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## Freshmen come for orientation

■ N.C. State is hosting most of next year's freshman class over the next few weeks.

TIM CRONE  
Assistant News Editor

It's that time of year again — time for that honored tradition of freshmen orientation.

Throughout the month of June, virtually all of N.C. State's freshmen class will have visited what will likely be their home for the next several years.

In two days and one night, each freshman is given a chance to learn his or her way around campus and register for classes.

"It's good, but it's a lot packed into two days. It's long and hard," said parent Carol Pierce. "It's a little overwhelming at this point."

Kristen White, entering into biomedical engineering, agreed. "It was kind of hard to get through, just because it was a little different."

"It helped for getting the registration done and getting us used to things that are available," said entering freshman Andy Straube.

Freshman chemical engineer Josh McCall took a different stance. "I think they could have packed it into one day."

"[There's] a lot of information," agreed engineering student Henry Phan. "It's just everybody repeated the same thing."

For a one-time \$92 fee, entering students are given one night's lodging, several meals and assorted materials and programming.

A little mathematics breaks this down: for about four months, the cost of living in a single premium

dorm room is \$1385; hence, one day is approximately \$11.50. To buy your way into Fountain Hall is a bit less than \$5.00 a meal, and so four meals adds another \$20. Thus, about \$60 of the cost required of every freshman is assorted materials and programming.

Said entering computer engineer Matthew Miller of his orientation experience, it held "nothing good, nothing bad."

However, while reviews of orientation were mixed, thoughts about NCSU were much more enthusiastic.

"I like it. It makes me feel really comfortable," said freshman computer engineer Shannon Smith. People seem "really concerned about you passing classes."

Said McCall, "I was looking forward to it before. Now I'm a little nervous."

"I really like it here. The people are really nice. ... I'm really nervous about coming," agreed White.

Students' parents also approved of NCSU.

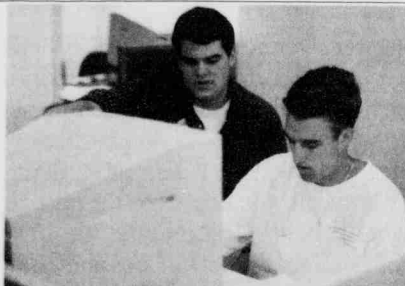
"I'm impressed, I really am. ... It's a beautiful campus. I guess the thing that really impresses me is the personal touch," said Pierce.

"You're always excited about your youngsters — young adults, they are now. ... We feel like this is a university with a lot of excellent schools," said parent Bill Jones.

Students also overwhelmingly approved of TRACS, NCSU's automated course registration system.

"It seemed pretty simple," said Bryan Rephan, an entering computer engineer.

"It was great," agreed White, but "I probably would have hated it if I'd had to drop classes."



Marty McKittrick of NCSU Computing Services helps out Friday.



Eric Strugaton, an incoming student from Charlotte, discusses his schedule with his mother, Vera Strugaton.



Chase Reynolds discusses NCSU campus life with IRC member Alicia Hartsfeld.

## Raleigh police arrest student

■ An N.C. State student goes to jail after assaulting three men on Avent Ferry Road.

LEA DELICIO  
News Editor

An N.C. State Student was arrested and charged with assault after violence erupted on Avent Ferry Road early on the morning of June 7.

Jason Ainsley Coley, a junior in political science, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, simple assault, assault and inflicting serious injury with the intent to kill, city police Sgt. J.R. Fluck told the Raleigh News and Observer.

Fluck reported that Coley and two other individuals, David Scott Hodge, 27, of Knightdale, and Robert Moore, 27, of Apex, approached three men as they walked along Avent Ferry Road. The men apparently did not know each other, according to Fluck.

An altercation followed. Police believe some kind of object was used to beat two of the men but are unsure of what kind of weapon,

reported the News and Observer.

When police arrived, two of the victims, Joel Aaron Freedman, of Cary, and Robert Warren Eakin, of Raleigh, were injured and taken to the hospital.

The three men who were allegedly assaulted, Freedman, Eakin, and Bruce David Bletz, were walking some women home when the altercation occurred. The women fled to their apartment and called the police, Fluck said.

The women were not harmed. Coley, Hodge and Moore apparently tried to flee the scene but were identified by witnesses and stopped by the police.

Eakin was treated for facial injuries and a broken nose at Wake Medical Center. Freedman had severe head injuries and was comatose at WakeMed following the incident, according to the News and Observer report.

Bletz escaped without injury.

Fluck said that police could find no motive for the attack. Bond for the Coley, Hodge and Moore was set at \$200,000, after Wake County Judge Narley Cashwell doubled it on June 8.

## Former chancellor passes away

■ A piece of N.C. State's history was lost last week when Jackson Rigney died of cancer.

LEA DELICIO  
News Editor

Jackson A. Rigney may have spent only six months as chancellor of N.C. State, but the other work he did encompassed over 40 years with the university.

Rigney died June 1 at the age of 85 after a three-year battle with bone cancer.

He was acting chancellor of NCSU from July, 1975, to January, 1976, the time period between John T. Caldwell's retirement and Joab Thomas' appointment as the next chancellor.

Rigney had formerly been dean of International Programs at NCSU and returned to this position after his brief span as chancellor.

Rigney said, when that six-month span ended, that he had been happy to do it, but was glad to be returning to teaching, serving on committees that advised the chancellor, and being a dean.

Rigney was born in La Mesa, New Mexico. He earned a bachelor's degree in agronomy from New Mexico A&M and a master's in plant breeding from Iowa State University. He also did graduate work at both West

Virginia University and NCSU before joining the NCSU family in 1938 as an assistant professor of agronomy.

He went on to become an associate professor of agronomy, plant breeding and experimental statistics, then a professor in experimental statistics and then was appointed the head of the department of experimental statistics.

Rigney continued his climb when he became director of the North Carolina Agricultural Mission to Peru and an overseas research scientist for the U.S. State Department's Rural Development Project. And, in 1968, he became dean of International Programs.

Rigney spent his retirement years at the Garner area vineyard and his wife had purchased.

He is survived by his wife, Viola, their son, Lee, two daughters, Jane Battenberg of Costa Mesa, California, and Martha Rigney of Raleigh, as well as three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Rigney's family has asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Jackson A. Rigney International Service Award, NCSU Foundation Inc., NCSU, Raleigh, N.C. 27695 or to The Rotary Foundation, Rotary Club of West Raleigh, P.O. Box 12111, Raleigh, N.C. 27605.

## State professor speaks about UV rays

■ An N.C. State professor is working with the EPA to improve the prediction of ultraviolet radiation.

JACK DALY  
News Editor

For those that enjoy soaking up the sun in the summer, there is a hidden danger to such devotion, mainly coming in the form of ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

Of the 70,000 cases of skin cancer expected to be reported this year, the American Cancer Society estimates 90% could be prevented with better protection from UV rays. UV radiation can also cause

cataracts and premature aging of the skin, according to Brian Wenny, a research associate in N.C. State's department of Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences.

This is where the UV index comes into play.

The UV index is a scale that measures the risk of UV radiation for those spending the day outside. A high index, or anything that is over 7, means that there is an increased risk to harmful rays; conversely, a low index, anything under 4, means there is a low risk of being burnt.

The UV index is accurate within 1 index point 76% of the time, and

within 2 index points 91% of the time, according to Wenny, who cites studies from the National Weather Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Scientists at NCSU are working to improve the accuracy of the index.

"The basic idea behind our research is that currently in the forecast a set value for aerosols is used for the entire country at all times of the year," said Wenny. "We are looking at how varying levels of aerosols effect the transmission of UV-B to the surface, and thus eventually be able to develop some sort of 'correction'

or method of accounting for the varying levels of aerosols in the index calculation."

Wenny went on to say that the project to improve the accuracy of the UV index is being funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has been ongoing for about three years and has one and a half more years of funding. The researchers at NCSU are working in collaboration with scientists from the NOAA/Surface Radiation Research Branch based in Boulder, Colorado.

Besides aerosols, other factors that can influence the levels of UV

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## Traffic stopper

MEG PITTMAN/STAFF

Early Friday morning, traffic on Hillsborough Street was brought to a standstill as law enforcement blocked off a two-block section for an accident. A Mayflower moving truck snapped a telephone pole causing electrically charged wires to fall on the truck behind it.

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## Technobabble

Even the hardest of geeks feel the woes of early adoption.

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This week's column, for a variety of reasons, is going to be a little on the short side, with only a very few nuggets of a geeky nature. If you must know, I'm in the middle of moving into my new apartment, and am writing this sitting on the bare floor with the keyboard in my lap, the monitor propped up on a folding chair.

Yes, moving can be a pain, especially if you have as much computer equipment as I do. So next time, I'll go through some necessary steps to moving that might just save you a little time and worry next time you move.

But today, my topic is early adoption. In technology terms, early adoption has nothing to do with children or foster homes.

Early adopters, in this sense, are those people on the cutting edge of technology, who are the first to buy into new technology and products before everyone else.

There are certain benefits to this kind of behavior. For one, you could be the first kid on your block to have ADSL service. With blinding fast, ethernet-type speeds over a standard phone line.

Manufacturers know that they have a small, loyal group of well-to-do consumers who can not only afford, but demand, the newest, high priced gizmos. Some companies count on this to be able to continue developing their products.

And if you can afford it, by all means, buy all the gizmos you want. It's good for the economy.

The other price that comes with early adoption of technology is the sweeping and totally unpredictable advance of obsolescence.

Take, for example, my computer. Well, one of my computers: the Mac I like to call HAL9000. I use it almost every day for my webpage design, Internet surfing, and all my graphic design needs. For a three year old computer, it's doing pretty well, chugging along at sometimes surprisingly fast speeds. I've added in a video card, extra level 2 cache, 36 megs of RAM, and lots of hard drive space to keep it current.

Again, the computer is three years old. It's been obsolete for almost two.

Shortly after I bought HAL, Apple changed from NuBus expansion slots to PCI. This makes it next to impossible to find expansion cards, graphics accelerators, MIDI sequencers, etc. for older macs these days.

PCI is the emerging standard for PCs as well, though in the PC world, standards are slow to be adopted, since there are so many manufacturers making motherboards, cases, cables, peripherals, etc.

Also, being one of the first Power Macs off the line, HAL came equipped with the first generation PowerPC processor, the 601. The 603 was supposed to come out, with significant speed increases, and the 604 would follow it.

Most later Power Macs would also have the processor on a separate "daughter" card for easy upgradability. Not mine.

This is typical of an early adopter's situation. The first product that rolls off the line will be slower, less expandable, and less reliable than the second and third generations. Those computers that came equipped with CD-ROM drives when they first became available, required CD caddies to operate, which broke and were too easily lost. The drives themselves were slow, considering the newest CD-ROM drives spin and read up to 32 times faster.

## Sound Advice

- \*\*\*\*. Jimi Hendrix - original and innovative; a rarity.
- \*\*\*\*. Jimmy Page - pretty good stuff.
- \*\*\*\*. Jimmy Buffett - well, under certain circumstances...
- \*\*\*. Jimmy Carter - good intentions, but in dire need of help.
- \*. Jimmy Hoffa - better off dead or at least missing.

**Litany - "Peculiar World"**  
\*\*\*\*1/2  
Hailing from the land down under, three girls have banded together to transcend stereotyping and genre-rock and cut an album that looks to grab hold of the steering wheel and take rock on a side-trip all their own. And what a satisfying, exhilarating ride it is. The trip, their debut album titled

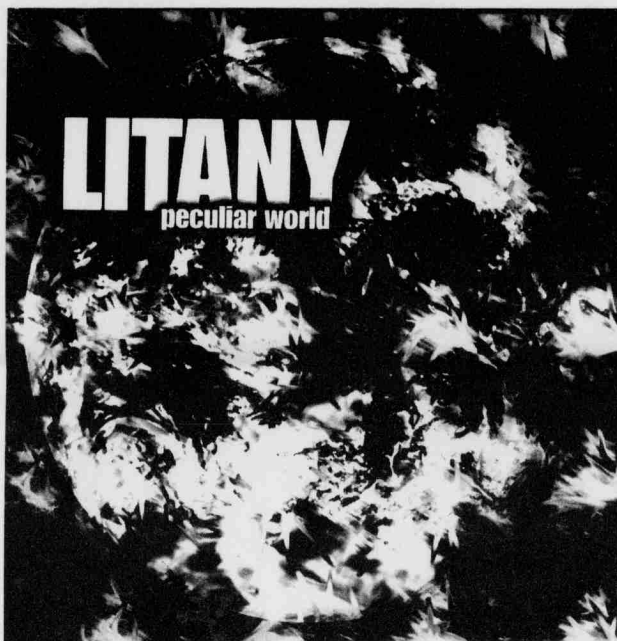
"Peculiar World," is a thick syrup from a dream. It constantly changes colour, viscosity, and the direction in which it flows. The blending harmonies and rhythms hark to Sonic Youth one minute, then Belly or Elastica, the next. When Litany stops midway through their album for a classical take with piano and viola, you can't help but admire them. You realize the beauty and ingenuity of the album is in the juxtaposition of all these sounds.

Take the second track, for instance, "By Myself" is a four-and-a-half minute musical mix for the coming millennium. Complete with soothing vocals, the guitar undergoes a complex metamorphosis from churrner to speed-spinner to the tried and true harper of chords. The lyrics match: they explore the hyped feminist definition of true independence and then confront the idiosyncrasies encountered by such a quest in today's modern society.

"When You Gonna Stop" is a more approachable and affable ode to the self-sufficient. Worried that

they might actually come across as your buddy, Litany follows the track with a frantic fret guitar number called "Rome." The journey continues for four more songs, and each track craftily defies any label its predecessor might lure you to attach to the band. After they are sure you realize that Litany is here to play and record, and not to be labeled, they delve deeper into the magic hat and pull out "Rapunzel," a hurricane of sounds whose changing wind direction and velocities toy with your mind.

Litany's ride is over all kinds of terrain. One minute you're accelerating so quickly on the interstate you are pushed back into the deepest crevice of your seat. The next minute you could just as easily be cruising a curvy road on a tranquil seaside byway as you could be stuck in a traffic jam honking your horn in frustration at the hundreds of cars around you. Either way, this is one rocking ride that you don't want to miss.



## Rabies outbreak threatens North Carolina

Rabies, a deadly disease, is making a comeback. In the 1950s this fatal virus, which infects warm-blooded animals including humans, reached epidemic proportions among dogs in the United States. The movies "Old Yeller" and "Cujo" portray the fear caused by this disease. Widespread pet vaccinations greatly reduced rabies among domestic dogs and cats.

Now rabies is spreading rapidly among wild animals, especially raccoons. "Rabies cases in North Carolina have almost doubled each year since 1990," according to North Carolina Public Health Veterinarian Lee Hunter. We had 106 confirmed cases in 1993, and 879 in 1997.

Rabies virus is "shed" in saliva and usually transmitted through bites, sometimes by skin or mucous membrane contact with saliva of an infectious animal. Many animals can incubate rabies for weeks or months without showing signs. Clinical signs of rabies may include behavioral changes such as nervousness, hiding, incoordination, irritability, paralysis, frenzied aggression, and foaming at the mouth. Once signs of disease appear, death usually follows within days.

In North Carolina raccoons are the animal most commonly diagnosed with rabies, but skunks, foxes, and bats account for a significant number of cases as well. All mammals can be infected with rabies and result in a risk to human health by exposing people to the virus.

Though only a few people each year die from rabies in the United States, rabies virus associated with bats accounts for a large percentage of those deaths. Bat bites may not be noticeable, so anytime a bat is found in a room with a sleeping or intoxicated person, a pet, a young child, or anyone unable to positively exclude any bat contact, the bat should be safely captured and tested for rabies. The exposed person should contact their physician or health department to discuss the possible need for rabies treatment.

There are several good vaccines available. Your veterinarian can assist you in choosing the best one. If your horse, pet, or livestock is bitten or is seen fighting with a raccoon or other wild animal, use impermeable gloves when examining your animal. Contact your veterinarian and animal control to determine what needs to be done.

The public should be aware of the presence of rabid raccoons, foxes, skunks and bats in North Carolina and avoid wild or unfamiliar animals. If bitten or otherwise exposed, vigorously scrub the wound, seek medical attention, and call animal control to capture the animal for testing.

## Summer Schedule

### Cinema

- Campus Cinema**  
Thurs., June 18 "Dirty Dancing" at 8 p.m. FREE  
Tues., June 23 "My Best Friend's Wedding" at 8 p.m. FREE  
Fri., June 25 "Gattaca" at 8 p.m. FREE  
Tues., July 7 "I Know What You Did Last Summer" at 8 p.m. FREE  
Thurs., July 9 "Event Horizon" at 8 p.m. FREE  
Tues., July 14 "Donnie Brasco" at 8 p.m. FREE  
Thurs., July 16 "Boogie Nights" at 8 p.m. FREE  
Tues., July 21 "B.A.P.S." at 8 p.m. FREE  
Thurs., July 23 "Jackie Strikes First Strike" at 8 p.m. FREE  
Tues., July 28 "Kids in the Hall" at 8 p.m. FREE  
Thurs., July 30 "Air Force One" at 8 p.m. FREE  
Tues., August 4 "The Game" at 8 p.m. FREE  
Thurs., August 6 "Independence Day" at 8 p.m. FREE

### Music

- Berkeley Cafe**  
Wed., June 17 Poetry Slam  
Thurs., June 18 Neglected Toyz  
Fri., June 19 Fat Possum Eye Scratchers & Ball Kickers (blues)  
Sat., June 20 Sam Earnhardt & Friends  
Thurs., June 25 Indoor Storm  
Fri., June 26 Triangle Blues Society benefit  
Sat., June 27 Burgeon  
Fri., July 3 Little Brain & Zydeco Travelers  
Fri., July 10 Bob Margolin (blues)  
Sat., July 11 "Dave Band" (blues)  
Fri., July 17 Ghezzi (jazz/blues/rock)  
Sat., July 18 Crackers (blues/rock)  
Fri., July 24 Skeeter Brandon, Hwy 61 (blues)  
Sat., July 25 Pigz Brothers (blues)  
Thurs., July 30 Tony Furtado (bluegrass)  
**Brewery**  
Wed., June 17 Brother Monk, Wherever It Goes  
Thurs., June 18 From Good Homes, Mike Corrado Band  
Fri., June 19 Negative State, Sticklew, CWIC  
Sat., June 20 Two Dollar Pistols, Lou Ford  
Wed., June 24 Ritual 99, Methylene  
Fri., June 26 Weekend Excursion, 9 Minute Snooze  
Sat., June 27 Leadfoot, No Saver  
Sun., June 28 Resin, Sticklew, Drill 187  
Thurs., July 2 Day by the River  
Fri., July 3 Mr. Blackwell, Jones Family Reunion  
Sat., July 4 Darkstar  
Sat., July 11 Emma Gibbs Band, Natural Born Easy  
Fri., July 17 Mepheskapeles, Pifer  
Fri., July 18 Cigar Store Indians  
**Caboose**  
Fri., June 19 Black Oak Arkansas, Fat Head Otis, Vibe Merchant  
Sat., June 20 Shades Below, Element, Goddamm  
Fri., June 26 Unsound, 7 Tone Diesel, Kut Phat  
**Carter Finley Stadium**  
Sat., July 4 Jimmy Buffett, Little Feat  
**Cat's Cradle**  
Thurs., June 18 Cigar Store Indians, Truckadelic, Evan and Jaron  
Fri., July 11 Hibone  
Sun., July 12 Girls Against Boys, Buffalo Daughter  
Mon., July 13 Quers, Nobody's, Chixdiggitt  
Tues., July 14 Link 80  
Thurs., July 16 Brake Combo  
Fri., July 17 The Make-Up, Lung Leg, Deep Lust  
Sun., July 19 Sunday Showcase  
Wed., July 22 The Loud Family  
Thurs., July 23 Andrew Byrd's "Bowl of Fire"  
Fri., July 24 Modern English  
Thurs., July 30 Seven Mary Three  
Fri., July 31 Triangle Blues Society Talent Showcase  
**Lake Boone**  
Wed., June 17 Mojo Nixon  
Fri., June 19 Out of the Attic, Abby 6  
Sat., June 20 Jam Pain Society  
Sat., June 27 DAG  
Tues., June 30 Far Too Jones, Albert Hill  
**Lizard & Snake**  
Wed., June 17 Mercury Project, Smearcase  
Thurs., June 18 Loventun  
Fri., June 19 Tilt, Ten Idols  
Sat., June 20 Jencyanykind  
Sun., June 21 The Beans  
Tues., June 23 Creeper Lagoon  
Wed., June 24 Gas Huffer  
Fri., June 26 Clang Quartet, Analogue, Elvis-X  
Sat., June 27 Mercury Birds, Tort Bolero  
Tues., June 30 Undead, Independents, Psycho 13  
Thurs., July 2 Mayflies, c-60's  
Fri., July 3 Love as Laughter, The Nerves  
Sat., July 4 Vehicle Birth, Smearcase  
Sat., July 5 Big Fish Ensemble  
**Record Exchange - Hillsborough Street**  
Fri., June 19 4th Degree  
Sat., June 20 Tripp  
Fri., June 26 Getups  
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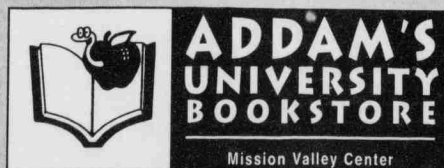
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# Opinion

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## Editorials

### Expansion fury

■ Conference expansion both risky and beneficial.

A few weeks ago, the nation's largest athletic conference witnessed a faction of schools break away from the league to form a new conference. The Western Athletic Conference, known throughout the sports world as the "WAC" or the "Wacky WAC," went from a 16-team league to an eight-league team in a day. Air Force, San Diego State, Brigham Young, Colorado State, Utah, New Mexico, UNLV and Wyoming departed the WAC on May 26 to form their own conference, citing rising costs with travel and other expenses. The argument is certainly understandable: the league has 16 teams, broken into two eight-team divisions, stretching across four time zones, from Texas to Hawaii. The 16-team WAC will play one more year, ending in the spring of 1999. The "rebel alliance" has yet to deliver a name to its new conference, but the remaining eight teams of the WAC, San Jose State University, Southern Methodist University, Fresno State, Hawaii, Rice, Texas Christian University, UTEP and Tulsa, have pledged to stick together and continue playing in the WAC. The new conference could be named the Pacific Coast Conference, the Rocky Mountain Conference, or some other geographically-oriented name. The break-up drowned the dreams of those who thought that a 16-team mega-conference might actually work. The enlarged WAC was formed in 1996, adding refugees from the old Southwest Conference, the Missouri Valley Conference, and the Big West Conference. The 16-team league enjoyed an abundance of athletic success, winning national championships in numerous sports, and sending Utah to the championship game of the Men's NCAA basketball tournament last March. Yet the success could not

alleviate the costs of travelling great distances for conference games.

The sudden break-up sends a crucial message to other leagues that are contemplating adding substantial numbers of schools to their respective leagues. The University of Nevada, currently a member of the Big West, has been named as a prospect to join the eight breakaway teams from the WAC to form a nine-member conference. Reports have surfaced that the Big 10 is recruiting Notre Dame to join its ranks. Colorado has also been rumored to have a standing invitation to join the PAC-10, according to Internet reports. In the Big East, a league that has slowly fallen off its peak held during the 1980s, Miami University, Syracuse, Virginia Tech and West Virginia have been rumored to be prospects for expansion into the Atlantic Coast Conference and the Southeastern Conference.

The positive vibes from conference expansion are staggering. More money from TV deals, alliance bowl berths and other bowl contracts, endorsements, and other incentives can make a conference piggy bank burst. The national exposure draws more recruits who are high-caliber, and the added presence of new schools boosts a conference's appeal overseas.

But there are lessons to learn from the WAC break-up. If schools are as much as four time zones apart and tens of thousands of miles away from each other, then the WAC dilemma could be common if other conferences attempt to follow its original path. Super-conferences are exciting and give a powerful image, but it is in the best financial interests of the conference to expand with schools that are close to the core group. It is amazing how travel costs and other expenses doomed a league that is only two years ago. Yet if other conferences try to replicate the WAC plan of 1996, then breakaways will be a sure thing down the road.

### Donations wanted

■ Health center could use funds.

The new Student Health Center being built at Dan Allen Dr. and Cates Dr. is well on the way to completion, but more funds could be used for certain areas of the venue. According to Jerry Barker, administrative director of Student Health Services at NCSU, the facility needs funding badly for many accessories to the facility.

For instance, more exam room tables are needed, mobile desks, phones, computer equipment, waiting room furniture, window blinds, banners, etc. So much attention is given to

funding for the new arena, Carter-Finley stadium expansions, and other facilities, yet the new health center does not get the attention it deserves. The building is slated to be ready by December of this year, and the items needed should arrive at the facility within the next six months. This is where the private sector needs to chip in. The same companies that are corporate sponsors of NCSU academically and athletically could drop a few bucks into the Student Health cause, and the needs of the center might be greatly alleviated.

For more information, please contact Jerry Barker at (919) 513-1729 or via fax at (919) 513-1994.



carpe diem

### Summer is contest time

BRETT WETZEL  
Staff Columnist

Asides from unbearable mugginess and over-hyped movies, summer is the time of year that our favorite products assault us with tantalizing contests. The opportunity to win merchandise stamped with a product's name is quite hard to resist, and for some reason, we consumers appear to be most vulnerable to this vision during the hot months of summer. Who could forget the rabbit hunt for Pepsi points last year? Personally, such blatant marketing plays have little effect on me. I pursued the "free" Pepsi merchandise with little more zest than any one else, never going further than cooing co-workers, friends and family into sacrificing soda preference and hoarding as many Pepsi product labels and caps as possible, and never going beyond the routine purge of every local recycling bin.

But this year is different. The damn contests are too complex to obsess with! I have a Coke Card, and I'm ready to use that bitch, but I don't know what the hell to do with it. I tried putting it in an ATM machine to reap my winnings, like on television, but it wouldn't even go in. Now, I noticed mine doesn't look exactly like the one on television, so maybe only special cards work. So, how does one get these Special Coke Cards, and just what good are these Unsuspected Coke Cards? Now, in one advertisement another stopyy young Gen-X'r like myself (I find it curious that these companies don't target these disguised gambling schemes to older consumers, do they think middle-aged people are too responsible and intelligent to be susceptible to such scams?) is shown possessing an Unsuspected Coke Card, which, to the chagrin of suspicious middle-aged policemen, has afforded him a Free Hotdog. I would not mind my own Free Hotdog, much less the opportunity to chagrin middle-aged

authority, but if Coca-Cola wants me to waste ridiculous amounts of money on their product this summer in pursuit of such glamorous prizes, they are going to have to simplify things a bit. Something along the lines of "buy and win" would be fine.

Now, I thought Taco Bell and that cute stereotype-promoting Chihuahua would win me over, as they took the more traditional peel-the-thing-off-the-side-of-your-drink and win approach. The commercials really didn't give me an idea of what I could win. I assumed maybe some tacos or a Chihuahua, but all that really matters is that I can win something. So, with zeal I peeled away the label-thingy, only to be greeted by a bunch of black-and-white speckles. I thought that this was one of those 3-D spectro-puzzles, where you have to stare for 15 minutes until the image magically appears. As I considered the horror of playing a contest all summer and never being able to figure out if I win or lose, I noticed a piece of

transparent plastic on the inside of the label-thingy I peeled off. Those moguls at Taco Bell mixed a peel-and-win contest with a decoder contest! I placed the decoder over the blocky area with greedy anticipation, and read the result: a big "S."

It's one thing to expect us to peel and decode, but to peel, decode and spell? I turned the cup around, ready to venture into the contest-to-man's-land, the instructions. They were bigger and longer than the monster Godzilla on the other side. Since there is no "S" in "Godzilla," I gave up. If Taco Bell didn't want me to spell Godzilla, or even "Chihuahua," there's just no point straining my brain to figure anything else out, there are plenty other contests to waste money on. Receiving notably less fanfare is the Starburst Mystery Flavor contest. Basically, every package comes with a sample or two of the Mystery Flavor, and you have

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### Some sarcasm for Vermont 'Act 60'

STEVEN F. LEBOEUF  
Staff Columnist

Perhaps you've read about the recent uproar in Vermont's public school system known as "Act 60." The Supreme Court of Vermont recently decided that Vermont's public schools (that is, government schools) have not been run fairly. Until recently, Vermont's government schools have been sponsored at the local level. That is, property taxes collected in each community paid for government schooling for all children within that community (and these children only). Of course, this leads to an obvious dilemma: wealthier communities are blessed with luxurious schools, and poorer communities are forced to settle for

collected property tax to the state! This is absurd! The audacity of some parents to selfishly hoard their surplus money for the education of their own children is mind boggling. Don't we live in an age of equality where everyone deserves the same wealth? Isn't it obvious that the rich should be forced to pay extra money to the state until all children receive equal educational funding? This is the essence of justice: take from those who have and give to those who need.

Some Vermonters still believe the old-fashioned idea that the money one makes belongs to the person who earned it. Get with the 90's, Vermont! It is well known amongst the nation's brightest scholars that when you earn a dollar, that dollar

does not really belong to you. It belongs to the common good. Just because you've earned more money than others form being smarter, thrifter, a better investor, or a harder worker, it doesn't mean you can selfishly spend your money on your own desires. The state's job is to define the common good and redistribute wealth accordingly.

Anti-Act 60 lobbyist keep wailing: "Our right to our property [earned wages] is being violated!" But what about a child's right to a public education? If there's one thing I learned in my tax-funded public schooling, it's the Bill of Rights. And doesn't the Bill of Rights clearly state that Americans have the right to an "elementary

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Nothing pisses off the honest suffering sports fan more than a fair weather fan, someone who only pulls for a team because they're, well, good. This might account for the annoying abundance of baby blue (a color easily uglier than even the most obscene shade of brown) stickers and apparel that can be seen throughout our state. As far as professional sports go, any purist would argue that the only reason one should align himself as a qualified fan with a certain team is geographical proximity. With college sports it might vary, perhaps a fan is an alumnus, or brainwashed by parents

who were alumni or at least wanna-be alumni, or even themselves have aspirations to attend the university. But, still, there will always be an inexplicable phenomenon like the gangsters who sport Duke hats and shirts. In truth, there are many reasons people latch on to teams, whether it be because a team garners approval by changing its colors to ever-unusual shades like black or teal, or just because it has a cool name. I was brainwashed into being a Washington Redskins fan, a team that had what were once one of the dumbest names and gaudiest uniforms. But I never had a prayer. Secretly I longed to pull for the Dallas Cowboys, the team my dad so beligerently cultivated a hatred in me

for, because what kid wanted to be a "Redskin" clad in frightful maroon and yellow, and not a cowboy? Hell, their uniforms looked like the Lone Ranger himself. I'm convinced that my dad whispered things like "The Cowboys must die" into my crib as I slept.

While geographical proximity coupled with sinister parental mind-control won my loyalty to the Redskins, baseball was a different story. By the time I figured out who that dark-skinned man on the Redskins' helmet really was it was too late, but a greater force allowed me to choose my own fate in baseball. As many fans are aware, but will never readily admit, most of us suck at sports. Wearing Joe

Theisman's number 7 on my jersey never managed to intimidate my competition enough on the little league soccer field to earn me a goal. But, there was one sport where I excelled like no other. Dodgeball! Perhaps the perfect metaphor for my life. I avoided getting hit by that damn ball better than any one in my class or neighborhood. So of course when I found out there was a team named after my favorite sport, nevermind that they didn't actual play that sport, I was hooked. I have never lived anywhere remotely near Los Angeles, but ever since I was little I have loved the Dodgers for this reason.

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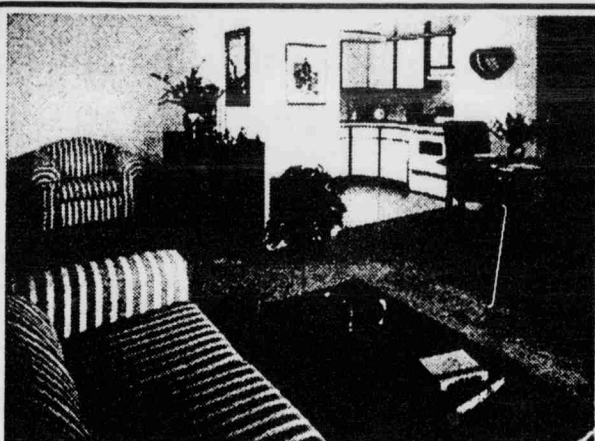
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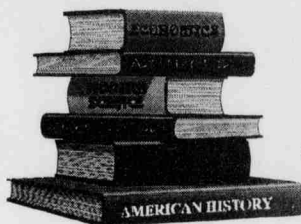
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to call a toll-free number and pick what you think the flavor is. I suppose you win, of all things, some Starburst. Excellent, I thought, a simple contest that doesn't require you to rack your brain, instead only asks that you use your own knowledge of the product to reap your booty. But, the creators of this juicy contest were far more devious than they let on. I tasted the Mystery Flavor, and immediately knew what it had to be. Sour Apple. The pink color didn't fool me, I had them, and a free pack of juicy fruit flavor was mine for the taking. Yet when I heard the choices over the phone, Sour Apple wasn't listed. Sour Apple wasn't listed!

The flavors were all combinations, things like kiwi-strawberry, or passion fruit-cherry. Who the hell knows what kiwi tastes like? They made flavor that has no remote connection to the choices, the taste is as arbitrary as the color. You can't win! That, it would seem, is what I should have always realized.

Now, this is the problem I have with all the new teams that have appeared, and the primary culprits are the new womens' basketball leagues and the new soccer league. If these leagues have any designs of actually getting off the ground, they are going to have to realize that names that don't end in "s" don't become automatically novel and intriguing. In fact, they are Annoying As Hell.

I am hard-pressed to pick the worst, so I'll try to be democratic, and take one each from the WNBA, ABL, and MLS. The WNBA is championed by the Phoenix Mercury; what is a Mercury? The messenger of the Roman Gods? A big car? A really small planet? The junk inside a thermometer? This team is screwed just like the Utah Jazz, plain and simple. No matter how good they ever get, no one can ever purchase merchandise for a team with a name that makes no sense.

The ABL has a total of two out of

nine teams that dare to end in an "s." I could pick from the "Xplosion," it's orthographic spelling ever tempting my heart, the "Power," the "Rage," or the "Reign." With vague yet menacing names like these, it's obvious this league has some sort of God complex. Perhaps it's trying to convince itself and fans that it's not really inferior to the WNBA.

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Sure, the Redskins and Dodgers were vague and misleading in their own way, but they left enough room for the sort of positive misinterpretation that a team like the Dallas Burn will just never be able to offer. What kid in their brainwashable mind could ever want to be a Burn?

*Brett is a retired player of the now-defunct National Association of Dodgeball Superstars (NADS), where he starred for the Charlotte Hives.*

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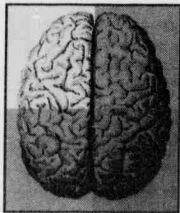
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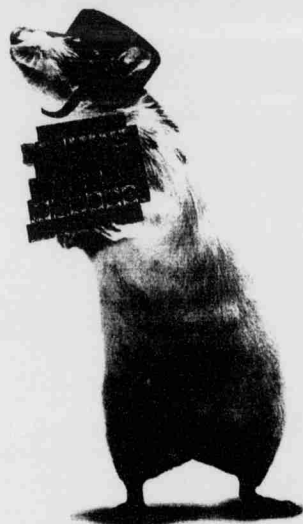
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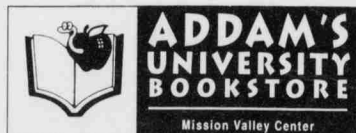
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education paid by their peers?" The anti-social actions of some anti-Act 60 activist appalls me. Reportedly, a major corporate conference center recently terminated its annual donation to charities. When the charities came around this year, expecting the healthy donations of the previous years, the conference center told them to "call the state capital" because the charity money went to state taxes. These greedy businesses should be forced to pay the charities double for such lack of empathy.

Though Vermont's recent legislation is no doubt a small step in the right direction towards universal equality, I and my fellow socialists believe we should keep moving forward. For example, using global equality as the ultimate ideal, toys should be forced away from rich children and redistributed until all children have an equal amount of playthings. Believe it or not, some families are so well-off that they are saving money to provide higher education for their children's future. Is it fair to allow these silver-spooners to hoard this college money when it can be collected by the state and used to hire more teachers for poorer communities? We must take away this excess money immediately and use it for the common good!

Some have argued that it is parental involvement, and not public funding, that plays the ultimate role in a child's education. These people are missing the point. Poor schools deserve just as many air-conditioners, computers, and marble floors as rich schools. Act 60 is not about education; it's about money! And if parental involvement truly fuels academic achievement, then it only stands to reason that devoted parents who encourage their children should be forced to spend equal time encouraging the children of parents who don't give a damn. Education demands this!

If our country is truly founded on Christian morals, then we should abide by the teachings of Christ, who fervently preached that we should take care of one another. And didn't Christ proclaim that

when people refuse to take care of one another then they should be forced to do so?

O.K., that's it! I can't take this sarcasm any further, and I'm starting to make myself nauseous. Anyone who agrees with the philosophy stated in the above paragraphs is (by Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary) a total moron and would no doubt benefit from such programs sponsored by the Robin Hoods that steal from

those who've earned and give to those who've yearned.

I give my best regards to all the Vermonters who are rebelling against the threat to individualism known as "Vermont Act 60." I say "Give 'em hell!" And if it takes a civil war to keep your freedoms, then so be it. If someone hadn't raised a ruckus against an oppressive government 230 years ago, I may not even have the freedom to write this column today.

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**State Stat:**  
All six of NCSU's spring sports were represented in their respective NCAA post-season tournaments.

## Be loud, be proud

Tim Hunter

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If you are anything like me, you find yourself constantly defending Wolfpack athletics to your friends, family, and any other comers.

Some might call it an inferiority complex. The little brother with a chip on his shoulder.

Well, it's about time we wake up and smell the roses here, people. N.C. State athletics kicked some serious butt in the 1997-98 year, and it will be a year to remember for a long time to come. After one of the lowest, darkest periods in the early and mid 90s, now is the time.

And what happened this year could very well just be the beginning of some great things to come.

Most recently, I'm not sure if you noticed, but all that's right, all of our spring sports were represented in their respective NCAA Tournaments.

Can Duke fans claim that? Did UNC spring sports fare that well?

I don't think so.

You got it right, Roberto Bracone from the men's tennis team made the field. The entire women's tennis team was represented. Track and field, as always, more than held its own in the NCAA's. And baseball, like they seem to do every year, was just a couple of wins away from the College World Series.

And it was no surprise when Tim Clark and the golf team excelled in the NCAA Tournament in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Remember this one, Wolfpack fans. It's not often that Wolfpack athletics enjoys this much all-around success.

Both the football and basketball team had winning seasons for the first time since the 1990-91 year. To put that in perspective, the last time both of those sports won more games than they lost, it was Les Robinson's first year as a coach, and Dick Sheridan was on the sidelines of Carter-Finley.

Also during this year, the cross-country teams continued their dominance. Both the women's and men's teams took the ACC crown for the third consecutive year, an unprecedented three-peat.

The cross-country teams are a legitimate dynasty, producing three All-Americans and 10 All-ACC participants, all the while producing success in the classroom.

And how about those gymnasts? The gymnastics team went to the NCAA Regionals for the first time in school history, defeating some pretty strong teams along the way.

The list goes on and on. But let's not forget what was the most exciting, memorable moment of the year in Wolfpack Athletics.

The Final Four.

That's right. A legend in her own time, Coach Kay Yow had one thing lacking from her impeccable resume — and she finally got it.

Behind the leadership of senior All-American Chasity Melvin, the Lady Wolfpack charged into Kansas City as the lone representative of the ACC in the Final Four.

And the weekend of February 21, when both the men and women's basketball team defeated the dreaded UNC Tar Heels, will live forever as one of the finest weekends in the history of Reynolds Coliseum.

So with all of this success, let's hear it folks.

Be loud, be proud — there is a lot to be proud of.

But instead of just talking and bragging about your Red and White, let's see you all at the games.

Oh, I know you will be at Reynolds Coliseum and Carter-Finley, that was never in doubt. Where I want to see you is out at Centennial Campus for a cross-

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# Wolfpack women's soccer preview

## A new beginning

With eight newcomers to the team and a new coach at the helm, N.C. State's women's soccer team will need leadership right off the bat.

JAMES CURLE  
Assistant Sports Editor

"Rebuilding" can be a scary term to use these days when describing an athletic team. The word has almost become synonymous with not-so-nice terms such as "mediocre," "rough" or "long way to go."

But facts are facts, and they have to be faced from time to time. The truth of the matter is that, yes, this year's Wolfpack women's soccer team is in a rebuilding phase.

They are under the direction of a new coach, Pack alumna Laura Kerrigan, who replaces now-Raleigh Flyers Head Coach Alvin Corneal after four years leading the Pack program.

They lost seven seniors — over one fourth of the entire roster — to graduation after last season, including captains Megan Jedy and Bridget Durkan. To fill their slots are eight newcomers to the Pack, including six freshmen and two transfers.

Add in six sophomores, and the Pack is a very young team, to say the least.

Therefore, to help assure success during the transitional period the Pack will need to call on this year's upperclassmen to provide instant leadership from team practice No. 1. Look no further than this year's pair of team captains, Lisa Boggs and

Laura Ferguson. Coach Kerrigan has seen good things from this duo, in their commitment to both the team and to the players that comprise it. According to Kerrigan, Boggs and Ferguson have what it takes to be good captains, leading by example both on and off the field.

Despite the lack of experience on the Wolfpack roster, the Pack will need to play like a veteran team from the get go if they are to survive a rough schedule, both in and out of conference. Following is a breakdown on who should stand out at their respect positions this season, and who will be called upon to step up early on.

**Up Front**  
Junior Jennifer Marsh looks to be the primary offensive weapon for the Pack next year. Kerrigan describes Marsh as a player "with the ability to take on players and beat them one-on-one." Junior Christine McNally's return to health, along with sophomore Shannon Tully, should provide some experienced offensive punch up front for the Pack.

Leigh Adams, a rising senior, is another Wolfpack player returning from injury, and should help out in the front lines, as well.

Freshman Jennifer Mosakewicz may see some playing time on offense from the Pack, along with returning members Carla Linley and Casey Christian.

**Midfield**  
Boggs heads up the list of midfielders for the Pack and should provide the versatility and leadership

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## ACC strong — again

As a member of one of the strongest women's soccer conferences in the country, the Wolfpack has its work cut out for it.

JAMES CURLE  
Assistant Sports Editor

It's not hard to imagine who'll be picked as the preseason favorite to win the Atlantic Coast Conference women's soccer title this year: Florida State.

Yeah, right. While in football they may be neck-and-neck, the Seminoles represent what can only be described as the antithesis of the North Carolina Tar Heels, anybody with half a brain in their head's hands-on favorite to win the conference.

"Utter Dominance" is about the only way to describe Anson Dorrance's Tar Heels: a combined record of 194-4-3 during the 1990s, while winning seven of the eight National Championships of this decade. The only team that has played the Tar Heels close is Notre Dame, who fought Carolina to a 2-2 tie last season. Don't expect Dorrance's crew to deviate from their winning ways any time soon.

The only team in the conference with any somewhat realistic shot at defeating the Tar Heels is the Duke Blue Devils. They finished up last season with the second-best record in the conference, a 6-1 mark whose only blemish was at the hands of Carolina.

Clemson, Virginia and Maryland all tied with a 4-3 mark in the conference, but the Tigers edged out

the Cavaliers and Terrapins in the overall standings. They compiled a record of 15-7-0, compared with the 14-5-2 mark posted by the Wahos and Maryland's 12-9-2. Depending on their out-of-conference schedules and breakthrough performances from unheralded players, any one of these three squads could vie for second place honors.

The Pack suffered through a lackluster season last year, though they won enough conference matches to keep them out of the dregs of the league standings. Their 2-5 conference mark earned them sixth place in the ACC standings, though they were one of only two teams in the conference not to notch 10-or-more wins, finishing with an overall record of 9-11-1. But there's new blood in command of the Pack in the form of first-year Coach Laura Kerrigan, and depending on how their new recruiting class performs, State could finish anywhere from second to dead last.

Which brings us to the last two teams of last year's standings: Wake Forest and Florida State. The Deacs could manage only one win in the conference, though they finished with a winning record of 11-8-1 overall. Their 1-6 conference record managed to outpace the Seminoles, however, who finished with a goose egg in the conference win column at 0-7.

Once again, look for the women's soccer competition to be had fought from the get-go. Slots two-through-five are open to whoever wants them, and who knows, maybe a charged up Duke or State team could knock off a complacent Tar Heels team.

## Wolfpack notes

WNBA fires up, new rating system announced for college football, former State players kicking it in MLS.

We got next

Five former Wolfpack stars were on the rosters of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) teams on opening day, including three for the nearby Charlotte Sting.

Andrea Stinson, Rhonda Mapp and Sharon Manning all suited up for the Sting for the second consecutive year.

As of this printing, the Sting was 2-0 and the 5-10 Stinson had led the team in scoring (19 and 16 points, respectively) in both games.

The 1991 N.C. State graduate is currently eighth in the league in scoring with 17.5 points per game, and first in three point goals made with four.

The 6-2 Mapp is also making her mark on the league with an impressive 12 points and five rebounds per contest. Manning is also contributing for the Sting, averaging six points and two assists on the young season.

Two other former Wolfpackers are making waves as well.



The Wolfpack women's soccer team looks to improve on its 1997 record. First year Head Coach Laura Kerrigan will look to upperclassmen such as senior midfielder Lisa Boggs (left) for leadership.



## Eight is enough

Laura Kerrigan isn't the only thing new to the Wolfpack women's soccer team.

JAMES CURLE  
Assistant Sports Editor

With every new recruiting class comes high hopes and even higher expectations. Every year, a fresh member of these recruiting classes steps forward and contributes immediately. And unfortunately, it seems that for every first-year player that steps forward and makes that impact, there are the newcomers who never seem to live up to their touted potential.

But this year's women's soccer recruiting class is unlike most others, in that not only will the freshmen be getting their first taste of the N.C. State system, but their coach will be taking the reigns of the Pack for the first time, as well.

Coach Laura Kerrigan will be joined by eight newcomers to the Wolfpack family-six freshmen and two transfers, representing a slew of different positions, roles and playing styles. Some are expected to contribute early on, while others look to fill role-playing positions for the time being.

Here then, in alphabetical order, are the newest members of the Wolfpack women's soccer team.

**Kelly Blaggie** A midfielder with versatility out of Clearwater, Fla., Blaggie should perform well both offensively and defensively. She scored 61 goals during her career at Countryside High, earning her All-State honors in the Sunshine State. During her freshman year, she scored both goals for Countryside to win the 6-A State Championship. She also led her Tampa Bay Heather Club team to back-to-back state titles in 1996 and 1997.

**Tonya Dedmond** Currently the leader in the hunt for the goalkeeper position following the graduation of four-year starter Kat Mertz. As a sophomore at Upper Dublin High in Ambler, Penn., she broke the school records in shot/save percentage and for shutouts in a season. Led her F.C. Delco club team to state championships in 1996 and 97. Also a track standout early on in high school, as a freshman living in Maryland she anchored the Wilde Lake High 4X200 Relay team that set a new state record.

**Angelica Herron** One of two transfers this season, Herron comes to Raleigh from The College of Charleston. A non-stop worker during the game, she possesses good vision of the field. Herron will likely

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national championship as well as other teams that will be eligible to participate in the BCS.

The ranking system will consist of four major components — subjective poll of the writers (AP) and coaches, computer rankings, schedule strength and team record, each weighted accordingly. The two teams with the lowest point total in the four categories will play in the national championship game.

All four components will be added together for a total rating, and the team with the lowest point total shall rank first in the BCS Standings.

The BCS Standings will not be published until the second week of November each season.

"I think this is an excellent system for determining the title game of the

Bowl Championship Series," ACC Commissioner John Swofford said of the new ranking system. "A great deal of discussion and evaluation of various aspects of the system has gone on for months with an effective end result."

"Having a strength of schedule factor and computer rankings involved is a positive step towards having a fair and equitable selection process for the BCS championship game."

Soccer, anyone?

More former State graduates are making their mark on the professional ranks, this time in soccer.

Four ex-Wolfpack stars are

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