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Parking plans zone change

◆ Students parking around Carmichael Gymnasium on Cates Avenue need not get too attached to their parking spaces — Transportation is looking to make the area's parking staff only.



ALLISON BALLARD
Assistant News Editor

In its quest for simplification, N.C. State's Division of Transportation created the new D zone for this year.

And some are very happy about it. "The students like it," said Greg Cain, associate director of DOT. The D zone includes all of the residence halls' parking areas and spaces around the Witherspoon and Talley student centers.

However, not everyone is thrilled with the new system. Faculty and staff members now find themselves in competition with students for the prime parking spots, especially if they don't have the standard 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. workday.

"It has been a negative for the faculty and staff," said Cathy Reeve, DOT's director. "In an effort to remedy faculty concerns, DOT is planning to create either a staff-only C zone for some of the spaces along Cates Avenue or expand the B parking zone in these areas, possibly as early as next year."

"We knew this would be a problem and that we would have to make an adjustment," Cain said. "We just didn't want to overwhelm everyone with too many changes at one time." Although this move may solve problems for staff members, students are wary of the possible change.

"Of course, I wouldn't want faculty to have to park too far away, but as it is now, I already have to walk 15 minutes to class," said Jenny Cheek, a junior in microbiology and Spanish.

"I disapprove of it — students have to park far away and walk to class, why shouldn't everyone else?" asked Justin Adams, a junior in chemical engineering.

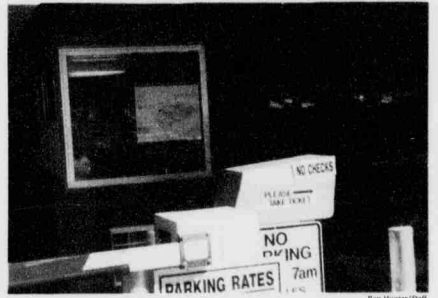
DOT officials stress that there wouldn't be a loss of spaces for students. "There will be the same number of

spaces — we will just be separating an area for staff parking," Cain said. "No one is losing anything," Reeve said. "We are just adding definition."

The critical thing about parking spaces, though, is "location, location, location." And the spaces that are sought after are the ones closest to the buildings. Day after day, many spaces sit empty in the far-away E and G lots, according to DOT. To continue the best way to serve NCSU students, faculty and staff, DOT is continuing to work for more options.

"We want to give the [NCSU community] lots of choices," Reeve said.

There are other plans to continue to improve parking, including the possible addition of another pay lot on campus. DOT is also working on improving transit and park-and-ride areas.



Thousands of students, faculty and staff rush for prime parking spaces.

NCSU aims to rid 'phantom majors'

◆ The administration is pursuing a plan that would permit students to sign a contract, potentially allowing entrance into a particular college or major.

ASHLEY B. PERRY
Staff Writer

A proposal that would make it easier for students to get into a desired major is being considered by N.C. State's administration.

The proposal, referred to as the Intent to Major plan, would promote student advancement to specific majors on a per-case basis.

Currently, no university policy requires students to select a major or curriculum for graduation. According to statistics from the Office of Academic Affairs, there are currently over a thousand sophomores and over 250 juniors taking courses toward a major that they have not declared. Of these "phantom majors," over half are in the field of engineering.

"The state government and the university system want students to graduate in degree programs," said Frank Abrams, associate provost of academic affairs. "Many students take courses in a given major without declaring because they either can't enroll due to their GPA, or because the program is already full or they would like to switch from the major that they are currently enrolled but feel they cannot get out of it, for whatever reason."

It is important to the university, according to Abrams, that the individual colleges help students who have been taking courses for two years to move forward and matriculate into a specific degree program. NCSU does not want the students to continue taking courses at random until they either graduate without a degree or simply leave without direction.

The Intent to Major plan would require students who do not have the required GPA to gain acceptance into a particular college to fulfill an Intent to Major contract, which would generally include an improvement in GPA over the course of one or two semesters. Abrams warned that this is not a lowering of standards for acceptance into majors.

"It won't be automatic," Abrams said. "That is, just because you have been taking design courses doesn't mean that you will eventually be considered a design

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Strike up the band



The NCSU Marching Band travelled to Charlotte to perform in the Carolina Panther's halftime show. The Panthers went on to win the game, 31 to 17.

Health Services avoids use of PREVENTM

◆ Student Health Services uses emergency contraceptive pills in place of PREVENTM, a contraceptive kit that was approved by the FDA in September.

ALISON SHAW BOLEN
Special to Technician

In September, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved PREVENTM, the first emergency contraceptive kit to receive its approval. The practice of prescribing elevated doses of regular birth control pills as an emergency contraceptive method is not altogether new, as doctors have used the practice for over 20 years, but PREVENTM is the first product packaged specifically for emergency contraceptive use.

Gynetics Inc., a New Jersey-based women's health-care company, developed the kit, which is now available by prescription. PREVENTM contains detailed instructions, a pregnancy test and four birth control pills. If used within 72 hours after intercourse, emergency contraceptive pills (ECPs) can prevent pregnancy.

Mary Bengtson, the medical director of N.C. State's Student Health Services, said a formal policy for prescribing ECPs has been in place for one year at Student Health Services. This policy includes counseling, pregnancy tests, explicit instructions and a specific pill dosage. Bengtson said PREVENTM is not available at Student Health Services, but its current policy already covers the standards upheld with the kit.

According to a representative at Medisphere Communications, Gynetics' public relations firm, Gynetics is hoping to provide a standard regimen of prescribing emergency contraception. The Medisphere representative also said PREVENTM is a straightforward, easy-to-use product.

Some advocates of ECPs suggest prescribing the pills to women to keep at home in case of an emergency, but Student Health Services only prescribes the pills in emergency situations.

"We do not promote this as a method of contraception," said Elaine Goodson, a nurse practitioner at Student Health Services. "It is for emergency use only." D.M. Linstner, a staff physician at Student Health Services, agreed, stating that other birth control methods have a much higher success rate and fewer adverse side effects.

The most common side effects of ECPs include nausea and vomiting, headaches and breast tenderness.

Before ECPs are prescribed at Student Health Services, each patient's situation is thoroughly evaluated.

"We do like to be able to see people and know what their history is before prescribing it," said Linstner.

The provider will also discuss the student's menstrual cycle and the last date of intercourse, and the student is given a pregnancy test. "A lot of things come into play whether or not [ECPs] will be effective," Linstner said.

Bengtson said the decision is ultimately left to each provider's discretion if an individual patient should be prescribed ECPs. For instance, if the student's last sexual encounter was more than 72 hours ago, the pills will not be prescribed. In addition, a provider may choose not to prescribe ECPs for personal reasons.

If ECPs are prescribed, the doctor or nurse discusses possible risks, complications and side effects with the student and arranges a follow-up appointment.

"It is crucial that they come again for the two-week follow-up," said Goodson.

At this time, another pregnancy test is given, and other birth control options are discussed.

An ECP prescription is an elevated dose of regular birth control pills. ECPs work by blocking or delaying

Last-minute ads designed to energize parties' faithful

◆ In preparation for today's elections, Democrats and Republicans alike pushed campaign ads to win over voters.

KEN FIREMAN
Newsday

WASHINGTON — It was just a coincidence of the calendar that Halloween fell only three days before today's midterm elections. But it was no coincidence that both political parties filled the airwaves with their favorite halloween.

For the Republicans, it was President Clinton, captured by the camera seven months ago in finger-wagging denial that he ever had sexual relations with Monica Lewinsky.

And for the Democrats, it was House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and the personification of a Republican-controlled Congress that — in the words of a Democratic commercial — is "so intent on attacking the president, they've forgotten about us."

Clinton and Gingrich are the unwitting "stars" of expensive late-breaking ad campaigns that are designed, at least in part, to achieve the same purpose: motivating each party's most loyal supporters to go to the polls.

In most campaigns, that task has been accomplished long before the final week-end. But, in this strange election year, both parties have decided they must invest resources late in the game to energize their core voters.

Both parties concluded months ago, based on polling data, that today's election would be a low-turnout affair attracting only the most committed voters. And none of the political shock waves unleashed in recent weeks by the Lewinsky affair and the wrap-up of the congressional session have altered that expectation.

In a low-turnout election, political strategists say, turning out a party's core voters in large numbers is even more imperative than in a higher-turnout campaign because there is no alternate pool of voters to make up for any slippage in

the base. And so, with the campaign in the home stretch, both parties are going back to basics.

For Republicans, that means appealing to conservatives who have always mistrusted Clinton. Throughout most of the fall, polls indicated that these voters were highly motivated to cast ballots because of the Lewinsky affair. But when Republican congressional leaders ducked a showdown with Clinton over federal spending priorities at the end of the session, some warned that the resulting discontent among conservatives could depress Republican turnout.

So the National Republican Congressional Committee launched a \$10 million campaign in 30 media markets around the country, including three spots that contain clear allusions to Monica Lewinsky and Clinton's failure to acknowledge the relationship for much of the year.

Pollsters and strategists said the spots were aimed at re-energizing conservative Republicans while appealing to independents who may approve of Clinton's per-

formance as president but disapprove of his personal conduct. They said the ad campaign ran the risk of triggering a backlash among scandal-weary swing voters, but it was likely to be effective because it was targeted at congressional districts where Clinton's popularity is relatively weak.

Reflecting its wariness over a potential backlash, the Republican committee prepared a fourth spot that raised the Lewinsky scandal even more directly but decided at week's end to shelve it.

For Democrats, the back-to-basics endgame means appealing to two of the most reliable constituencies: elderly voters and African Americans.

In pursuit of that goal, Clinton and other top Democrats have repeatedly accused the Republicans in recent days of jeopardizing the future of Social Security by seeking to defund the federal budget surplus to a broad tax cut instead of using it to "save Social Security first," as the president advocates. Republicans dismiss the charge as "Democratic scare tactics."

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ovulation, and the method may also prevent a fertilized egg from attaching to the uterus. Student Health Services prescribes a special dosage of Lo-Ovral with anti-nausea to be taken within 72 hours after intercourse and another dosage to be taken 12 hours later. If the patient is unable to take estrogen, progestin-only pills are prescribed. The cost to students is \$12 for the Lo-Ovral and anti-nausea pills or \$28 for the progestin-only pills. There is also an \$8 fee for the pregnancy test. Students are not charged for appointments or counseling.

According to the Consortium on Emergency Contraception, taking ECPs does not cause an abortion, because the pills act before pregnancy begins. Goodson states that, although there have been no birth defects reported in cases when ECPs were given during a pregnancy or when the ECPs failed and the pregnancy was carried to term, there has not been enough research to permit any definitive conclusions.

Student Health Services, located between Jensen Drive and Pullen Road, is open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday and Sunday, with telephone advice available at 515-2563 when the building is closed. If ECPs are needed during weekdays, contact the gynecology department at 515-7762 for an appointment. If more than 72 hours will pass from the time of unprotected intercourse until the gynecology department will be available for appointments, 515-2563 may be dialed to discuss options for care.

Majors

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student. Each student who wishes to use the Intent to Major [plan] will have to request it from the department to which they want to enroll. It will still be up to the department whether or not to approve or deny each student's Intent to Major."

Abrams further emphasized, "It is a contract. The student agrees to meet certain criteria laid out by the department in exchange for acceptance into the degree program."

The wording of the proposal suggests that, if enacted, all university students who have at least 60 hours of coursework would be required to declare a major. However, it should be noted that the policy does not seek to penalize students who wish to take additional courses outside of their declared curriculum.

According to the proposal, its purpose is to "prevent students from unofficially pursuing a degree while enrolled in a different degree program."

The Intent to Major plan has not yet been enacted. The plan will have to be agreed upon by the student and faculty governments before seeking approval from the university's Board of Trustees. At the earliest, the Intent to Major plan will be phased in the fall of 1999.

More information about the Intent to Major plan can be obtained over the Internet at www.ncsu.edu/provost/academic_policies/intent.

Ads

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And the Democratic National Committee is putting up its own last-minute ad campaign, a \$1 million buy in seven media markets. Part of the campaign is a radio spot that seems to push all of the party's hot buttons in one 30-second tour de force.

"The Republicans have made removing the president from office their top priority," an announcer said. "They're spending \$10 million on ads politicizing a grave constitutional process. And now we learn that Newt Gingrich is personally orchestrating these pro-impeachment negative ads... The Republicans are using them to hide their real plans — like spending the surplus for their huge tax schemes instead of protecting Social Security."

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Rock the vote today

Election coverage by Natalie Duggins - Assistant Extra Editor

John Edwards *Democratic Candidate*



Few citizens of North Carolina are oblivious to the life of John Edwards. Many of his television advertisements have read like a virtual biography. Raised in Robbins, N.C., Edwards' father worked for 36 years in a textile mill, while his mother ran a local store. During high school, Edwards was a prominent athlete, competing in four different sports. He moved on to N.C. State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in textiles. He completed his honors degree in three years and moved on to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to seek a law degree. Soon after attaining his degree, Edwards became a trial lawyer, advocating those that had been mistreated by their health insurance agencies.

Lauch Faircloth *Republican Candidate*



Lauch Faircloth calls Clinton, N.C., home and was born in 1928, making him 71 this January. Faircloth attended High Point College and is a millionaire businessman and hog farmer. He has served in the U.S. Senate since 1992 when he switched from the Democrat to Republican Party. The only other office he has run for was the position as governor of North Carolina in 1984, losing to Jim Hunt. His community activities include attending services at Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church, the N.C. Museum of Art Foundation, N.C. Museum of History Foundation, National Trust for Historical Preservation, Clinton Area Foundation, Sampson Community College Foundation and the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Barbara Howe *Libertarian Candidate*



Little is known about the Libertarian candidate, Barbara Howe. Raised in Wingate, N.C., Howe was the daughter of two entrepreneurs. Her father co-managed a woodworking manufacturing plant with her uncle, while her mother owned and operated a clothing store. During her stint at Forest Hills High School in Marshville, N.C., Howe was actively involved in various sports and academic clubs, and was editor of her school's newspaper. Her participation in such events continued as she pursued a double major in psychology and English at Pfeiffer College. She would graduate sum cum laude in 1975 and then enrolled in graduate school. Howe has been a consistent volunteer in the La Leche League, a support group for breast-feeding mothers.

Technobabble

Computers can play dress up, too.

CHARLES MANGIN
Staff Geek

This past weekend was the time when people everywhere decided to play dress-up. I went to a party with a grown woman who was dressed as a mouse. Another partygoer was dressed as a brain surgeon. It was a most convincing costume, complete with a monogrammed lab coat — in reality he works as a radiologist. If you're wondering, I dressed all in blue and went as *Viagra*. Everyone who dressed up became something they were not. This kind of thing happens in the realm of computers, too.

With humans, the event usually involves a pagan tradition, some form of alcohol and greasepaint. With computers, it's called emulation, and it's a major part of the industry today.

Emulation can come in a couple of flavors, but whatever the case, when one computer emulates another, it basically begins to think and act like the emulated computer. In theory, any computer, no matter how primitive, can emulate any other. So long as the two are both based on the same forms of logic, it can be done.

It may make sense for a fast Pentium II machine to emulate an 8 MHz Motorola 68000, the base for a good number of old arcade machines. It's just this emulation that makes possible MAME, the Multiple Arcade Machine Emulator, which allows ROMs from old arcade games to be copied via software, downloaded from the Internet in varying shades of legality and played just like the original game. It's possible, however unlikely, that the emulation could go the other way. Of course, the emulated PII would run at the equivalent of less than 1 MHz, and it would be a triumphant hack to get it to work at all, but theoretically, anything goes. Aside from theory, here's how it works.

When a processor, whether it's a Pentium or a PowerPC, gets instructions, they are read in and interpreted by the CPU in a process much like giving instructions to a well-trained dog. If you tell Spot to fetch, he fetches, so long as he understands the word "fetch."

Now, if Spot was replaced by a French dog, Fifi, the same instructions wouldn't work. Fifi only understands French commands, and English is just so much nonsense.

For Fifi to understand your commands, you'd need an interpreter. The interpreter breaks down your instructions into a language the dog can understand, and passes them on to the dog. When the stick comes back, Fifi gives it over to the interpreter, who hands it to you, completing the cycle.

It's much the same when talking to a CPU. If your software and operating system can talk to your CPU everything works normally, which is usually the case, otherwise, you'd never get anything to work. But what if there is a program that won't run on your computer? This can be for any number of reasons; maybe it's an old program that was never updated to run on new processors, or it was developed only for another platform. Whatever the reason, often times you can run that software with the proper emulator. This piece of software — it can be hardware, too, and I'll get to that — acts like an interpreter, and lets Spot do all the neat tricks that only Fifi could do before, by translating the instructions into something good ol' Spot can understand.

Programs like *Executor*, which emulates a 68000-based Macintosh on a PC, and *Virtual PC*, which does the other way around, emulating Intel x86 architecture on PowerPC Macs, are usually good sellers, because there is so much that exists exclusively for only one platform. Having the ability to run both kinds of software gives users more freedom in choosing applications and the environment in which they are most comfortable. Software emulators are typically memory hogs, though, and can bring the fastest processors to a crawl, because for real emulation to work, all the chatter of all the various components of the emulated system need to be translated — not just the CPU. The more complex and speedy the target system, the harder and slower the emulation will be. Part of the emulation of a processor may be to translate from complex instruction set lingo (CISC) into reduced instruction set terms (RISC) or vice versa. Because of the nature of the two camps of processor architecture, it's a lot easier to go from CISC to RISC than vice versa. RISC processors take the long, complex instructions that are passed to a CISC processor, and break them down into simpler terms, which can be processed natively by the RISC chip. To go the other way requires building up long instructions from shorter, simpler ones, and means finding the right function within a huge instruction set, the vocabulary of the chip, to match the incoming stream of instructions.

Either way, running software in emulation will almost never be as fast as if the software were rewritten to be in the CPUs native tongue. However, emulating a slower machine on a faster one can take advantage of speed the slow machine never had. For example, when Apple decided to switch their Macintosh computers' CPUs from a CISC core (the same Motorola 68000 or 68K family of processors mentioned above) to a RISC one, based on IBM's Power architecture, they were faced with a major quandary. What to do with all those 68K applications on a PowerPC Mac?

Rather than lose their already dwindling installed base of customers, not to mention developers, by making Power Macs incompatible with 68K machines, they wrote a 68K emulator into the system — which also saved them from having to completely rewrite their operating system in RISC native code and abandon all the legacy code going back to 1984, something that hasn't happened completely even now.

With that single piece of software built into the OS, the slowest of the first-generation PowerPC Macs could run 68K native applications faster under emulation than the fastest 68K Mac could. And because very little of the system or application software had been rewritten for PowerPC yet, the emulator was in almost constant use. This is probably the best and most appropriate use of operating system-level software emulation.

The Issues	John Edwards <i>Democratic Candidate</i>	Lauch Faircloth <i>Republican Candidate</i>	Barbara Howe <i>Libertarian Candidate</i>
Downsizing/Demolishing the IRS	No Information Available	The IRS is an agency that has lost sight of its mission and become an intimidating force to honest taxpayers. Tax payers will now have an IRS oversight board, protections against unreasonable IRS attempts to seize property and accounts, and collection of unreasonable interest and back taxes.	I am totally and 100 percent in favor of abolishing the IRS. It is abusive and intrusive and cannot be reformed. There are two plans currently under consideration that could accomplish this immediately, the National Retail Tax or the Low Flat Tax. What I ultimately support is the plan that will abolish the IRS.
Reforming Social Security	I think we need to protect and preserve Social Security, which means taking it off budget, stop raiding of the Social Security Trust Fund, and when we have a real surplus, which we will one day, to use that money to repay Social Security.	I think that Congress needs to stop raiding Social Security. We should require that the President develop a budget that does not include Social Security money.	Social Security was a short-sited program that was doomed to failure. I advocate that we bring the program to a quick end.
Reforming Current Tax Practices	I think that it needs to be simplified. That what we have is a tax code that is built up over a long period of time as a result of the influence of powerful special interests and others that have lots of loopholes, lots of deductions. I think it is way, way too complicated.	We need a nationwide debate on a new system, but it has to be fair to the middle class people of this country, who are the tax payers. They are the ones that carry the burden and are paying the taxes and IRS reform is only a start. As you well know, I sponsored that, pushed that, and we've made a start. We've put a civilian control board in charge of the Internal Revenue Service.	As a Libertarian, I seek the lowest possible tax, preferably zero. If we limit government to its legitimate role of protecting individuals, we can approach that low tax.
Increasing the Minimum Wage	The minimum wage should be increased by about \$1 an hour. Where we are now is somebody who is working for minimum wage...who earns below the federal poverty level. We need to close the gap as much as we can.	I am not for raising the minimum wage. What we need to do is not to raise the minimum wage but better training for people to earn more money. If you raise the wage you probably are going to contribute to unemployment to a small degree.	I advocate that we eliminate the minimum wage. It puts unskilled and young people out of work. Employers and workers should be able to negotiate whatever they think is fair for the work. Once employed, few people stay at a low wage.
Environmental Protection	Protect our rivers and drinking water by vigorously enforce the Clean Water Act. Make polluters pay to clean up the pollution they create. Protect our National Forests and National Parks. Require industrial hog producers to use more effective treatment technology.	Accused of dumping sweet potato feed, but had it cleaned up and paid the fines. The EPA commended him on the handling of the situation. Continues to push legislation to deal with pisteria.	Private property ownership is the best way to protect our world. If you or your company cause pollution, you should be required to clean up the mess you made and pay restitution.
The Future of Education	I want to give states money to reduce class size, put more computers in the classrooms, expand after school programs and help modernize school buildings. I want to keep schools open in the afternoon, to keep kids learning and out of trouble.	I will continue to be a champion for education. I have worked to increase internet access for schools as well as colleges and universities. I want to begin work on Block Grants which allows decisions to be made on a local school level.	I believe that government should totally stay out of the area of education. We need to immediately reduce or eliminate the massive tax burden on parents, so they can go out and purchase the kind of education that best meets the need of their children.
The Elimination of Partisan Politics	I will not except money from PACs or Washington Lobbyists.	No Information Available	Members of the Libertarian party do not advocate the initiation of the use of force to achieve political goals. It is on this principle that I plan to base all my votes as a U.S. Senator.

Bond issue information

Along with making decisions in regards to the future of N.C. government, voters on Tuesday will also have to decide on two major bond issues with a combined worth of \$1 billion. The first N.C. State Bond Issue allocates \$8 million to repair any worn out sewer or water systems across North Carolina. The objective of this legislation is to prevent any further spillage of sewage in N.C. rivers and streams. The State of North Carolina Natural Gas Bond would allocate \$200 million to extend natural gas pipelines into poor coastal and mountain counties. If this bond passes, the state Utilities Commission will award grants and loans to organizations to build the gas

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Where to vote near campus

Fred Olds Elementary School Gym
204 Dixie Trail

Underwood Elementary School Gym
1614 Glenwood Avenue

Daniels Middle School
2816 Oberlin Road

Arts & Crafts Center
105 Pullen Road

Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church
4900 Kaplan Drive

WCW wows 'em

Halloween Havoc Slams WCW.

MATTHEW PERNICIANO
Staff Writer

The Havoc that is Halloween struck a little early this year for the superstars of World Championship Wrestling. The annual event stormed into the MGM Grand arena in Las Vegas, Nevada Sun, Oct. 25. Halloween Havoc is one of WCW's largest Pay-Per-View events of the year and was extremely promoted on this particular occasion. With major titles on the line and large intensity built up between the wrestlers, much anticipation came along with the event this year.

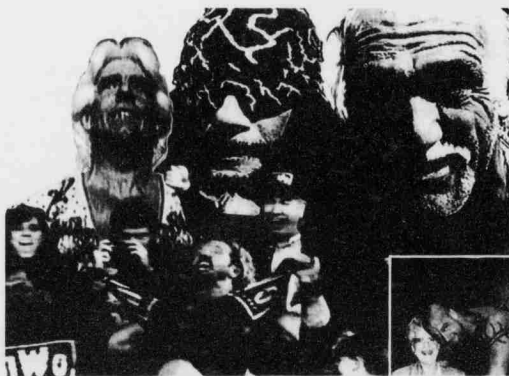
It truly delivered. With both his World Title and 155 match undefeated win record on the

line, Bill Goldberg wrestled the best match of his life in the main event of Halloween Havoc. He exhibited true athleticism against his formidable combatant Diamond Dallas Page, an example being a full back flip hit by the World Champion to counter a leg sweep.

Many favored DDP to win the bout, since he is the "people's champion," but Goldberg illustrated that he is the man that will take professional wrestling into the next millennium.

Battling through injury, Goldberg was able to fight off Page's patented move, the Diamond Cutter, to end up winning by a pinfall after hitting a Jackhammer. A true sportsman, Goldberg did not flaunt his victory, but helped his fellow wrestler up and raised his hand also in a show of respect. Such would not be the

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WCW 'wrestlers' will scare the hell out of you.

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case for the other main event of the evening.

The second main event of the night, previous to the Goldberg/DDP bout, was a rematch from 1990 between "Hollywood" Hulk Hogan and The Ultimate Warrior. That time, the Warrior won through a hard fought battle in Toronto.

Hogan, leader of the NWO Hollywood faction of WCW, displayed what a true coward he is through his many dishonest attempts to win the match. Not only did he try to burn the Warrior's eyes out with some sort of fireball, also he utilized a master plan to defeat his opponent with help from fellow NWO members.

In contrast to the original, this match was sickening and showed that the hero we had once loved, Hogan, has changed into a totally different man.

Overall, Halloween Havoc was one of the best events in the history of WCW, in that it was both truly intense and clearly illustrated the different faces in the sport of professional wrestling. Even though it is the time of the year when evil has its day, wrestling heroes such as World Heavyweight Champion Goldberg, showed the world that good always wins in the end.

Bond

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facilities.

Advocates of both bills believe that improvements in gas and water will help to attract industry to the renovated areas. N.C. Gov. Jim Hunt has already aligned himself along side numerous environmental groups and businesses as an ally for both the Clean Water Bond and the Natural Gas Bond. His advocacy has met with some controversy, though, as Hunt had a letter inserted in the paychecks of all state employees, which some opponents feel is a breach of ethics.

"Outdated systems, some more than 60 years old, are crumbling — allowing millions of gallons of untreated or partially treated wastewater to spill into our rivers and streams," Hunt wrote. "The \$800 million... would provide grants and loans to help communities struggling. The \$200 million gas bond will help bring jobs to rural areas across our state."

State Treasurer Harlan Boyles opposes the measure, claiming that it is a risky venture, which could lead to increased taxes in the future. Other legislators, however, have contradicted Boyles' claims that voting for the bond referendum would lead to increased taxes.

Babble

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Then there's hardware emulation. To use the dog analogy, a hardware emulator is like having Fifi run alongside Spot, barking and showing him how to fetch the stick. Hardware emulation can be incredibly fast, as in the case of DEC's Alpha family of CPUs. An Alpha is a RISC core, with what is basically a hardware Intel x86 emulator on the chip. Rather than use software to pretend the Alpha is a Pentium, and translate for all the other hardware in the computer, the Alpha is built to interface with PC hardware and the x86 instruction set just like a Pentium would. Utilizing the speed of RISC architecture, though, an Alpha can run x86 native applications faster than a real Pentium-class CPU would. So what is Intel doing in response to all this? Ostensibly, they are continuing to pursue the performance limits of CISC architecture — which is why the PentiumIII is so decked out with proprietary accessory chips, sub-processors to handle special instruction sets like MMX, huge amounts of cache and a heat sink bigger than your fist. With all the advantages of RISC in emulation, it might behoove Intel to start making RISC chips, which is something they say they'll never do.

Despite what they say, Intel's not sitting still on this front, though. Their next great processor, code-named P7, or Merced, is actually going to include a RISC-like layer to help out with certain processing functions. The 64-bit chips will actually emulate the Pentium instruction set most of the time, via embedded hardware and x86 interpreters, since the Windows operating system and all PC software is written for x86 and won't take advantage of the future 64- and 128-bit processors that will inevitably follow Merced until they are well established in the mainstream. So why all the hubbub about emulation? The way I see it, future processors will have enough power to spare to be able to emulate another as peers, no matter what architecture is really at its heart. Also, software emulators and programming environments will get to the point where any CPU really can emulate any other. If this happens, there won't be much need for developers to program multiple versions of their software for differing platforms. The same code will run on all the different boxes, with only minor modification, under any operating system that can run the proper transparent emulation environment.

Or I could be wrong, and the sugar from all my Halloween candy has gone to my head.

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Technician's View

Election Day races

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Well, ladies and gentlemen, it's that time of year again. Unless you've been hiding under a rock, you've seen all the familiar signs: television ads, campaign banners and signs and the inevitable personal attacks. All these things could only mean one thing — it's Election Day. So before hitting the polls on Nov. 3, like a responsible voter and N.C. citizen, Technician has sifted through the mud-slinging and other pertinent issues to present you, the voting public, with our choices for congressional representatives. They are as follows:

U.S. Senate

In what has become one of the most closely watched and hotly contested Senate races in the nation, candidates Lauch Faircloth and John Edwards have poured millions of dollars into a campaign that will undoubtedly be a fight to the finish.

While Republican Lauch Faircloth, the incumbent in this particular race, has some good qualities, Technician endorses Democrat John Edwards.

Faircloth has run his campaign on such issues as political responsibility, education, consumer protection and preserving Social Security. He has spent a lifetime in business and politics, providing him a good deal more experience than his democratic challenger, John Edwards. But what Edwards lacks in legislative experience he more than makes up for with his earnest determination, powerful speaking skills and legal knowledge. His pledge to become the "People's Senator" is indicative of his desire to represent the average person. Edwards has refused to accept any contributions from political action committees or from Washington lobbyists, which is more than can be said for Faircloth, who has made no secret of his support for hog farmers.

Although Faircloth claims to be concerned with environmental issues, it is Edwards who has proved to be the true environmentalist, pointing to Faircloth's record as one of the worst senators in terms of environmental policy. Standing strong on a platform of crime control, education and health care, Edwards has addressed many of the issues that concern N.C. State students the most. In addition,

Faircloth's age puts him at a distinct disadvantage: the 70-year-old is out of touch with many of the people he claims to represent. At 45, Edwards is still youthful enough to maintain strong ties with the newest generation of voters and encourages them to become politically active.

So take his advice — and ours — by voting for Democrat John Edwards for U.S. Senate.

House of Representatives, 2nd District

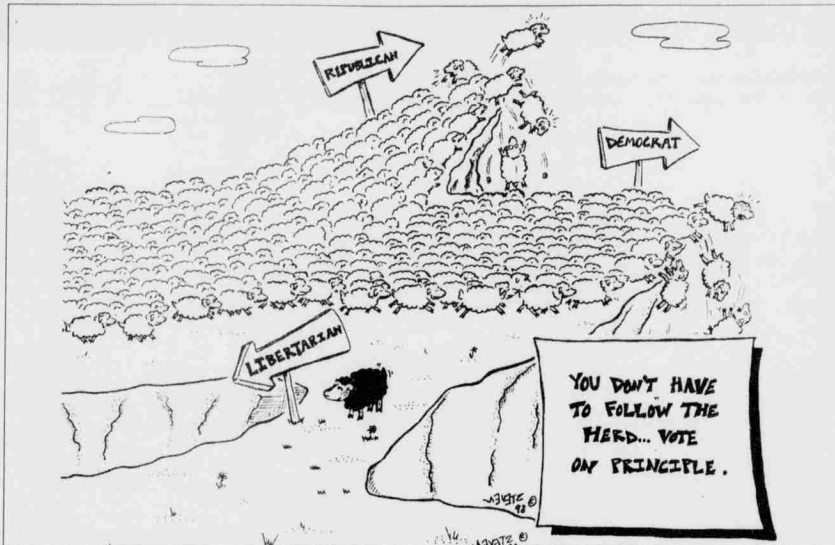
In the race between Democrat incumbent Bob Etheridge and Republican challenger Dan Page, Technician strongly endorses Etheridge.

Etheridge's solid focus on education, combined with a diverse legislative background, makes him a sound choice to serve a second term as the 2nd District's congressional representative. He has proved himself to be supportive of issues concerning North Carolinians — protecting farmers and advocating better pay and working conditions for teachers — while also maintaining a broad national focus on such issues as reproductive rights and the importance of a balanced budget.

Page, who has served two terms in the state Senate, has been ranked 46th in effectiveness among the 50 senators — a number that clearly speaks for itself. His singular focus on "character education" has compromised the majority of his platform, which has relied mainly on attack ads to divert attention from his unimpressive track record. This is not the kind of person we want representing Wake County in the House of Representatives — your vote for Bob Etheridge will ensure that this does not happen.

House of Representatives, 4th District

Democrat incumbent David Price is taking on Republican challenger Tom Roberg in the 4th District, a race that could almost be considered a toss-up. Both candidates are promoting the ever-popular education issues. Price advocates quality public education and equal access to higher education, while Roberg focuses on teaching character and ethics to the nation's young. Although both candidates appear sincere in their desire to help and improve North Carolina, Price's five terms in the U.S. House serve to his advantage and earn Technician's endorsement.



Homecoming no fun

AUSTIN ADAMS
Staff Columnist

Lately, there hasn't been too much that has made me mad. I think my last column started out exactly the same as this, but it's the truth. That would usually be a good thing, except that it kind of narrows the list of topics I can incoherently ramble about. This chain of events all ended very quickly earlier this week when I picked up Technician and read the contents of the first page.

For those of you who walk around this fine campus totally oblivious to all that is going on around you, here is a public service announcement. Next weekend is Homecoming here at N.C. State. (For those of you I just mentioned, this is where you go to school.) If you are new here, then you may think that next weekend's party scene is going to be kicking and that there is going to be some big celebration for Homecoming. Reality check: If next weekend's party and bar scenes are kicking, it probably won't be directly related to

Homecoming.

Most of you freshmen are going to be surprised, because your high school homecomings were probably better than what you will see this weekend. The only thing that will be directly related to Homecoming this weekend will be a little something at halftime of the football game against that football powerhouse from Winston-Salem. Yes, that's all, 10 minutes of introductions or something (and you know everyone always enjoys the introductions at halftime). I'm in no way running the school spirit of NCSU into the ground (unlike some people who write into the Forum, who need to go to another school if they don't like this one ... you know who you are). I'm the biggest NCSU supporter you will find. But I've heard some other schools have large celebrations in honor of Homecoming, some of which are big block parties. With this in mind, I say again ... we have a 10-minute alumni introduction or something at halftime (anger building slowly but surely).

For those of you who haven't

heard yet, Student Government finally said enough was enough and planned a block party for Homecoming. They had planned to close off the couple of blocks of Hillsborough Street we all usually shut down anyway if we get a big basketball win. Food and drink would have been provided by the merchants of Hillsborough Street, and Far Too Jones, among other bands, had already been booked. Portable toilets, vendors and other entertainment had also already been booked. Student Government had even begun to talk to the Raleigh City Council about shutting down Hillsborough. It looked like the proposal would go through and we, the students of a great southern school, would get a Homecoming event that rivaled those of other southern schools such as Georgia Tech and Clemson.

Sound like fun? It would have been, but all of a sudden in walked "The Man," and for once, "The Man" in my column is not Raleigh Police

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The pros of being a southerner

DONNIE LASSITER
Staff Columnist

What could be better than being from the South?

Many times during the past few years I have pondered this question, and I have decided that in fact there can be no life better than one lived below the Mason-Dixon Line. Granted, there are nice places elsewhere in this grand country of ours, but it just seems to me that the South has the greatest treasures to offer.

I have established this hypothesis after careful analysis and the implementation of three crucial criteria. While my parameters for this claim may not be exactly of empirical nature, I maintain that my argument is a valid one. So let me come to my point — the reason for my intense

love of this particular region stems from the fact that the South is undeniably the home of the tastiest cuisine, the most breathtaking scenery and the most incredible women of any other place on the planet.

Let me begin with the food — ah, the food. I don't know about the rest of you, but there are few things that can come close to the satisfaction I am left with after I get up from one of my mama's home-cooked meals. Now I should insert here that my mother is actually a native of Pennsylvania, which, according to the unwritten rules of society, classifies her as a "Yankee."

But before you good ol' boys out there reach for a rope and head out to lynch me, I can proudly say that I was born in Wilmington (that's North Carolina for those of you who aren't from around here). She

moved down here when she was about 25 and has lived in the South since then. Which re-classifies her as a "naturalized southerner." Not a "transplanted Yankee," mind you, because she has adopted the ways of the South as her own creed.

Which brings me back to the point. My mama can cook the best Southern delicacies you have ever tasted in your life. Country-style steak and gravy, homemade cornbread. Corn pudding, candied yams, potato salad, turkey and dressing. Banana pudding, pig pickin' cake, pumpkin pie. God truly does work in mysterious ways. When a man can come home from a hard day at work and enjoy such bounties as these, he can be truly happy.

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CAMPUS FORUM

No more tech fee increases

The article in Technician by Phillip Reese on Oct. 14 had another disturbing proposal by N.C. State that I have faced since I arrived here in August. The idea that the technology department could consider asking us for more money than is already given to them is absurd. Most of the students who utilize the computer labs are the ones who already live on campus. It seems that almost half of the residence halls on campus include Resnet as a premium dormitory feature. In other words, we already pay a computer fee, so an increasing number of students have a personal computer in their rooms. It is not fair to make us pay for more things that we are just not going to use.

The fact that there was a \$50 increase last year, and that technology is still not where it should be, gives the impression that the money we religiously give to different programs is not being spent effectively. The lines in the computer labs are also long at any time of the day, which is another example that shows money is not being spent wisely.

There must be another way to fix our technology problems without continuing to dry out the pockets of the people who do not reap the benefits of the money that is given to the NCSU technology department.

Whitney Goudeket
Freshman, Communications

True Lawn Party no more

For over 25 years, the annual Delta Sigma Phi Lawn Party has both provided a way for students to escape the grind of academia and, more importantly, raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities around the Triangle. What started as a party for brothers and their friends in 1972 on the front lawn of the Delta Sig house gradually evolved into one of the largest college parties in the United States. After moving to Trinity Farms to accommodate growing crowds, the Lawn Party presented such headlines as Hootie and the Blowfish, The Sex Police, Edwin McCain, Squirrel Nut Zippers and, most recently, Sister Hazel.

Unfortunately, as of late, the Lawn Party has fallen under heavy scrutiny by university officials. In the university's eyes, the more than \$25,000 raised for charity last year alone was not enough to counter the number of alcohol-possession tickets issued to minors. Even though we took extreme precaution to prevent just that, by means of hired security, ID checks and even uniformed officers on hand, we could not stop all the underage drinkers in the crowd of nearly 10,000. The final number of alcohol tickets constituted less than 1 percent of the total attendance. The university became immediately aware of the violations, and because they occurred at

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AMANDA GUTHRIE

Staff Columnist

Halloween costumes: an outlet for creativity or just an excuse to look stupid?

I've never been good at Halloween. I mean, never have I been able to claim that I've had a great costume or even a great time celebrating Halloween. I really just don't see the point. Maybe I'm not creative enough to actively participate in the holiday, but nonetheless I dislike it more every year. My most distinct memories of Halloween include my dressing up in elementary school as the pink Cat Bear, my hero at the time, Mary Lou Retton, leotard and all, and my younger sister and I fighting over the odd-numbered pieces of candy.

(We would separate the candy by type and then divide the candy equally amongst us so neither of us would have more than the other. This really was necessary, believe me.)

So this year, just like last, some friends and I traveled to Franklin Street to force our way through flocks of people, complete a lap and then leave, mainly due to frustration. It just seems like the drunks get drunker and the costumes get worse every year. I'll admit that amongst all of the old genre costumes like cats, genies, fairies, devils, insects (butterflies and ladybugs) and scary masks, there are some really creative ones, but let's be honest — they are few and far between. What I really don't understand is the myriad of Viagra "victims," forms of alcoholic beverages and guys

dressed as girls. Besides all of this I wonder how we go from being cute little Ninja Turtles and Barbie Dolls in our childhood to really absurd and outrageous characters in our "adulthood."

If all of this nonsense is in the name of fun, then I really hope it worked for others because this Halloween just didn't do much for me. While being forced to be a spider web for only a short time, I couldn't help but think how absurd this holiday is. I really admire anyone who can put a great deal of time into designing and following through with a Halloween costume and actually enjoy looking silly for a night. Maybe it's just my ego that won't allow me to let go and look totally stupid once in a while.

I think the conclusion that I've come to is that there's only two

ways to look at a holiday like Halloween. One is to forget about the whole thing all together. The other is to go all out, pick something to become and embrace it completely; become it. The people who really look dumb at Halloween, after all, are those who do a pitiful job at dressing up and make it really obvious that they didn't devote much time to the holiday. After all of the effort I have put into learning to hate Halloween, I think it's because of the effort I haven't put into enjoying it.

So my advice for next year's celebration is to form a decision and stick with it, all or nothing — those are the only choices. That way we will all be saved from the torture of ugly and poorly constructed costumes.

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party sponsored by us, we were dealt with in the harshest manner possible. Because of the university's stipulations, the idea of this year's Lawn Party and possibly any future Lawn

Party may be impossible.

So, to end all speculation, the annual Delta Sigma Phi Lawn Party, which has become North Carolina's icon of college parties, has been postponed indefinitely due to higher authorities' regulations. We at Delta Sigma Phi have tirelessly plowed the proverbial "red tape" and exhausted numerous options, none of which would do past Lawn Parties the justice they deserve.

We want to get this thing back as soon as possible for everyone to appreciate and enjoy; however, because of the latest surge in risk management in the Greek community, our attempts may be futile. I can only say I am sorry to you freshmen who never got to experience the biggest and most popular party in the South.
Champ Claris and
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Adams

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Department (although I'm sure they would have made the event so very delightful for all who attended). "The Man" that I'm talking about is the administration of NCSU (note to self: must fight urge to name any names). They would not support the plan for this event, which, in turn, led to the City Council not supporting the event. Their reason for not supporting the idea sounded good in theory but was lame when you think about it. Their reason was that they didn't want to disturb the residents or neighbors of Hillsborough Street, and they felt by supporting an event the magnitude of the proposed one, this couldn't be accomplished.

Give me a break! Do they think we are in kindergarten or something? The little boys and girls can't play together in the dorms after a certain time, and they certainly can't stay out on Hillsborough Street and make too much noise. Administrators (I want to name a couple of names so badly), tell us the truth! The "drink" part of the "food and drink" I spoke of earlier was going to include a large amount of alcohol. God forbid that we adults drink a little (or a lot, whatever the case may be) alcohol near the NCSU campus.

If the administration was afraid that this event would spawn a sudden occurrence of underage drinking, I ask them: Ever been to the dorms on campus? Dry policy or not, underage drinking happens a lot, and this event would not have brought it on. It more than likely would have been a lot harder to drink at this event than anywhere else. The reason the administration gave makes no sense. The part of Hillsborough that was going to be shut

down has no residents except for the merchants, who probably (just a wild guess) thought that the celebration was a good idea, since they would have made some mad cash off the whole thing. But then the neighbors of Hillsborough Street would be disturbed.

Show of hands, how many of you know an actual family that lives just off of Hillsborough Street between Pogue and Chamberland streets? That's what I thought... not many.

What makes me more angry than the fact that we aren't having a Homecoming celebration and that we were lied to by the administration (since I can't say the names that I so badly want to say, can anyone guess them?) is how quickly the plan was halted. Student Government is supposed to represent how the students feel. I can tell you for a fact that the majority of students here would have embraced the idea had it gone through. But the well-laid-out plan of Student Government was destroyed very quickly and easily by the administration.

So all you scholars in the classical art of logic, tell me what the point of Student Government is? Let me tell you what the point is. For us students, it is supposedly a place to voice our concerns on ideas, issues and problems and to help us out with these when dealing with the administration. But that leads to the point of Student Government in the view of the administration. For them, Student Government is meant to make us think that we have some kind of power to make a difference in how this university is run. This whole fiasco about Homecoming is a classical example of how that concept is total (such a choice, fitting word I want to use here but can't) crap.

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, Student Government is nothing. They are a group of hard-working people (and I am thankful for that) that we,

the student body, elected, who have absolutely no power. Their sole purpose is to make us feel like we are represented. We are represented, but it's a representation that is more like that of a janitor at the Capitol cleaning out the senators' ashtrays during a session. That janitor is there but he's not, if you get what I mean. He has no power and only power gets things done in life. If you are questioning whether or not what I say is true, ask yourself, "How many tuition and fee increases in the last several years have been stopped on account of the objections of Student Government?" The answer to that, at least to my knowledge (which is very extensive on the matter since I hear about it from my dad every time it happens), is zero.

Friends, you all should be a little mad after reading this. We are being held down by "The Man," and most of us don't even know it. I wish I had a solution for it, but I don't. I did the only thing that I'm capable of doing in this situation by using my weekly rambling to angrily ramble about the problem. But I promise that my little two-bit opinion column isn't going to make a difference.

I do have a scenario that I would like to see happen, though. On Friday night, I would love to see us, the students of NCSU, shut down Hillsborough in our normal big-brother fashion. Don't make me be the only one out there in the middle of Hillsborough Street drinking a beer, trying to stop cars. Not much the administration can do about a large portion of the student body shutting down the street... except maybe lynch me when they read this column.

Austin Adams is a senior in business management who has no money whatsoever and because of that, wrote an opinion column on a Friday night. If you would like to give money to his "party fund" or have a comment, e-mail him at adams2@unity.ncsu.edu.

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Granted there is probably a higher percentage of heart disease, hypertension and high cholesterol, but what the hell — you only live once, right? And perhaps Southern food could stand to be a bit healthier, but that would take away the some of the defining characteristics of what make Southern foods Southern. Cook it in grease, slap butter on it and pour on the salt. And ironically I have another theory that might aid in better health for all Southerners — let's go cross-cultural and start throwing back a few glasses of red wine with each meal. It seems to work for the French.

Regardless, you just can't beat the way we prepare our foods and the different kinds of dishes we come up with. It's simply the best. You can keep your meatball heroes and your Texas three-bean salad. I'll take my barbecue with Texas Pete on it, please.

Another incredible thing about living in the South is the gorgeous landscape and beautiful scenery one can take in just by stepping out into the backyard. North Carolina — dubbed "variety vacationland" by travel agencies — is filled with rolling hills, grassy plains, snow-capped peaks, lush meadows and sunny beaches. Just imagine if you lived in Arizona for instance. Arizona is great and all (I loved the movie Tombstone, by the way), but is there really much else beyond the abominable 140-degree desert?

Everywhere I look, nature and her beauty astound me. I can get in my car and just go driving around the countryside for hours, going down this dirt road or that, exploring the wondrous treasures that wait around every patch of trees and the awesome landscapes that are just over the next hill. This summer, I often hopped in the car with

a friend and went exploring local lakes and rivers, hiking trails and other places such as these.

Something about it just grabs my attention — I like learning where things are and investigating the world around me. And it helps to put things in perspective, too. When you get out there and it's just you, your set of wheels and 50 miles of winding country road, I swear you experience something spiritual. Surely God was smiling when He created this part of the universe.

Maybe that's one reason my "Yankee" friends think I'm such a country boy — because I am perfectly content just getting in my car and taking off down some winding road. I don't need the hustle and bustle of the big city or the noise and excitement of clubs to be entertained. And that in itself is a characteristic of being Southern — one that I am quite proud of, by the way.

Perhaps the single most impressive quality of the South is its abundance of beautiful women. As I walk around, contemplating life and going about my daily activities, I can't help but notice the droves of lovely young ladies out there. Before someone out there retains the Unabomber to mail me a surprise (oh come on, we all know he can still blow stuff up from prison), I want to clarify the fact that this is not a degradation of women, their abilities or their significance to the modern world.

Quite the contrary, my intent is to epitomize the fairer sex and its presence in the South. Not only are the women of the southern states the most attractive by far, but they also possess a certain gentleness and charm that seems all-too-rare in other areas of the civilized world. Kindness, compassion and delicacy are the virtues of these women. Soft-heartedness, generosity and amiability seem to be their primary mission, and you can rest assured it is one at which they succeed.

The terms "Georgia Peach," "Southern belle," and "country girl" have, at least in my mind, connotations of splendor and distinction. Any man who has lived in the South all his life will almost be forced to agree that southern women are quite possibly one of our most cherished assets. These identifying characteristics highlight a woman's personality just as much as they do her physical appearance. There may be some ditzies out there in Los Angeles or Chicago, but do you think many of them drive trucks, listen to country music or eat sweet potato biscuits? I may have missed it, but I don't recall the cast of Baywatch ever sporting cut-off jeans, those cute little overalls or vocabularies include the word "y'all."

Let's face it, gentlemen — when God fashioned the female population of the South, He applied some sort of sugary, candy-coated layer that goes to the very core of all. This must explain why we men can't help but be drawn in like a bunch of mindless, iron-pumping worker bees in search of some kind of Creatine-based nectar.

Yes, it is my contention that the South is a playground of delight and wonder. The Lord's bounties run plentiful here, and one can't deny that our lives are chock full of blessings. So as you lay your head down tonight and say your prayers, remember that you could just as easily have been brought into existence as a New York City cab driver and that you could be eating a pastrami-on-rye for lunch tomorrow.

Rest easy with the knowledge that you are part of an awesome way of life. And if you ever have trouble remembering something for which to be thankful, sit back and eat a big bowl of grits. It'll come to you.

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Pack picks up quadruple double

Rodgers wins title for Pack

◆ Wolfpack junior wraps up Pack's first individual title in three years and Pack blows away competition.

JOHNNY NOEL
Staff Writer

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. — Just how good is the Wolfpack men's cross country team? The rest of the Atlantic Coast Conference found out the exact details Monday morning.

And just how good is Brendan Rodgers? The rest of the ACC found that out as well Monday morning.

To the tune of 26:75, the Pack put a hurting on the eight other ACC teams in attendance, walking away with its fourth-straight ACC cross country championship in Charlottesville, Va.

Duke came out hard and fast early and appeared ready to challenge the Pack with all its runners grouping near the front. But the Blue Devils had come too hard and too early and soon faded, holding onto second place, 49 points behind the Pack.

After the Devils early spurt, there would be no challenges as the Pack soon gathered five in the top 10.

N.C. State junior Brendan Rodgers put on a show of his own, running away to an easy win in 24:36.9.

Rodgers recorded his second career win, following his early season triumph at the Wolfpack Invitational.

His victory gave the Pack its first individual championship since 1995 when Pat Joyce won as a junior, leading the team to its first team championship in three years. Last season Rodgers finished fourth overall and came into Monday's meet as the top-finishing returner.

Following Rodgers was Clemson senior Joe Gibson, who finished nine seconds behind in 24:45. Gibson emerged after two miles to challenge Rodgers, who had gone out hard, but a spurt at 3.5 miles by Rodgers decided the race.

"I didn't really have a game plan," Rodgers said. "It was more to just go out and control the race."

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Brendan Rodgers earned the Pack's sixth ACC individual title on Monday.

Pack trounces Wake Forest

◆ N.C. State defended the ACC title once again, blowing away the competition and quieting the critics.

K. GAFFNEY
Sports Editor

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. — Heading into the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship meet on Monday, the Wake Forest Demon Deacons were ranked ahead of N.C. State in the national polls, and there was talk that this might just be the year that someone, mainly the Deacs, broke the three-year stranglehold that the Wolfpack women had over conference competition.

N.C. State had a very different idea. The Wolfpack walked into Darden Tower Memorial Park on Monday confident and ready to take on whatever the opponent might throw its way, and walked out with its fourth-straight ACC title.

"I talked to the team about the difference between winning and losing being a very small margin," said Wolfpack Coach Rolfe Geiger. "We knew that we couldn't take the competition for granted. I thought that our group would run in front of them; it was a question of getting it done."

"It was a quality win for us," said Wolfpack senior captain Jackie Coscia after the race. "It was very emotional for all of us."

For Coscia and Meredith Faircloth, Monday was the fourth time in four years that the duo had lined up at the conference meet and walked away with the title.

"It was extra special for us because of the fact that (N.C. State) didn't even line up a team the year before we came in," said Coscia.

The Wolfpack dominated the entire race, with freshman Jennifer Modliszewski contending for the lead for most of the race.

Wake Forest's Janelle Kraus defended her individual title, but the Pack ran over the field, placing four scorers in the top 10, each earning all-conference honors.

Leading the way for the Pack was sophomore transfer Lindsey Rogers. In her first ACC Championships, Rogers finished third overall, behind Kraus and UNC-Chapel Hill's Trish Nervo. "It was just nice to win this meet, being on a team that is so close," said Rogers. "We were just all so excited and ready to run. I've never experienced that before."

Modliszewski finished fourth overall with a time of 17:33.0, while freshman Katie Sabino took fifth with a time of 17:35.3.

"Katie's practice has been so solid over the past week, I really thought that Katie would finish in the top five in the conference. I'm not surprised at all," said Geiger.

Any Beykirch earned All-ACC honors for the second time in as many years with the Pack, finishing ninth.

State's Erin Musson and Coscia took 10th and 11th.

With Musson and Coscia coming amongst the top 11 finishers, State placed six runners before the second-place finisher from any other team except for Clemson.

State posted a total score of 32 points, trailed by UNC-CH, with 65. Wake Forest took third, scoring 75 points. Clemson took fourth, while Virginia finished fifth, and Duke, Georgia Tech, Florida State and Maryland rounded out the field.



Lindsey Rogers was the Wolfpack's top finisher on Monday, taking third. Four Wolfpack women finished in the top 10, earning all-conference honors.

Alzindani pulls through for Pack

◆ Wolfpack junior Abdul Alzindani finishes in 13th place despite experiencing an injury at the beginning of the race.

JOHNNY NOEL
Staff Writer

Abdul Alzindani may have not scored for N.C. State, but his performance on Monday showed the rest of the ACC what running for the Wolfpack means.

On a day when victory was all but assured by the 4K mark of an 8K race, Alzindani delivered a gritty performance in the ACC Championships Monday morning.

Alzindani came into the ACC with high expectations and was ready to challenge teammates Chris Dugan and Brendan Rodgers for the individual

championship.

But while Rodgers ran away to claim victory over Clemson's Joe Gibson and Dugan was close behind, Alzindani hit trouble early and fell to 13th place.

"It was all hunched up in the beginning, and you make that turn at 200 meters after the start and someone stepped on my shoe, and it came

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Rumble in Reynolds

◆ Pack volleyball takes on ACC front-runner.

JEREMY ASHTON
Staff Writer

The N.C. State volleyball team will again try to pick up its first Atlantic Coast Conference win tonight in Reynolds Coliseum, this time against arch-rival UNC-Chapel Hill.

The Wolfpack (10-15, 0-12 ACC) is coming off a pair of close losses at home this weekend. Friday night, they dropped a hard-fought match in five games with Wake Forest. The match lasted almost three hours and ended up going to rally score in the fifth game.

"In the fifth game, we missed three



Stephanie Stambaugh (15) and the Pack look to upset arch-rival UNC-Chapel Hill tonight in Reynolds.

or four serves, and that's an automatic point for them," explained Kaitlin Robinson, a senior co-captain. "It's just hard to win a ball game in rally score when you miss four serves."

Less than 24 hours later, the

fatigued Wolfpack had to turn around and take on a comparatively fresh Duke team. The Pack put a valiant effort, showing a great deal of heart and determination, but again lost in four games by a score

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O'Cain looks ahead to Deacons

◆ After a close call at Clemson, N.C. State prepares for Wake Forest.

RODOLFO A. BIANCHI
Staff Writer

The unpredictable nature of Saturday's game at Clemson typified N.C. State's season. Just when it seemed like the Pack was in the clear, the Tigers came back and gave them a scare.

"In this game, it's hard to go out there and shut someone down," senior strong safety Rodney Redd emphasized. "Teams come up with big plays. Clemson, not to take anything away from them, came up with the big plays."

Clemson scored two second-half touchdowns and a field goal to take the lead before State put the clamps down with an 80-yard drive that ended with a Jamie Barnette-to-Torry Hold touchdown.

Now the Pack must look forward to Saturday's game against Wake Forest, which will be the final game the seniors will play at Carter-Finley Stadium.

"This is the first group in which I was able to get in their homes, know each of them better than any previous players that I had," added Head Coach Mike O'Cain. "This group stuck in there and fought when things weren't going well. They were a tremendous factor in getting this turned around, changing the attitude and changing the expectations."

This group of seniors, we've seen it all, in terms of bowl games," Redd added. "After the two down years, another bowl game will definitely cap it off."

The Wolfpack's last trip to a bowl game was the Peach Bowl at the end of the 1994 season, when

most of this year's seniors were red-shirt freshmen.

If State wins its next game it will become eligible for a bowl bid by the NCAA's standards.

"It's too early, too premature. Give us another week," O'Cain said when asked about a possible bowl bid. "I mean we're not afraid to talk about it. It's utmost on my mind coming into this week. One of our main goals was to go to a bowl game, and if we win we will be qualified to go."

The Pack was in a similar situation last year against Wake Forest. If it had won its game against the Deacons last year it would have definitely gone to a bowl game, but because of the loss they stayed home.

"That was a low point, but at the same time I feel a lot of coaches

and players after that game sucked it up and said it's not going to be like this anymore," Redd said. "I think any loss where we don't play well is bitter. Not to take away from Wake Forest, but they played better than us and deserved to win that game, but we didn't play to our capabilities."

"If we had won that game, we're 7-4, and definitely going to a bowl game; this year it is that same type of situation," Redd said.

One thing is for sure, with only 3,000 tickets remaining as of Monday, Carter-Finley Stadium will be packed, as N.C. State says goodbye to the seniors and thanks them for a great season.

"Carter-Finley is a special place; N.C. State is a special place," added Redd. "We want to go out with a bang."



N.C. State readies for another ACC match-up against Wake Forest this weekend.

Golf finishes third at Nelson tourney

◆ N.C. State golf team pulls out a third-place finish in The Nelson golf tournament at Stanford.

Sports Staff Report

PALO ALTO, Calif. — With a final round score of 295, the N.C. State golf team finished in third place at The Nelson tournament at Stanford University.

The Pack led The Nelson after two days but fell to eventual champion Colorado State and Nebraska, who finished second.

Carl Pettersson was the Wolfpack's top finisher at fifth overall with a one-under-par three-day score of 212. Pettersson shot a 68 on Saturday and a 71 on Sunday.

James Bunch was the next Pack golfer in the clubhouse with a composite score of 215. Bunch shot a 68 on Friday and a 71 in Sunday's final round. Bunch was tied for second heading into Sunday's action.

The overall champion was Northwestern Colorado's Luke Donald, who finished one stroke ahead of Stanford's Joel Kriebel with

a 205.

Other finishers for the Wolfpack were Mark Tunesa, who finished 30th with a 221 and Mark Gauley, who finished two strokes behind Tunesa with a 223.

Chris Mundorf finished just three strokes off of Gauley's pace with a 226.

Rival Duke finished in 13th place overall.

Rounding out the top five was host Stanford at fourth and Northwestern Colorado at fifth. Eighteen teams competed in the event.