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I-40 car wreck kills student

Five NCSU students were involved in a six-car accident near Greensboro last Thursday that left one student dead.

LER DELICIO
News Editor

A second deadly car accident in as many weeks has claimed the life of another N.C. State student. Samuel Hedstrom, a senior in industrial design and a Raleigh native, was one of three people killed last Thursday in a six-car accident near Greensboro, according to a spokesperson for the N.C. State Highway Patrol. Hedstrom was traveling west on I-40 about one mile east of Greensboro. Two cars collided ahead of his car. A third car was struck by debris from the collision of the first two, and a fourth car struck one of the first two cars. Hedstrom, who was in the fifth car involved, a gray Ford

Explorer, was transporting himself and four other NCSU students. Hedstrom attempted to avoid the second car and veered into the center lane of the highway, the spokesperson said. Hedstrom's car was then struck by a sixth car, which pushed Hedstrom's car into one of the first cars involved in the collision, according to the spokesperson. Two students — Lauren Piche, a junior in the School of Design, and Todd Coleman, a senior in the School of Design — were admitted to Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro. Daniel Martin, a junior in the School of Design, and Craig Nelson, a master's student in industrial design, were treated and released, according to an article published in Friday's News & Observer. Hedstrom will be remembered for his smile and his love of automobiles, said Eric McBride, a senior in mechanical engineering. "Everyone will remember him for his smile," said McBride. "He never forgot a face or a name."

McBride knew Hedstrom through his work on various projects in Wolfpack Motor Sports and the Society of Automotive Engineers. Hedstrom helped with the Mini-Baha car project, a car that won first place in a national competition. "We built the car, but he made it," McBride said. Jeremy Weitzel, a senior in mechanical engineering, echoed similar sentiments. "It's hard to sum him up — he had so many talents," Weitzel said. "He really loved cars, and he was just an enthusiastic person." Both Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and the dean of the School of Design, Marvin Malacha, visited the students at the hospital in Greensboro, according to the News & Observer. The two other people killed were Karl Gaston and his wife Dorothy, of Kansas, according to the State Highway Patrol spokesperson.



Samuel Hedstrom, a senior in the School of Design, was killed in a six-car accident Thursday.



Cars line up in the early morning to get a space in the Reynolds Parking Deck.

Parking looks to solve problems

Transportation may create a new "staff-only" C zone near Carmichael Gymnasium to alleviate the crunch on parking spaces.

JIMMY BYALS
Senior Staff Writer

Problems in on-campus parking have, for nearly a decade, been a thorn in the sides of students and staff members alike. For the better part of the 1990s, the improvement of parking has been a work in progress. According to Greg Cain, assistant director of the Division of Transportation, the eight-year enhancement process is nearing its end. "One more year of change, and then we'll be where we want to be," said Cain. Changes for the 1998-1999 school year focused on reducing the number of parking zones on campus. The major modifications were the consolidations of the C and E parking zones into one D parking zone, the G and F zones into a new E zone and the

F and H zones into a new F zone. The sprawling new D zone has created perhaps the most controversy of the changes. It contains all residence hall parking and parking around many administrative buildings, including the Administrative Services Center, the Talley and Witherspoon Student Centers and the Environmental Health and Safety Center. The D parking zone also includes parking at the Jane S. McKimmon Center and the College of Veterinary Medicine. With so much area contained in a single parking zone, the rush for prime parking spots — those closest to the dorms for students and those nearest classroom and administrative buildings for faculty members — has become more intense. Staff members whose workdays may begin later in the morning have found most parking places close to buildings taken by students. In response to this problem, DOT is considering making the parking lots around Carmichael Gymnasium and the Steam Plant into a staff-only C zone. This project

could go into effect as early as next fall. DOT officials are meeting with various staff and faculty groups around campus for other suggestions about dealing with parking problems. Some other minor changes in parking for this year include a 10 percent price increase on all permits and the expansion of parking on Centennial Campus. The continued addition of parking on the rapidly growing Centennial Campus could cause problems down the road. "That philosophy could blow up in our faces as Centennial Campus grows," said Cain. Students regularly express similar sentiments about the difficulties of parking on campus. "If you arrive at the wrong time, you have to park far away," said Heather Binnick, a senior in chemical engineering. Some students also cite the size of parking spaces as a problem. "Most parking spaces are just too nar-

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Graduation rate subject of attention from NCSU, U.S. News

Graduation rate at NCSU lower than area schools

N.C. State graduates 64 percent of its student in six years.

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Assistant News Editor

The numbers are in, and N.C. State's graduation rates compare poorly to local rivals. According to the recent issue of U.S. News and World Report, NCSU ranked at the top of the same tier with a 77 percent rate. Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill in 1997 for a six-year graduation rate. Duke and UNC-CH, in the top 50 colleges ranked by the magazine, had graduation rates of 92 percent and 84 percent, respectively. NCSU, in the second top-50 tier, averaged 64 percent, with the University of Missouri having the lowest score in the same tier, with a 52 percent graduation rate. Fordham University ranked at the top of the same tier with a 77 percent rate. Ruth Craven, a research associate with university planning and analysis, said there are several factors to consider when comparing NCSU's graduation rates to others. "We have more technical majors by far," she said. "That has some bearing on the graduation rate, and there may be other factors as well." Some other factors include students with financial, personal or academic troubles who are not able to go straight through college, Craven said. "Those students who do

straight through typically graduate at a much higher rate," she said. This year's projected six-year graduation rate for students who entered NCSU in 1992 is 63 percent, Craven said. The five-year graduation rate this year is 58 percent, slightly above last year's 55 percent rate. This year's four-year graduation rate for students who entered in 1994 is a whopping 25 percent, compared to last year's 27 percent rate. According to Craven, the rates are in the ballpark of NCSU's usual rates. "They don't seem to be as high as they have been, but not as drastically lower either," she said. "There's not a big change, but we'd like for it to be better." As an effort to increase NCSU's graduation rate, Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies James Anderson is in the early stages of forming a committee to analyze the data and make a presentation on Dec. 12 to the deans and vice chancellor. "We are working towards present strategies NCSU might want to enhance the four-year graduation rate," he said. Along with other efforts on campus that are being made simultaneously to enhance NCSU's graduation rate, Anderson said they are in the works of creating virtual advising, which will better help students plan their education. However, Anderson said changes for NCSU won't come overnight. "We're not going to make quantum leaps without institutions implementing what NCSU needs to do to increase the four-year graduation rate," he said. "This is high on the chancellor's list of priorities to move N.C. State forward nationally. She has a very strong and systematic vision about how we should unfold in the future."

Admissions: Rankings have little bearing

N.C. State falls into the "second-tier" category of national universities, according to U.S. News.

EMILY TOWNLEY
Senior Staff Writer

Prospective college students undoubtedly consult professional college rankings as they attempt to make informed decisions regarding the educational institution they wish to attend. How seriously, however, should students actually consider these polls? "Every employee in college admissions across the nation realizes that college rankings are highly political," said George Davis, head of admissions at N.C. State. "The polls are largely based on historical perceptions of the school and have little bearing on the quality of the institution as a whole." The U.S. News and World Report began ranking schools in 1983 as a survey based on the reputations of colleges and universities and has done much over the last 15 years to update the criteria used for ranking each institution. The U.S. News currently bases its college rankings on 16 different measures of academic quality, falling into seven broad categories. These categories include academic reputation, student selectivity, faculty resources, student retention, financial resources, alumni giving and "graduation-rate performance," the percentage of students who graduate in four

years as compared to those actually expected to graduate in this time period. While critics believe that these criteria have improved — the reputation of a school now accounts for only 25 percent of a school's score, as opposed to the 35 percent weight this basis held just two years ago — the rankings still remain controversial. U.S. News ranked NCSU as a second-tier national university. According to Davis, NCSU loses points, placing the university below the first tier, for such "problems" as low graduation-rate performance. This "low score" simply reflects the vast number of opportunities offered to students who would otherwise graduate in the allotted four years, Davis said. "This score is actually indicative of both our wonderful cooperative work force, study abroad and double major programs and the reasonably low cost of attending this university," said Davis. "While these educational components do keep students from graduating in only four years, they work also to increase the number of opportunities students here at N.C. State have to make themselves more marketable upon graduation. We realize the importance of these programs and hold the score in this particular area at the very bottom of our considerations." Likewise, NCSU falls below the mark of a first-tier national university in regard to its academic reputation, scoring a 3.2 on a four-point scale. This criterion, according to Davis, is largely political and based highly on the historical perception of a school, over which institutions have very little control. "The wonderful thing about N.C. State is that the quality and substance of a top-ranked university has always been there," said Davis. "We simply haven't taken the marketing aspect of our school as seriously as other

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Taking a stab at it

Andy McConnell (left), a junior in computer science, takes a hit from sophomore Dan Stout.



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row," said Ashley Poole, a freshman in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

There are other factors contributing to the difficulty of finding good parking places. Construction on the new Student Health Center has claimed 300-400 parking spaces in Harris Lot, which is included in the D zone. However, there are still a number of D permit spaces located in the Harris Lot, many of which go unclaimed every day.

The presence of empty spaces in the Harris Lot itself is an example of another problem with on-campus parking. There are entire parking lots in the D zone that are virtually empty. The parking places displaced by the new Student Health Center have been replaced with spaces near the Environmental Health and Safety Center, far from the heavy-traffic areas of campus. Cain looks out of his own window in the Administration Services Building and sees rows and rows of empty parking spots.

Cain believes that the DOT will have a handle on parking problems by the end of next year.

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schools have."

The Office of Admissions does believe, however, that Chancellor Marye Anne Fox sees the importance of marketing NCSU through her campaign to "spread the good word" about the university. Admissions officers expect drastic changes in the national perception of this school, which will do much to determine future rankings.

The Office of Admissions, therefore, pays little attention to the actual score NCSU earns in the college rankings. Instead, officers focus on the rankings in relationship to the university's peer schools.

"We most definitely have bragging rights over our performance in relationship to that of our peer universities," said Davis. "It is in this comparison that we find the most meaningful information regarding our programs."

While the rankings do provide basic information on various institutions, they should be used only as a starting point in selecting a university.

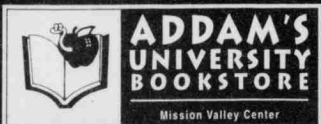
"Prospective students should loosely consider the score a given school earns, but should pay far more attention to the opinions of the students who actually attend the school," Davis said. "There is no better ambassador than a current student at N.C. State University, who can faithfully speak about the school's curricula, professors and programs."

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NCSU myths and mysteries abound

◆ With Halloween approaching, investigating campus legends and tales of horror just seems appropriate.

CARL KERCHMAR
Staff Writer

As Halloween approaches, ghoulish thoughts enter our minds. Between classes, thoughts drift toward costume ideas, Halloween parties and ghost stories. Hollywood movies like "Urban Legends," "Nightmare on Elm Street," "Candy Man" and "Ghost Busters" get the Halloween blood pumping, as does walking through campus shadows at night and studying late in the book-stacks. Old places on campus may seem to give off creepy vibes this time of year — but did you ever wonder if N.C. State has real supernatural phenomena that might tweak the nerves on the 31st?

In 1878 some farmers in Edgecombe County, including Mr. Primrose, Mr. Pullen, Dr. Dabney and Mr. Page, suggested that property be allocated for an agricultural college. The campus of NSCU started with Holladay Hall back in 1889 and housed the entire university with a gym and dining hall in the basement, classes and offices on the first floor and dorms on the second and third floors.

Since Holladay Hall, the university continued to add new buildings, and in 1965 construction of Pullen Hall was begun and then delayed by a mysterious fire. Investigators found no explanations and no clues

to the fire except a local myth. It is built near the grave sight of the Pullen family. On the east side of the building are the bodies of three people from the Pullen family whose ghosts are rumored to have started the fire in Pullen Hall. Perhaps their souls were troubled by construction and near their graves, and they couldn't rest in peace.

In 1971-72 a mysterious figure stalked the halls of Metcalf and Carrol. This figure was spotted through the windows of the buildings and became known as "Quiltman," wearing only a quilt, combat boots, short pants and a pillowcase on his head. Rumor has it that "Quiltman" lives in the basement of Owen Hall. Who is to say that the Pullen family ghosts and "Quiltman" are things of the past never to come again and meddle in earthly affairs?

Another rumor circulating insists that NCSU's campus has giant underground tunnels that connect the whole university. It's true — steam tunnels that are 6-feet-4-inches around radiated heat and hot water from the power plant to almost every building on campus. During the Great Depression, the tunnels were inhabited by hobos who came to Raleigh by train. The tunnels became known as "Hobo Hotel," and people stayed weeks at a time in the steam tunnels, which never broke but did leak steam at a temperature of 358 degrees Fahrenheit at 150 pounds per square inch of pressure.

The Hobos were even employed by the power plant to do odd jobs

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Technobabble

◆ The Superman effect — trying to run with the big computers.

CHARLES MANGIN
Staff Geek in absentia

It's something I like to call the Superman effect. In Metropolis, all the petty thieves and thugs — the minor criminals — would have kept doing all their petty crimes, business as usual, if it weren't for Superman showing up one day. After he arrived and upped the ante by being invulnerable to bullets, the whole crime game got more interesting.

Now the criminals had to carry lasers, machine guns, tactical nuclear devices, just in case Superman came by. And with every episode of the series, Superman gained new powers, Kryptonian tricks and all the super-hero whatnot that keeps a 50-year-old comic book series from going under. So the lasers got bigger, and the enemies got nastier, and more innocent bystanders died. If it weren't for the Man of Steel happening by, Metropolis would be a much safer place to live.

The Superman effect means that there is an immovable object that everyone's trying to gun for with their latest, greatest unstoppable forces and whatever else gets in the way is cannon fodder.

That's the computer gaming industry in a nutshell. Every year or so, the old computer adage of Moore's Law tells us that processing power will double. Speedier machines and bigger, badder technologies mean faster computing with each new revision. Whether you're looking for intelligent patterns in the latest radar telescope data for SETI (setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu) or building an evil three-dimensional alien out of polygons just to blow it up a few seconds later, you're better off having the latest and greatest, right?

In a feat of opportunism in the same vein as putting the personal ads on the back page of the wedding announcements, the computer gaming industry is getting ready to roll out all its newest games, just in time for the holiday shopping season. It's very likely that your computer won't run them all.

Every game that comes out today has to be better, bloodier, faster and more realistic than what came out last year. That's a natural progression, much like the annual rollout of new model cars. Unlike some areas of the computer market, the competitive spirit of the free market economy is working just fine here.

The only problem is that to master, or even play, the latest flashy flesh-tearing extravaganza, you may need to have the fastest computer on the market. Like Superman, the newest chips and accelerators are upping the ante in the gaming world.

Game developers (programmers and their ilk) have this insatiable lust for taking a speedy computer and utilizing 100 percent of its potential. Anything slower than the ideal hotbox is driven to its silicon knees in the process. The same can be said of other software, like architectural and 3D rendering software, but for the consumer it's games like Unreal, Quake 2, Myst II and others. Some of these beasts won't even run unless you have a \$1,000 graphics accelerator card and a Pentium II.

Speaking of which, have you noticed the new Intel commercials where they deride their own previous processors as being too slow for your needs? It's time to upgrade, they say, because last year's technology, which we sold you on then, just isn't good enough, is it?

What else are they supposed to say? If nobody bought the PII, their almost 50-percent profit margin might shrink and if that happened, heads would roll — not that they haven't already. They have a vested interest in making their platform a gaming giant.

While folks in Redmond and Silicon Valley may prefer to think of their creations as being used for applications like saving the rain forests and detecting intelligent life from outer space, in reality, games are always one of the top categories in software sales and one of the priorities that consumers list when buying a new computer. It is so odd that people want to be able to sit down in front of a box that contains more processing and computing power than is used to launch and operate the space shuttle and have a little fun?

Using the incredible tools sitting on my desktop, I could model and render new virtual environments, create a forum for the discussion of worldly news and philosophical debate or work out the inner functioning of the universe. Instead, I use it to play Puke'mon.

Yes, Puke'mon, the Pocket Monsters game from Nintendo, on my Mac, running a Super Gameboy emulator. I'll talk about emulation in a future column, but let me just say that, while running an emulator like Virtual Gameboy (among others), my computer thinks it's a handheld Nintendo game. Or an arcade console like Centipede or Xevious. Or a PC playing Duke Nukem. Emulation's great.

If you have a Macintosh, you can find everything you need to play classic arcade games, your favorite Nintendo or Atari games and a multitude of other emulation resources at www.emulation.net. A similar resource for PCs can be found at www.emulationzone.org among others. Frankly, I'm not much for computer games. Occasionally, I'll get addicted — like with Diablo a few months back or Puke'mon more recently — but for the most part I recommend that serious gamers get a console system like Sega or Playstation.

I don't like how much the computer industry is driven by games, but I must admit, if it weren't for the bloody shoot-em-up action of this year's crop of eye-popping video violence, the personal computer market wouldn't be as lively as it is.

So go forth and consume and blow up a few poly-gon-rendered evil aliens along the way.

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Are there ghosts at NCSU??? Maybe, maybe not. But it's not recommended to do research after midnight to find out!

U.S. colleges start campaigns against binge drinking

By SHARI BORN
Los Angeles Times

IOWA CITY, Iowa—It's late Saturday night on Homecoming weekend in this picturesque Midwestern college town. But in the dozens of bars just off the University of Iowa campus, the atmosphere is tranquil. There are no lines forming to enter the bars, and the pedestrian malls and sidewalks show no signs of the heavy student drinking that has characterized this town for many years.

A mile away from the downtown scene, several fraternity houses appear quiet. Only one house has an obvious party under way.

The post-football game victory celebrations — at least the ones featuring booze — have gone underground at the University of Iowa this autumn.

The change has much to do with an ambitious new program at Iowa that is attempting to curb the high rate of binge drinking among students. The programs, part of a \$10 million initiative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, are also in place at nine other U.S. colleges, including the University of Colorado in Boulder, the University of Delaware, Florida State and Louisiana State.

The stakes are high. Success, which Iowa administrators define as a gradual reduction in binge drinking rates, has the potential to do to binge drinking behavior what Mothers Against Drunk Driving did to the practice of driving under the influence of alcohol, says Laurie Leiber, director of the nonprofit Center on Alcohol Advertising in Berkeley, Calif. Failure, however, could mean the addition of yet another well-intentioned plan to the public health compost pile.

"There really hasn't been anyone asking the questions that MADD started asking, which is, 'What are the predictable consequences of alcohol in our society?'" Leiber says. "What MADD did was simply point out that we are losing people on the road."

Likewise, Leiber said, drinking-related deaths, such as a 1995 death in a fraternity house at Iowa, several throughout the country in 1997, and one last week at Rutgers University, "rivet people's attention."

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a Princeton, N.J.-based philanthropy devoted to health, stipulates that the grantees must involve both the college and surrounding community to focus on the environment that leads to excessive drinking — especially access to alcohol.

DARE, "Just Say No" and others) because it de-emphasizes educating youths about their personal responsibility in favor of creating an environment in which drinking to excess is frowned upon, too difficult and too risky.

"The personal responsibility approach is not going to suffice; there are too many pressures," says University of Iowa President Mary Sue Coleman, who has been urging college presidents nationwide to address the problem. "We are talking about the environment and the culture we create that leads to something like a student's death."

But to critics of the program, this "environmental approach" smacks of Big Brother oversight, infringement of individual rights or even a throwback to Prohibition.

"When we tell Americans you cannot have something, they tend to reach for it," says Janet Reis, an associate professor in community health at the University of Illinois. With funding from the alcoholic beverage industry, Reis has developed an education program for colleges, called Alcohol 101, which stresses personal responsibility. "The environment is very important. But we first have to modify individual attitudes about drinking."

Efforts such as the Iowa program, however, spring from a growing recognition that previous efforts to curb binge drinking have been largely unsuccessful, says Richard Yoast, director of the office of alcohol and other drug abuse at the American Medical Association, which administers the Johnson grants.

"In the past, we have tried to deal with youth who have been drinking by scolding them and punishing them without getting to the causes of why they are

drinking," Yoast said. "It's like putting kids in a candy store, advertising the candy, and then telling them not to eat the candy. If we had wanted students to drink, we couldn't have created any better environment in colleges than we have now."

The statistics bear that out. A recent annual survey from Harvard University showed that bingeing rates have not changed much in recent years, with 42.7 percent of college students admitting to the practice in 1997. Bingeing is typically defined as five drinks in a row for men, four in a row for women.

Slightly more than half of the Harvard students who drank said they aimed to get drunk, while a recent survey from the American Academy of Pediatrics found that adolescents ages 16 to 19 said they drink to fit in and have fun.

The AMA's initiative, called "A Matter of Degree," is tapping into a tried-and-true public health model. Just as the anti-smoking campaign ultimately rejected a narrow "it's bad for your health" tactic to discourage smoking, the Johnson grantees are emphasizing the cost of irresponsible alcohol use to society at large.

"Binge drinking affects other people and their rights to function," says Phillip Jones, vice president for student services at Iowa. "This is the development of a social movement. We have to work on changing the social structure, the law enforcement structure and the economic structure."

With its \$770,000 Johnson grant, Iowa is attempting to do just that. Its plan, called the Stepping Up Project, unites individuals at the university and in the community to look for ways to curb binge drinking, including:

- A plan called "reclaiming Mondays and Fridays," in which instructors are urged to avoid making fewer academic demands on students on those days just because students are less than alert after partying.
- An education effort in the city's high schools to address bingeing.

— More campus social activities that do not feature alcohol, such as movies, concerts, speakers and street dances.

— Banning alcohol next fall in a parking lot that is popular for football game "tailgating" parties.

— Cooperation with police to encourage more patrolling of bars for underage drinkers and of neighborhoods for vandalism related to drinking.

— Persuading local bars to eliminate all-you-can-drink or other types of specials that encourage excessive drinking.

The university has already seen some progress. Iowa's fraternities, rather than fight the restrictions, have gotten on board. The fraternities earlier this year voted to "go dry."

But there has been plenty of backlash too. A survey of Iowa City residents showed only moderate support for a proposed rule to prohibit kegs on campus and a tighter nuisance ordinance that would not require a complaint from an individual before the police could address the situation.

It's even hard to know whether students — many of whom have moved their parties to residences off campus — are paying attention to the efforts going on around them. Dormitory literature making students aware of their rights to a clean, quiet, alcohol-free dorm seem to have stirred little interest or opposition.

However, there has been no reaction similar to one last spring at Michigan State University, when students rioted after the university banned alcohol in an 11-acre lot popular for partying before and after football games.

Such restrictive programs run the risk of alienating the people they are trying to reach, says Illinois' Reis.

"Choking the supply doesn't work to the degree we would hope it does," she says. "The environmental approach doesn't give enough emphasis to the social influences on a young adult."

Reis helped create and test Alcohol 101, an interactive CD-ROM program for college students. The program is funded by the Century Council, a Los Angeles-based industry group representing brewers, vintners, distillers and wholesalers and is available free to 650 U.S. colleges and universities this year.

Alcohol 101 is intended to help students anticipate the impact of alcohol and teaches such facts as how many drinks it takes to get drunk and how long it takes alcohol to leave the body.

According to Reis, a four-year study at Illinois shows the program is successful in helping students understand the effects of alcohol — more so than in "traditional" alcohol education programs.



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Ghost

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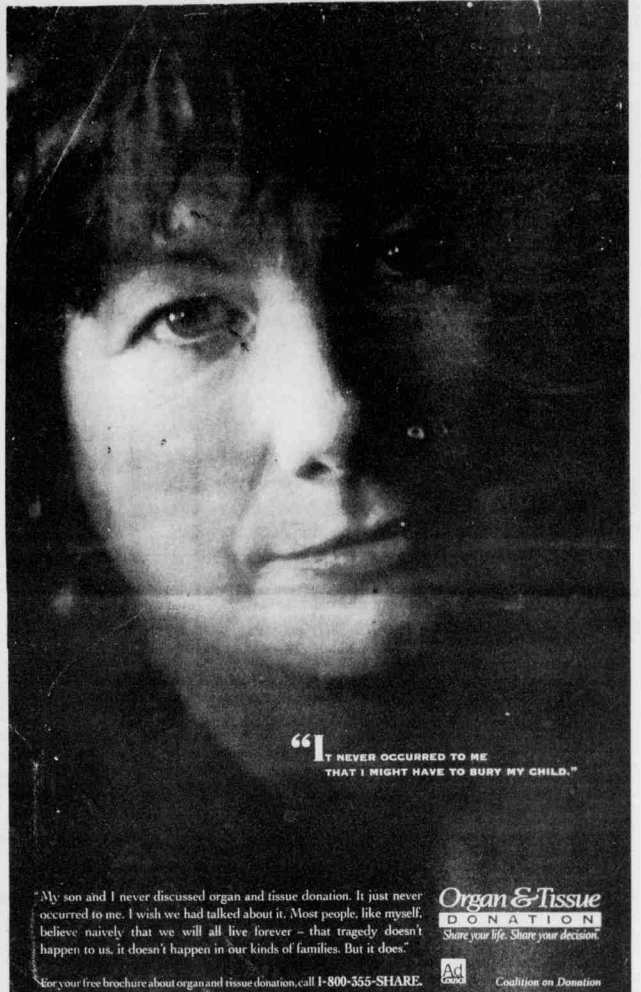
around campus. Their work can be seen behind the laundry, where they built cobblestone steps and decorative urns. The hobos would work for meal tickets and bathe in campus bathrooms, shaving with pieces of broken glass. The university has since sealed those tunnels, although rumors persist that students sneak down in an opening somewhere to have parties.

Besides conjuring myths, Halloween conjures up tricks to go along with all the treats. Through the years, NCSU has been no exception to the "trick" rule and has some legendary pranks on the books.

Pullen Hall may or may not have been haunted by ghosts, but it definitely had an unusual furry visitor.

The building used to hold a room used as a chapel on Sundays, with sermons lead by Dr. Riddick. One Sunday service was interrupted by a bear. The janitor first noticed a bear in the chapel room and notified Riddick, who was about to conduct the chapel that day. Riddick looked after noticing the bear lying by the heat register. He called his students together and tried to figure out how the bear got there, assuming that the students wanted to get out of chapel. Riddick told the students to pick up a chair and take it outside — that they were going to have chapel anyway. The bear prankster was discovered by examining the bear's stomach, where acorns were found. These acorns where finger printed by a microscope photograph that identified the culprit.

The "University Plaza," was created in 1966 with a pattern reminiscent of Venice. The original design called for granite that would have come from Europe or Mexico, but pressure from the North Carolina brick industry — accompanied by a generous donation of brick — convinced the university otherwise. What makes the story a memorable "trick" is the university logo in the middle of the brickyard. The NCSU logo on the Brickyard is actually not in the plans — it was created by students in the middle of the night. Constructed by a rumored 26 students in the cloak of night, the pranksters completed the job in approximately 19 minutes by propping the red bricks and quickly replacing them with white bricks. NCSU has been around for a long time — there are probably more tricks to come and more myths to be handed down from one generation to the next.



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Technician's View

Officials nix plans

◆ Homecoming event would have helped university.

UNC-Chapel Hill does it. East Carolina University does it. Heck, even Clemson does it. So why can't N.C. State?

The issue being referred to here is, of course, closing down sections of a major street for an annual event. But this topic has recently become a non-issue here at NCSU after university officials deep-sixed plans for a Homecoming event on Hillsborough Street. The event, which would have been held the Thursday night before the Homecoming football game, would have included live entertainment, food and drinks and, as with any celebratory event, a lively atmosphere. Student Government, who has been planning the event for months, was prepared to seek permission to close two blocks of Hillsborough Street from city council last Wednesday. Sadly, they never got that chance.

That's because the almighty university officials — Chancellor Marye Anne Fox and Vice-Chancellor Tom Stafford, to name two — were opposed to the idea. But their "major concern" of closing a Raleigh thoroughfare just doesn't fly.

After all, the city of Chapel Hill doesn't seem to mind closing Franklin Street for the annual Halloween celebration. The same can be said for ECU. And Clemson shuts down traffic each year for their First Friday party. So, in the face of events such as these, other major universities, the opposition to closing our own Hillsborough Street for a Homecoming event makes little sense.

Think of all the benefits a celebration such as this could bring: more business for the merchants of Hillsborough Street (who seem to have an ongoing battle with NCSU officials), increased school spirit and participation for the Nov. 7

Homecoming game and, perhaps most importantly, a sense of unity to the NCSU community.

The latter is one of the major things lacking at this university. With no real traditions in which to participate, it is no wonder students appear apathetic to the university faculty. There is no real outlet in which students can express their enthusiasm for the school and the excitement that precedes any big game. (Tailgating and toilet-papering the trees hardly count.) And in light of the football team's recent unprecedented victories, an activity such as the one proposed would have been just the thing to increase student spirit.

Unfortunately, without the draw of Hillsborough Street, it will be extremely difficult to attract corporate sponsorship or the bands that were scheduled to appear. So in effect, university officials have not only killed plans for this event but possibly any future initiatives as well. What student senator — or any other student, for that matter — is going to attempt to organize such an event after receiving such a slap in the face?

But let's face reality. The real issue is not closing down Hillsborough Street — that practically happens after any major basketball victory. The real issue here is the university officials' fear — their fear of NCSU being associated with any event that features alcohol. Despite their protestations of other problems, this is the true heart of the matter — even though students and professors alike frequent the many bars along Hillsborough on a regular basis.

Unless NCSU officials enjoy seeing their students trek to other schools for their respective, traditional festivities — thus increasing student apathy and the likelihood of drunk driving — they should reconsider their options. Those available to NCSU students are rapidly decreasing.

CAMPUS FORUM

Park scholars are elitist

In response to the Oct. 22 opinion column by Ryan Kellogg, "Perks of the Park Scholarship," I can personally attest to the "elitist" attitude carried upon the shoulders of the Park scholars I have come in contact with. While I am sure this does not apply to all scholars, I feel that the Parks need to be aware that such a negative image of them does in fact exist among the other students on campus. With the addition of such policies as early registration, one can only expect the image of the elitist Park scholar to be promoted. Though we all cannot deny the fact that most Parks indeed deserved the scholarship they have earned, we also cannot deny the attitude taken on by or against the scholars. I feel this is definitely something they will need to address.

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"Our Boy" not for everyone

I am outraged at something I have recently seen on campus. Anyone who views women as equal members of society should know what I'm talking about. The gratuitous display of sexism of which I speak is the installation in the free expression tunnel entitled "Our Boy." I know that "Our Boy" is not supposed to be a boy that is associated with any one group, but he is supposed to be everyone's boy. I do commend the fact that the artist

wants to unite everyone by giving them all one boy to eat their own. As noble a gesture as it is to try and unite our community, I as a woman am insulted that the artist assumed that the meerkat pictured is a boy meerkat. How does he know that the meerkat pictured is in fact a boy? Is he only willing to place his faith in the unification of our community in another? I think he does, and I am insulted, and that is why "Our Boy" is not my boy.

Emily Smith,
Junior, Political Science

Chancellor Fox an inspiration

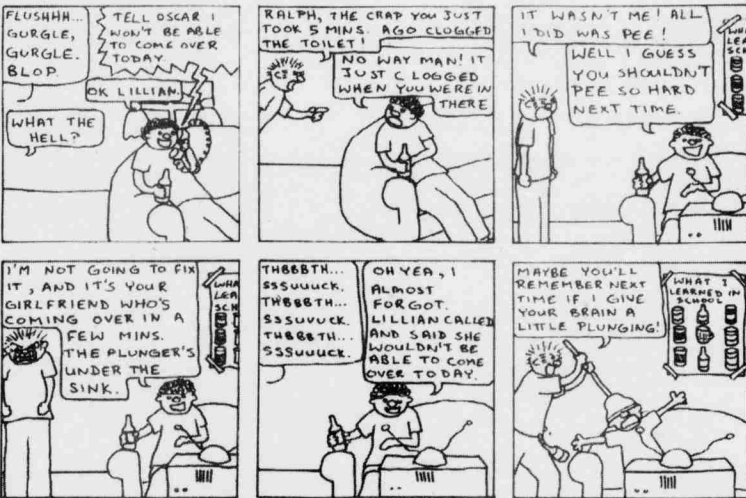
N.C. State's new chancellor, Marye Anne Fox, has received several honorable mentions from colleagues and other such high-placing people, however, I felt that a different sort of honor should be placed upon her shoulders. This honor is the admiration and respect of a student at NCSU. Upon coming to NCSU as a freshman this year, I was required to go to a convocation to help get acquainted with my goals as a student of this university and to meet a remarkable woman, our new chancellor.

Chancellor Fox caught my eye (me being a female) with her personal story of how a female worked her way from a small beginning to a fantastic finish. Yet, what truly inspired my respect for Chancellor Fox was the speech she wrote for Matthew Shepard's vigil last Tuesday night, entitled, "Supporting diversity and building the campus community through tolerance of individual difference." This can be found on the NCSU

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ralph and oskar

by G West



Prop. 209 failed UCB

AMANDA GUTHRIE
Staff Columnist

After reading an article in Thursday's Technician about a walkout at UC Berkeley in favor of restoring affirmative action, I had to stop and wonder how this scenario would go over in North Carolina. It seems that most of the local response I have heard regarding affirmative action over the last year has been negative. I, too, one time, believed that affirmative action was providing unfair advantages to minorities.

But when I hear results like a 65 percent drop in minorities admitted to UC Berkeley since affirmative action was removed with Proposition 209, I have to believe that there is a big problem in such institutions. Those at UC Berkeley believe that the reasoning behind Proposition 209 was the false idea that racism no longer exists in America. The writers of the proposition believed that everyone has an equal chance in America to receive an education, among other things. While it would indeed be lovely to

believe this idea of equality, I'm afraid the truth of the matter is that there are some races and/or sexes that are at a disadvantage in this country, even today.

The UC Berkeley walkout was designed to educate the students through symposiums and teach-ins about Proposition 209 and the continuation of ethnic studies. I think this is an admirable cause, but I believe the root of the problem is much deeper than many people are willing to admit. There is a societal problem in this country that began many years ago that puts minorities, including women, at a disadvantage from the time they are born. This is the reason that programs like affirmative action were put in place — to make up for the disadvantages that some have lived with all their lives. These programs not only help those directly involved, but they help everyone by exposing us all to diversity and other cultures.

I don't think the disadvantages experienced by minorities are a symptom of widespread racism, rather a society that has made it hard for minorities to get a leg up on their competition. This has become a

much smaller problem in the last century, through the civil rights movement and such, but we still live in a country that is largely run by one specific race and sex. The importance of this issue is that there are members of our society that are not able to get the things they need as easily as others. I think it's important that we try to make our society a place where everyone can be truly equal, and then we will not need programs like affirmative action to make up for the deficiencies.

At a university like N.C. State where there is such a large margin between the white and minority populations, I think it's important to determine if there is a problem with the situation. It is quite possible that this under-representation is due to the fact that there are several good minority universities in the area or that NCSU doesn't appeal to the interests of the minority populations, but I think this is a question that is worth answering. It will help everyone involved if we make NCSU a place that is home to a multitude of people from all different backgrounds.

"Girl power" will dominate world

NATALIE DUGGINS
Staff Columnist

Gosh how I hate the Spice Girls. Even the mere thought of them makes me want to cringe. And what makes it that much worse is that I'm almost certain I know all the words to "Wannabe" (don't you hate it when that happens?). But this column isn't about my disdain for the girls of Spice — rather, it has to do with their philosophy of "girl power."

I'm all for equal rights and women's liberation (to an extent... I'm not into the whole "going dutch" thing), but I wouldn't consid-

er myself to be much of a feminist. Nonetheless, I like the idea of "girl power." If some pop cliché helps millions of young girls strive to achieve something great, then I'm all for it. In addition, there are more and more women becoming prominent figures in their respective fields. Maybe if there had been a Cheryl Swoopes or Cynthia Cooper around when I was growing up, I would've had more of a desire to pursue basketball — well, maybe not.

Keeping with the spirit of the "girl power" phenomenon is my recently conceived theory of achieving world domination. My theory involves the unification of two of the most pow-

erful women in the country — Hillary Clinton and Elizabeth Dole.

If the Clinton fiasco has taught me anything, it's that bipartisan politics will be the ruin of this country. When members of the house lined up to continue the impeachment inquiry against the president, it reeked of party influence rather than the elusive idea that they are supposed to represent the American public. Republicans and democrats in Congress are nothing more than a rich man's gang. They sport their own colors, have their own symbols and think and act as a group rather than individuals — not too different

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Life as a baseball hat is not such an easy thing

DONNIE LASSITER
Staff Columnist

Imagine being covered in sweat all day long. Imagine having dirty hands grabbing you and shaking you about. Imagine having the same view, day after day, of the same thing. Having people throw you around like a sack of potatoes. Being man-handled, rained on, forgotten about when the day comes to an end.

Yes, life as a ball cap must be hell. There are few things in life quite as important to a man (well, to me at least) as his hat. I have held this opinion for a long time, and that perhaps is the reason why I owned only one hat for about six years. It wasn't that I couldn't afford another one or that I particularly liked smelling like

a musty, mildew-y rug. It was the loyalty I felt towards my hat.

Now I know some of you are thinking, "Get over it man! It's just a hat!" But I beg to differ. A hat is a part of its wearer. It's an extension of the body. It's a friend, a protector, a brother. It is the epitome of all things right in the world.

Can you honestly say that you have no spiritual connection to your hat? Or a purse? Or a particular outfit? Maybe I'm just experiencing some yet-to-be-identified form of dementia, but I just love my hat.

And actually, in the last few years, I have changed my mind on the whole loyalty thing and procured several different hats. Think of it as giving them playmates. Fellow headgear to shoot the breeze with. It gives them a kind of vacation from the woes of everyday life and lets

them kick back and relax. But never once has one of my hats lost its shape. They've all treated me good. I've scratched their backs, and they've scratched mine.

Speaking of losing shape, let me highlight the whole process of intimacy that a hat and its owner go through once they find each other. First, you've got to find just the right one — one that looks good on you, feels good and won't give you a headache if you wear it too long. All of these factors are vital in the selection of appropriate head apparel.

Next comes the shaping process. I learned this part from my dad, who is a fellow enthusiast of a good "dubby," as he calls them in his more jocular moments. Without a doubt, the best way to shape the brim of a new hat is the old "Coke bottle

method." You take the hat, get some good, tight rubber bands, and fasten the brim to a Coke bottle. Bend the brim so that it hugs the bottle, and then use the rubber bands to keep it snug.

Next, wet the entire brim under a sink, and place the whole contraption on a towel overnight. When you get up the next morning, take the rubber band off, place the brim in your hands and give it a good inverse-curl, and you're good to go. Perfect shape, every time.

Tell me that whole process doesn't form some kind of bond between you and the hat? Running the risk of persecution by the female sex, I would even be so bold as to say that it establishes the same kind of connection that exists between a mother

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and her newborn. I would do anything to protect my hat. If it were to fly off while I'm driving down the road, you can bet that the old reverse lights will come on shortly. If someone stepped on it, I would break his shins! For crying out loud — I would rush into a burning (or at least smoldering) building to save it!

And perhaps most important of all is the fact that a good hat will always hold its shape. No matter how sweaty you get it or how dirty or how many times it gets rained on, a good hat will always maintain the mold of your head. (And for those cranksy ones that tend to wander a bit, I suggest taking a shower with the hat on — it will definitely hold its shape then.)

For you who are out there tugging at your headgear with misty eyes, I salute you. Be kind to your hats. Love them. And never, ever, no matter what your mother says, put it in the washer! You will destroy it like a broken stallion. You will corrupt its will to live and, subsequently, its reason for being. It will never fit right again.

To those of you out there who are shaking your heads in shame right now, I pity you. For you have missed out on one of the most wonderful experiences of life.

Contrary to what you are probably thinking, Donnie has not lost his mind. He simply wanted to give his hats their due. If you support his enthusiasm, feel free to let him know. If you think he's a wacko, forget about that and tell him something nice. jllassit@unity.ncsu.edu

Web page under the "Recent Speeches" section.

In this speech, Fox stated, "In response to this tragedy, the N.C. State University community must renew its vehement opposition to any expression of hatred and violence directed toward any individual or group based on sexual orientation, race, gender, religion, national origin or disability." Fox called attention to the beginnings and results of hatred and ignorance, and further went on to inform that such things will not be tolerated at NCSU and will be prosecuted under the Student Code of Conduct.

This, to my knowledge, is the first time a chancellor at this school has recognized sexual orientation as a matter of diversity and expressed the university's support of its students, regardless of orientation. It makes me very proud to go to a school where open minds are encouraged to flourish and diversity is celebrated, not alienated. Several students were very

touched by the chancellor's outreach, and, hopefully, she will be just as touched in reading this statement of thanks. I would like to personally thank you, Chancellor Fox, for your open acceptance of all students at NCSU, for being a strong woman in a position of power for students to look up to and, lastly, for coming to our university community when we needed you most.

Lesley Templeton

Research tracks trends

Allison Ballard's Oct. 22 article, "State researcher monitors hog waste and its effects on air quality" noted that N.C. State, as a land grant university, bears the responsibility of keeping up with trends in research that best serve the people of the state. As a faculty member in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, I very much agree with this charge. In the same article, Dr. Anuja noted the need to find technology and the industrial application to bring solutions so that the

environment is safeguarded. I also agree with this need. As such, it should be noted that the NCSU-based Animal and Poultry Waste Management Center is supporting a multidisciplinary and broad-based research and education program to address concerns associated with the state's animal agriculture industry. Work in progress includes 18 different categories of technology applications involving over three dozen faculty members from this university. In addition, our faculty is collaborating with numerous researchers at other universities within the United States and abroad on several of these projects. Some of the projects that have been completed and/or are underway show very promising results that may abate environmental impacts associated with ammonia emissions from livestock operations. I invite you to visit our Web site to learn more about this program.

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from gangs, which we typically wish to condemn. The unification of Hillary Clinton and Elizabeth Dole would finally put an end all the hypocrisy in Washington and may even help to get something done (go figure).

Despite claims that they are on the opposite ends of the political spectrum, I don't see that they would differ on too many issues. During the 1960s, Dole was a registered democrat who worked in the Lyndon Johnson administration. Unfortunately, Dole soon afterwards crossed over into conservative territory and worked in the administrations of Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and George Bush. Currently, she is the president of the American Red Cross (after a brief hiatus from helping her husband on the campaign trail).

Coinciding with Dole's work with the Red Cross is Hillary's continued efforts to reform America's health-care system. Ever since she was elected in 1992 — uh, I mean ever since Bill was elected in 1992 — health-care reform has been one of her top priorities.

Both Hillary and Elizabeth have pursued initiatives to rescue at-risk youth.

In 1973 Hillary became a staff attorney for the Children's Defense Fund. While she was the First Lady of Arkansas, Clinton founded Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families and introduced programs similar to North Carolina's Smart-Start program.

On some scales, Dole and Clinton actually find themselves advocating the same thing, but on others they're at odds. But who cares? Wouldn't it be better if the president and the vice-president (I'm not sure who would do which job) didn't agree on every little thing? I think it'd be better that way. Perhaps then we could have legislation that is representative of the whole, rather than just

some particular sects of the population. They'd be the ultimate tag team — literally, the new world order. We need someone in office who knows how to be scrupulous (to handle all the shady business associated with running the free world) and someone who's fair and honest. What better representation of that than Hillary Clinton and Elizabeth Dole?

So there it is — my plan for world domination. I'm telling you — it really would work. They are both experienced women in the world of politics, and there's no doubt that they would be formidable opposition for whoever tried to test them. It could be just a coincidence that all previous attempts at world domination have been conceived by men and have subsequently failed.

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the Textile Bowl. "Clemson... they're having a down year, but any team in the ACC can beat any other team." Butler added.

"I think this team understands the implications of this game. Four games left, all of them, I believe we can legitimately win." O'Caing went on to say.

Tradition has it that in the Textile Bowl, the winning team gets T-shirts, and the losing team gets a hat.

"I really want a T-shirt; I have too many hats," said Butler, who has not seen N.C. State beat Clemson in four years.

and 19th in goals this season, respectively. Van Ruiten leads the Deacons scoring attack with 12 goals to the year, while Everett isn't far behind with 11 goals.

Van Ruiten also leads the Deacons in points scored and assists. She currently ranks 10th in the NCAA and fourth in the ACC with 31 points. Van Ruiten has also dished out seven assists this season. Everett is 20th in the country with 24 points this season.

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ACC women ready to race

◆ A look at the Wolfpack's competition in next week's ACC Cross Country Championship Meet.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

Eight teams stand in the way of N.C. State's fourth-straight conference title in women's cross country. Here is a look at the teams and a low down on what they will be bringing to the line in Charlottesville next week.

Clemson: The Tigers finished sixth at last year's conference championships, where then-senior Megan Hartman was the only Clemson runner to finish in the top 20. Julianne Littmann and Beth Ahern both finished in the top 30 and have been leading the Tigers this season. Ahern, Littmann and junior Erica Van Reenen finished second, third and fourth, respectively, at the Tiger Classic two weekends ago. While Ahern and Littmann have been consistent all season for Clemson, Van Reenen's finish was a personal best, cutting 52 seconds off of her previous top time. The Tigers are currently ranked No. 4 in the Southeast region.

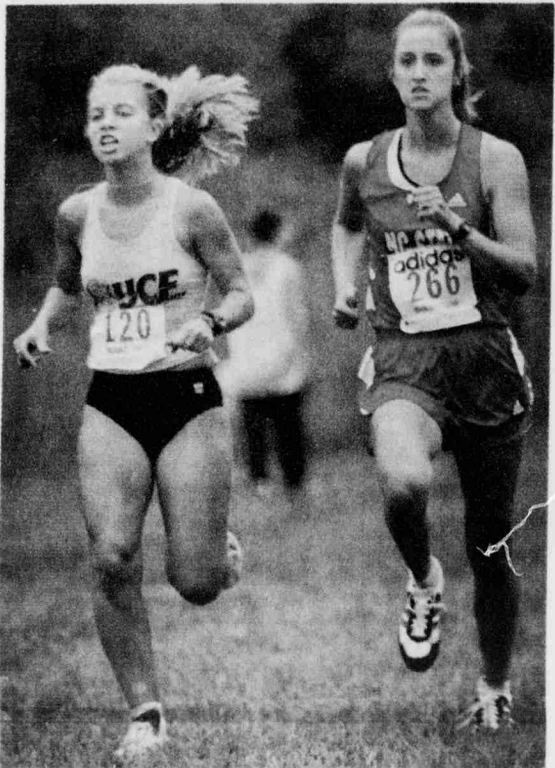
Duke: A year ago, Virginia edged the Blue Devils out of fourth place at the Conference Championships by just one point, and the Devils are poised for revenge. Five of Duke's top-seven runners from the conference meet in 1997 return this season, including sophomore Megan Sullivan. As a freshman, Sullivan was the Blue Devils top finisher, taking 11th. Two weeks ago at the ECAC/IC4A championships at New York City's Van Cortland Park, Sullivan finished fourth in the 5K race, helping Duke to a fourth place team finish.

Florida State: The host of last year's conference championships, FSU finished dead last on both the men's and women's side. The Seminoles may have a tough time improving. Only two runners placed in the top 50 in last year's race, and one of those runners has since graduated. Only three runners return to this year's race, whose field appears to be significantly tougher than a year ago.

Georgia Tech: The Yellow Jackets took seventh last season and will again battle to be the best of the bottom tier of the conference. Three of five runners from last season return, including junior Becky Megesti. In Tech's last outing, Megesti collected her third consecutive individual title, helping the Jackets to their third straight victory of the season, winning the Troy State Invitational.

Maryland: At the ECAC Championships two weeks ago in New York, the Terrapins' women's team took third, led by eighth-place finisher Aimee Phillippi. Phillippi, a sophomore, finished 64th at last year's conference championships. Kelly Crowley, who was Maryland's top finisher at last year's championships, took ninth, while classmate Keri Seher finished 11th.

UNC-Chapel Hill: One of the three teams picked to contend for the women's championship, the Tar Heels are led by junior Trish Nerro, who was named the ACC women's cross country performer of the week last week. Nerro paced the Tar Heels with a second-place finish in the Auburn Invitational, leading the Heels to



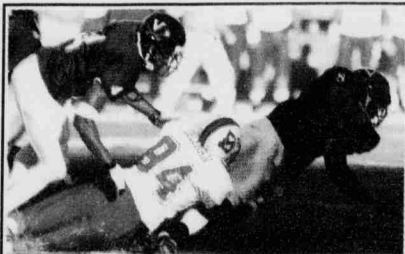
The N.C. State women's cross country team will try to stave off the competition in next week's ACC Championship meet.

a third-place finish overall. Third is where the Tar Heel team and Nerro finished last season in the conference meet.

Virginia: Virginia is coming off of a first-place finish at the ECAC/IC4A championships where the Cavaliers placed first overall, led by Jamie Sutherland, who took second place. UVa placed seven runners in the top 30, including three of the runners that helped the Cavs take fourth place at last year's conference championship. The Wahos edged the Blue Devils by one point a year ago and beat Duke again two weeks ago, this time by a 41-point margin.

Wake Forest: The Demon Deacons will be

the most serious threat to knock N.C. State off of its three-year throne. Wake not only finished second to the Pack at last year's State Championships and Conference meet, but also at the District III meet. The Deacs advanced to the NCAA meet but couldn't keep up with the Pack's 11th-place finish. All seven of Wake's runners from last season's ACC meet return, including Conference Individual Champion Janelle Kraus. The Deacs recently finished third at the University of Michigan-hosted Wolverine Interregional, finishing behind Michigan and Georgetown. Kraus finished second to Notre Dame's JoAnna Deeter.



Chris Coleman (84) makes a rare tackle in Saturday's loss, which dropped the Pack a game behind Virginia's conference leading pace. FSU and Georgia Tech are also tied for first place.

ACC title still up for grabs

◆ The race for the conference title is still heating up midway through the season.

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Sports Editor

With the exception of 1995, for the past six seasons there has been little question as to which team would take home the Atlantic Coast Conference football title.

Since joining the conference in 1992, Florida State has won five of the conference titles outright and tied with the Virginia Cavaliers for the 1995 title.

With half of the conference schedule already in the history books, there are three teams that could claim the conference title, and with the 1998 birth of the Bowl Championship Series, an automatic spot into one of the top four post-season games.

The Seminoles, Cavaliers and the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets each sport a 4-1 conference record and know all too well what is on the line.

"We have to talk conference championship," FSU Coach Bobby Bowden said Saturday after his team's 34-7 victory over Georgia Tech. "You don't get into the alliance without winning the conference championship."

Florida State suffered its only loss of the season in the conference opener against the Wolfpack. The Seminoles walked into Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta this week-

end and picked up four second-half touchdowns to defeat the Yellow Jackets.

Previous to this weekend, Tech had the upper hand in the conference race. After picking up a come-from-behind victory over Virginia just the week before, the Yellow Jackets were 4-0 in the conference.

Tech had come a long way to lead the ACC. After barely scraping its way into a bowl game in 1997 and losing defensive leader Keith Brooking to the NFL draft, the Jackets had been picked to finish fourth in the conference in the pre-season polls.

Virginia picked up a win over N.C. State to stay in the conference race, but the Cavs will have to battle the rest of their schedule from one step behind. The rumors of a torn ligament in Cav safety Anthony Poindexter's left knee were corroborated on Monday. The senior will undergo surgery later in the week and may miss the rest of the 1998 season.

Tech might have the upper hand in the second half of the season but only because the Cavaliers and the Seminoles will face off in Tallahassee later this season. The Yellow jackets have just Maryland, Clemson and Wake Forest left on their conference schedule, while aside from each other, the Cavs and the Noles each will face UNC-Chapel Hill. While the Tar Heels have hardly met pre-season expectations, neither team is counting UNC-CH at 2-1 in the conference, out of the race.

report for either gender.

UNC-Chapel Hill women's soccer wraps up another title

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — The top-ranked UNC-CH Tar Heels overcame a sluggish first half to outscore 13th-ranked Virginia 3-0 in the second 45 minutes leading to a 5-1 Carolina victory in women's soccer before a crowd of 4,142 at Fetzer Field on Sunday afternoon.

In the process, the Tar Heels clinched their 10th Atlantic Coast Conference regular season women's soccer title in the last 12 years and earned the top seed in the ACC Tournament at Orlando, Fla., Nov. 5, 6 and 8.

Virginia's Poindexter tears ligament

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Virginia safety Anthony Poindexter tore a ligament in his left knee and will have surgery early this week, team doctor Frank McCue said Sunday.

The extent of the injury, which happened in the Cavaliers' 23-13 victory over N.C. State on Saturday, won't be known until the surgery, McCue said in a telephone interview from his home.

McCue said the senior, a second-team All-America last year, will miss the last four games of the regular season. The injury, however, is not career-threatening, he said, and Poindexter has a remote chance of playing in a bowl game if he No. 15 Virginia (6-1) gets a bid.

Wake Forest field hockey players among nation's elite

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Two of the nation's top-20 goal scorers are from Wake Forest University, while its goalkeeper ranks among the top five in two different categories.

Freshman Niemie van Ruiten and sophomore Jenny Everett are 16th

State still has hopes of bowl

◆ Despite Saturday's loss, the Wolfpack is still on pace for a bowl bid.

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At Monday's press conference, Head Coach Mike O'Cain talked about Saturday's disappointing loss and the upcoming Textile Bowl between N.C. State and Clemson.

"There is a letdown. A couple of plays here and there, and who knows, we should have won that game," senior fullback Jeff Butler said Monday. "We must stay focused."

"We had awful field position and for it to come down to a couple of calls or no calls, that's frustrating as a coach because you have to look those guys (players) in the eyes," Head Coach Mike O'Cain said about what many feel was a poorly officiated game. "Then again, I went back and looked at it on film, and some calls I thought shouldn't have been called were good calls."

Saturday's loss virtually knocked State out of contention for the Atlantic Coast Conference championship, but there are still a lot of things that this team can still accomplish, mainly a bowl bid.

"We're excited about the possibility; it's one of our goals. We've been excited since the beginning of the season, but we still have to keep in mind what it takes to get there," O'Cain added.

In all likelihood, in order to qualify for a bid N.C. State must win all four of their remaining games. Four wins, all against teams with .500 records or below, would put the Pack at 8-3 overall and 6-2 in the ACC.

"If we finish this thing 8-3, we could place second in the conference," O'Cain emphasized.

Despite the loss, there were a lot of positives in the game versus Virginia. Freshman running back Ray Robinson had an extraordinary game, rushing for over 189 yards and one touchdown in the first half.

"He's been more mature — that is the key to him being able to play. He's mature for a freshman, and he wants to be good," O'Cain added.

Robinson, who's from South Carolina, must go back to South



Ray Robinson (above with ball) and the Pack are still in the hunt for post season play.

Carolina and face off against Clemson this Saturday.

"I hope for the situation where he does carry the ball 35 times, because that means we're running the ball," O'Cain said.

Also, despite the loss, the Wolfpack showed signs of a winning team. State led Virginia in 11 offensive categories and only allowed Virginia to complete eight passes. Now, the Wolfpack must focus its attention on Clemson in a game that is known as

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ACC NOTEBOOK

◆ News, notes and happenings from around the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Sports Staff Report

Duke dominates ACC preseason predictions

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Duke Blue Devils proved to be the media's favorites for preseason basketball honors over the weekend as both the men's and women's teams were picked to finish first in the conference.

Duke is an overwhelming favorite to win the ACC men's basketball title this year, receiving 79 of 86 first-place votes in a poll of media members at the conference's annual Operation Basketball, held Sunday in Charlotte, N.C. Maryland finished second in the balloting, and UNC-Chapel Hill placed third.

Duke was also picked to win the ACC women's basketball title, ahead of Virginia, UNC-CH and N.C. State. The Blue Devils are a top-five pick nationally in several magazines in women's, as well as men's, basketball.

Georgia Tech freshman is honored

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Georgia Tech freshman Niesha Butler (New York, N.Y.) also earned honors at Operation Basketball on Sunday when she was named the 1998-99 Atlantic Coast Conference Women's Basketball Pre-Season Rookie of the Year.

Butler, a 5-foot-8-inch guard out of New York's Riverdale Country School, was named one of USA Today's "Super 25" high school girls' basketball players as a senior in 1997-98. She scored 3,127 points in her prep career, breaking former Georgia Tech men's point guard Kenny Anderson's New York City high school scoring

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