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Computing wants to raise fees

Computing proposes a fee increase to replace aging computers.

PHILLIP REESE
Staff Writer

Asking for more money for the sixth year in a row, N.C. State's department of information technology has proposed a \$20 student fee increase, potentially bolstering the tab charged to students for general computer and wet lab usage to \$300 per year per student.

The education and technology fee — an annual fee charged to students for use of computer and wet labs — has risen dramatically since its inception six years ago. Yet, according to Charles Kneifel, interim director of information technology, another increase is necessary to replace numerous aging computers.

"A 4-year-old computer is generally not all that useful," he said. "We are going to have to replace [computers]."

Last year, information technology received a \$50 student fee increase; in turn, the proposed \$20 increase would represent a \$70 boost in the education and technology fee over a two-year period. According to Student Body President Jenny Chang, that is too high of an increase in too short of a time span.

"I think it is too quick for them to come before us with another increase when we haven't seen the results," she said. "...It disturbs me that they are asking so quickly again, because [this year's] increase was so large."

According to Chang, students have reaped few benefits from repeated education and technology fee increases.

"As far as I'm concerned, student satisfaction has not increased," she said. Jonathan Burris, a senior in mechanical engineering, concurred, saying that higher fees have not produced better labs.

"They are about the same; pretty much the same programs, the same software,"

he said.

If approved, extra money generated by the fee increase could go toward extending computer lab hours within individual colleges, Kneifel said.

"What we can do is say 'should a portion of the fee be used to make college labs more available?'" he said.

Kneifel did, however, admit that his department could not require colleges to keep labs open longer. He also said he was unsure of the cost of keeping labs open longer.

According to Chang, Kneifel's arguments amount to little more than empty promises.

"Aren't these the same promises they made when they asked for the increases in the past?" she said. "They said lines would be shorter, more services. Why haven't they done it?"

Chang said information technology

should look for ways to better utilize the money it gained from this year's increase, instead of asking for another increase.

"[This year's] increase gave them almost an additional \$2 million," she said. "You're telling me they can't replace computers and provide more services for another 2 million?"

Chris Sulphren, a freshman in engineering, said he would pay a little more in fees to replace old computers.

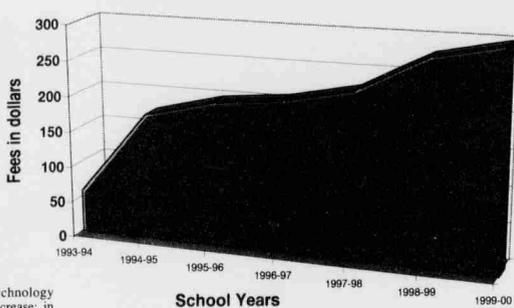
"I wouldn't mind paying extra for better, faster computers," he said.

On the other hand, Philip Peedin, a freshman in the First Year College, said many students don't use computer labs enough to justify an increase.

"I've seen a lot of people with computers," he said. "Since I don't really use [computer labs], it won't help me."

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Education \$ Technology Fees



Students rarely cheat using WWW

Even with a wide range of resources available through the Internet, administrators say they haven't seen a surge in cheating with the help of the World Wide Web.

LEA DELICIO
News Editor

A quick search of yahoo.com reveals nine Web sites selling term papers. Research papers are sold at www.academictermpapers.com for \$7 a page and are sold at www.termpapers911.com for \$19.99.

The resources are out there for students to cheat, but, according to Paul Cousins, director of Student Conduct, students at N.C. State are not caught using them very often.

"A lot of things that are out there aren't of very good quality," Cousins said.

In the past year, Cousins said only about six charges of this kind have come before the Judicial Review Board. The charge associated with taking information from the Internet is plagiarism if it is not cited.

However, even within these six, Cousins feels the root cause for at least a few was the lack of information available on how to cite Web site sources. He said even these cases must be prosecuted as cases of plagiarism. The University Code of Conduct only looks at a student's behavior as being plagiarism, it does not take into consideration whether the student meant to cheat or perhaps did not know how to cite a source correctly.

Cousins said papers bought from the Internet show up much less frequently than students turning in papers from a previous semester or papers they've gotten from friends. He attributes the low number of cases to a lack of quality research papers and other resources available on the Internet.

"They've got some real garbage out there," he said. "Faculty also play a large part in keeping the numbers low, according to Cousins."

"A lot of our faculty have gotten more intelligent about preventing this," he said.

Faculty now often provide students with a specific list of topics that are acceptable. They also implement steps in the paper-writing process that force students to do work along the way. This helps prevent students from trying to do it all the night before their research paper is due, which Cousins feels might intensify the temptation to cheat. Faculty ask for thesis statements, rough drafts and bibliographies well before the final paper is due, Cousins said. He said that if students are pulling a paper off the Internet it may be used to write the thesis statement, rough draft and bibliography in a reverse order.

Jim Crisp, assistant history department head, said he sees very few cases where students use the Internet to cut corners on research papers. He said he has given "idiosyncratic assignments" ever since his first year at NCSU. He learned quickly when, in his first year at NCSU, he assigned a book review and received four identical papers.

Crisp feels with the assignments he gives now, students would have a hard time finding resources on the Internet that would be exact to the topics he gives.

"I've tried to avoid giving general topics," Crisp said. He sees plagiarism of any kind very rarely.

"I could count on one hand the cheating cases I've had in the past 10 years," Crisp said, noting that he does prosecute every case he comes across.

Both Cousins and Crisp noted that the Internet may only be speeding up a process that has been around for years.

"They've had papers available by snail mail for a long time," Crisp said.

Cousins agreed, saying these kinds of resources were always available at a price.

"There's always been some kind of effort by somebody out there to make a buck off someone else's procrastination," Cousins said.

Having a ball



Chris Keen, a sophomore, enjoys an afternoon with Kristy Pennington's son, Blake, on Tucker Beach over Fall Break.

Fox hears CHASS' concerns

The Chancellor was the guest of honor at CHASS' faculty and staff meeting Thursday.

DANIELLE STANFIELD
Assistant News Editor

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox was met with questions concerning her stance on the humanities at Thursday's College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS) faculty and staff meeting.

A number of CHASS faculty and staff were still concerned about a speech Fox gave at the General Faculty meeting on Aug. 18 where they felt Fox accentuated science and technology over the humanities. Margaret Zahn, dean of CHASS, addressed these concerns.

"I wrote a letter indicating that concern," Zahn said. "She [Fox] was very responsive to that."

After talking to the department heads, Zahn said, Fox wrote a position paper as the result of the expressions of their concerns.

"She was responsive to our concerns on where she saw our role in the university," Zahn said.

Another CHASS faculty member was concerned with a quote Fox gave the News & Observer where she felt Fox said "very diplomatically that she would de-emphasize programs that weren't effective" at N.C. State. Fox said her quote was made in the context to a business model to attract faculty and stu-

dents to the university.

"I have pledged that we would derive a business model," Fox said. "[We would modify certain areas] if we had difficulty attracting faculty or staff to meet a minimum number for success."

However, Fox also said NCSU has an emphasis on the technology disciplines.

"We're not a comprehensive university," she said. "We have a technical base with historic roots."

Because of those roots, many feel there is tension between the humanities and sciences.

Another faculty member of CHASS asked Fox how the university can solve the tension. "The university traditionally puts humanities and the social sciences somewhere off to the side," the faculty member said. "You've highlighted that without a quick fix."

Fox responded that she doesn't see the tension between the two departments. "The perception isn't nearly as vivid as you say it is," she said.

After listing the numerous publications, scholarships, awards and other accolades the college has secured, Fox said she was pleased with their hard work.

"I have nothing but respect for what you do," said Fox.

In order for the college to advance further, Fox suggested that CHASS grow with the new Ph.D. programs they are trying to incorporate

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NATO approves airstrikes on Serbian province

Force will be used against Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic if he does not take security forces out of Kosovo within the next few days.

WILLIAM DROZDIK
The Washington Post

BRUSSELS, Oct. 13 — Moving to back diplomatic brinkmanship with a credible threat of force, NATO voted early Tuesday to authorize airstrikes against Yugoslavia if President Slobodan Milosevic does not withdraw security forces from Kosovo within 96 hours.

The vote came as President Clinton announced in New York that Milosevic had met several of the key international demands, but Clinton said Milosevic's actions would be

closely monitored.

"Let me be very clear," Clinton said. "Commitments are not complacent. Balkan graveyards are filled with President Milosevic's broken promises."

In Washington, a Clinton administration official said Milosevic told U.S. special envoy Richard Holbrooke that he would comply with the demand that he pull back his security forces, which he dispatched to Kosovo in February to try to crush ethnic-Albanian guerrillas fighting for independence; allow access to aid groups; and open negotiations with ethnic-Albanian leaders on "a pretty crisp time line."

In addition, the official said, Milosevic has agreed to accept up to 2,000 civilian observers who would monitor the agreement under OSCE auspices and allow unchallenged access to airspace over Kosovo for NATO planes to "give NATO eyes

from above."

At the same time, however, the official said the Clinton administration had pressed for a NATO activation order that would permit Gen. Wesley Clark, the supreme commander of allied forces in Europe, to launch airstrikes if Milosevic reneges on these commitments. "He has broken too many commitments and too many promises," the official said. "We don't trust him, and we don't want to take away the loaded gun."

Holbrooke flew here Monday night from Belgrade to brief the allies on whether Milosevic was prepared to halt a brutal military crackdown against separatist ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, a province of Yugoslavia's dominant republic, Serbia. The two men have held more than 50 hours of talks over the past week as NATO preparations for intervention gathered momentum.

After Holbrooke briefed the ambassadors, he returned to Belgrade for another meeting with Milosevic Tuesday at which he would make a final push to reach a settlement to avert NATO military action.

The decision by NATO's 16 member states was only the second time the alliance has authorized the use of force. The NATO ambassadors gave unanimous consent to an "activation order" that confers authority on NATO's military commander to launch an aerial campaign if Milosevic does not meet the demands of the international community before the deadline.

NATO Secretary General Javier Solana said the 96-hour hiatus was intended to give allied military commanders enough time to sort out logistical matters and "allow the

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and to improve the undergraduate education.

"The challenge is how to have a superb undergraduate program compared to those in UNC-Chapel Hill," Fox said.

According to Fox, CHASS is the third largest NCSU college with 33 undergraduate programs, 10 masters programs, two Ph.D. programs and around 500 undergraduate students. In addition, she said NCSU alumni

and herself recognize the importance of the humanities with the sciences and are aware of the double degree programs that give CHASS students the freedom to integrate a technical discipline into their curriculum.

"Teaching is what I hear is important to this college," Fox said. Nonetheless, Fox urged the faculty and staff to "be realistic."

"CHASS has some of the same problems as the university," said Fox.

One example is the increasing size of the student body. According to Fox, the demographic trends of the state show that NCSU should

accommodate around 42,000 students.

"They can't be accommodated," she said.

As an alternative, Fox suggested that the college join in a partnership with UNC-CH to conduct video-linked classes and collaborate on training and support needs. David Gilmartin, a history professor, expressed a concern about the engineering department requiring CHASS to pay for the use of their video-linked classes. Fox said that CHASS should make an investment like the engineering department has in such classrooms.

Fees

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NCSU's Board of Trustees and the N.C. Board of Governors must approve the proposed increase. Last year, the Board of Governors rejected a proposed \$70 education and technology fee increase. Asserting that a \$70 increase was too high, the board instead approved a \$50 increase.

Before the increase is submitted to administrative officials, NCSU's student senate will review it. According to Kneifel, information technology will withdraw its fee increase proposal if the student sen-

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negotiations to bear fruit." He said military pressure had clearly produced progress in the talks and "must be maintained."

The Western alliance has assembled more than 400 aircraft to wage a sustained campaign against Yugoslavia if Milosevic refuses to accept demands that he withdraw his forces from Kosovo; permit ethnic-Albanian refugees to return to their homes; and allow humanitarian aid agencies unfettered access to the region.

Milosevic also must agree to a timetable for negotiations that would bring a measure of political autonomy to Kosovo's ethnic-Albanian majority; pledge cooperation with the war crimes tribunal at the Hague; and permit international observers to verify that he fulfills all conditions.

The pace of NATO escalation and the progress of Holbrooke's diplo-

matic mission have been carefully orchestrated, reflecting the conviction here that Milosevic will only meet the demands if they are backed by brute force. U.S. officials have been arguing vigorously for approval of the order so that Holbrooke could exercise maximum leverage in his negotiations with the Yugoslav leader. Washington had hoped all NATO members would approve the order last week, but domestic political considerations in Germany and Italy stalled the process.

U.S. and NATO officials said a decision to launch airstrikes would mark an important milestone for the Western alliance because it would set a precedent for circumventing potential U.N. vetoes by Russia and China — two of the five permanent members of the Security Council — over NATO military operations to foster stability in Europe.

The last obstacles were cleared Monday when Germany and Italy — now run by caretaker governments — consented to the airstrikes while withholding participation by their troops and aircraft so new governments can make that decision. Italy's consent was crucial because it is the site of major NATO air bases at Aviano and Vicenza, where many air raids would likely originate.

NATO's southern command headquarters, which would orchestrate the air attacks, is based in Naples.

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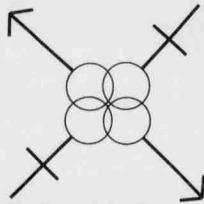
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BGLA raises awareness



◆ Members of the BGLA discuss their progress at N.C. State.

NEIL HERBERT
Staff Writer

Overheard in the freshly painted free-expression tunnel on National Coming Out Day, last Tuesday:

First student: "What is this, gay week or something?"

Second student: "Yeah, it goes on though Friday..."

First student: "Oh, lord..."

For Eric Zumbach, co-chair of N.C. State's Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians and Allies organization, this reaction (never mind the misinformation — it was a one-day affair) means there is still plenty of work to do. While the exchange above seems mild, BGLA's members have, 29 years after the birth of the gay rights movement, reason to take such slights seriously.

The day after National Coming Out Day, former Raleigh resident Matthew Shepard, a University of Wyoming freshman, was kidnapped, beaten, tied to a fence and left to die in the near-freezing Wyoming night (Shepard died Monday).

Aside from an attack during 1996 at a BGLA tunnel painting, NCSU gays and lesbians have not been the targets of hate crimes in recent years. Last year, the graffiti sprayed on top of the BGLA's tunnel painting was vicious enough to cause the university to step in and paint the section gray; this year a can of paint was kicked over. The most common antagonism of gays, lesbians and bisexuals face on campus is in their dorm rooms, with hostile roommates.

But Zumbach, interviewed last week, was upbeat about the acceptance of gays and lesbians on campus.

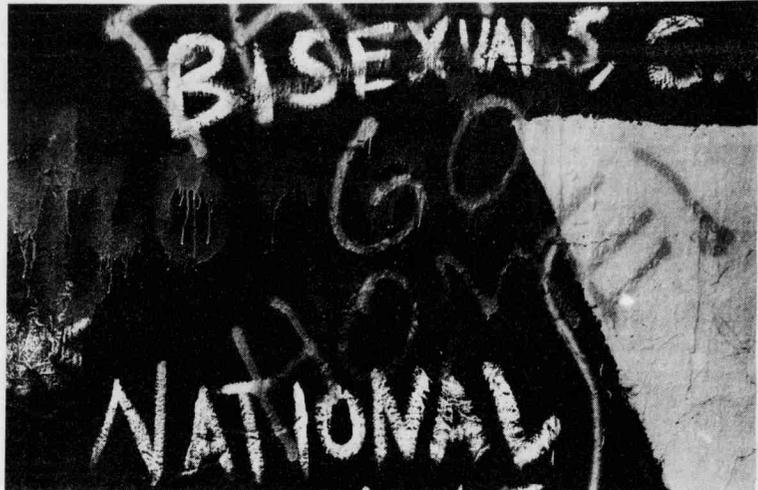
"I don't believe State campus is all that homophobic — we're just cliquy," he said. He admitted with a laugh, however, that he was "a sickening optimist."

His uncle, Mark Zumbach, 40, a BGLA mentor and the leader of a Thursday night support group, isn't quite so sure. "I hear folks say it's a homophobic university. It's still not the easiest university to be gay — but it's become such an international school, race issues challenge people. Perhaps the student body will become more tolerant of issues," said Mark.

Eric, 19, joined BGLA just over a year ago as a freshman physics major. He is now an English major and sings in a blues band in his spare time. Along with several other members, he was out on the brickyard last Tuesday, handing out pins and information and trying to increase the visibility of BGLA. He wants the BGLA to involve itself more around campus, pitching in with other student groups for charitable work, having a higher level of visibility at events like the Union Activities Board All Night Bash and shedding its reputation as a gathering of "whining, queer over-activists."

Formed in 1981 as the Lesbian and Gay Student Union, the group's membership and energy has waxed and waned several times in 17 years.

At one point a few years ago, the Union narrowly avoided a secession: Lesbian members felt ignored by the then-cliquish gay majority and threatened to form their own group. Since then, the group has rewritten its constitution and changed its name to include people from across the sexuality spectrum, including heterosexuals



An example of ignorance against Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals in the Free expression tunnel.

and increased both its membership and its diversity.

What the BGLA hasn't done is establish much of a formal presence on campus. Co-Chair Rob Ridings, a senior majoring in fisheries and wildlife, said in a recent interview that compared to the other major campuses in the Triangle, NCSU's gay, lesbian and bisexual students have been overlooked. Duke has established a gay and lesbian center with three rooms and a paid director; UNC-Chapel Hill's B-GLAD has an office equipped with a computer and phone. NCSU's BGLA has a post office box and a Web page.

Ridings, a member for three years, said that part of the reason for this lack of support has been the group's reluctance to push for facilities. In the past, funding requests, which amounted to pocket change in comparison to those of other student organizations (\$200-\$300), caused controversy. Ridings said that apart from a period around 1991 when the group had a strong core of activists, BGLA's members have been more

interested in providing a social support network for each other than pursuing agendas within the university. "Our idea of activism is writing a letter to the chancellor," said Ridings half-facetiously.

With respect to campus politics, BGLA is involved in the movement to amend the university's nondiscrimination policy. A motion to add a clause addressing sexual orientation to the policy passed through the Student and Faculty Senates in the spring of 1997 but was not adopted by the university. Instead, Chancellor Monteth wrote a memo to the university community that stated that violent attacks would not be tolerated. A student senator has since reintroduced the bill, which Ridings hopes will pass this year.

BGLA's biggest campus-wide mission is education. Its most visible tool is the Speaker's Forum, which combines a brief talk on sexuality with a panel discussion involving BGLA members, usually in psychology and social science classes. Ridings and Eric Zumbach, who have both been on

the student panels, say the questions, and occasionally the students, can be insulting. One student asked Ridings if he ever wore dresses (he doesn't). Another, incensed at the discussion, got up from her desk and walked out of the room. However, most Speaker's Forums proceed smoothly, said Eric, once the students are prompted to ask questions by the speaker. Questions about AIDS still dominate the discussions.

Currently, there is an idea going around the gay, lesbian and bisexual community that we are on the verge of a "post-gay" era — a time when homosexuality will no longer be identified with a single and insular sub-culture and no more noteworthy a characteristic than one's ethnicity. The idea is controversial within the community and with hate crimes such as last week's murder still being committed, such an era sometimes seems impossibly far off. Mark Zumbach, when asked his opinion about the post-gay philosophy, said this: "I don't know what [post-gay] is yet...but I like it."



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Technobabble

◆ You can't succumb to the Helsinki Syndrome if you refuse to be a victim.

CHARLES MANGIN
Staff Geek

I despise machines. This might sound a little odd coming from a self-proclaimed Übergeek, but it's true. I hate them. Leaving messages on someone's voice mail or an answering machine makes me grit my teeth just to get through it. My heart races, palms start sweating and after I hang up, I have to take a deep breath and let it out slowly.

The ATM is the same way. My bank has conspired against me, the closest branch being open on Saturday. Of course, those of us with 9-to-5 (or more often, 8-to-6:30) jobs can't very well get to the bank during the week. So I have to use the ATM to deposit or cash checks and check my balance over the phone.

I make a special effort to gesture at the ATM security camera in the Roman "Digit Impudicus" style on the off chance that someone reviewing the tapes will get a laugh.

I hate machines that have taken over what has traditionally, and should continue to be, the realm of human beings. Before I started working, I went to the bank about once a week and was able to walk in and, after waiting in line, talk face to face with an actual person. My money was in the hands of someone who could understand my often unusual requests or answer my esoteric questions.

The cashiers recognized me, so that I didn't need to dig out a card with a magnetic strip or my digitally encoded photograph on it to prove that I was whom I said I was. Phones should be answered by human beings, and I should be able to talk with one when I want to ask about strange charges in my checking account.

Most of all, I hate computers. Now, there are those who love their computers, love all the machines that they believe make their lives easier. It makes a sick sort of sense. Psychologists will tell you that after a while, hostages begin empathizing with their captors and even fall in love with them on occasion. It's so common that science has a name for it. It's called the Helsinki Syndrome. Yes, computers are the kidnappers — if you let

them be. If you treat your computer like a person and forgive its faults, then you've submitted to its rule. Begging for a term paper that was lost in a system crash, sobbing as you try to recover a hard drive after a virus attack — that's falling into the trap.

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm no Luddite, bent on reversing the technology wave before it takes over our whole society. I'm an informed geek, who has seen the dark side of technology and have for far too long. I don't want you to chuck your computer out a window for misbehaving — I want you to call the manufacturer, the software vendor, the programmers that made your computer so hard to use in the first place, who filled the code with bugs and incompatibilities, the ones that bound your hands with rough twine and gagged your mouth with duct tape.

What can you do? You can't write your own software or debug someone else's, and you can't build your own PC from parts and solder every circuit. Well, maybe some of you can, but then, you're not the ones I'm talking to. If you're the kind of geek that revels in programming, being elbow-deep in assembly code or likes the tangle of wires and boards splayed out before you while doing some hardware hack like some kind of electronic autopsy, then you already know how to become the master of the machine. You may have the same kind of hatred for them that I have. To be a proper master, you have to hate your slave.

There is a satisfaction that only geeks can feel when they are in control of the machinery that normally is in control. It's like being in the driver's seat instead of riding shotgun. You pull this or that, and the machine responds. Anyone else is stuck on the other side, gripping the dashboard with white knuckles, pumping an imaginary brake pedal and screaming obscenities, hoping to survive the ride.

So what can you, the non-geek, do to stem the tide of techno-dictatorship? What you can do is be an informed consumer. Don't buy products that aren't well tested, have inadequate manuals and support, keep the end user out of the development loop. Don't trust brand names or corporate images to bring you superior technology over the less-known competitors. Don't settle for hard-to-use, user-surely, "good-enough" software — even if it comes highly recommended by the corporate marketing regurgitators at the local Computers R Us.

I had a car that started causing trouble

for me. Every now and then, it would stall at an intersection. The mechanics I took it to told me it was something wrong with the automatic transmission. A part was cracked and leaking. After spending half the value of the car getting it repaired, I sold the car and bought a new car — with a manual transmission. Now, if it stalls out at an intersection, it's due to my own incompetence (I didn't know how to drive a manual very well before I bought it) rather than a mechanical failure.

I expect parts on a car to fail every now and then, but not so often that they become unreliable transportation or dangerous to drive. I also expect parts on planes to fail every so often, but not so often that you see 727s falling out of the sky with any frequency. Physics says things like corrosion or metal fatigue, or the occasional bird getting sucked into the intakes, will happen. In the physical world, that's what you put up with. Electronics, however, when put together properly, and with care, should never fail. Systems that run UNIX have been known to have downtimes less than four hours a year. Today's consumer systems, those running any flavor of Windows or Macintosh OS, generally have that amount of downtime on a monthly or weekly schedule.

Downtime means wasted time. Time that the network is unreachable, the computer is down for repairs or upgrades or just down — for no tangible reason.

Downtime sometimes comes from poorly configured or poorly maintained systems. On the other hand, though, solid, bombproof systems shouldn't need to be configured once they are out of the box and should need little or no maintenance between upgrades. This is a goal that all consumer technology should aim for — to be able to switch it on, and have it work. Just work. My stereo, refrigerator, and washer and dryer all work on zero maintenance. I push the right buttons, flip the right switches, and they do as they are told. Exactly like the manufacturer says they should. That's because they have only the features they need, and no more. The designers and manufacturers know that if they put out shoddy or second-rate machinery, people will refuse to buy it, no matter how low the price. Some computer vendors should learn that, too.

Before I go on too long, I want to finish this week's column with a sort of mission statement. I'm here to bring the wisdom of the geek to the masses, to educate those that don't want to be victims of technology any more. I want to answer your questions and address your concerns in language that the average person can under-

In continued celebration of National Vegetarian Awareness Month, we move on from last week's soups to appetizers and a salad this week.

◆ Wild rice and mushroom pancakes — makes 20 two-inch pancakes.

- 3 Tbs butter
- 1/2 each white onion—finely chopped
- 1/2 Tbs minced garlic
- 6 oz. white portabella—chopped
- 1 medium butternut mushroom—chopped 3/4 tsp.
- thyme (for remembrance)
- 1/2 tsp. sage
- 1/2 tsp. celery seed
- 1-3/4 C cooked wild rice
- 3 Tbs vegetarian Worcestershire sauce (a natural food store is your best bet)
- 1 tsp. salt
- 4 each large eggs — separated
- 1/4 C all purpose flour
- 1/2 C parmesan cheese—finely grated

1) Over low heat in a large sautee pan, melt 2 Tbs butter. Cook onion and garlic in butter around four minutes until onions are translucent (process is called sweating). Transfer cooked onions and garlic to a large bowl.

2) In same sautee pan, melt remaining butter. Add mushrooms, thyme, sage and celery seed. Over medium heat, sautee for 10 minutes until mushrooms are lightly browned and onions are somewhat absorbed.

3) Add cooked mushrooms to bowl of onions. Add cooked wild rice, Worcestershire sauce and salt. Mix well.

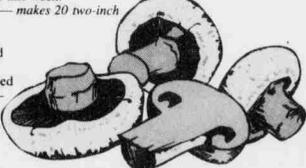
4) In a small bowl, lightly beat egg yolks. Add the yolks, cheese and flour to rice and mushroom mixture. Stir until well combined.

5) In a medium bowl, whip egg whites until stiff but moist. Fold into batter.

6) Heat a nonstick sautee pan over medium heat. Drop batter onto pan using tablespoons. Cook until brown and crisp on both sides, flipping once.

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Babble Chef

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Editorials

West must help Russia

These are grim and perilous days for Russia, and worse may be coming. President Boris Yeltsin's unmistakable physical and mental decline has left him incapable of functioning effectively. In Moscow, the new prime minister and finance minister concede that they don't have a clue about how to manage the deepening economic crisis. And now Russia faces its worst harvest since the 1950s. Already heavily dependent on food imports, Russia has had to alert the European Union, the United States and Canada of its need for huge emergency shipments of grain, meat and other commodities, as well as medicines.

That help should be given, first because it is a humanitarian necessity, but no less because the West would be damaging its political interests if it fails to act. Unrelieved food shortages over the coming winter could prove the precursor of a radical political upheaval that would be likely to see power pass into the hands of ultranationalists and communists. In recent years, as Yeltsin's grip on power has weakened, the West has found Moscow harder to work with than in the heady days of international amity that followed the collapse of the Soviet Union. If radical forces take power in Russia, a new era of confrontation would loom.

Russia almost certainly cannot afford to pay for all of the food and

other help it needs. Much of what it seeks will have to be financed through long-term credits or provided as a gift. Some, especially members of Congress, are sure to balk at such generosity. It will be up to wiser heads in Washington, no doubt with plenty of help from the farm lobby, to persuade the doubters that prudent aid is very much in the interests of the United States.

But looming food shortages are only one aspect of Russia's crisis. On Monday, Russians and the world had a dramatic reminder of the political uncertainty hanging over the country when a clearly ill Yeltsin was forced to cut short his visit to neighboring Kazakhstan. Once again, the official explanation was that the president has a respiratory infection. The Russian media on its part attributes Yeltsin's woes to Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease, aggravated by renewed heavy drinking.

Whatever the truth, it seems increasingly less likely that Yeltsin will complete the remaining two years of his term. In this volatile climate, timely humanitarian aid from the West — again, in its own interests — could have some positive influence on the political direction Russia takes.

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CAMPUS FORUM

Lassiter must seek another

In response to Donnie Lassiter's Tuesday the 6th column, "Human beings are creating their own destruction," I understand your dilemma, Donnie. It is natural to seek our love and trust in other people. It is also natural to have hope in the pursuit of these essential needs. You rightly ask, Donnie, "Why do we humans seem to destroy ourselves with this elusive search?" We often place complete hope in these people that they will bring us all we will possibly need, but the sad part of it is that they cannot come through for us every single time providing for our exact need. You are rightly ask, Donnie, "Why do we humans seem to destroy ourselves with this elusive search?" We often place complete hope in these people that they will bring us all we will possibly need, but the sad part of it is that they cannot come through for us every single time providing for our exact need. You are rightly ask, Donnie, "Why do we humans seem to destroy ourselves with this elusive search?" We often place complete hope in these people that they will bring us all we will possibly need, but the sad part of it is that they cannot come through for us every single time providing for our exact need.

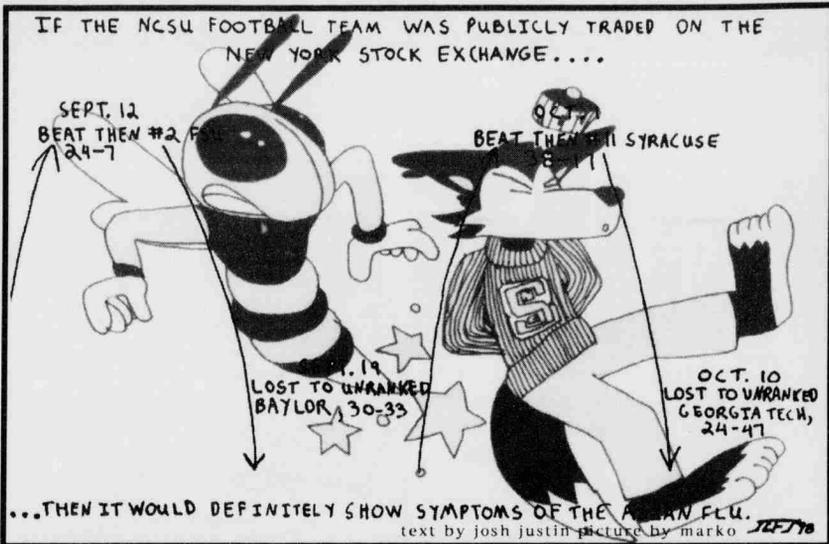
sent, that's why. This time last year I requested a fee increase to prepare our budget for the anticipated move to a larger building, but that request was never acted upon. Expenses related to equipping the new health center are only a part of the justification for a fee increase. We've worked hard to make sure the beautiful new facility is properly furnished for students, and that has increased our operational expenditures this year beyond what we expected. After spending considerable time studying the fee increase request last month, student and faculty members of the University Health Committee approved the recommended increase because it will maintain the current level of services and provide a well-equipped new building.

The editorial said the increase is "too high of a price to pay." The fee increase is \$15 a year. Put this in perspective of the same health fee in 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99, at a time when primary medical care costs rose 3 percent to 8 percent annually, and the state mandated salary increases of 4 percent annually (each year increasing Student Health Service and the Counseling Center salary and benefit expenditures about \$120,000). These departments receive no state or university funding. I think the facts show that these departments run a pretty efficient budget. The editorial says the total student bill will rise to \$191 (health fee and debt service fee). For full-time students this is correct. But almost 10,000 N.C. State students are part time and pay pro rata fees, considerably less than \$191 per year, but we make all services available to them. N.C. State often likes to compare (benchmark) itself with UNC-Chapel Hill and in this case our students with big UNC-CH's health fee is \$264 and ours is \$148.

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Jerry Barker, Ed.D.
Director, Student Health Service

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Wrestling is life

CHAD MESSER
Staff Columnist

I am totally and completely southern. I was born in the South, I have never left the South for more than three hours at any given stretch, and I hope to die peacefully and painlessly in the South. Having such a strong tie to this particular region of the world, a few things can be assumed about me. It can be assumed that I listen to country music, which is true. It can be assumed that I know how to change the oil in my own car, which is true. It can also be assumed that I have, at one point or another, sat down and watched professional wrestling and

that I am violently proud of that fact. The very idea of professional wrestling may make a few people laugh, particularly those who never had it as a staple in their youths. I can vividly remember both of my grandfathers watching the matches on TV, and each cussing and hitting things, like it was their mothers that were the recipient of Dusty Rhodes' Bionic Elbow. I remember how into it they both could get, and one of my fondest memories of my childhood was when Grandpa Messer, Grandpa James, my father and I went to the Asheville Civic Center, down in the mountains, to see Barry Windham wrestle Sting, the Road Warriors battle the Skyscrapers and Ric Flair and Terry Funk inside a steel cage. I had never seen my elder

relatives so excited, and that memory has gotten me through some sad times. It seems that the "sport" of Pro Wrestling has made a comeback of late, mostly due to the shows that are broadcast live on Monday nights on the TNT and USA networks. Ratings are higher than ever, and the advent of Pay-per-view has made this one of the most popular sports to follow, especially on college campuses, where it is not unusual to see Nitro and Raw parties, complete with kegs and scantily clad dancers. So, in memory of Grandpa Messer and in honor of Grandpa James, I am going to pass on my wealth of wrestling knowledge so all of you

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Second Amendment still rings true

STEVEN F. LEBOUF
Staff Columnist

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Perhaps there is no Constitutionally secured right that has borne more molestation than the Second Amendment. While the freedom of speech and the right to due process of law are fervently praised by civil liberties activists, an individual's natural right to own, keep and (when necessary) bear arms is fiercely scorned. The ACLU totally denies the Second Amendment's validity (dubbing personal gun use as "barbaric"), and various "liberal" activists proclaim that firearms belong solely in the hands of our "benevolent" government. But ironically, the civil rights these organizations work so hard to protect would evaporate quickly without a peaceful citizenry armed with the right to own and bear firearms.

Many opponents of the Second

Amendment attempt to water down this explicit personal privilege by misinterpreting the "well regulated Militia" segment. They argue that the Second Amendment merely grants states the authority to establish a National Guard. Apparently, the term "Militia" means "state military," and the words "well regulated" mean "government regulated" by their standards (as though the government has ever regulated anything "well"). But our Founding Fathers had a much different interpretation of these terms, as this column will prove.

It is obvious that an organized armed citizenry will always help thwart foreign invaders, and this indeed was the chief impetus behind the provision of the Second Amendment, but the drafters of our Constitution saw beyond this fact. Having lived with the oppression of their British rulers, they well understood that the right to bear arms would protect citizens not only from foreign invaders but also from domestic invaders — such as their own government. In response to this reality, the Founding Fathers guaranteed Americans the right to own

firearms. In fact, the Constitution would not have been ratified without this provision.

But don't blindly accept the word of the Second Amendment (however tempting). Consider the writings of Alexander Hamilton published in the Federalist Papers: "If circumstances should at any time oblige the government to form an army of any magnitude, that army can never be formidable to the liberties of the people while there is a large body of citizens, little if at all inferior to them in discipline and the use of arms, who stand ready to defend their rights and those of their fellow citizens." Noah Webster, a contemporary of Hamilton, concurred: "The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword, because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops that can be, on any pretense, raised in the United States."

Of course, protection from foreign invasion and domestic governments is not the only purpose of our Second Amendment. The drafters of

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Spirit Team overflowing with student events

MEGAN CALLAHAN
Vice President of Campus Life

This year is the first year the NC State Spirit Team has been in existence. We are a diverse group of students representing a wide variety of student organizations, and our members are recognized leaders throughout the university. As a registered student organization, our representatives are recruited from across the University.

We were created by students, for students. The N.C. State Spirit Team was established to promote school spirit by implementing events and programs that enhance a sense of pride and university identity

throughout the community. We actively promote a number of university events including:

Welcome Back Pack, Student Wolfpack Village and Homecoming. Welcome Back Pack was on Aug. 16 behind Bragaw. The Embers played in the Fountain Dining Hall, where steaks were served, while outside IFC had a mini-carnival. Student Wolfpack Village consists of a tent just inside Gate A of Carter-Finley Stadium that has free pizza and drinks for any student that attends. These are just a couple of events that will continue for all the football games every year. Another event that we are working on for this year is an exciting and special Homecoming event. Stay tuned to

what will be going on for Homecoming; it will be great and exciting.

The athletic events that the Spirit Team are strongly endorsing this year are football, gymnastics, women's basketball and baseball. Our goal is not only to build upon established Wolfpack traditions but also to create new ones by consistently maintaining a fun and exciting environment for students. We will be giving away t-shirts and prizes at games, while also doing many other promotional events with athletics to attract students.

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Members contribute to the Spirit Team by organizing events, publicizing and fundraising for activities throughout the N.C. State community. Meetings are held every other Tuesday from 5 to 6 p.m. in Waterspout Student Center, Room 201. Our next meeting will be on Oct. 20. We hope to see you there.

Megan Callahan
Vice President of Campus Life
President of the Spirit Team

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Messer

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can dig it. So, if you understand what I am talking about as you read this, just nod your head, and if not, nod your head anyway. The first thing that you need to know about Pro Wrestling is that we all know that it is fake, and we don't care. Hell, boxing is, for the most part, rigged. We all know that Lucas killed Franco on Days of Our Lives, and yet we still tune in. I hope you get my point. It is a brand of enter-

tainment that tends to the lowest common denominator, and I am glad that it caters to me, the lowest of the low.

Secondly, moves that are harmless when performed by a Jobber, otherwise known as a Ham and Egger, still otherwise known as the guy that everyone beats up on, can become deadly when performed by a big-time attraction who gives it a snazzy name. Hollywood Hogan's leg drop is a good case in point. I could lay any one of you readers on the ground, drop my leg across your chest, and you would immediately hop up and proceed to kick my butt. But if Hollywood did it, you would-

n't get out of intensive care for a week.

Thirdly, because it is the third item in this sequence, is the idea that Wrestlemania is not just a match, it is an event. It is the Romans killing the Christians in the coliseums all over again, except that instead of the Romans, there are hairy men in shiny tights, and instead of Christians, there are hairy men in black tights. I mean, you haven't really lived until you have seen the Undertaker and his brother Kane shoot lightning out of their butts at each other, or Stone Cold Steve Austin knocking everyone out, from fans to the owner of the company.

There is just some sort of irresistible soap-opera drama about the whole thing that is OK for a man to enjoy, mainly because people are still getting the hell beat out of each other with chairs and bats and such, plus there are always the scantily clad dancers.

But, I guess the main thing to learn about Pro Wrestling is that it is a guilty pleasure that is OK to have. Match results can't be found on Sportscenter or the 10p.m. news (though sometimes it slips through, like when Mike Tyson punched Shawn Michaels and Kane dropped Pete Rose on his head with a Tombstone Piledriver). You won't

see wrestlers' faces in the Daily Tar Hee — whoops, I mean the News & Observer. But you will hear people in the atrium talking about what Stone Cold or the NWO Wolfpack did last night. You will hear both men and women talk about Jim Corrette throwing fire into the faces of the Rock and Roll Express. Granted, they won't talk very loud, but that's the whole point. Basketball and football are social occasions. Wrestling is a personal thing that you do in secret, kind of like heroin, and it's just as addictive.

So, just remember that it is OK to enjoy a little Monday Nitro or some Raw is War. There is nothing wrong

with doing all your homework early on Monday nights so that you don't miss a match. There will always be a Monday night party wherever I may be. Just don't say anything bad about my rasslin', or I will have to slap a Diamond Cutter on you. Whooot!!

Chad supports every wrestling faction known to man — from the Latino World Order (LWO) to the Four Horsemen. If you love wrestling like a bunch of us at Technician, or if you just want to give Chad a piece of your mind, e-mail him at cmesser@unity.ncsu.edu.

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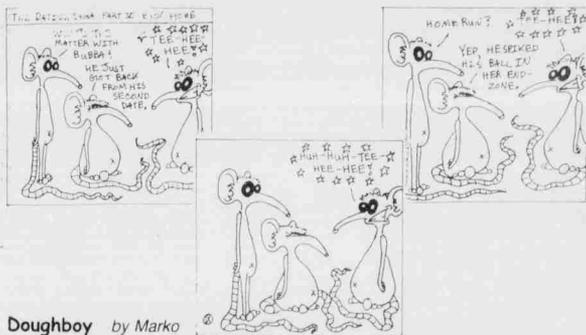
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Maxine slept for a couple million years and awoke in Medieval Europe. Her appearance had drastically altered, yet she had gained such attributes of flight and power. After running into Oskar and Chaikhydri, who offered her little to no help, Maxine came across a fellow standing in the midst a great slaughter. The man stood uninjured, even as he had a spear sticking straight through him! He paid her no mind as he removed the spear from his belly and took to the sky.

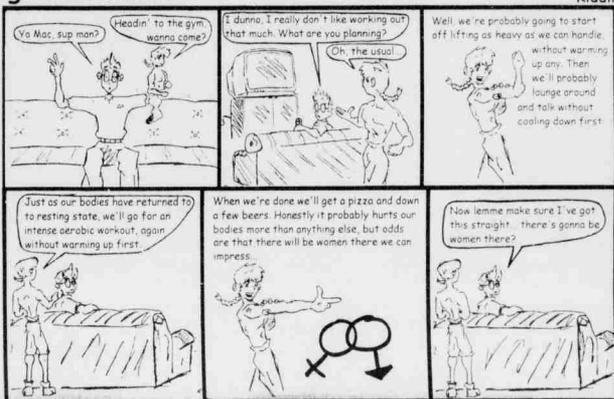
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NCSU stance in question

Dear Chancellor Fox:

During the two years prior to coming to NCSU, "Kill Fags," signs were posted and painted around campus in response to National Coming Out Day activities. It very much felt like we were one step away from the events that occurred in Wyoming this past weekend. The administration at the time chose to completely ignore these incidents. This indifference could have been interpreted as silent acquiescence and very easily led to violence. I sin-

cerely hope that you will have the courage and insight to take an active stance when dealing with these situations and help make this campus a little less hostile to the lesbians and gays who study, teach and work here.

One ideal opportunity that now presents itself would be to include lesbian and gay issues in the diversity initiative that is now taking place. Beyond the fact that is hypocritical to exclude a threatened minority on

campus, including lesbian and gay issues in these diversity efforts would help stem the pervasive homophobia on campus and possibly help prevent a violent tragedy as occurred in Wyoming from occurring here.

Sincerely,
Alan Langdon
Registration and Records

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our Constitution were clearly aware that disarming the citizenry would render peaceful citizens virtually defenseless against violent crime. This is clarified by a quote of Thomas Jefferson in "The Commonwealth Book": "Laws that forbid the carrying of arms...disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes. Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

Despite the overwhelming historical evidence supporting the true intention of the Second Amendment, opponents argue that the right to bear arms is a collective (i.e., state-regulated) right rather than an individual right. Tell that one to George Mason, the Virginian who originated our priceless Bill of Rights: "...who are the militia, if they be not the people of this country...? I ask, who are the militia? They consist of now of the whole people, except a few public officers...No free man shall ever be debared the use of arms." Note how Mason distinguished between "the whole people" (self-regulated individuals) and "public officers" (government-regulated law enforcers). And consider the timeless words of Patrick Henry: "If our defense be the real object of having those arms, in whose hands can they be trusted with more propriety, or equal safety to us, as in our own hands?" (You've got to love that old American dialect!)

Modern newspapers and television networks are certainly slanted against handgun freedoms. But ironically, the media was not always an enemy of the Second Amendment. In fact, there was a time when journalists passionately embraced this amendment, as made evident through the comments published in Charleston's State Gazette (1788): "No free government was ever founded or ever preserved its liberty, without uniting the characters of the citizen and soldier in those destined for the defense of the state...Such are a well regulated militia, composed of the freeholders, citizen and husbandman, who take up arms to preserve their prop-

erty, as individuals, and their rights as freemen." Notice how the State Gazette makes a special effort to emphasize the word "individuals" as opposed to "a society" — nowhere is "government regulated" implied in this definition. These concepts are paralleled by Charleston's contemporary, the Pennsylvania Gazette: "Who are the militia? Are they not ourselves?...The unlimited power of the sword is not in the hands of either the federal or state governments, but, where I trust in God it will ever remain, in the hands of the people."

When governments begin salivating for power, their first tactic is to disarm the citizens. In fact, the Nazis "peacefully" confiscated the guns of Jews with the message, "You won't need them anymore — we'll take care of you!" (And boy, did they!) Closer to home, many local governments enforced laws prohibiting black slaves from owning and/or using weapons — even in self defense. (In fact, I've heard that some of these laws are still on the law books today!) I'm certain that slave masters would have had a much tougher time enforcing the detestable institution of slavery if slaves had access to handguns. (I'm now humored by my mental image of a slave pointing a gun to his master saying: "Can you read the sign that says I ain't working for you no more?")

Forgive your humble opinionator. I once thought that guns were a necessary evil, reasoning "Since crooks and governments (forgive the redundancy) will always have guns, peaceful citizens should always have guns, but wouldn't it be nice if no one had guns? I am now convinced that guns are an incredibly good thing — they protect civilized individuals from the potential brutality of their physically stronger counterparts. If it weren't for guns (the smart man's weapons) civilized individuals would live by mercy of the sword and fist (the dull brute's weapons). History has proven this.

The Founding Fathers were quite aware that a free nation rests on the foundation of an armed populace. Peaceful individuals must always be allowed to defend their freedoms with the same firearms used by their potential enemies. This is the true meaning of the Second Amendment: "The Militia" is you. So, do you think you have what it takes to challenge Technician's humble opinionator? If so, email him at sfleboeuf@eos.ncsu.edu.

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Jackets sting Wolfpack

◆ Miscues and injuries hit the Pack in a big loss.

JOHNNY NOEL
Staff Writer

The stage was set for another big win at Carter-Finley, but on this Saturday it was the better team that won as the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets came into Raleigh to put a 47-24 spanking on the Wolfpack.

From the beginning it was apparent the game would be a shootout, with the league's second- and third-ranked offenses matched against each other.

But matched against Joe Hamilton, Georgia Tech's all-star quarterback, and the Georgia Tech offense, the Pack misfired all day. "Things just didn't go our way; they went their way and they took advantage of it," Pack quarterback Jamie Barnette said. "If things are going your way, it gives you a boost, more than the other team, and we weren't able to handle that, and it hurt us."

After trading first-quarter field goals, State had its first major miscue, punting from their 10-yard line and delivered a gift to Georgia

Tech, sailing the snap through the end zone for a safety, giving Tech a 5-3 lead.

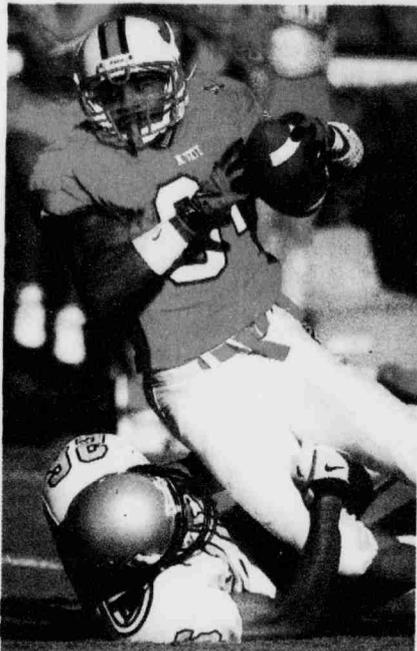
The debacle continued as the Pack was forced to punt on its next possession as well. Tech broke through after a mishandled snap and smothered an attempted punt, running it in for the day's first touchdown.

The Pack showed its big play potential on its next possession as wide receiver Torry Holt delivered, hauling in a 40-yard completion and then throwing a 45-yard reverse touchdown pass to fellow receiver Chris Coleman on the same drive.

The good news ended there as Hamilton led Tech to quick scores on its next two possessions.

Devastation struck two plays later when Tech delivered a big hit on Barnette, knocking him out of the game with a concussion and causing a fumble returned 21 yards for a touchdown, the Jacket's fourth defensive touchdown in as many games.

Down 33-10 by the end of the half, State would need another huge offensive half like it delivered in a failed comeback attempt against Baylor earlier in the season.



Wide receiver Chris Coleman (84) gains some tough yardage in the Wolfpack's 47-24 loss to Georgia Tech Saturday at Carter-Finley Stadium.

But with team leader Barnette gone, as well as starting tailback Rashaan Spikes, who was injured in the game's first play, and facing a strong Tech defense, there would be no exciting comeback in the

second half. "[Losing Barnette] hurt us a lot because Jamie's the leader of the team, the offensive team. Everybody's definitely in sync with him when he's out there, so it was definitely a change," Holt said. "But Charles [Berry] came in and did a good job of leading the offense and put up some numbers and some scores at the end there."

The loss spoiled another exciting performance by All-American candidate Torry Holt. Holt caught seven balls for 132 yards and also delivered a 45-yard punt return as well as the touchdown pass.

Berry provided some excitement in the second half, but it proved to little too late, as Tech rolled to its fourth victory in a row over the Pack. "I'm still upset we didn't play better than we did," Barnette said. "But you've got to take the punches as they come and handle your business next time."

"The best team won tonight. Georgia Tech deserves a lot of credit. They came in here and beat us. I think they beat a good football team," Coach Mike O' Cain said. "They did the things necessary in all phases to win the game."

Deacs shut out Pack

◆ Men's soccer falls to Wake Forest 5-0 at home on Sunday.

TIM HUNTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Wake Forest continued its recent dominance over the N.C. State men's soccer team, recording a 5-0 victory at Method Road Stadium Sunday.

Five different players scored for the Demon Deacons (8-3-1 overall, 1-0-1 ACC), who scored four goals after halftime.

The loss drops State to 3-8 overall and 0-4 in the conference.

"I still believe we had a good game," co-captain Sebastian Rodriguez said. "As a whole we still need to fix those little mistakes that all the ACC teams are going to convert into goals."

Wake has had its way with the Pack in recent match-ups, winning four straight against the Wolfpack, including a 8-0 blowout in last year's ACC Tournament. "They've got a really good team," junior Co-captain Jeremy Ballenger said of the Deacs. "The last couple of times they played us they had our number. Hopefully we will get a second chance."

The Deacons started the scoring at the 13:32 mark when Wake junior Chad Evans found the net off of a corner kick from teammate Kyle Bachmeier.

State held the No. 16-ranked Deacons to a 1-0 lead at halftime. In the second half, the Deacons' Serge

Daniv beat N.C. State goalkeeper Eric Handley for an unassisted goal to give Wake a 2-0 lead at the 54:02 mark.

The match was extraordinarily physical with a total of 40 fouls called and six yellow cards between the two teams. After Bachmeier received Wake's second yellow card at the 67:53 mark the Deacons put the game out of reach.

"Obviously we are frustrated," Wolfpack Assistant Coach Matthias Berrang said. "Any time the frustration level goes up you get into some dumb fouls and cheap fouls."

Sophomore Jaron Barbee scored Wake's third goal at the 68:43 mark, and teammate Viktor Litovka added another goal less than two minutes later.

"If there are some places on the field where we are struggling, the whole team doesn't have the confidence," Rodriguez said. "We need to keep working as a whole and fix all of those gaps."

Junior Trent Lind finished the scoring for the Deacs, scoring on an assist from Litovka at the 87:34 mark.

"We were disappointed with the score, definitely," Ballenger said. "But I was proud of how some of the guys played today, especially the mid-field."

The Wolfpack will return to action today, when State will face Mount St. Mary's in another home match at 1:30. The game is the first of a double-header with the women's team at Method Road Stadium.

Jeckle and Hyde

◆ Inconsistency is the only thing that has remained constant for Wolfpack football in 1998.

TIM HUNTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Saturday's match-up with Georgia Tech presented a struggle for the N.C. State football team, a struggle to see which Wolfpack team would show up to play.

There is the team that soundly disposed of the No. 2 team in the nation and defeated the No. 11 team last Thursday. This particular N.C. State team showed that it can beat anybody in the nation on a given day.

However, there is also the team that barely escaped with a win against Ohio University (103rd in Jeff Sagarin's computer rankings) and the team that dug itself a 26-point hole against the Baylor Bears.

Unfortunately for Wolfpack fans, the latter team showed up to play on Saturday.

"It's a disappointing loss for us coming off of the big win last week," all-star receiver Torry Holt said. "To come out here today and lose the way we lost is very disappointing right now."

There isn't a roller coaster in the nation to compare with the inconsistency of the Wolfpack so far this fall.

The same team that defeated two teams among the nation's top 11 for the first time in school history has now lost two games to unranked opponents.

"I don't necessarily think that there is an overall inconsistency," Wolfpack Head Coach Mike O' Cain said. "I

think certain things cost us. Take away those 16 points (from three Pack miscues) and we are only down 17-10 at halftime and it's a totally different ballgame."

Granted, the Yellow Jackets are a legitimate contender in the ACC, but Georgia Tech might not have scored had the "other" N.C. State team suited up. Certainly the team that held then-No. 2 Florida State to just one touchdown beat a Georgia Tech team that lost at home to Boston College.

Instead, a mistake-prone Wolfpack squad suited up for Saturday's ACC match-up.

Besides giving the Jackets nine points on two busted punt attempts, the Pack fumbled the ball to the opposing team three times, once at its own 21-yard line.

"Obviously some of our mishaps cost us dearly in the first half," O' Cain said. "It set a tone and put us behind the eight-ball and then you begin to press a little bit."

Perhaps emotional let downs after big wins could explain the inconsistency, but not if you listen to the team.

"I felt like we were fired up," said quarterback Jamie Barnette, who was knocked out of the game in the first half. "Things just didn't go our way. They went their way and they took advantage of it."

"I think the emotion was there," O' Cain agreed. "I don't think it (the reason for the loss) was a lack of emotion. I believe our guys were ready to play."

The Pack has bounced back after poor games, the FSU win came after a too-close-for-comfort game against Ohio and the Syracuse victory was after the Baylor loss.

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Wolfpack breaks top five

◆ N.C. State's men's and women's cross country teams post big finishes in Kansas.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State's cross country program gave a strong performance at the NCAA pre-National meet this weekend in Kansas.

The women finished fourth, while the men took fifth.

Stanford won both races, despite the Arizona women taking the top two individual spots.

1996 Champion Amy Skiersz won the women's race for the Wildcats, followed by freshman teammate

Tara Chaplin.

N.C. State freshman Jennifer Modliszewski finished eighth overall, with a time of 17:35.40.

Sophomore Amy Beykirch ran second, coming in at 18:11.84 in the six kilometer race.

The difference for the Pack was the group finish of State's third, fourth and fifth runners.

Lindsey Rogers, Meredith Faircloth and Katie Sabino finished 40th, 41st and 42nd, respectively, with less than two seconds between them.

Senior Jackie Coscia took 57th with a time of 18:44.27, while Sarah Gray was 75th overall.

State was the only squad of the 32 teams competing to have all seven runners finish amongst the top 100 runners.

On the men's side, the two-time defending National Champion Cardinal walked away with the title, outscoring second-place Oregon by over 20 points.

Butler University's Julius Mwangi finished first overall, with a time of 23:47.50 in the eight-kilometer race.

Colorado's Adam Goucher took second. Leading the way for the Wolfpack was junior Abdul Alizindani, who took 17th place overall with a time of 25:20.19.

Junior Brendan Rogers, who earned All-America status at last year's NCAA Championships, finished 26th overall.

In his first official race for the Wolfpack team this season, sophomore Chris Dugan finished 33rd, while true-freshman David Patterson took 50th with a time



The volleyball team dropped matches against conference foes Virginia and Florida State over the weekend.

Volleyball loses to Virginia and FSU

◆ Volleyball drops two conference match-ups and rest for weekend road-trip.

Sports Staff Report

N.C. State's volleyball team dropped two more conference games, losing to Florida State and Virginia in Reynolds Coliseum.

Florida State 3, N.C. State 0

On Saturday, the Seminoles dominated their way to a 15-3 win in the first game, and while the Pack battled back, it wasn't enough, losing the second and third game, 15-13, 15-13.

Florida State had five players post double figures in kills, including Aisha Thornton, who led the way with 19 kills and just one error.

Seminole Fiona Bolten added 60 assists, and Jennifer Werrick tallied 15 digs.

State's Laura Kimbrell posted 19 kills and 11 digs.

Senior Kaitlin Robinson and junior Keri Bredenback each added 14 digs, while Alison Kreager and Stephanie Stambaugh each had 10 kills.

Virginia 3, N.C. State 0

Virginia swept the Pack on Sunday, led by Andrea Fischer's 17 kills.

The Cavs totaled 62 kills in the hour and 39-minute match.

For State, Erin Vesey handed out 30 assists, while Kimbrell added 11 kills and five digs.

Vesey and Stambaugh also added seven kills.

State readies for its first look at the Duke Blue Devils this weekend. The Pack will take on Duke Friday night in Durham, on the first day of a two-day road trip.



Both cross country teams finished in the top five in the pre-nationals meet.