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## Student jailed for weapons violation

◆ A public safety officer finds a firearm at Frat Court.

**DANIELLE STANFIELD**  
Assistant News Editor

The sound of a shotgun slide chambering a round at the Sigma Nu Fraternity House was all Public Safety Officer J.W. Goodrow needed.

Around 1 a.m., Aug. 6, Officer Goodrow was on foot patrol at Fraternity Court when he heard the distinct noise.

Officer Goodrow came upon Joe Camp, a freshman, standing on top of the landing to the second floor of the fraternity house with a shotgun in his hand. Officer Goodrow said he ordered Camp to put the weapon down. Instead, Camp attempted to go inside with the gun. The report said Officer Goodrow repeated his order with his hand on his gun. Camp finally complied.

Officer Goodrow said he retrieved a \$300, black 12-gauge shotgun and a shotgun shell from the landing.

After the suspect was arrested and questioned, Camp admitted to ownership of the gun "but didn't realize it was illegal to have [it] on campus," the report said.

With Camp's permission, officials searched Camp's room for more weapons, Goodrow said. During the search, officials seized two other shells in the weapon's box.

According to the report, Camp was transported to Wake County Jail and was processed for felony possession of a weapon on campus and was released to the Wake County Sheriff's Office.

Paul Cousins, director of the office of student conduct, said NCSU prohibits any firearms on campus.

"We have a zero tolerance policy on weapons," he said.

Students who are charged with possession of a firearm are immediately placed under an interim suspension from the university. If students wish to return to the university, then they have five days to place an appeal to the provision.

Camp's mother, commenting from her Charlotte home, said her son was a student starting his sophomore year in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. She said he is off campus until they sort out the situation with authorities.

Even so, Cousins said Camp was not a student at the university, therefore the university banned him from the campus.

"The rule doesn't apply if they're not students," he said.

In addition, the crime report also listed Camp as a resident at the fraternity house.

Camp was not available for comment.

According to Cousins, NCSU has about three weapon possession charges a year.



Students congregate outside of Harrelson, where professor Dana Latch was beaten last May.

Mike Pittman/Staff

## Harrelson beating remains unsolved

◆ After three months, Public Safety is still on the trail of the assailant of Dana Latch.

**JACK ORLY**  
News Editor

Three months after a mathematics professor was severely beaten in her Harrelson Hall office, there is no arrest in the case.

Dana Latch, an associate professor of mathematics, was assaulted in her Harrelson office on May 19. She was taken to the hospital in critical condition and released more than three weeks later.

Jeff Mann, associate vice-chancellor

for business and overseer of Public Safety, said that N.C. State is conducting a thorough investigation of the crime.

"I want to emphasize to the students that a very active investigation is being conducted by two very professional organizations," Mann said.

"The investigation is being pursued with vigor. However, the evidence that the agencies have given us to date has not been sufficient for an arrest and conviction. We wouldn't want to reveal our evidence prematurely."

NCSU's Public Safety is cooperating with the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) on the case.

"The primary reason we chose to do this investigation between two agencies is to have more resources avail-

able on the case," said Mann.

Following the assault on Latch in May, students and faculty were alerted to potential safety concerns through fliers and crime alerts. Even with such precautions, there is no way of guaranteeing that such attacks will not happen in the future, said Mann.

"There's nothing that I am aware of in the Latch case that suggests a breach of security, like a door was left unlocked in Harrelson," Mann said. "In view of that, no specific new measures have been embraced. Public Safety officers and security guards are ever more vigilant.

"... This is a city within a city. What we have to ask ourselves is how crime compares to other areas around campus."

According to statistics given by Mann that were compiled by Public Safety and the Raleigh Police department, there were 11 aggravated assaults on campus in 1997; there were 161 in the two-mile radius around campus.

Still, student reaction is somewhat mixed on the issue of campus safety.

"I am extremely concerned," said LaChanna Summers, a junior in communications. "We want to be able to walk where we want. I always call Public Safety, I never go anywhere by myself ... just use common sense."

Bhruksoti Patel, a senior in communications, is not as concerned.

"I'm not very concerned," Patel said. "I haven't had any problems. I feel pretty safe. I see security around."

## Fox finishes her first-week festivities

◆ Chancellor Fox talks to faculty, staff and students about her hopes for the university.

**TIM CRONE**  
Staff Writer

Almost a month after her arrival at N.C. State, new Chancellor Marye Anne Fox is still very much in demand.

Two weeks ago, Fox addressed the Staff Senate in a small room. Earlier this week, her crowd was a number of students as she offered to help move in and later joined them at Fountain Dining Hall. Tuesday, her crowd was even larger and louder as she spoke to faculty, staff and a few students in an overflowing Stewart Theatre.

While the new chancellor had a lot to say, her remarks to everyone centered on essentially the same statement: "greatness is within our grasp."

Fox began her duties at the beginning of August; her first day of work, Aug. 3, was filled with tours, visits with deans and upper-level staff and not just a few introductions and hand-shakes. From the beginning, she expressed the same three visions for NCSU: building a campus community, building alliances with outside organizations and creating a reasonable business model for the university.

Fox, like any good speaker, was always careful to consider her audience.

"You are the heart of the university," Fox told the staff senators. "Staff are critical, absolutely critical, to how the university operates."

"I've given pretty clear marching orders to my senior staff — and that includes the deans — on the criteria against which I will judge them, and on which I judge myself," said Fox on her first day of work. "When you get up in the morning, you should ask yourself, 'Are students better off today for what I'm going to do?' And if the answer is no, you ought to do something else."

At Tuesday's meeting, nominally of the general faculty, Fox quoted Dwight Eisenhower: "the faculty are the university."

"I pledge my full support for the faculty as they direct the intellectual growth of the institution and ask for their active participation in university governance."

However, Fox was careful to remind all who would listen of NCSU's most vital aspect. "Education. This is N.C. State's first priority; it is a first priority for all of us."

And Fox ranks the education at NCSU among the best in the nation, comparing it favorably to "peer" institutions such as the University of California at Berkeley, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Purdue.

Even the best can be better, Fox thinks, and her triple visions for NCSU uphold that principle.

"The quality of the college experience is a vital component of every American student's life, and a sup-

portive work environment is a key feature in developing the careers of our best faculty and staff. ... We must be nurturing and welcoming, doing all within our power to assure student success for all students judged worthy of admission," she said of her vision for campus community. "A top quality campus also provides an extracurricular life that fosters development of the whole person. Yes, it does mean a winning intercollegiate athletics program, but it also means access to the whole range of student services, including

intramural sports, the arts and stimulating intellectual pursuits complementary to class work."

Fox also encourages greater partnering with the community at large — not only business, but also government, alumni and parents. She also encouraged the development of a better business model, one that not only "must be better, faster and cheaper," but also appear as such to NCSU's business partners."

Fox concluded with reassuring

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## A mid-day break



Mike Pittman/Staff

Pam Berk, a senior from Buffalo St. University, and Jeff Brunskill, an NCSU senior in meteorology, take time from their day to ponder such things as the meaning of life and tadpoles.

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## Fox: A mini-biography

**LER DELICIO**  
News Editor

When Marye Anne Fox looks back at retirement, she will have a lot to be proud of.

Fox has had a long and prestigious career. She graduated in 1969 from Notre Dame College with a Bachelor of Science. She received her master's degree from Cleveland State University and her doctorate from Dartmouth in 1974. She has also received an honorary degree from Notre Dame.

Fox's professional experience began in 1968 when she did undergraduate research at the Bendix Corporation American Institute of Physics. While she was at

Cleveland State University, she was a graduate research and teaching assistant.

After graduating from Cleveland State, Fox spent 1970 and 1971 as an instructor of organic chemistry, biochemistry and environmental chemistry at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland.

From 1974 to 1976 Fox was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Maryland.

In 1976 she moved on to the University of Texas, where she remained until she came to NCSU. While at the University of Texas, Fox went from assistant professor of organic chemistry to associate professor to professor. In 1986 she

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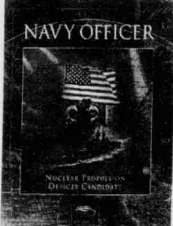
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words of praise for her new employer. "Please join me in spreading the word. The message is really quite simple. Science, engineering and technology is the future. N.C. State is North Carolina's leader in science, engineering and technology. If we build a strong campus community, embrace new concepts of partnering and convince our supporters that our services are delivered efficiently and with a focus on performance, we will move to the next level beyond excellence. Indeed, greatness is within our grasp."

He became a Rowland-Pettit Centennial Professor at the University of Texas. Also in 1986, Fox became director of the Center for Fast Kinetics Research at the University of Texas. Fox has been invited to be a visiting professor or visiting scholar several times over the years. These locations included Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., Universite de Marie Curie in Paris, Taiwan, Iowa and Chicago. Fox has won many awards and fellowships over the years. In 1968 Fox was a National Science Foundation Undergraduate Research Fellow at Illinois Institute of Technology. In 1969 she graduated cum laude with honors in chemistry and received a Medal of Excellence from the American Institute of Chemists. In 1972-73 Fox was a Dartmouth Fellow. Awards continued over the years, including a Garvan Medal from the American Chemical Society in 1988. Notre Dame named her an Outstanding Alumna in 1992. In 1994, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences named her a Fellow. Fox is a member of many professional organizations, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Chemical Society, Inter-American Photochemical Society, The Electrochemical Society, the Iota Sigma Pi Science Honorary and the Phi Kappa Phi Honorary.

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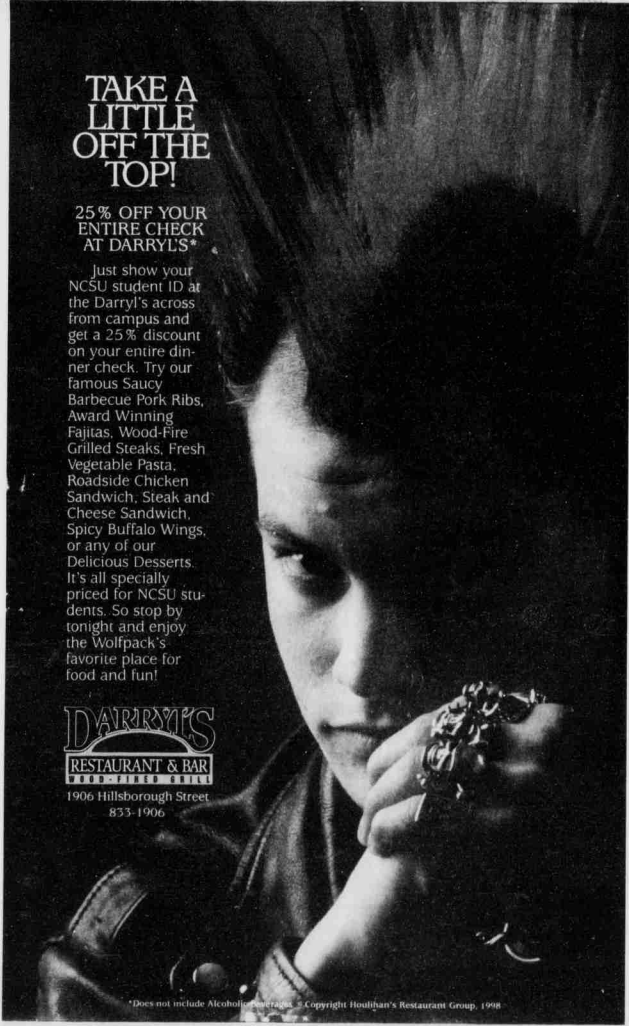
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## Adventures in Salsa

◆ Plum Crazy on Friday nights is just the place for those who are tired of the ordinary dance club scene.

MEGAN RILEY  
Spotlight Editor

Walking into Plum Crazy last Friday night, I realized I already had three obstacles to overcome before dancing at a salsa club. One, I had no earthly idea how to salsa. Two, I was used to dancing by myself or in a small group, and I had never learned how to follow the signals of the lead dancer. Three, looking around at the crowd in the small bar reserved for salsa music, I seemed to be taller than 90 percent of the guys, my potential dance partners.

Every Friday night an organization called Salsa Carolina rents out Plum Crazy from 9:30 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. to play Latin music so people can dance the salsa, the merengue and other Latin dances. The admission is \$7 for men, \$5 for women and free for women before 10 p.m., except for the nights they offer live music.

Salsa Carolina began in October of 1991 and now offers salsa dancing three nights a week in the Triangle. In addition to Plum Crazy on New Hope Church Road in Raleigh, they rent out Treehouse in Chapel Hill on

Wednesdays and Horsefeathers Lounge at the Holiday Inn in Research Triangle Park (exit 282, I-40) on Saturdays. At Horsefeathers Lounge they have dance lessons from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. According to Jim Spier, the co-owner of Salsa Carolina, they usually draw in a crowd that is two-thirds Latin and one-third non-Latin. I later learned from a random girl in the bathroom at Plum Crazy what the basic step pattern of the salsa is: rock back on one foot, step forward on the other, step back together and rock, step backwards with the opposite foot, and then step back together. The dancers add their own kicks, twists and bends if they wish. For fast songs, the dancers do the merengue, in which they quickly hop from foot to foot and turn together in a circle.

As soon as I sat down at the tables overlooking the dance floor, I realized my worries about my lack of dancing knowledge and tall height were silly. First of all, I could have a good time just watching the dance floor, even if I never stepped foot on it. Experienced partners filled the floor, twirling each other around, stepping and bending their knees in sync.

Furthermore, no more than two minutes had gone by before I was asked to dance. Nobody cared that I towered over him; they just wanted to dance and have a good time. They also didn't mind pushing me around the dance floor until I had the hang of the steps.

I was lucky that when we first stepped on the dance floor, a fast, mixed song was playing so that we danced freestyle. I wanted to get a feel for the music and let my feet get comfortable on the dance floor before I partnered up with anybody.

When the Latin music came back on the speakers, my partner held out his arms so I'd put one hand in his and the other on his shoulder. I warned him ahead of time: "This is my first time dancing salsa." He smiled and said in a Mexican accent, "I learned how to dance, too."

Obviously it wasn't his first time, for he pressed me against his chest and swung me around quickly. He taught me how to do a full turn, which I handled like a pro. But then I kept on getting his signals confused with the half turn, in which I was supposed to stop with

his arms behind me, and then turn back the way I came.

I also learned that each guy has his own style of dancing. The next man I danced with unhooked our arms several times and swung me quickly. I couldn't help but laugh as I stepped on his toes and repeatedly turned in the wrong direction.

By my third dance partner, I was feeling pretty comfortable. He led me gently while trying to talk to me over the music. I learned that he and his friends from Mexico come not only to dance, but also to learn English by talking to the girls.

By the end of the night, the club was packed and the dance floor was filled. I decided it was one of the best clubs I had ever visited. I was tired of the ordinary nightclub scene, where the only way guys ask you to dance is through eye contact, and only if he wants to grind. After a couple more times at the salsa club, I should be able to actually listen to and enjoy the music, rather than just pay attention to what my partner is doing.

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◆ The Titanic aftermath: Are the big disaster movies here to stay?

MEGAN RILEY  
Spotlight Editor

Last spring semester, right after the Oscars, my music class had a discussion about the success of "Titanic." The general consensus of the class was that the reason the movie had done so well was because it showed what film can do that no other form of art can — it can create fantastic, computerized effects and pass them off as real life.

As I sat in theaters watching "Armageddon" this summer, I wondered, are these computer-based movies the direction audiences really want film to be heading? Are these movies really going to become our classics, which we keep in our video cabinet to watch dozens and dozens of times? Somehow I cannot picture it. The films that successfully last through the ages have two characteristics that these action/disaster movies do not — originality and a superbly written screenplay.

Let's first take originality. Disaster films tend to all follow a certain pattern in their plot or have certain necessary characters. The first character is the adorable dog that barely misses death, usually in the first five minutes of the film. Then there's Joe Nobody who courageously leaves his family and steps forward to save the world. He becomes the hero by the end of the movie by using some gigantic weapon, all the while shouting stupid one-liners to his enemy like, "This one's for Mom." And finally there's the "dad" of the whole production — sometimes the president, or other times the head guy at calm precision. He gains the honor and respect of all the characters by the movie's conclusion.

After seeing a few of these disaster movies, I might have well seen them all. When I was watching "Armageddon," I was actually rooting for Bruce Willis' character to fail and not destroy the meteor that was crashing into the Earth so that the world would come to its end; at least it would be a twist away from the customary disaster storyline.

Now, "Titanic" was able to diverge a little from the normal string of events and characters of the ordinary disaster movie. However, the screenplay had the same fault that all disaster movies have: underdevelopment. The writers seem to think that the audience will believe and sympathize with everything that's handed to them, without question. If a character is the good guy, we're supposed to root for him. If he's the villain, we boo him. Therefore, the characters and plot don't need development.

When the writers stick a love story into this formula, they create a big problem. In order to make a good romance, the story needs development and characterization. The audience needs to be in the characters' shoes. They need to feel what the characters are feeling. Nothing about throwing two good-looking people from different upbringings onto a boat where they fall so deeply in love in a matter of hours that they are willing to risk each other lives for each other turns me on. I didn't believe it. The director was so worried about making the set look exactly like the original Titanic that he forgot to make the storyline realistic.

I'm not saying that action films that rely heavily on computerized effects cannot be of quality. Two of my favorite movies are "Total Recall" and "Terminator II." Unfortunately, the majority of action movies are in the

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## NC State's radio station now on the Internet

◆ WKNC joins the few college radio stations that offer their signal via the web.

ALAN WATKINS  
Special to Technician

After months of planning, WKNC 88.1 FM can now be heard on the World Wide Web. You can get the audio right off its homepage at <http://www.wknc.ncsu.edu>. This is a boost in the promotion of their new format, consisting of rock in the morning, a mix of rock and alternative throughout the day, and alternative in the evening, which has been successful over the summer.

There are basically two steps to Web broadcasting. First, the audio signal must be encoded into a computerized form and then streamed to the user's computer. Basically, a stream can be thought of as a headphone jack and a stream server can be thought of as a receiver that has a finite amount of jacks. Once all of those outlets are filled, no one else can listen until some-

one decides to unplug their headphones and let someone else listen. When more people are listening, more bandwidth is used up by the audio streams.

It took WKNC a long time to get its signal on the Web because of the costs involved in streaming an audio signal and deciding which of the available technologies (such as MPEG audio and Microsoft's Netshow) was best suited to their needs. Although the RealAudio format and the chosen compression bitrate are not of the highest quality, they provide the right mix of compatibility with old, slow modems, as well as the installed base of compatible RealAudio players. Some of the available businesses that provide streaming services cost thousands of dollars per month, which was not in WKNC's budget.

It was later found out that NCSU already has the software and the bandwidth to offer this kind of service, but was unwilling to make its services available to WKNC and its use of the university's computer resources. The staff at WKNC had to look at other options and, after much research,

came in contact with catalogue.com, who is donating their RealAudio server to local college radio stations.

catalogue.com has agreed to provide a share of up to 50 streams for WKNC's use, regardless of where the user may be: on campus or off. This means that alumni as well as potential NCSU students can hear what's happening at NCSU 24 hours a day. Also, when WKNC broadcasts NCSU sporting events, they will have the potential to be heard around the world.

The equipment home users need to hear WKNC on the Web is a computer with a soundcard, a 28.8 baud connection to the Internet, and a standard RealAudio player (available free off the KNC Web site).

WKNC is now one of the few college radio stations that offer their signal via the web. Also, with some simple automation equipment, WKNC's signal is now virtually guaranteed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For more information on WKNC or to volunteer to work there, visit their Web page at [www.wknc.ncsu.edu](http://www.wknc.ncsu.edu)

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Sun., August 23 "Jaws" at 7 p.m. FREE  
Thurs., August 27 "Character" at 6:45 & 9 p.m. FREE

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Fri., August 21 Ozone Quartet  
Fri., August 22 Lomie Shields (blues)  
Thurs., August 27 Danielle Howell

### Brewery

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Sat., August 22 Abbey 6  
Tues., August 25 TMEP  
Wed., August 26 Kevin Kinney  
Thurs., August 27 Veldt, Nine Minute Snooze

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Wed., August 26 GetUps  
Thurs., August 27 Danielle Howle & the Tantrums

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Thurs., August 20 Earth, Wind and Fire  
Sat., August 22 Rod Stewart  
Thurs., August 27 Smokin' Grooves

### Ziggy's - Winston Salem

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Sat., August 22 Pat McGee  
Tues., August 25 Gran Torino  
Wed., August 26 Emma Gibbs Band

### Performances

**N.C. Museum of Art**  
Sat., August 22 Marian McPartland Trio (jazz) at 7:30 p.m. \$14

### Raleigh Little Theatre

Fri.-Sat., August 21-22 "Man of La Mancha" at 8 p.m.  
Thurs.-Sat., August 27-29 "Man of La Mancha" at 8 p.m.

### Sheafer Theatre - Duke

August 21-30 "How I Learned to Drive" by Peter Vogel, presented by Man Bites Dog Theater Co., with shows at 8:15 p.m. (3:15 p.m. Sun.) \$12

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**Barnes & Noble - Crabtree Valley**  
Fri., August 23 "Cooking with Sheri," with Sheri Castle at 7:30 p.m.

### Cameron Village Regional Library

Mon., August 24 Falun Dafa informational seminar 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call 856-6703.

### O'Malley's - Oak Park Shopping Center

Sat., Aug 23 Celtic musician jam session from 2-5 p.m. FREE

### REI - Crossroads Plaza, Cary

Wed., August 26 Advanced Bicycle Maintenance clinic at 7 p.m. FREE

### Opportunities

#### Durham

The Durham Arts Council needs volunteers for CenterFest, held Sept. 19-20. Call 560-2723.  
Mon.-Tues., August 24-25 Meredith Performs Theatre auditions for "Locked Doors & Lighting Bugs" at 7 p.m. Call 760-8586.

### Exhibitions

#### N.C. Museum of Art

"Closing: The Life and Death of an American Factory" through Oct. 18.

"Contemporary Considerations of the Portrait" through Feb. 28.

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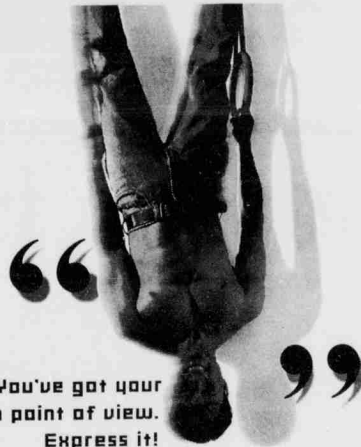
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likes of "Twister" and "Con Air." And I'm not saying that all movies have to be cheesy, romantic flicks without any action (although, I have to admit, I am addicted to these relationship movies).

No, I can think of four movies that had all the originality and good writing in the world that can easily be watched over and over, without catching all there is to see. Four movies that will go down in history as Oscar runners-up to the big, titanic disaster movie. They are "A Good As It Gets," "L.A. Confidential," "Good Will Hunting" and "The Full Monty."

I don't think that the film industry made any great accomplishment with the heavy use of computers. Sure, that boat splitting in two was fantastic on the big screen, but I had no desire to run and see it again. The classics on my video shelf are ones that surprise me each time with their originality and good writing.

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## Editorials

# Cash for the arena

◆ NCSU makes the right move in giving \$5 million.

When the Dean E. Smith center was put into use for the University of North Carolina's basketball team, the N.C. State powers-that-be saw what an arena of that caliber could do for a college. Thus, a chain of events occurred: plans were made for an NCSU arena, the Centennial Authority was formed to coordinate the day-to-day planning and financing of a planned arena, and a plethora of other projects began to take form.

At one time there was excitement and hope about a new arena for NCSU. In the early 1990s, an 18,000-seat arena was supposed to cost around \$60 million. Yet the Centennial Authority and its supporters wanted a larger arena, seating 21,000, so the cost skyrocketed to \$120 million. In the spring of 1997, the Centennial Authority won a long battle with Raleigh Mayor Tom Fetzter and other arena expansion opponents, getting the additional \$60 million needed from a hotel tax plan.

This past summer, the authority announced that the arena was \$20 million over budget. Proposals were thrown left and right. The NHL team, the Carolina Hurricanes, who will also be using the facility, offered to cover the remainder of the costs in exchange for certain rights and lucrative privileges. Yet the Authority put this plan on hold, seeking elsewhere for the needed cash. One idea was to approach the Wake County Board of Commissioners once more. But Tom Fetzter is steadfast in his

attempts to keep any more tax dollars from going to the arena. This week, the Authority went to one of the most visible donors: NCSU.

The Authority asked NCSU to give more money to the project — \$10.5 million, to be exact — to help cover the \$20 million it needed. This request has been met with all kinds of responses, both negative and positive. NCSU's decision this week to give \$5 million will help long-term benefits.

If NCSU were to give nothing, and the Authority goes ahead with the hockey team's plan, then this great school may lose the tiny ounce of control over the arena that it had. If NCSU gives something, then perhaps some control will be retained and maybe even add more. And, above all, NCSU's commitment to this project will continue to stand tall. The \$5 million will help solidify this stance.

The benefits of this arena stretch deep into the future. A better playing facility for the men's basketball team, an improved image in national exposure, more blue-chip recruits, and a venue for NCAA basketball tournament sites — these are just a few things that will become a reality after this arena's completion.

An NCSU project without commitment from the faculty, students and staff is like, in the words of singer/songwriter Paul Simon, "a window in a heart." The \$5 million from NCSU shows desire for this project to be completed and that NCSU wants to be a key factor in the day-to-day operations of the arena.

Besides, if UNC could do it, then NCSU sure as hell ought to be able to as well.



Marye Anne Fox, Chancellor, North Carolina State University, Inaugural Year  
MARKERS with reference from Mike Pittman

# We should follow rules at Brent Road

JAMIE BROWN  
Student Chief Justice

As we begin another school year at N.C. State, we all look forward to such things as seeing old friends, beginning classes, football games and all of the celebration that goes along with these activities. Many students are getting excited about one specific event: the Brent Road party.

This event has become a challenge for our community. Traditionally it has taken place the first weekend

after classes start. It has been an opportunity for students to get reacquainted with friends and meet many different kinds of people. If used in the proper context, events such as Brent Road could be a lot of fun.

Unfortunately, in the past few years the Brent Road party has gotten out of control. People have been hurt, property has been destroyed, and there has been an overall disruption in the Brent Road community. Students have shown such a lack of respect for persons, property and the

law that the University has been forced to respond.

The Code of Student Conduct gives the University inherent authority for off-campus conduct. Specifically, "The University reserves the right to take necessary and appropriate action to protect the safety and well being of the campus community and to support the mission of the University." There are only certain instances when the University utilizes its authority in this area. The Brent Road Party has become one of those instances, as it

falls under the category of "significant community disturbances."

As a result of the past behavior of party-goers on Brent Road, the city of Raleigh will supply 150 officers. This law enforcement team will include officers from the Raleigh Police Department, NCSU Public Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles and Alcohol Law Enforcement. In the past, the bulk of citations have been written for underage alcohol consumption, open container viola-

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# Storm shelters badly needed

◆ FEMA makes a good recommendation concerning tornadoes.

All over the Southeast, the Midwest and the upper Midwest, tornadoes have wreaked havoc for millions of Americans. More than 1,000 twisters have hit the American homeland this year, with over 120 fatalities. Then of course, there are the monetary losses, which hover in the millions. This week, James Lee Witt, the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), recommended that people build "safe rooms" in basements that could be used as storm shelters.

Here in the Carolinas, especially in the Triangle, tornadoes came in furies over the last seven months and, most of the time, without warning. Sadly enough, many residents in the outskirts of the Triangle live in mobile homes or "trailers," which are often still mounted on wheels or columns of cinder blocks. These homes are the

most threatened, because they can be ripped apart and sent into multiple directions with ease by the deadly winds of tornadoes, as well as other debris that is tossed around.

At the FEMA conference, recommendations were made for basements to have rooms within them that are reinforced and can act as storm shelters. If basements are not an option, then bathrooms or closets can also be used.

In the Midwest, where tornadoes occur frequently throughout the spring and the summer, many households go the distance by building underground bunkers as storm shelters. These are by far the safest, because they are independent of the house and are less likely to be covered in high-density debris.

With any luck, the toradic weather that damaged the Triangle in the past seven months will prompt area homeowners to take initiative in building storm shelters.

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### CAMPUS FORUM

#### An open letter to N.C. State Students and Residents of Brent Road

We welcome our students back to N.C. State for the 1998-99 academic year and understand that they want to celebrate the start of a new year. While celebration is a natural part of college life, we expect our students to be good neighbors at all times and obey all laws.

Again this year, NCSU is continuing its collaboration with the City of Raleigh to prevent celebrations from escalating into destructive events on Brent Road or any other location. We are writing to inform you that the following policies will be in effect:

—City of Raleigh Police will provide high-density patrols to control

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# A summer summary

CHRIS MESSER  
Staff Columnist

Let me be the first person to welcome all of you back and actually mean it. It sure has been a long, strange summer since the assembled Wolfpack has been together. Let's list some of the things that have happened, so that I can stretch them into an article, shall we?

OK, I refuse to even mention Monica Lewinsky or the President — not even to be able to use the phrase "Willie's Willie." That whole affair has just about reached the sat-

uration point, at least until I write another column about it, so let's move on.

There is a madman running around my home end of the state — that end being the western end, with all the mountains and stuff. His name is Eric Robert Rudolph, and he is fooling the entire Federal Bureau of Investigation. He has been traipsing around the mountains for months now, and the last people who saw him say that he had stolen a three-month supply of food that, for all we know, could be a keg of O'Doul's and a box of a million Slim Jim's. They have tried all manner of ways

to catch him, from sniffing dogs (well, not actually sniffing dogs as in licking toads, but dogs that are paid in Scooby Snacks to sniff for people) to sending in an ex-green beret nujob to catch him. Talk about the inmates running the asylum.

Anyway, there is a zillion dollar reward for finding this man, who may or may not have blown up a gay bar, the Olympics as well as an abortion clinic, where several off-duty police officers were killed.

The strange thing about this whole affair is that Rudolph is on his home

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# Foul insurance companies!

CATHY WILFONG  
Assistant Opinion Editor

A friend once called health insurance companies the "robber barons" of the insurance industry. I didn't really believe him, thinking the statement a gross exaggeration. At least, until now.

Recent run-ins with my insurance company have only added fuel to my fire.

I had always thought health insurance was a pretty good thing; sure, there were some kinks in the system, but overall, it was a good deal. In fact, I often wondered how people without insurance got along. I mean, who can really afford a \$250 visit to the doctor's office or pills that cost \$9 a piece? The fact is, most people can't. Which is where the insurance company comes into play.

Most health insurance companies will, for a yearly fee, pick up a percentage of most health care costs: trips to the doctor, hospital stays or prescriptions. But, as I have learned, most policies have loopholes big enough to drive a Wolfline bus

through.

Remember the movie "The Rainmaker," based on the book by John Grisham? It was about a poor family whose insurance company refused to pay for the son's leukemia treatments. The company claimed that the condition was (1) pre-existing and (2) the treatment, a bone marrow transplant, was experimental. The ensuing court battle deemed that the company had to cough up a few million dollars in damages. Now if they had just paid for the kid's treatments to begin with, all this could have been avoided and Donny Ray might have lived. But the insurance sharks had to be greedy, in a manner similar to what many would say is a common stereotype.

Although I realize that this story is somewhat exaggerated (what Grisham plot isn't?), I started to feel a certain empathy with the family in the movie after my insurance company suddenly stopped payment on a prescription. The money was not really the issue; it was the principal of the matter that bothered me.

Insurance companies will do just about anything to get out of paying for something, even if it would seem that the surgery/condition/examination is covered in the policy. Even if the company has covered a prescription for years, the payment can be (and often is) cut off without warning. And all of this has made the insurance companies very rich.

Now for those of you defending the companies, saying they pay out millions in health care costs each year, you're deluding yourselves. These companies, contrary to what they would have their customers believe, are not providing a public service. Health insurance companies are, in fact, taking a calculated gamble. They are betting on the fact that the average person's medical bills will not greatly exceed the amount he or she pays for health care coverage. Or, as was the case in "The Rainmaker," that said person will give up after an initial denial from the company.

Employers are the leading source of health care coverage, according

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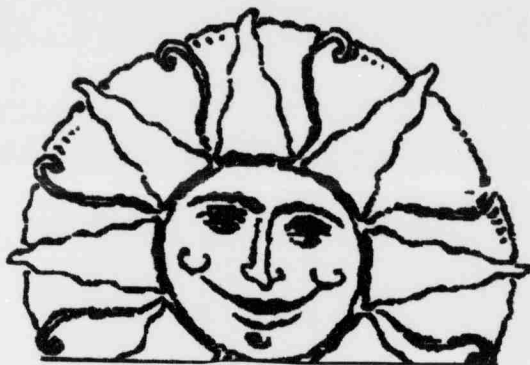
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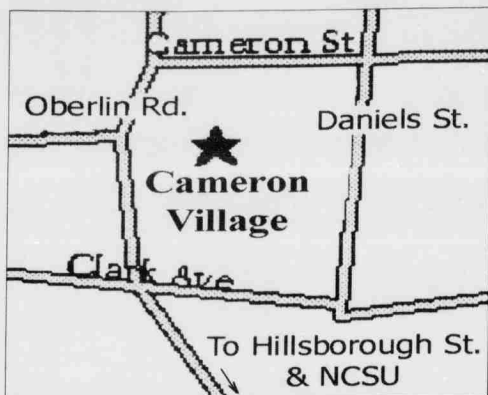
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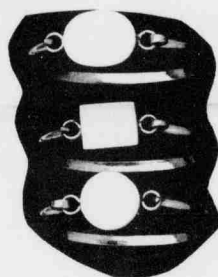
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# Wilfong

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U.S. Census Bureau. This means that most people get their health insurance from their company's blanket policy. The catch here is that many services and medicines are not covered under such policies. If an employee wants additional coverage, he or she must either pay a higher premium or seek private insurance. In addition, most insurance companies are reluctant to

cover small business, which they consider a risk. These companies prefer to cover large groups, where the risks and administrative costs are spread over many people and lives.

In addition, a number of factors—including age, race and origin, educational level and work experience—play key roles in determining whether or not a person can even get health insurance. The fact is, as stated by the Census Bureau, non-coverage rates fall as incomes rise. And wealthy people can afford higher premiums, which in turn makes more money for the insurance com-

pany. And the poor, who are the ones least able to afford expensive prescriptions and visits to the doctor, are often unable to get any coverage at all.

Now, I am not saying that health insurance is a bad thing. In fact, I wish that more people were eligible and could afford it. But it is exactly the latter that is the problem: you don't always get what you pay for. So, when it comes to health insurance, I have proposed a warning label similar to ones on the raunchier CDs: **BUYER BEWARE.** Explicit legal language and loopholes contained within.

and a privilege and with it comes the responsibility to adhere to the Student Code of Conduct and the policies of the university. We expect our students to be considerate citizens and obey the law. Please join us in preventing celebrations from having unwanted and harmful effects on you, the university and our neighbors.

Marye Anne Fox,  
Chancellor

Jenny C. J. Chang,  
President, Student Body

the campus judicial system for violating laws and Code of Student Conduct in our surrounding neighborhoods. Last year, 87 NCSU students were cited as a direct result of activities on Brent Road, and faced consequences in both district court and the NCSU judicial system.

—It is unlawful in the City of Raleigh for a pedestrian on a city street or sidewalk to possess or consume an alcoholic beverage in an open container.

Attendance at NCSU is an honor

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the size of block parties and enforce the law. They have full arrest authority. The university is grateful for the city's action and supports its efforts.

—NCSU students who are cited or arrested as a result of these celebrations will also face charges through

# Messer

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turf, because he spent almost all his life, aside from the alleged bombing runs in Georgia and Louisiana, in those western North Carolina mountains. He knows the terrain and he knows the locals.

Like I was saying, finding this Rudolph character is about like finding a smelly fish head in a pail of even smellier fish heads. Trust me, those mountain people all have big guns, and they don't necessarily disagree with Rudolph's methods. I know, because I am one of them, to

named a point. Killing is wrong.

Now that I have effectively covered my ass on that one, let me get to what I have been trying to say for the last three paragraphs: Rudolph more than likely is receiving help in one form or another from the locals. People down there look after their own, and he is probably so far down that particular underground railroad that the FBI couldn't catch up if he were to lay on his back and crab-walk up to Manitoba. Say so long to Rudolph, his sleigh is long gone.

Well, I'm running out of room for the annual "What happened over the summer" article, so I'll paraphrase the rest. Saddam Hussein is still the monkey of the Middle East, having to be the center of attention in a world where the most important

issue is Lewinsky.

A lot of movies came out, some good, some horrible. "Godzilla" was a royal \$7.50 suckfest, while "Saving Private Ryan" was the best American movie in the past 50 years. "Halloween H2O" was great, too, but that's just because I have a giant Jamie Lee Curtis fetish.

Last and most certainly least, the World Cup, or in French, "Le Coupe de Crap," was decided, and the frogs walked away the victors. The only exciting thing was that Iran exploded in celebration when they defeated the U.S. They are lucky they didn't explode for real. Just ask your neighbor Saddam how a Patriot missile feels. But then again, in the words of Dennis Miller, "that's just my opinion. I could be wrong."

# Brown

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tions and disorderly conduct. Last year there were over 300 citations issued. Of those citations, 87 were given to NCSU students. It is very

important for students to realize that if they are given a citation on Brent Road, they will not only face charges in the City of Raleigh, but they will also be dealt with by the University Judicial System. Citations given may result in a criminal record.

The University understands that students are excited about the start of a new year and want to celebrate.

However, we cannot and will not condone behavior that is against the law and harmful to members of our community. If you do choose to attend this event, it is my hope that you will not engage in behavior that is unlawful or in violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Instead, please remember and take pride in the fact that you are an NCSU student.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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careers.

Payne was a member of the State Champion Cary High School Imps, finishing third overall at the State meet last season. Payne also recorded top-five finishes in three different events at the North Carolina State track and field meet.

Fonner, who hails from Trinity High School in Trinity, N.C., is a four-time conference and regional high school champion and finished in the top three in the state cross country meet for four consecutive years.

Karen Sykes, Elay Gray, Morgan Cruse and Melinda Dubose all come in to the program with impressive high school records, both on the course and off, but with the depth of the Wolfpack, will probably spend the 1997 season on the sidelines, acclimating themselves to the program.



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Former Wolfpacker Roy Lassiter leads the MLS with 16 goals through 24 games.

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## Club team looks for a promotion



N.C. State's crew team competes against other colleges from around the nation.

◆ The N.C. State crew team hopes to move up to the varsity level.

TIM HUNTER

Assistant Sports Editor

Talk about a good beginning. After only one year of competing at the varsity level, the UNC-Chapel Hill women's crew team fared pretty well — pretty well, as in placing third at the NCAA National Championship of Women's Rowing in 1998.

The crew team at N.C. State, which carries a mere club status, has good reason to believe they would enjoy similar success, if only given the chance.

"As the school began to support their crew team more and more, the team got better and better," NCSU club president Beth Murphy said of UNC's success. "We used to beat them every year, and now they are dominant. It is reasonable to believe that we could have the same sort of results with that kind of support."

NCSU is the only team in the Triangle and one of only three in the ACC that do not have varsity crew teams. Wake Forest and Maryland are the other two.

"Virginia has only been varsity for a couple of years now, and they are dominant at the national level," Murphy stated.

Rest assured that the Wolfpack club crew team works every bit as

hard as their varsity Triangle counterparts.

"We have to get up for practice six days a week before 8 a.m.," Murphy went on to say. "And four of those days we get up before 6 a.m."

However, without the benefit of paid coaches — all of whom are volunteering their time — the team doesn't have much time for practice on the water. Most of their work is done on the rowing machines in Carmichael Gymnasium and outdoors, running the stairs at Riddick Stadium.

"That would be one of the biggest differences," said Megan Smith, a sophomore who rows for the novice team. "Being varsity would allow us a more flexible schedule as well as more time on the water. It's tough when you do dry land all week and try to get in the boat on the weekends."

"Having a coach there to organize things and push you makes all the difference in the world," added Susan Bennett, one of the team's leading rowers. "When you have a coach who is paid to be there and can be there all the time, the intensity takes a big step up."

In addition to having no paid coaches, recruiting is perhaps the biggest factor that limits the team. Scholarships would attract a far better talent pool to the team; many of the current rowers had no previous experience before trying out.

"Being able to recruit would have a tremendous impact," Murphy iterated. "We have had several people

call and e-mail us about joining the team, but when we tell them we have no scholarships available, it's usually the last time we hear from them."

Not only are there no scholarships available, team members also have to help finance transportation, uniforms and other miscellaneous costs involved with the team. The team also holds several fundraisers throughout the year to help with the expenses.

Murphy has even had lunch with Athletics Director Les Robinson to discuss moving the team up to the varsity level. According to Murphy, Robinson said the Athletics Department didn't have enough money at the time but left open the possibility of the change taking place as early as the fall of 1999.

The sooner, the better, or the gap between State and the other varsity teams could widen.

"Our team unity is our strength," Murphy asserts. "This is a very close-knit group. When you are all getting up as early as we do and working together like we have to in the boat, you develop a serious love for the people out here."

The first organizational meeting for the squad (men's and women's) will be held on Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. in room 2037 in Carmichael for anyone interested, and the team's first race is scheduled for Sept. 26, on the Potomac river in Washington, D.C.



N.C. State's football team scrimmaged last night at Carter-Finley Stadium and will take the field again on Saturday as part of the ACC Football Tour.

## Targets aplenty

◆ Jamie Barnette will have a veteran group of receivers to throw to come September.

Sports Staff Report

All eyes will be on the passing game this season, and for good reason.

With the return of redshirt-junior Jamie Barnette at quarterback, the Wolfpack brings back one of the ACC's most proficient signal callers in a year when nearly every team has a top talent at that position.

But a quarterback is only as good as his receivers. Without a solid and reliable threat downfield, a quarterback may think twice about throwing in that direction.

Luckily for Barnette, however, he's got nothing to worry about. Huddling up with him will be one of the country's top receivers in Lorry Holt. A preseason All-America selection, Holt set school records in nearly every receiving category: touchdowns in a season (17), receptions in a season (62) and total yardage (1,099).

To be sure, the opposing defenses

State faces this year will be keying on Holt. Which means that State will need to spread the ball among the other wide outs to free up Holt and keep the defenses guessing. Returning to the field that need is a slew of receivers who saw considerable playing time last season.

Heading up that list is redshirt-junior Chris Coleman. He had 14 catches for 262 yards last season and led the team with yards per catch with 18.7.

Also returning is redshirt-sophomore Eric Leak, who saw a fair amount of playing time early on, recording 14 catches for 147 yards.

Gone at tight end is one of the Pack's finest ever to play the position, Mark Thomas. He had the hands of a receiver and was a solid threat to score from the line. With his departure, the role of the tight end may change a bit. Two seniors return to vie for the position, with both ends stronger in their blocking ability than their catching skills. Michael Foushee saw the most action, playing in every game while catching three passes for 55 yards, and Devon Smith also caught three passes for 27 yards.

◆ Another strong group of freshman sign at State.

JOHNNY NOEL

Staff Writer

Just keep the ball rolling.

The future of Wolfpack cross-country appears secure far down the road as Rollie Geiger has signed another strong recruiting class, including transfer student Joe Carissassi.

Among the recruits, Joe Lion and David Patterson are two runners who could potentially contribute this year.

Lion is a highly regarded runner coming out of Blowing Rock, N.C. Lion gained first team all-south recognition in cross-country and qualified for the prestigious Foot Locker Nationals.

Patterson has recovered from a senior year filled with injuries and illness to begin the transition to big-time college running.

"I'm looking to make the transition as smooth as possible, run with the varsity team and actually contribute my first year," Patterson said.

Patterson ran for Cardinal Gibbons in Raleigh and tore up the Southeast, recording bests of 9:16 in the 3200 meters and a 4:13 in the 1600.

Not far away, from Leesville Road, is another freshman in Dean Bowker.

"My parents forced me to apply, and I decided if I was going to run in college, this is pretty much the place to go on the East Coast," Bowker said. "Coach Geiger's pretty awesome, and I felt more comfortable here than anybody else."

Both Bowker and Patterson grew up running the trails they now call home and should make the transi-

tion smoothly.

Patrick Helland comes from Fairfax, Va., eager to contribute in whatever way he can.

"I want to do whatever I can to help the team succeed," Helland said. "If that means redshirting this year, Ok. If it can help them out this year, that'd be great."

Joe Carissassi, healthy and eligible this year, will be another new face for Wolfpack cross-country.

Carissassi finished 33rd at the ACC championships two years ago as Maryland's top cross-country runner. He transferred to State and sat out last season.

Brad Einboden adds even more depth to a talented program.

"The running program is really great here, and I think it's a good environment for me with the weather and the classes and the high intensity program they have," Einboden said.

The high level of college cross-country running is a challenge for every runner who comes to State.

Case in point, Chris Dugan, a freshman who failed to crack the top seven by Nationals last season but returned in the summer to finish fifth in the world junior championships in the 3000 meter steeplechase.

"The hardest days in high school are like every day here," Patterson said. "It'll all kind of blur together for awhile, and we're just going to try and survive for the first few weeks until you get the hang of it." Smoothing it over will be the helping hand of a program of great runners who have already made the jump successfully.

"I came here because of the running and I felt like the guys on the team were a great bunch of guys that I'd wanted to run with and that they'd take me under their wing and make sure that I stayed straight," Helland said.

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## Successful program draws experience

◆ Technician gets the low down from Wolfpack Associate Head Coach Laurie Gomez-Henes on State's newcomers in women's cross-country.

K. GAFFNEY

Sports Editor

Like with any new season, newcomers are usually synonymous with inexperience, but not that's not a problem this year's Wolfpack women's cross country team will have to worry about.

The Wolfpack's roster, under the supervision of 17th-year coach Rollie Geiger and Associate Head Coach and former Wolfpack All-American Laurie Gomez-Henes, has eight new faces.

Add to those eight new faces two sophomores who redshirted last season, and most coaches would be

concerned.

But Henes and Geiger aren't too concerned, and with good reason. Not only does the Wolfpack return all of the runners who lined up at the NCAA meet in Greenville except for All-American Laura Rhoads, but the 10 newcomers to the cross-country roster have quite a bit of experience behind them.

"We only lost Laura from last year, and are hoping to run (former All-American) Christy Nichols, so we weren't looking for a lot of people, but we certainly didn't want to let anyone of quality go," Henes said of the focus with which the coaches approached this year's recruiting class. "We weren't looking for big numbers at all. We only wanted to sign people that we really thought could help us."

A seemingly easy task, but the Wolfpack enters the 1998 season defending its third consecutive ACC

Championship, and its 17th since 1978.

Katie Sabino and Molly Purser trained with the Pack program last season but redshirted the 1997 season. Sabino competed for State in both indoor and outdoor track. At the ACC indoor meet, Sabino finished sixth in the mile run.

Along with Sabino and Purser, the Pack adds Auburn transfer Lindsey Rogers. Rogers was recruited by the Wolfpack two seasons ago after winning the South Carolina State Championships four times in high school. Rogers was named to the All-Southeastern Conference team in cross-country last season, was the conference indoor track champion in the 5,000 meters and was just edged out for a spot at the National meet by Wolfpack sophomore Amy Beykirch.

Jennifer Modlizewski comes to the Pack after winning the Virginia

State Championship in 1997, helping Liberty High School to a third place finish in the State.

Modlizewski was also the one-mile champion at the Penn Relays, which is recognized as one of the most prestigious track and field meets in the world.

"With Jennifer, we were looking for someone who could come in and make a difference right away," Henes said.

Modlizewski, along with Sabino, Purser and Rogers, will probably be competing for spots in the Wolfpack's top seven as soon as the first meet of the year, the Wolfpack Invitational, held on N.C. State's Centennial Campus in late September.

Jennifer Payne and Beth Fonger also come to the Wolfpack after well-highlighted high school

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