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## Sexual assault trial begins

◆ Lt. Pierre Debnam's attorney responds to the sexual assault charges made against Debnam.

PHILLIP REESE  
Staff Writer

Nearly a year after being charged with sexually assaulting an N.C. State student, former Public Safety Lt. Pierre Debnam, along with a filled courtroom, listened as his

attorneys and state prosecutors made pretrial arguments Tuesday.

Wake County Assistant District Attorney Frank Jackson, talking over the vocal crying of the former student Debnam is accused of raping, summarized the state's case against Debnam. According to Jackson, Debnam, after pulling the former student over Aug. 3, 1997 for no reason, forced her to attempt to urinate. Debnam then allegedly made the former student perform a full cavity search, saying he was

checking for weapons or drugs.

Debnam's attorney, George Ligon, admitted that the former student disrobed in front of his client but denied that Debnam forced her to do anything.

"She insisted on relieving herself both times," Ligon said. "The second time she insisted on these histrionics of showing him her body parts."

According to Ligon, Debnam never made any advances toward the former student.

"He never touched her," Ligon said. "Mr. Debnam does not deny that the lady disrobed. But he says, 'I didn't tell her to.'"

Assistant District Attorney Rusty Dement responded by pointing out that Debnam, acting contrary to university policy, did not properly report pulling over the former student.

"This wasn't a mistake. This wasn't something he didn't mean to do," Dement said. "The defendant was in uniform, in marked car, it was a

female driver, and there was no ticket issued. There was no call-in."

Arguing that the presiding judge should allow the state to present evidence pointing to a pattern of questionable behavior, Dement said Debnam had pulled at least five female students over in the period prior to the alleged instance without properly reporting the pullovers.

Ligon responded by claiming that any prior instances of Debnam's failure to report pullovers are irrelevant to the case at hand.

"In all of these contacts, there has not been one allegation that Mr. Debnam ever did anything improper," he said. "They are trying to show that he is a bad person because he didn't follow procedure."

Judge Howard Garrison, with hesitation, agreed to let the state present evidence of prior improper stops.

Much of Tuesday's business was devoted to jury selection.

The trial is set to resume tomorrow morning.

## NCSU charges 15 with drug violations

◆ Drugs may be a part of life on NCSU's campus, but Public Safety wants to eliminate them.

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Assistant News Editor

How many N.C. State students can get evicted in a one-month period? Nine, if it's for drug violations.

According to Paul Cousins, director of student conduct, 15 students have been charged with drug violations thus far this semester. The majority of offenders were male freshmen and sophomores, Cousins said, who are probably "spreading their wings" while away from home for the first time.

"This tells me that people are way too casual [about] the choices they make," he said.

The drug of choice for most violators was marijuana. "This is consistent with our community and national statistics," Cousins said.

Cousins also said he thinks drug use has to do with young people "aggravated" by being in a large environment where they feel anonymous. Tim Luckadoo, director of housing, said students' attitudes towards and the availability of marijuana is the problem.

"Students' general perception is that marijuana is fairly harmless; that marijuana is not addictive," Luckadoo said. "On the other hand, people are afraid of the other drugs. The risk is not as great."

"I think the presence of drugs is a dangerous condition," he said. "A lot of bad things are associated with drugs. The negative impact is the bottom line."

Because of this, housing has a zero tolerance policy for drugs in residence halls, he said. According to Luckadoo, this is the third year the university has taken a strong stance against drugs in the halls. A Drug Awareness and Response Team including staff, Public Safety, counselors, student representatives and health promoters with NCSU recommended the stance, he said. They analyzed the issue and suggested that housing "take a hard line stance against drugs in halls."

Each year, Luckadoo said the issue becomes more serious and swifter action is taken against drug violations.

Any student charged with using or who is found with clear evidence of illegal drugs in a residence hall faces an interim eviction, he said. The standard procedure allows students 24 to 48 hours to vacate the room and not return until the case was resolved.

Luckadoo said school officials then meet with every student charged and look very carefully at the specifics involved.

"We have a fairly standard approach to look at all the facts," he said.

And the standard has aided guilty parties who were not guilty at all.

In an incident in North Hall, Luckadoo said two students were put on interim evictions because of a drug violation. After school officials examined the facts, they discovered that those two students were not guilty.

If a student pleads or is found guilty, their eviction becomes permanent for the remainder of the school year, Luckadoo said. Students must submit a written request to return to the halls the following year.

Because students sign a contract with the university, Cousins said they are responsible to pay the penalties. "The student's behavior leads to very serious consequences for their family financially," Cousins said. "Independent of their life styles, possession puts them at risk in their community."

In lieu of the hard line approach against drugs, the university has made several efforts to familiarize students with the policies against drugs. For example, the university's Wolfwise explains the Student Code of Conduct. "State of Living" newsletters also go out to hall residents every two weeks reiterating the drug policy. Parents are made known of the regulations as well through the university's Wolf's Den flier, Luckadoo said.

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## Taking it outside



With weather taking an unexpected turn for the better today, some students found themselves being educated outdoors.

## NCSU plans for enrollment increase

◆ Enrollment could increase by 35,000 students in the next 10 years.

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Staff Writer

Just when N.C. State students thought they couldn't get any elbow room, UNC-General Administration has announced that about 42,000 additional students, or 27.5 percent more, could enroll in its 16 institutions by 2008.

This demographically based projection would increase NCSU enrollment to 35,000 over the next 10 years, if it retains its current 18 percent share.

Based on the proposed classroom space standards, the university's current capacity is at most 25,000 students.

NCSU's current enrollment is close to 27,500. In addition, state policies have changed to encourage community-college transfer, which implies even more growth.

"We have a difficult capacity issue to deal with," said Karen Helm, director of University Planning and Analysis.

To fully capture that increased enrollment, NCSU appointed an Enrollment Planning Task Force, which sought to determine how to balance enrollment with resources in order to maximize quality. On this basis, NCSU has submitted a

proposal for funding for additional academic space to the UNC Board of Governors, which will go to the state legislature. The proposed space planning standards set by the Board suggest that NCSU has an overall classroom deficiency of 17,222 square feet.

Current enrollment has also exceeded its capacity in teaching laboratories by 80,701 square feet, according to the task force. Based on these proposed standards, NCSU cannot grow without a significant increase in the number of classrooms and labs.

NCSU has insufficient financial aid resources to support the needs of current students. In the 1996-97 academic year,

66 percent of undergraduates' and 59 percent of graduates' total financial need was met, according to the Financial Aid office. If the cost of attendance increases, then by 2010 the need of funds per in-state student and out-of-state student will be \$436 and \$994, respectively. The Office of Financial Aid recently completed a major fundraising campaign and is coming up with further strategies.

This is unless the resources of faculty and staff positions, equipment, library and administration, which are funded through an enrollment-based funding formula.

"If our enrollment goes up, our funding

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## Bell Tower becomes beacon

◆ Chancellor Fox has instituted a new plan to light the Bell Tower for certain events and holidays.

BRANDI CARLUFO  
Staff Writer

As you were driving, or rallying, down Hillsborough Street the night of the big win over Florida State, you might have noticed red lights illuminating the Memorial Bell Tower.

The red on the Bell Tower is not something that you just haven't noticed. It is the beginning of a new proposal initiated by Chancellor Mary Anne Fox.

"The proposal is to use special lights to announce and celebrate events of special importance to the university," said Fox.

The Bell Tower has often been a trademark of N.C. State. What better way to utilize this association than to use it as a "rallying point" for occasions in which our university has reason to be proud, Fox said. It will also serve in displaying NCSU's patriotism by recognizing national holidays in which men and women gave their lives for our country, said Fox.

One of the chancellor's first priorities is to "build a

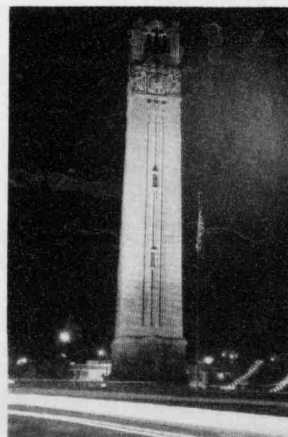
sense of community," said Claire Kristofco, senior assistant to the chancellor. She feels that this will assist in doing so. The Bell Tower will be lit by only the red lights on the night of a special occasion and will bear the traditional light every other night.

A concern has been raised that the community might not be aware of the occasion in which the Tower is lit. Suggestions of other types of denotation are pending; yet, Kristofco seems to think it will be as simple as notification on NCSU's World Wide Web page.

Kristofco thinks emphasis on it being a "rallying point" will not cause students to congregate and/or celebrate around the Tower itself.

The Memorial Bell Tower Proposal lists other occasions in which the Tower will be lit. These include national holidays such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Also, the shining lights will symbolize events celebrated by the campus community such as graduation, the award of major prizes—for example, the Nobel or Pulitzer—and other honors, scholarships and the inauguration of the president of the UNC System or the chancellor of NCSU.

The lights will also be used to celebrate victories in major intercollegiate athletic events such as men's and women's ACC victories at home or away.



The Memorial Bell Tower, shown here, will be lit in color for sporting events, holidays and other important events. On all other days it will remain lit normally, under a new plan by Chancellor Mary Anne Fox. Fox hopes this new plan will show NCSU's commitment to spirit.

## Enroll

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goes up. If our enrollment goes down, our funding goes down," Helm said.

Therefore, a growth in enrollment would mean a growth in resources. It would provide more faculty positions and inspire development of special programs, said Helm.

It would also give the university a better chance to achieve diversity by improving selectivity and accommodating non-degree students. Balancing these diverse issues, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox has formed a preliminary recommendation for the board, which will bring in 31,000 students over the next 10 years. A specific target needed to exist so that all aspects of the university may be united in their future plans. A final recommendation will be made to the Board of Governors in November.

Fox and University Planning and Analysis currently welcome any comments or feedback from faculty and students.

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"I've never heard a parent say 'Oh, they didn't know,'" he said. "Not a single person I talked to that doesn't realize what they did was illegal," he said. "It's just that no one thinks it is likely that they are going to be caught."

Doug Howell, Residence Life Coordinator for Lee Hall, had to deal with two males and one female being evicted the first week of classes. "It does occur on college campus," he said.

He has been involved with housing since 1994 and said nine resident evictions already this year is not unusual.

In the majority of cases, students turned in hall or suite mates to Public Safety. "Peers have just as much zero tolerance as other staffing does," Howell said. "They don't want it in their living space as much as the next person."

"A violation of this nature directly affects the community they live in as association with their peers."

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— Erica Jong

*Ask*  
**Chef? Am**

*Hey chef, the folks are coming over for some "quality time" with me. I would love to show them that I can do a few things for myself, like laundry, studying on my own, cleaning the apartment and feeding myself well enough. What can I do?*

ChefAm suggests cleaning your apartment, studying in study groups and doing your laundry the way you were taught. Feeding yourself, and I suppose your parents as well, can be done quite easily. Let's make a hearty salad and a roasted chicken with vegetables. I made this for one of my friends recently with great success. It's quite simple and cost efficient (saving money always impresses parents).

The first step is to go shopping on a full stomach. I buy much more than I need to if I shop while hungry. There's no need to spend more money than you need.

The local Food Lion will serve our needs quite nicely. Assuming you have nothing that you'll need for this dinner, your list should include (in order of putting in your shopping cart) one medium lobster pot (oblong, black pot, six inches deep with the lid off), two cans of chicken broth, dried herbs (basil, rosemary and tarragon), salt, ground black pepper, cornmeal/olive oil, red wine vinegar, five pounds of red potatoes, one head of lettuce (you can choose what kind — I prefer the mesclun mix), one cucumber, three ripe tomatoes, one large red onion, one bunch celery, two pounds of carrots, four radishes (if you like them) and one whole chicken weighing around five pounds (40 percent of which is bone and skin). These items are listed in this order to keep the food as fresh as possible while you wait and wait at the checkout line.

To prepare this dinner, start three and a half hours ahead of time. This will allow enough time to make all the food, cook the chicken thoroughly and spend quality time with the folks. Before you do anything, set the oven to 300 degrees and wash your hands well. The first items to prepare are the vegetables for the chicken. Rinse all the produce off. Then...

- 1) Cut potatoes and carrots into just-larger-than-bite-sized pieces. Keep the skins on to retain the nutrients. Put into lobster pot.
- 2) Peel onion and rough chop the onion and celery. Mix in pot with carrots and potatoes.
- 3) Combine three tablespoons of each of the dried herbs in small cup. Set aside.
- 4) (In the sink) rinse off the chicken. Then rub down with a sprinkling of oil. Rub dried herb mixture into the skin of the chicken.
- 5) Place chicken on top of veggies in the lobster pot. Wash your hands again, as well as the sink. Stop the chance of spreading bacteria before it gets a chance to start.
- 6) Pour chicken broth over chicken. Fill pot halfway with water. Cover chicken with lid. Place in oven and cook for three hours or so, until chicken is ready to fall off the bones.

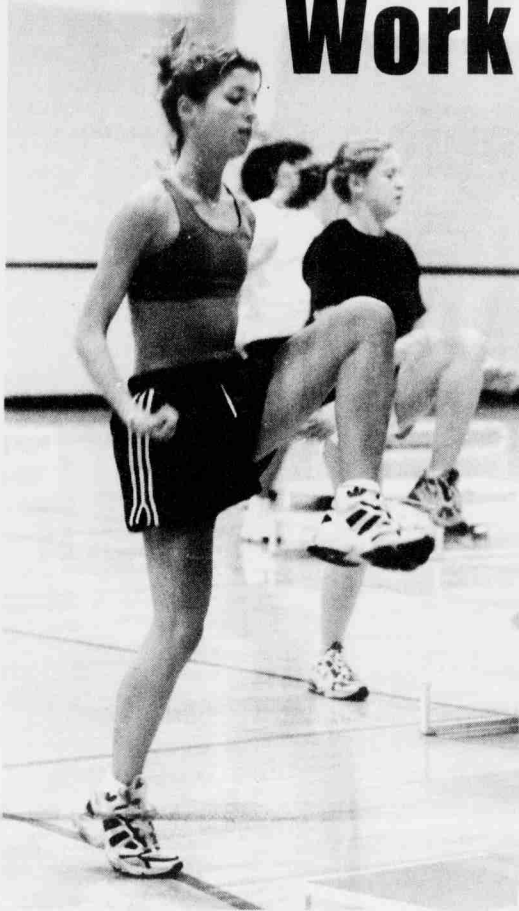
\* All ovens have different British Thermal Unit outputs. So, start checking your roast after two hours have passed. When the dinner is about 15 minutes away, you can prepare and serve the salad. Cut the lettuce, tomato, cucumber and radishes (still optional) into bite-sized pieces. Here's a quick vinaigrette recipe:

- 1) In a medium sized bowl, add one-third cup red wine vinegar.
- 2) Add one-half teaspoon salt and one pinch of pepper.
- 3) While constantly whisking the mixture with a whisk or a fork, slowly and steadily add two-thirds cup of oil. The result should be a nice emulsion that can be immediately poured over the salad.

Taste the dressing before you pour. Some like more salt, pepper or vinegar than this recipe calls for. When you and your folks have finished your salad, the chicken should be done.

After you turn the oven off, remove the pot to the stove. Gather the folks around and lift the lid off. The sight of the steam and the smell of the roast will make them lick their lips while smiling at their newfound chef. Remove the chicken (careful — it's very hot) to a large dish. Give a generous portion of the veggie mixture to your parents and offer to cut their favorite part of the chicken for them. After all, you are a well-mannered young adult. Then offer to ladle or spoon some of that wonderfully aromatic juice in the pot on top of your folk's plate. Now, serve yourself and enjoy this great and easy dish. The chicken can go back into the pot and back into the oven to keep the dish warm. If there are enough leftovers, I suggest picking the bones clean, adding more herbs and water and turning the dish into chicken soup that can be enjoyed for even more days to come. Bon Appetite!

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Freshman Lesley Sherrill works out in an aerobic stepping class offered in Carmichael Gymnasium.

**Work it, baby!**

**MARY BETH LEFAIVRE**  
Staff Writer

Have you ever dreamt of hiking or rock-climbing to the top of a mountain amid the fall foliage? What about relieving the stresses of classes through a relaxing class of yoga? Are you one of those students who have tried to work out but just can't seem to get into the routine? A visit to Intramural-Recreational Sports Office may help your dreams become a reality.

Whether you know it or not, \$54 of your tuition fees is allocated to the Physical Education and Recreational Sports Program. The program is the second largest entity of students on campus, consisting of about one-third of the student population. Close to 10,000 students are active in the 48 intramural clubs N.C. State has to offer, but a lot of them participate in programs that are less formal and time consuming.

These informal activities are outdoor adventures and workshops, informal recreation and workshops and personal fitness programs. The classes, activities and trips are free to all students, faculty and staff.

According to Samuel Halstead, director of the Intramural-Recreation Program, informal recreation is a unique concept. Halstead notes, "Informal recreation is for students who cannot commit to such clubs but need the space and equipment to play a game of basketball or table tennis or to take a camping or rock-climbing trip."

Each week, the office publishes a list of activities available for the week and the rest of the semester. An interested student simply needs to go by the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office in Room 1000 of Carmichael Gym to sign up for each activity, which is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For those students who feel "at one" with nature, the outdoor adventure programs may be for you. The programs enable participants to learn the skills and safety necessary to enjoy an outdoor experience. Weekend trips range from hiking, fishing and camping to horseback

riding and rock-climbing. The equipment and transportation is provided; students only need to bring the appropriate clothing and gear. There may be a camping or horseback riding fee involved for some activities.

Workshops give students the opportunities to develop the basic skills for adventure activities through discoveries and demonstrations. Most of them last about three hours, and are offered in Carmichael Gym. Rock-climbing, for example, is a workshop that covers topics such as safety, equipment usage, knots, terminology and rock-climbing experiences. Some instructional workshops open for the rest of the semester are navigation with map and compass and winter camping.

The Outdoors Adventures Program also permits students to rent storehouse equipment sufficient for one person. At no cost, a student can check out sufficient gear for up to two weeks of sustained use. Equipment includes tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, fanny packs, lanterns, camp and kitchen gear and canoes. Halstead, the director, says equipment has been checked out every weekend, so a two-week reservation is recommended.

If you are planning a trip outdoors but would like more information on national parks, camping grounds and hiking trails, the resource files may be of some help. These files are located in the Intramural Office and include maps and brochures for areas in all 50 states.

If the idea of spending the night outside sounds more like a nightmare than a dream come true, the Intramural Office also offers indoor, informal activities each week. Fitness classes such as aerobics, step and tone, hip-hop cardio-aerobics, aqua aerobics, boxing and slide and step are held daily in the early morning and late afternoon. Classes are taught by in room 1206 or Court 7 of Carmichael Gym. If fitness classes do not fill your image of recreation, the office also offers weekly informal recreation activities. Events such as three-on-three

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**Emus: Coming to a farm near you**

◆ The wave of the future for meat? Emus, of course!

**CHIP SMALL**  
Staff Writer

Last weekend my friends and I had the fortune of happening upon the Emu Farming Awareness Day at the N.C. Farmers Market. When we passed through the entrance on Centennial Boulevard, we saw the emu sign and vowed we would check it out after our catfish burgers and fried shrimp at a seafood restaurant. After lunch our search seemed fruitless. We had driven around the compound and through the drive-through fruit and vegetable market and there were no signs of the large, flightless birds. In desperation we parked at one of the open-air buildings full of plant nursery vendors. One of my friends purchased a cactus, and I bought a rose jasmine while the others went off to gather information on the advertised emu extravaganza.

Merchant after merchant pleaded ignorance, and we were fearful of

having missed the excitement when we picked up a subtle aroma drifting through the Farmers Market. It could only be one thing: emu burgers!

We followed our noses to several folding tables on the far side of the building.

The tables were staffed by five or six middle-aged farmers sporting the Tarheel Emu Cooperative logo and were piled with pamphlets and cool emu apparel for sale. There were books on emu farming, emu oil (42 advertised medicinal uses) and nutritious emu burgers. Two tables were reserved for emu egg-shell art, with the thick black shells transformed into Christmas ornaments, college mascots and even working clocks. There were, however, no emus.

"Why are there no emus?" we questioned. Happy to respond to our inquiries, a Tarheel Emu Cooperative Representative explained, "You see, we had some last year. But nobody would buy the burgers because they'd think the birds were too cute."

Another older farmer added gruffly, "Funny that nobody thinks pigs and chickens are too cute to eat."

"What's the difference between an emu and an ostrich," we asked. "About three hundred pounds."

For the next 30 minutes my friends and I were subjected to the equivalent of a poultry science class as a woman enthusiastically explained how emus are easy to keep, what they eat, how many of the 170-pound birds you can keep in a pen, how their feathers are double-plumed and why they are the wave of the future for North Carolina's meat market. I asked about their disposition — whether the farmers became attached to any of the birds. "Some of them, the breeding pairs, you know, may be pretty nice. But I wouldn't mess with most of them. You have to watch your back and not wear any jewelry," said one farmer.

The older man said, "Yeah, sometimes they'll get a hold of your car. They don't much like to let go, either."

Armed with this knowledge, I'll be on the lookout the next time my zoology class takes a field trip to the peeling zoo. In the meantime, pass the emu burgers.



Up close and personal with an emu.

**Fall fashion dark, not dreary**

◆ Dressing your best for fall.

**CARL KERCHMAR**  
Staff writer

Here comes fall, so what's the new look in fashion, threads and styles?

Dark solids and classic basics are what you can expect to find from top designers and retailers at Crabtree Valley Mall. Checking out Tommy Hilfinger, Ralph Lauren, Abercrombie & Fitch Co., Banana Republic, Gap and Express, there isn't much innovation from last year's style, though there's still great stuff to choose from.

Looking at Tommy Hilfinger, at first glance you have to say it looks like last fall, or just typical Hilfinger style — polo shirts with bright stripes and tan chinos. And you'd be

right, too, because the people at Hilfinger are saying that the designs are going back to basic, classic Hilfinger. So you're going to see wool sweaters in shades of brown, v-necks and some argyle, too. The plaid pants make the line almost seem old-school. Bright colors can be found in the fleece jackets, which have long sleeves and a zipper front. For pants, it's cargo style all the way. Tommy's got a new logo, too, a scribe making the letter "T".

Moving along, Ralph Lauren clothing seems to have moved up a level in sharpness and quality. For colors, the concentration is on charcoal gray and navy blue. His wool/cotton mix in sweaters is the darkest you're going to see for men this fall. This use of the dark grays and blues makes the fall line extremely elegant. The fleeces look sophisticated, too.

The big mover and shaker is Abercrombie & Fitch Co., with sales surpassing Gap, even with fewer stores. Fitch Co. has the young American style down, which once again isn't so different than last year's.

However, that's a winning strategy in the eyes of Fitch Co.'s management, who are focusing on last year's figures and sticking with a good thing. Sales are so big that three new divisions of the retailer are planned to be unveiled soon. You can expect to see an Abercrombie kids store for ages 7 to 14, called "abercrombie" (notice it's all in small caps) and two other divisions — I suspect a beauty/cosmetics division and maybe a high fashion store with suits and more mature prices. Or Fitch Co. could dig into that young professional and college market with an adventure store selling outdoor and sports

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Cindy Hoegg and her daughter Holly Robbins shop for fall fashions at Crabtree Valley Mall Tuesday.

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equipment to go along with their baggy layers and plaids.

The woman's side at Abercrombie is seeing more changes this fall with tighter lines, more fitted jeans and zippers on their sweaters. Fitch Co.'s style glamorizes the cute, natural girl who is the ultimate tomboy. (After her soccer match, she slips into something comfortable, but with a boutique feel and goes out with the boys.) This fall starts the move away from masculine cuts to a definitely more feminine look, which is nicely done in the jeans with a close fit around the thighs and faded material which curves down to a wide leg bottom. Although Abercrombie is leading Gap in sales, it took some heat in its latest ad campaign that features UVA and shows college students partaking in a drinking game.

Gap isn't making any dramatic changes this fall either — their khaki's still swing. The jeans are taking on indigo blue and feature a closer fit, but Gap still offers the whole spectrum of denim cuts. Tops and dresses are darker with navy blue and black the headlining colors.

Banana Republic continues to create American classics that are neu-

tral and simple to coordinate with an entire wardrobe. Unlike Abercrombie, Banana Republic appeals to a more mature market. The fall styles are closer to the runways in NYC and San Francisco than any of the other Crabtree retailers.

New materials feature suede which can be found in women's pants, vests, his and hers jackets, and cashmir. Solid colors are dominant in charcoals, browns, and black. The cuts for him and her are slim fit and body conscience like their sweaters and pullovers, which are ribbed, delicate and extremely soft.

Express is dark and tight with their pants and the new, long, stretch skirt. Like everybody else this fall, black and gray are the cornerstones. Express, however, puts a new twist on the grays with shades of platinum, sterling silver and teal. They're the only retailer with shine in their fabrics, making a nice accent on the dark pants and jackets. The luster comes from iridescent silk and takes color in deep pink, green, plum and purple.

If the Crabtree retailers and designers have it their way, it's going to be a dark fall this year. But you know they're on to something really sharp, because when your romantic walk at Pullen Park, your dark fall outfit is going make a vivid contrast with the colorful foliage!

## Gym

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basketball tournaments, spades tournaments, table tennis and racquetball round play are held each weekend.

Workshops for the "indoorsman" or woman are offered through the intramural offices as well. Students can sign up for a beginning or progressive yoga workshop, a cycling instructional class, a time management class, a nutrition and weight-loss workshop and technique classes for massage, relaxation, swimming strokes and foot care. Registration is necessary for all workshops.

Another example of our tuition money at work is the personal fitness programs offered through the Intramural-Recreational Offices. At one point or another, a student may decide to make exercise and fitness a part of his or her life. The hardest part of routine exercise is finding the time and motivation to continue each week. To help in a student's quest for personal fitness, the office offers a goal-oriented exercise program. For those who find it easier to exercise alone, rather than in a group class or team sport, this program may be for you. Participants set a goal at either 250 or 500 miles and record each week the progress of miles met. Miles are met by running, walking or swimming. Upon completion of the goal, the participant will receive a T-shirt and a feeling of fulfillment and accomplishment.

Whether you are into the "great outdoors" or have an interest in a fitness workshop, class or personal program, the Intramural-Recreation Office has something for you. The offices are open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.-9 p.m., and Friday 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

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**Technician's view**

# Concern with Public Safety

◆ **Public Safety should beware of whom they hire.**

If you can't trust Public Safety, who can you trust? This is very likely the question a former N.C. State student has asked herself repeatedly over the past year. The student, who has wished to remain anonymous for very evident reasons, was pulled over by a Public Safety officer Aug. 3, 1997 for apparently no reason. The officer, former Public Safety Lt. Pierre Debnam, allegedly asked the student to relieve herself so that she would feel comfortable before he performed some "tests." As if this request were not horrendous enough, Debnam, according to a lawsuit filed against him by the student, then asked the woman to pull down her underwear and search her vaginal and anal cavities for the drugs he purportedly saw. And to top it all off, the lieutenant did not even properly report pulling over the former student.

Now does this really sound like the type of person who should be entrusted with the lives of thousands of adolescents? And to make matters worse, this is not the first time Debnam has been accused of such behavior. State prosecutors produced evidence that the former Public Safety officer had improperly pulled over at least five female students prior to the above incident and had a history of sexual mis-

conduct.

Debnam was fired shortly after the incident, but, more importantly, he should never have been hired in the first place. Why on earth would NCSU and Public Safety Chief R. Harper, who reportedly knew about Debnam's past behavior but hired him anyway, knowingly put such a person in a position of power? This act demonstrated not only a case of poor judgment but an astounding disregard for the safety and well-being of the same students Public Safety is supposed to protect.

The results could have been far worse than they already are. Instead of just one female student who has been left physically and emotionally scarred, there could have been several. And who's to say Debnam would have drawn the line with students?

What's even worse is Public Safety's obstinate refusal to comment on this situation—or any other recent problems, for that matter. Not only does this make the department look defensive and guilty, it also creates a sense of unease and distrust among NCSU students and faculty.

As a result of the incident, the former student has filed a lawsuit against Harper and the university in addition to Debnam. One can only hope that the trial, which is scheduled to resume today, will teach the university and Public Safety a lesson they have long struggled to learn.

# Clinton testimony could have adverse effect on kids

Before airing President Clinton's taped testimony to a federal grand jury Monday, the television networks cautioned viewers that its contents were unsuitable for children. Many adults might also have found themselves disturbed, not only because of questions that focused on explicit sexual acts, but because the president's performance proved to be a civic embarrassment.

Before he began answering questions, Clinton swore to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. He spent the better part of the next four hours apparently trying to evade that responsibility, and it showed.

Time will reveal what the grand jury made of the testimony that it heard on Aug. 17. In the next few days, the polls will tell us what the American people thought of it. We suspect it changed few minds. The tape was aired because a bipartisan majority in the House voted to release virtually all of the material that special counsel Kenneth Starr sent to Congress on his investigation into the affair between Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, and because the Judiciary Committee decided along strictly partisan lines to rush the tape onto the airwaves. At a minimum, the tape further erodes Clinton's credibility as he ducks, dodges and repeatedly seeks refuge in his own uniquely constricted definition of what a sexual relationship is. The discomfort the president clearly experienced was shared by many who watched his performance.

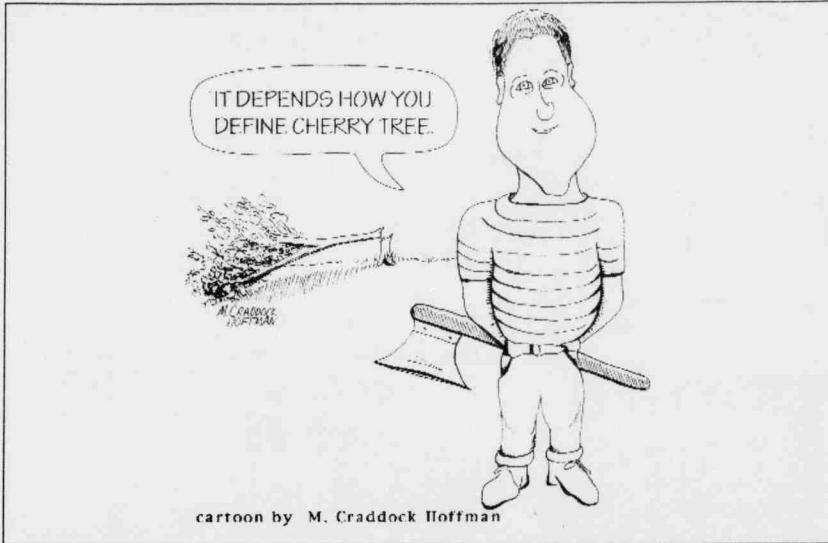
This is not an occasion, though, for Clinton's enemies to gloat. The scandal swirling around him will decide his political fate, but it also

affects the health of our polity. American politics is now in a notably ugly, even decadent phase; one that is unlikely to end with the Clinton presidency. We have already seen that the mess growing out of Clinton's efforts to cover up his private adulterous behavior defies containment. In the last few weeks three of Clinton's critics in the House have been "outed" over prior sexual misbehavior. Rumors abound that others may be similarly exposed, to what compelling public purpose is unclear.

Yes, character in public life matters. So do propriety and a respect for what decency allows in waging political battles.

Thoughtful members of both parties are starting to ponder how to resolve the Clinton impeachment matter in a way that would harm the country the least. That will be far from easy, for while the impeachment process is political, the issues giving rise to it—including the president's possible perjury and obstruction of justice—are matters of criminal law and for the most part beyond Congress' influence. Meanwhile, the press rolls on, with troubling precedents being set and vengeful paybacks no doubt being plotted. It is past time for all of the players, including the media, but most directly those in the White House and on Capitol Hill, to pause and take a breath and determine what can be done to demonstrate that apparent lying under oath is not excusable. But neither is the political hysteria that has driven this painful process.

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# Religion on trial!

**RICHARD MORGAN**  
Staff Columnist

Given this first opportunity to write for Technician, I resolved that I must, as a student and as a Christian, speak out against a tragic trend that I have seen manifest itself in many college classes. It is a trend that insults and humiliates thousands of students, but it is ignored. It is a trend that rejects a fundamental American principle, but it is accepted. It is a trend that condemns thousands of students and faculty alike, but it is tolerated—even encouraged.

I am speaking of academia's widespread assault on Christianity:

- ◆ In English classes, where Adam and Eve are lumped into the same stew of mythology as Hercules and Merlin
- ◆ In History classes, where Jesus Christ is taught as a historical figure no different than Caesar or Napoleon
- ◆ In Science classes, where theo-

ries of evolution and the Big Bang are taught as fact

◆ In Philosophy classes, where entire chapters are devoted to disproving the existence of God

I am offended by this assault on my faith, an assault that I encounter every day. I think it is horribly irresponsible of a school to discourage faith at an age when most are seeking it. It also saddens me, in a nation that forged its freedoms on the basis of "rights endowed by our Creator" and that claims "in God we trust," that institutes of higher learning would dismiss or even reject the God that created them.

And, frankly, I don't understand it. I don't understand why a university dedicated to pursuing knowledge would not want to pursue the Bible, the one book that infrequently had had the most influential effect on all of human history.

What really gets to me though, is that every other special interest agenda is fostered by the university. There are classes that are fully devoted to understanding the

African-American perspective (ENG 548, HI 372, SOC 495), the feminine perspective (ENG 305, HI 447, SOC 304) or the homosexual perspective (PSY 706, SOC 206). And, while I understand that many of those classes exist because of various social movements that have happened in recent decades, I don't understand why the Christian perspective, which has been a social movement for the last 2000 years, is not embraced as so comprehensive an agenda. I mean, sure, you can take one or two classes about Christianity (REL 312, REL 317), but these are classes that downplay Christianity by studying it philosophically, not spiritually.

The fact is that there are no English classes where the Bible is taught even as a literary work (the closest study is Paradise Lost in ENG 261); there are no sociology classes or psychology classes that even attempt to bring an understanding of Christian life to students. Christianity is the Vietnam War of

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# Status on the Provost search

**JENNY C. J. CHANG**  
Student Body President

*President's Report*

This summer Chancellor Marye Anne Fox became N.C. State's newest Chancellor and students were aware of her selection, but many students are unaware that the university is currently searching for a new provost to replace Provost Phillip Stiles, who is resigning at the end of the semester. The provost is the chief academic officer of the university and regarded as second only to the chancellor; therefore, their actions have a major effect on all students.

The provost search committee consists of 17 members with only one student representative; therefore, it is necessary for all students with concerns or suggestions to talk to members of the committee so that our opinion can be heard. Furthermore, the search committee will also be holding two open forums for the university community to talk about what they want in a new provost. The time and place of the open forums are the following:

- ◆ Mon., Sept. 28, 1998, 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Faculty/Staff Senate Chambers, Library Room 2320
- ◆ Fri., Oct. 2, 1998, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Faculty/Staff Senate Chambers, Library Room 2320

If you are unable to attend the forums, or if you want to submit a written statement, please drop them by the Student Government office, and I will make sure the committee takes your concerns seriously.

Every student should take an interest in the search for the new provost because it is an opportunity to change some of the things at this university that students find unsatisfactory, such as plus-minus grading or poor academic advising. If you don't express your opinion, then the committee will choose someone they feel is right without

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# Greeks are more than conformed clones

**FORREST WHITESIDES**  
Staff Columnist

I am writing this column in response to the popular misconception that all fraternity and sorority members are boringly similar. A recent article in the Campus Forum entitled "Why he loves fratemies" is the most recent public display of such a sentiment. There were many issues in that article that I would love to address, but due to space limitations, I'll focus on just one: conformity.

Kevin Wolfe, who wrote the aforementioned article, contends that Greeks are all alike. He even goes as far as to say, "Fratemies don't like people who are not exactly like themselves." That's a pretty bold statement to make about several hundred

people that you've never met. I think that it's great that there are people who are into things that I don't particularly enjoy. Guess what? I'm in a fraternity. Now hold on, I know what you're thinking. How can a guy in fraternity like anything that's not a "carbon copy" of himself? The answer: fraternity and sorority members are all different, unique people. This may seem like a revolutionary thought to a lot of you but bear with me.

What exactly is conformity? Why won't everyone just let fraternity men dress the way they like to? Do you have to dye your hair an unnatural color and wear pants that are far too large in the waist and cuffs to be a non-conformist? These are tough questions indeed, and my aim is to provide an answer to them, at least from my perspective.

Conformity, in my humble opinion, is doing something because you think other people will like it. For example, if you go to a Dave Matthews concert just because you want to impress the other people you are going with, then you are conforming. If, however, you truly enjoy Dave's music, you are just being yourself. Just because millions of people like something doesn't mean that it's not okay for you to like it also.

In other words, if you happen to like the style of Ambercrombie and Fitch clothing, it's okay to wear it.

The main reason I joined my fraternity was that I liked the diversity of the group as a whole. We had some things in common, but many things that were not. I find that I like people who are at least a little like me. Is that so different from all of you out there reading this article?

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academics; everyone has heard of it and has their opinions about it, but no one teaches it and so no one learns it.

Now, I think I should make myself clear in that I'm not asking for this university to teach everything from a Christian perspective. All I am asking is that this university end its desecration and humiliation of Christianity, Christ and Christ's teachings.

And so I challenge Christian students and faculty alike to maintain their faith and to defend it. I urge those Christians who must struggle under this silent, oppressive and generally accepted assault on their faith to seek comfort in Scriptures, which warn in 2 Peter 2:1 that "there will be false teachers among you." Further, 1 Timothy 6:4-5 explains that these false teachers have "an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions and constant friction between men."

I also challenge those students and faculty who doubt or reject God to seek Him. College should be a time of great personal and spiritual growth. You should not let ignorance of Christianity hurt that growth. If you do not have a personal relationship with God, I urge you to discover one through the many Christian student organizations on campus. I can personally recommend Campus Crusade for Christ (which meets Thursdays at 7p.m. in Withers 218) and Intersarsity Christian Fellowship (which meets Thursdays at 7p.m. in the Bragaw Activity Room). The university Website has much more information in its student organization section ([http://www.ncsu.edu/stud\\_orgs/stud\\_orgs.html](http://www.ncsu.edu/stud_orgs/stud_orgs.html)).

Finally, I urge all who are reading this article to take heart in the fact that "you have one Teacher, the Christ" (Matthew 23:10). Praise be to God.

fully hearing the concerns of students. Voicing your opinion after the choice has been made is far too late. Students should also feel free to nominate people from NCSU or other institutions they feel would do a good job for students. Nominations can be sent to Cathy Crossland (cathy\_crossland@ncsu.edu), chair of the search committee.

Every student has the opportunity to make a positive impact on students of this university for years to come. See you at the open forums! Go Wolfpack!!  
Jenny C.J. Chang  
Student Body President 1998-99

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have such a narrow view of people. All of this comes down to one idea: You do your thing, and I'll do mine. You put dreadlocks in your hair, and I'll wash mine. You advocate Veganism, I'll eat a cheeseburger. Get the picture?

Do what you like and let me do what I like. So, you don't think that the fraternity life is one that suits you? Fine by me. I won't chastise you for being in the mainstream. I don't care if you choose to be like so many other people and pierce your eyebrow, nipple, etc. It's cool to be different, but it's also okay if you happen to be similar to someone else. Keep that in mind the next time a friend encourages you to "fight the system" by dyeing your hair with Kool-Aide.



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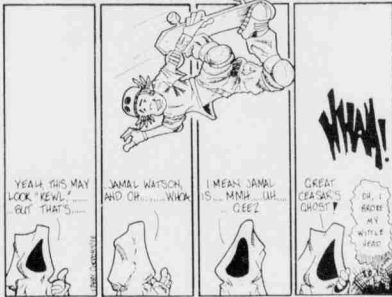
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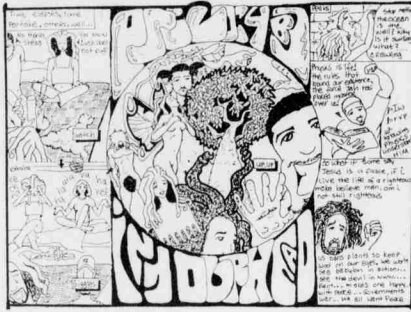
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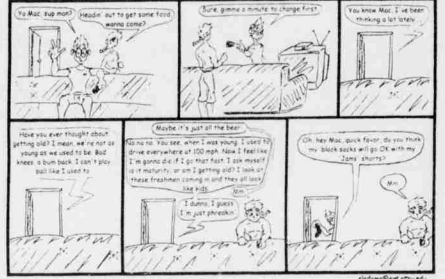
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It can be a solo job requiring just a few minutes of your time and only one tool—a hand mirror. Or, you can enlist the help of a friend for those hard-to-see areas. The end result may just save your life.

The American Academy of Dermatology believes self-examination is so important, it has designated the first Monday in May as "Melanoma Monday." On this Melanoma Monday, celebrated this year on May 5, you should begin a life-long habit of regularly examining your skin for any suspicious marks or spots. Take a few minutes to help out someone you care about as well.

By giving yourself a personal inspection regularly, you can spot potential trouble at the best possible time: in the earliest stage. That's important because most skin cancers, including malignant melanoma, the most dangerous kind, can be cured if caught in time.

Almost one million new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed each year. Of that total, 40,300 will be malignant melanomas, up 12% from the year before. This year alone, about 7,300 deaths will be attributed to malignant melanoma, about one every hour. In half that time, you could do a thorough self-examination and help a friend too.

Who's at risk for melanoma? People with these characteristics have the highest risk for melanoma:

- Fair complexions that burn or blister easily
- Blonde or red hair
- Blue, green or gray eyes
- Excessive sun exposure during childhood and teen years and blistering sunburns before age 20
- A family history of melanoma
- More than 100 moles on your body; 50 if you are under age 20

Self-examination is simple and painless. Look over your entire body, including your scalp, soles of your feet, between your toes, and the palms of your hands. You'll need a mirror to visualize some of those areas.

- What are you looking for?
    - A mole that has changed size, color, shape or texture.
    - New moles
    - Changes in your skin.
- If you spot any of these signs, see your dermatologist.
- "We need to give the same time and effort to melanoma detection that we do to breast cancer detection or the necessity of Pap smears," believes Clay Cockerell, M.D., a Dallas dermatologist.
- Perform this easy exercise regularly, and you'll be around to enjoy your springtime planting year after year.
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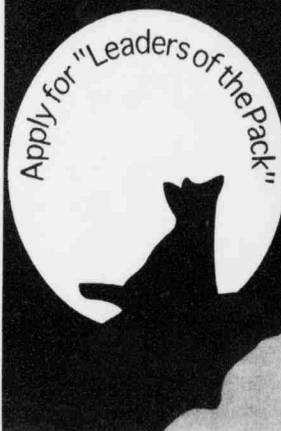
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- 2.) Name three of the five former Wolfpack soccer players in the MLS in the 1998 season.
- 3.) When was NC State's baseball team's last appearance in the College World Series?
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## National notes

◆ Associate AD fires back, Lady Lions in record books, campout in Durham, and 100 years for the "The Victors!"

Sports Staff Report

Former assoc. AD files suit against U.Oklahoma Norman, Okla.

Six months after being forced to resign as associate athletic director at Oklahoma University, Jerry Pettibone has filed a lawsuit accusing Oklahoma University of breach of contract and asking for more than \$10,000 in damages.

Then Athletic Director Steve Owens released a statement at the time, as Pettibone and eight other school employees were fired or resigned, stating that the overhaul was a part of a plan to make the department more cost-effective.

Pettibone countered in his lawsuit that the firing was because Pettibone and football Head Coach John Blake thought that Owens was disloyal and that he broke a breach of trust after asking Pettibone what he thought of Blake's coaching ability.

**Penn State volleyball sets school record for home wins**

State College, Pa.

Apparently it wasn't all that important. The Penn State's Lady Lion volleyball team racked up three wins this weekend at the Penn State Classic, setting a school record for consecutive wins at home, breaking the old record of 42 wins with their 43rd consecutive win.

Still, the mark wasn't enough to impress Penn State Coach Russ Rose.

The Lady Lions last lost at home on Nov. 24, 1995, almost three years ago when the fighting Illini of Illinois defeated the Lions 3-2.

**Duke grad students camp out for hoops tickets**

Durham, N.C.

This year's annual Graduate and Professional Student Council's annual basketball ticket campout was held this weekend at Wannamaker Drive and Duke University Road on Sept. 20.

Remember that the basketball team can't even officially begin practice until the middle of November, and you'll begin to understand just how big basketball is at Duke University.

The campout is a rare chance for graduate students to get tickets to the games and drew a huge crowd this year despite threats of rain and bad weather.

Showing up for the campout party was men's basketball Coach Mike Krzyzewski, who stopped by during check in.

**Michigan fight song turns 100 years old**

Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Michigan fight song, "The Victors," celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, one year after the Wolverines won the football national championship.

The tune dates back to another championship, the 1898 conference football championship, as student Louis Elbel coined the words on the train ride back to Ann Arbor, Michigan, after a win over the mighty Chicago Maroons.

The real celebration will take place at Homecoming, held on Oct. 24 as Indiana comes into town. On hand to join in the celebration will be more than 300 marching band alumni to perform traditional songs with the band.



Erin Vesey is on track to break records for the Pack.

## Ready for action

◆ As the volleyball teams in the ACC ready for their first tastes of conference action, here's a look at what is going on with netters from around the league.

Sports Staff Report

**Duke** The Blue Devils entered this week coming off of two losses at the Outback Invitational hosted by the University of Georgia this weekend. Duke lost both matches in three games. Against Oral Roberts, senior Megan Irvine led the Devils with 14 kills, while junior Sarah Peifer led the way against host Georgia, with 14 kills and 16 digs.

**Clemson** Tiger juniors Alison Coday and Cindy Stern earned all-tournament team honors at this past weekend's Kentucky Conference Challenge. Coday finished the tournament with 32 digs, six blocks and four service aces. Stern, the ACC co-Player of the Week two weeks ago totaled 17 blocks and 17 digs while posting a 615 hitting percentage in one of Clemson's three matches. The Tigers are ranked No. 31 nationally.

**Florida State** Don't be fooled by the Seminoles' 8-3 record thus far. FSU has been playing some tough competition in preparation for the ACC schedule.

Last weekend, the Seminoles split two games on the final day of the UCSB Judy Bellomo Classic in Santa Barbara, Calif., dropping a match to Pepperdine before beating Santa Clara. Against Pepperdine, junior middle hitter Alisha Thorton tallied a season-high 22 kills in the losing effort.

**Georgia Tech** The Yellow Jackets have been propelled through recent weeks by the play of senior Carla Gartner. Earning MVP honors in the last two tournaments the jackets have entered, Gartner is leading the team with 188 kills and 101 digs.

**Maryland** Coming off their second ACC regular season championship, the Terrapins are struggling behind the loss of their All-ACC setter and middle blocker. The Terps dropped their last game in a sweep to Colorado, who came into College Park ranked No. 8 in the nation. The Terps were led by Colorado native Beth Murphy, who recorded 12 kills.

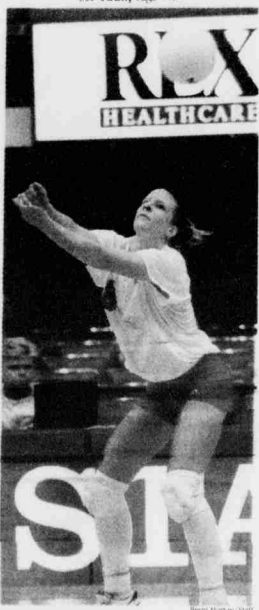
The Pack is attempting to prove that success and

rebuilding can happen in the same year, currently in the midst of a nine game winning streak, the perfect counterattack to last year's nine game losing streak.

State freshmen Erin Vesey and Alison Kreager have shown no signs of having trouble adjusting, moving into the starting lineup practically the minute they moved on to campus.

**UNC-CH** The Heels are trying to shake the shadow of not only other ACC volleyball programs, but also the school's other top-ranked sports programs

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Laura Kimbrell earned All-Tournament honors this past weekend in Virginia.

## Gainey under goes surgery

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State junior Justin Gainey underwent arthroscopic surgery Fri., Sept. 18, to repair his left ankle joint.

Dr. Bob Wyker performed the arthroscopic debridement at Rex Hospital, Sophomore point guard Archie Miller, who underwent a similar procedure Aug. 26, is expected to return to preseason conditioning and three-man workouts this week.

"We are confident that these procedures have rectified both Archie and Justin's ankle problems," N.C. State Coach Herb Sendek said in a press release. "We are certainly looking forward to their healthy return."

According to N.C. State Director of Sports Medicine Charlie Rozanski, Gainey is expected to return to full activity within three to six weeks. Gainey averaged 5.3 points and 2.6 assists last year but was hampered much of the season with a strained lower back muscle.

College basketball practice will begin Sat., Oct. 17.



Aaron Keller look to take the next step.

## Keller on cruise control

◆ Aaron Keller makes the transition to college running

JOHNNY NOEL  
Staff Writer

It's bad when you're so good, you're tired of winning all of the time, tired of running by yourself, when races become workouts and workouts monotony.

Such was the case for Aaron Keller, a N.C. high school phenom who had left his name all over high school record books by the time he graduated in 1997 and who has become one of the hardest workers you'll find on the N.C. State cross country team.

N.C. cross country fans were re-introduced to Keller this past Saturday at the Wolfpack Invitational, where he finished eighth in the college race, finishing as the fourth N.C. State runner.

After making quite a name for himself on the N.C. high school athletics scene running for the small 2-A school of North Henderson, Keller returned with a bang one year later at the friendly confines of Centennial campus, home course of the Wolfpack cross country team.

Keller came to State with a list of impressive accomplishments and is ready to add to that list in 1998 after redshirting last season.

"The most rewarding experience of my high school career was going up to the indoor national meet, in Boston, my senior year for the two-mile," Keller said. "I finished eight there and ran 9:19, so it was a pretty big break through for me at that point. It was a pretty big race for me and introduced me to what I'd be facing next year in college."

Keller's high school accomplishments were not only rewarding but numerous.

Try on for size six state titles, a state record for the 5K cross country course, a

4:18 1600 meters — another state record — and a combined nine course and track records.

In his spare time, Keller won the Caldwell Scholarship, a prestigious scholarship given to students around the country to come to State.

"When I set my priorities, I definitely think schoolwork comes first," Keller said. "But as far what I enjoy, I enjoy being a runner a lot more than I enjoy being a student."

"They both work hand in hand. The discipline I've learned being a runner carries over," Keller said. "I think I've learned my work ethic through running and that carries over to my schoolwork."

Never one to do something half-heartedly, Aaron worked to such an intense level that he soon found himself dominating the high school ranks.

After two years of running track, Keller began running year-round as he started running cross country his junior season of high school.

"It's hard to tell how much talent you have. I worked pretty hard in high school. I think I worked harder than the average high school athlete."

"I had some pretty immediate success once I started training year-round," Keller said. "I picked up and caught on and did well right from the beginning."

Aside from the occasional big meets, such as indoor nationals, Keller was left to snack on the world of N.C. high school running, which was for the most part a notch below.

"At least when I was a sophomore, the Pons (Chan and Corby Pons from Franklin High School) were still there," Keller said. "By the time I was a junior and especially as a senior, I was by myself a lot."

By the end of it all, Keller was already itching to make the leap to the world of big-time college running.

"I was craving [the competition] I knew my senior year in high school. I was getting frustrated and wasn't dropping my times as much as I wanted to. By the end of the year, I was just dying for competition," Keller said.

The funny part? He just fits in at State.

Gone are the days when he was the big man in a small school, as he finds himself now on a team ready and able to carry himself should be stumble and without the pressure that once fell solely upon his shoulders.

Now running along side of him each day in practice and at races are two all-Americans, a team of All-ACC runners, two national champions and world qualifiers and all the eyes will be on them.

"There's definitely a certain amount of talent present [in me]," Keller said. "But I don't consider myself a talented college athlete. Most of the accomplishments that I'm hopefully going to achieve in college are going to come off of hard work more than raw talent."

Saturday's race was a demonstration of what exactly he can do with that hard work, and the hard work he's put in over the last three years begin to really pay off.

"I did finish fourth on the team [at the Wolfpack Invitational]. But that was without Abdul (Alzindani) in there and (Chris) Dugan wasn't there," Keller said. "Realistically, I'm going to have to work just to be in the top seven."

Having found all the competition and challenge he could ever hope for in running, Keller will now set his sights running in the top seven for the Pack this season, hopefully helping the Pack to another ACC title and some more impressive honors for himself.