinely steal from the country be put to better use.

The United States, Japan and other nations were quick to slap Pakistan across the wrist. The

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already poor, deprived and struggling populace prepared to face the conditions that would arise after the sanctions. The political hierarchy would continue to dip into the coffers and the common person would endure the sanctions instead of the wealthy elite. Despite the imposing of sanctions, Pakistan went ahead the next day to test long range missiles. This was followed by two more nuclear tests the next day.

After the initial jubilation and display of blatant jingoism, the denizens started to see the effects of the sanctions as the local stock market crashed. This was followed by the Annual Budget that many claim will not do anything but increase the wealth of the rulers and the privileged class, rather than that of the Treasury. The course of action to follow now is to meekly say we are sorry, sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and promise to work out problems, such as Kashmir, with India. Moreover, a no-first-use treaty should be also be signed with India and arrangements similar to the Nuclear Football present in the United States should be made to prevent a nuclear spark off in the sub-continent. One thing is for sure if the sanctions remain, the economy that is already gone to the dogs due to corruption and bad economic policies, will be up you-know-what creek without a paddle. Pakistan will be on a one-way ticket to bankruptey, desperation and chaos, and become the laughing stock in the community of nations.

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carries against Duke and five carries for 17 yards against Northern Illinois. For his career, Chavis wound up with 117 yards on 28 carries for an average of 4.2 yards per carry. He also made two catches for 15 yards as a sophomore in 1996. Chavis, who said he would stay with the team and help running back Coach Dick Portee this fall, is the second major unexpected preseason loss at running back for the Pack, which is trying to find replacements

second major unexpected preseason loss at running back for the Pack, which is trying to find replacements for departed starters Tremayne Stephens, the ACC's top rusher last year, and fullback Carlos King.

Rising junior fullback Kevin flubbard announced after spring practice that he would transfer to North Carolina A&T.

Chavis's injury leaves only two dailbacks on the Pack roster heading into fall camp. Rising junior fall camp. Rising junior Rahshon Spikes served as Stephens' top backup the past two seasons, rushing for 297 yards and six touchdowns last year after gaining 132 yards on 45 carries as a true freshman in 1996. Redshirt sophomore Jawan Clark was moved to tailback in the spring after spending his first two years on defense.

NCAA fine tunes the rule book.

The ever-popular NCAA has announced a few minor changes in the rulebook for the 1998-99 season for college basketball. In what seems to be a response to ESPN's Dick Vitale, the biggest rule change will reward a defensive team for hustle. Regardless of

which way the possession arrow is pointing, the defense will always get the ball when one of its players forces a held-ball situation. The ball will be awarded at the closest spot to the held-ball.

The NCAA Men's Basketball Rules Committee approved that change and others — including an experimental rule designed to shorten the time needed to play the last few minutes of televised games — during its annual meeting at Isle of Palms, S.C.

"The committee feels that this

following:
Basket interference will be called
if a player pulls down a moveable
rim and it touches the ball before
returning to its original position.
There was no previous rule on this

There was no previous rule on this matter.
When a double foul is called, the team in possession will retain the ball, and the possession arrow will not change. Also, the shot clock will be reset in such a situation.
The final permanent change has to do with a team's uniforms. New provisions in the uniforms rule require jerseys to be a single color from the base of the neck to the bottom. Undershirts must be similar to the jersey color, and sleeves must be the same length and not have frayed or ragged edges.
Also, some experimental rules will be used in a few selected games.

games.

The first free-throw lane space will be moved back ten inches, and some games will be played with an extended 45-second shot clock.

Outlook

Alzindani, both of whom will return. Howell had a huge season on the track, qualifying for Nationals in the 5000 meters and 1500 meters, and his times continued to drop throughout the

year.

Also in the mix for the Wolfpack will be Chris Pluchos, who scored for the Pack last year, including a second-place finish at the North Carolina Championships.

Freshman Chris Dugan saw limited action during cross-country, but really flashed his talents during the outdoor track season as he qualified for Nationals in the 3000-meter steeplechase with a 8:40,90.

Sitting last season out were

talented freshman Aaron Keller, who dominated the N.C. high school ranks, and sophomore Mike Fitzula, who scored several times his freshman year.

his freshman year.

The development of this year's freshman class has also yet to be seen, which would stir the drink only more as the Pack has consistently brought in top level talent, ready to compete as feathers.

With all this talent, Coach Rollie Geiger's biggest problem could be the fact that he can only send seven

the tact that he can only send seven
out there.

This will be a direct contrast to
the rest of the ACC, as Geiger must
find the lineup that will serve the
Pack both this year and in the
future. In other words, there's
inevitably going to be some allACC caliber talent that will be
forced to take a seat. forced to take a seat

What a position to be in.

Leader

impressive mark of seven track and field championships in the highly competitive world of ACC track.

The level to which his program has been lifted in recent years will be demonstrated once again this year as the men's and women's teams go for an unprecedented fourth straight sweep of the team conference championships. His best work has come with the men's cross-country team, as he has raised the men's team from ACC obscurity throughout the 60s and 70s and into the early 80s to its position now as the ACC's best program. Over the span of his career, Geiger has received 21 coach-of-the-year awards in recognition of his work.

Geiger has also made quite a

recognition of his work. Geiger has also made quite a splash nationally. In 1987, he was selected to coach on the U.S. national team at the World Cross-country Championships. He has also coached at the United States Olympic Festival, and is a member of the U.S. Olympic Development Committee for distance running. Geiger's success begins on the individual level, where he has succeeded in bringing many Pack athletes to stardom and future

said the university is also looking within its own science departments for qualified candidates. The selection process is just getting under way, he said.

Students and fellows chosen for the program will receive financial support for tuition, fees, travel and benefits. They will also have access to state-of-the-art research facilities and assistance from top experts in environmental science.

Beginning in the fall, the program will host a series of guest lectures by internationally-acclaimed researchers.

"This is a big step toward establishing environmental credentials for N.C. State," Adler said.

success. This past season served as an excellent example as four Wolfpack men and two Wolfpack women took home all-American honors and three more qualified for Nationals.

Seniors Pat Joyce and Laura Rhoads leave State after phenomenal careers under his turelage. Joyce after a disappointing cross-country season in which he failed to regain his former ACC title – returned in fine form to win conference championships in both indoor and outdoor track while gaining all-American honors in the process. His 10,000 meters time at Nationals placed his name in the record books with the conference's fastest time ever.

ever.

Rhoads was dominant in her final season, losing but one race en route to Nationals, a favor she returned a week later. At Nationals, despite not running one of her better races, Rhoads took home all-American honors for the second straight year. Such success has become common place for Geiger. His runners have produced an incredible 79 all-ACC selections, 32 all-America certificates, 13

incredible 79 all-ACC selections, 32 all-America certificates, 13 conference championships and three national championships. Add track and field awards to the list and it grows even larger.

His reputation as running guru, as well as his excellent program enables Geiger to continue stockpiling excellent talent from

The university already claims the largest environmental science faculty in the southeast, with more than 500 members — including the related fields of biomedicine, engineering, economics, and policy. As an example of the type of research the project would be funding. Adler cited inquiries into the health effects on the lungs of ultra-fine particles emitted from blast furnaces and automobiles. Reproductive toxicology, or the effects of endocrine disrupters such as pesticides and industrial waste on the hunan reproductive system, will be another of the project's research areas.

Six or seven area colleges and universities applied for the grant money, Adler said. N.C. State, which already has other cooperative research projects with the EPA, received the largest award, with smaller awards going to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke.

around the country. In addition to attracting the top high school talent in the country year in and year out, Geiger has also brought in transfers such as Rhoads and her sister Sara Rhoads, drawn by the excellent staff and team intact here at State, to help build the program.

The loyalty Geiger produces in his former pupils has been shown as head track and field and cross-country coach. Geiger has strengthened his program by surrounding himself with a team of excellent coaches, many of whom

country coach. Geiger has strengthened his program by surrounding himself with a team of excellent coaches, many of whom are former Pack athletes.

Taking control of the women's cross-country team has been former Pack star Laurie Gomez-Henes, a former six-time all-American who still trains under Geiger.

Also assisting with the program are David Honea and Jason Vigilante, two former athletes who have returned to share their running knowledge to the next generation.

The cross-country success Geiger has brought to the Pack centers on his running philosophy. His teams are renowned for their ability to place groups of several State runners high up in the race, producing low scores and lots of big victories.

Geiger has established himself as one of the country's foremost running coaches, and with him in charge at State, look for success to only increase for the N.C. State cross-country team.

Arena

more delays are expected.
"September is our goal and it is very do-able."
The arena became over-budget and delayed in the first place from redesigns of the building, and weather delays blamed on El Nino.
Rouse added that it was in everyone's best interests to have the arena completed by that date, a thought Les Robinson concurred with.

with.
"I know we desperately want it open in time and I know the Hurricanes desperately want it open on time," Robinson said. "It is very important to us."

ACC

fifth with 117 points, its highest performance ever. The team has gathered depth, but is short on the talent to compete with the very best in the league. The loss of 13th-place finisher Tom Becker to graduation could also limit the Blue Devils.

The rest of the league. Virginia.

finisher Tom Becker to graduation could also limit the Blue Devils.

The rest of the league—Virginia, Georgia Tech, Maryland and Florida State—is some time away from competing with the rest of the league on any level.

While the individual champion came from UNC-CH, the Wolfpack has the type of top-notch depth and quality talent that makes it almost impossible for the rest of the ACC to compete. The Pack has been able to run close together in competities groups, which leads to the small team scores. As a result, State has run ahead of the conference and has been the only team in recent years to make an impact nationally. With Cline and Swanson both graduating, as well as fifth-place finisher Reckner, the battle for individual honors could well fall among a pack of Pack runners, unless a conference dark horse surfaces.

Which is even more depressing

Which is even more depressing

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myself but by the rest of Technician, as well. May her passing, though extremely tragic, serve to remind us all that we are not the immortal beings that we sometimes think we are, and that we should always be sure to not loose focus on the now while working hard for the future.

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the hardest: I've nad friends and relatives pass away on me before, and their "unexpected" deaths were all tragedies in their own regards. But for some reason, the news of the death of Morlock, whom I had only met once before and seen sparingly in the Sports Information office, hit just as hard as previous losses.

office, fit just as nard as previous losses. Perhaps it was the waste of it all. Morlock was but 23 and looked to be headed into a promising career with the Sports Information office here on campus. Her colleagues, having worked with her only a briet amount of time, always spoke highly of the hard work and efficiency with which she performed her tasks. I vividly remember Assistant Sports Information Director Bruce Winkworth dishing out high marks for Morlock's work ethic when someone asked about her during a baseball game this season.

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Her hard work had earned her a position as the main contact for women's soccer this upcoming season, remarkable when you consider the brief amount of time it took her to assume that role.

And perhaps another factor in it hitting me so hard was the fact that I had just recently drawn the women's soccer beat for this upcoming season. I have covered a women's soccer game only once before while here with Technician, and I was eager to work with Robin throughout the season as we both worked into our new positions at our respective jobs in working with the women's soccer team.

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I remember back to two weeks ago when I was working with the preview of the upcoming season of the women's soccer team, while we ran in last week's Technician. I needed some information on the new recruits that were signed to play with the Pack next year and called upon Robin for some help.

Not only did she supply me with over 30 pages of material on the incoming class (some of which she wrote out to make it easier to read), she threw in bios of the new coaches, results from last season and even some information on the number of yellow/red cards Pack players accumulated last year. She flat out went out of her way to give me every ounce of information she thought I might need, and then a few more pages on top of that. Her enthusiasm in that regard will be sorely missed by both the Sports Information office and myself, to be sure.

To Robin's friends and family, I

be sure.

To Robin's friends and family, I send feelings of remorse and regret that are shared not only by People are people? So why should it be?

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Men's cross-country preview

Moving up, running faster

Expectations are high for the ACC Champion men's team.

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Exceed every expectation and what do you get? Higher expectations.

Last season was quite a dream for the men's Wolfpack cross-country team, showing they were every bit as good as the bype, and finally just as good as the women. Perhaps even a bit before Michighan State team prevented N.C. State from entering Nationals undefeated. The Pack blew away the competition at every chance, including conference and districts championships that weren't even close. Top it off with a sixth place national finish and you are looking at quite a season. So where does the team go from there? Without brushing aside last season's numerous accomplishments, which were impressive to say the least, the new season is quickly approaching as the team shifts is focus from track to cross-country.

The team will lose two seniors,

On June 13, the Wolfpack family lost one of its members in a tragic car accident on the 1-440 beltime. Robin Morlock, a former women's soccer player with the Pack, was killed after the truck she was riding in flipped at high speed. Morlock served as a trainer with the women's soccer team last season and was working as an assistant in the Sports Information office at the time. She was 23.

I learned of her death Monday at learned to be looking for the movie section of that day's News & Observer when I came upon the article describing the circumstances of her death.

I suppose no one really "expects" to hear news of someone's passing, but to say the least, the news of Morlock's death took me back quite a bit. It's funns what incidents hit you

country.

The team will lose two seniors, Pat Joyce and Joe Wirgau, whose contributions will be missed.

Joyce, the 1995 Atlantic Coast Conference champion in cross-country and all-American in track his senior year, will be missed but mostly for his leadership.

Things shouldn't change for the also-rans in 1998.

Smile if you're wearing red and

Smile it you're wearing red and white.

Otherwise, you could just be for another year of the same-old, same-old, watching the N.C. State men's cross-country team calmly seize its fourth straight. Atlantic Coast Conference crown.

Courts straight Atlantic Coast Conference crown.
Without an unforeseen influx of talent into an ACC school, a thing that takes some time, usually, or an equally unforeseen and unlikely collapse of the talent-laden Wolfpack, yet another title should be carried home.

Last year was a prime example of

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Last year was a prime example of
Wolfpack dominance, as the team
finished with an unearthly 24 points
to win ACCs, taking five of the top
eight positions and six of the top
10. And this at a conference meet,
in the ACC, no less.

replaced.
With the core of the team returning, it's hard not to be excited about the team's chances.
And to put it bluntly, the team is

loaded.

Take a look at the results from last year's ACC championship squad, and you'll begin to see. Finishing second, third and fourth overall were Chan Pons, Corby Pons and Brendan Rodgers, all of whom return. Chan Pons will be returning after redshirting track while Corby Pons will return for a full season after missing all of indoor and most of outdoor recovering from illness.

All three could contend for the ndividual title.

Finishing seventh and eighth were Robbie Howell and Abdul

UNC-Chapel Hill all finishing within 13 points of each other. Wake Forest grabbed runner-up honors with 73 points, led by Nolan Swanson's sixth-place finish.

The Demon Deacons have finished first or second every year since 1988, but could find it hard to continue that run in 1998, with the loss of three seniors among its top four from a year ago, including former champion Swanson. Nipping at the Deacons heels was Clemson, a team with a quite a history when it comes to track, but is just now building a competitive program in cross-country.

The Tigers finished with 75 points, led by junior college all-American Joe Gibson, who finished ninth and carried the team all year long. Also looking good for Clemson was the career best time of 24:29 from Jason Reckner, good enough for a fifth-place finish.

The Heels were led by individual ACC champion John Cline, who defeated a threesome of Pack vunners by four seconds to claim the crown.

With Cline gone next year, and





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when me topic or the N.C. State men's cross-country program comes up, words like "dominance and "unstoppable" invariably find their way into the conversation. The Pack returns most of the core behind last year's ACC Champion team and should find themselves holsting yet another conference title trophy at the end of the seasor



the Pack

Rollie Geiger has built one of the nation's best crosscountry programs.

It all traces back to one point.

All the titles, all the trophies, all the athletes, all the teams; they've all started here.

When you talk Wolfpack cross-country, it all starts with Coach Rollie Geiger.

The 1998 men's and women's cross-country teams will be among the country's most deep and talented. But this will be no surprise to college running followers who have watched as Geiger has built a strong program that has been producing great individual talent and national contenders for almost 20 years.

His results and accomplishments speak for hemselves, to use an old cliché.

His teams have taken control of the Atlantic Coast Conference with a dominance not often seen in modern

Since coming to N.C. State in 1979, his teams have delivered the school 13 women's championships and six men's championships, as well as an equally

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in the ACC, no less.

Even scarier for the rest of the ACC is the fact that the team will return the majority of last year team, including runner-up Chan Pons, as well as an incredible five MI-ACC runners.

The rest of the ACC proved to be a little more bunched up, however, with Wake Forest, Clemson and

Wolfpack notes

Football's Chavis is done, NCAA tinkers with rulebook.

Dobson gets signed, Piercy still in negotiations.

Two Wolfpack underclassmen, pitcher Scott Dobson and catcher Brad Piercy, were drafted in June's baseball draft by the Montreal Expos. So far, Dobson has agreed to terms, while Piercy is still

waiting for the right numbers. Piercy is expected to forgo his senior year as well.

Dobson, Montreal's 13th round draft pick a weck ago, has decided to sign with the Expos and give up his senior season of eligibility.

Dobson will report to Vermont, the Expos' team in the New York-Penn League, which is a rookie-league.

thiness by other course. With Cline gone next year, and 15th-place finisher Jeff Connoly the top returner, don't look for the Heels to make any great leaps.

One team slowly climbing the ladder is Duke, which finished in

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league.

The 6-foot-2-inch, 192-pound
Dobson has a fastball routinely
clocked in the low 90s, but he has
struggled with his control since
signing with N.C. State out of West
Potomac High in Alexandria, Vir.
Dobson was 2-1 with a 6.53 ERA
for the Pack this season.

He appeared in 20 yamps and

to the Pack Inis season.

He appeared in 20 games and made four starts. In 41 1/3 innings, Dobson allowed 45 hits and walked 34 batters while striking out 32.

Piercy, who was Montreal's seventh-round pick, has yet to

Senior Theo Chavis, who was expected to start the season as the Pack's No. 2 tailback, will instead be relegated to unofficial assistant coach after doctors discovered his injured right shoulder needed

shoulder.

The 5-foot-8-inch, 176-pound Chavis had to undergo a reconstruction of the shoulder, which will keep him out of action for this entire season, effectively ending the tailback's career and limiting coach Mike O'Cain's options at the position.

"They said if I came back, it would be after the fourth game, in October some time, and I would have to wear a harness where I wouldn't have full range of motion," Chavis said of his shoulder. "And if I fell wrong or something like that, it could tear it again. If I were a sophomore, I probably could play again (after this year), but it's just one of those things that takes time."

Chavis carried the ball 16 times for 47 yards last year. Highlights include a 30-yard effort on 11

Brad Piercy (31) led the ACC in homeruns last season.