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Dean of Textiles steps aside

◆ Starting in July of 1999, Robert Barnhardt will focus on the "tremendous joy" of full-time student interaction.

SARAH E. MIANO
Senior Staff Writer

When discussing his decision to "step aside" from his position as dean of the College of Textiles,

Robert Barnhardt is all smiles.

For Barnhardt, this resignation will mean an opportunity to focus on the advancement of new ideas and full-time teaching. Barnhardt, at the age 60, has been in administration for 35 years and dean at N.C. State for 12 years.

However, what brings him "tremendous joy" is student interaction.

"You come out of some classes and just feel exuberant,"

Barnhardt said.

The transition within the College of Textiles will occur in the fall of 1999, with a new dean hopefully in place by July 1, 1999.

During the fall semester, Barnhardt will address the projects and ideas he said are found in his "bottom drawer."

One of these projects relates to the National Textile Center, currently a research program that unites six universities including

NCSU. Barnhardt would like to look at this program from a teaching perspective and possibly expand it to joint undergraduate activities. These activities involve a potential master's degree taught on weekends, for those who don't have the opportunity to go to school full time.

Since his arrival at NCSU from the Institute of Textile Technology in Virginia, Barnhardt said the highlight has been the large,

simultaneous expansion of programs supported by a united team. Barnhardt feels his greatest challenge was the move to Centennial Campus eight years ago.

"It was like moving into a 'Kudzu' kind of environment," Barnhardt said. "There weren't a lot of neighbors...You miss some old friends. You miss Hillsborough Street for awhile." Although, he added, it didn't take long for the growth of

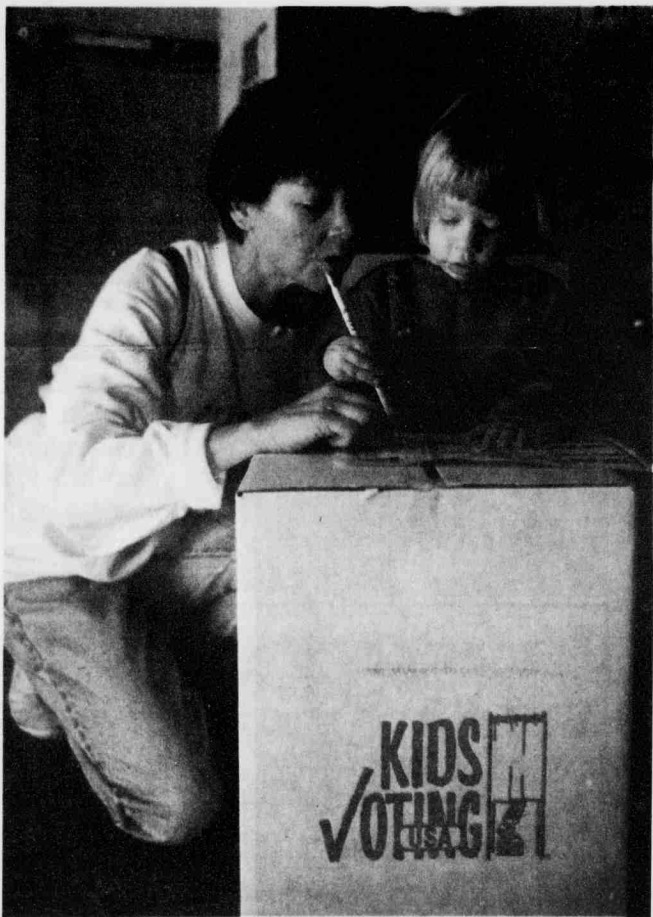
Centennial Campus to bring new friends and new opportunities.

Barnhardt sees himself as a faculty member for a few years, perhaps more.

"I have a lot of years left in me," he said.

Then, after retirement, he hopes to return to life's little joys of riding horses, playing golf, learning Spanish and playing his marimba and vibraphone.

Starting young



Amy Poss helps her 2-year-old daughter, Amelia, vote in the Kids Voting program. The program helps young children get familiar with the voting process.

Women harassed outside Talley Student Center

◆ One woman reportedly had alcohol thrown in her face after a confrontation with a man outside the Talley Student Center.

DANIELLE STANFIELD
Assistant News Editor

Two N.C. State students got a scare of a different kind around midnight on Halloween. At that time, Public Safety Officer L. Mitchell responded to a report of a fight on the south side of the Talley Student Center.

While sitting on the steps to the student center, Jannett Gonzalez, a sophomore in psychology, said a man "running his finger up and down her back" startled her.

After she told him to stop, he became hostile and an argument ensued, Mitchell said. Her friend, Cera Ford, a junior in business, came to her defense and argued with the suspect.

According to the report, the suspect lunged forward and threw what was reportedly thought to be alcohol from his cup into Ford's face. At this time, Gonzalez went inside the student center to get help, Mitchell said. Meanwhile, the suspect ran

away from the scene, going west on Cates Avenue. He changed directions and then proceeded east on Cates Avenue.

The report said Public Safety officers surveyed the area and were unable to locate the suspect involved, and two other men reportedly thought by Mitchell to have been with the suspect. The victims told Public Safety that they have never seen the suspects before and do not believe they are students at NCSU. However, the two women alleged that the suspects were students at Shaw University. This has not been confirmed.

According to the report, the suspects were described as black males in their 20s. One male was described as medium build, 5 feet 10 inches tall and wearing a gray sweater and blue jeans at the time of the incident. Another suspect was described as medium build, 6 feet tall and wearing a cream-colored shirt at the time of the incident. A third male was described as heavy, 5 feet 6 inches tall and wearing a black sweater at the time of the incident.

If the suspects are located and identified, both victims wish to pursue formal charges, the report said.

If anyone has additional information concerning the assault, contact Public Safety 515-2498.

Tour aids fundraising opportunities

◆ Chancellor Fox uses her "back home" time to get acquainted with North Carolina.

LEA DELICIO
News Editor

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox's trips "back home" with the students of N.C. State seem to have produced more than just a closeness between the new chancellor and the communities from which her students are from.

They seem to have produced opportunities for some added revenue for the university as well.

The main purpose of Fox's visits to N.C. communities like Pinetops, Wilmington and Asheville is to introduce the former resident of Texas to her new home of North Carolina. It also provides her with an opportunity to see where NCSU students are coming from, according to Scottee Cantrell, assistant director of NCSU News Services and one of the many people who has helped coordinate Fox's trips.

"She's a very student-oriented chancellor," Cantrell said.

On each trip, an NCSU student ambassador accompanies Fox to his or her hometown. Fox tours each of the towns she visits, speaking with

people in the community. Usually the student ambassador introduces Fox to the town, or a museum, for example.

"It's to give her a real slice of what North Carolina is like," said Cantrell.

An alumni function is also arranged in each town, according to Cantrell. The alumni are charged a small fee for each of these events, and Fox often visits the major donors to the university that reside in each town.

Cantrell was unsure of how much money Fox might have raised but said these were "good, positive repercussions...some that we might not have even thought of."

Jeff McNeill, vice chancellor of university advancement, agreed with Cantrell that fundraising is not the primary goal of Fox's trips.

"We're certainly not doing them as a fundraising

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Celebrities lose fight to keep nude photos from finding their way to the Web

◆ Pamela Anderson Lee and Laura Schlessinger can still be seen on the Internet.

DAVID ROSENZWEIG
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Former "Baywatch" actress Pamela Anderson Lee and talk-radio therapist Laura Schlessinger, a staunch advocate of conservative sexual mores, both lost court battles Monday to keep nude pictures of them out of circulation.

In separate cases in federal court, lawyers for the two women tried to block a Seattle-based Internet company from disseminating 12 nude

photos of Schlessinger taken two decades ago and a sexually explicit honeymoon video of Anderson Lee and her now estranged husband, rock star Tommy Lee.

Both personalities had filed motions against Internet Entertainment Group, which bills itself as the No. 1 purveyor of sexually oriented material on the Web.

Neither Schlessinger nor Anderson Lee attended the proceedings. In Schlessinger's case, U.S. District Judge Dean Pregerson lifted a restraining order he had issued Oct. 23 after Internet Entertainment posted photos of a bare-breasted and sometimes fully nude Dr. Laura on its Club Love sex site.

He agreed with company lawyers that any further court injunction would be pointless, because at least

five other Web sites had copied the photos without permission and posted them on their own sites.

In addition, the company's lawyers said in a legal brief, the photos had been replicated anonymously at countless newsgroup sites, making them accessible to millions of Internet users around the globe.

"Simply stated," they said, "the photographs are no longer 'private facts.'"

Schlessinger, author of the best seller "The Ten Stupid Things Women Do to Mess Up Their Lives," still can pursue her lawsuit against the company. It charges invasion of privacy and misuse of her publicity.

The photos were taken by Schlessinger's former mentor and lover, talk-radio pioneer Bill

Ballance, who sold them to the Internet company for "tens of thousands of dollars," according to a news release by Internet Entertainment Group.

Ballance, also a defendant in the federal lawsuit, was quoted in the release as saying he took the pictures at Schlessinger's request in his Hollywood apartment and in hotel rooms in Palm Springs, Calif., and the Grand Canyon.

He said the photo sessions began one day when Schlessinger was prancing naked through his apartment, admiring her figure.

"I reminded her that it would not always be like that and would eventually start sagging," Ballance said. "She agreed, and she said, 'I'd like you to take some photographs of me the way I am now at the age of 28 so

that I can look back one day and see that this is the way I once was.'"

Now 51, Schlessinger has since become a vigorous proponent in her daily, three-hour call-in program of sexual abstinence outside of marriage, stronger families and Judeo-Christian values. Her show has surpassed Rush Limbaugh's in audience ratings.

After hearing arguments, Pregerson said he intends to throw out Anderson Lee's entire suit because she and Tommy Lee signed away their rights to damages in a 1997 out-of-court settlement with Internet Entertainment Group.

The Lees took the sexually explicit video while honeymooning. They said it was later stolen from a locked safe in their home and sold to Internet Entertainment Group,

which posted it on its members-only Web site.

The couple initially filed suit in state court, contending the company was guilty of receiving stolen property, invasion of privacy and using the video without permission.

In an out-of-court settlement, the Lees agreed to drop their suit and waived their future right to sue on a broad variety of grounds.

David Weeks, attorney for the couple, argued in court Monday that the Lees and their former lawyers thought the agreement applied only to dissemination of the tape on the Internet.

He said no one could have reasonably envisioned that Internet Entertainment would distribute the tape on videotape, CD-ROM and in hotel rooms throughout the world.

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opportunity," McNeill said. However, McNeill did say that the opportunity to meet the chancellor first-hand was something alumni and donors were very impressed with.

"Does that help in fundraising?" McNeill said. "Of course it does."

He could not say that Fox's trips had specifically produced a monetary increase in donations, but he did say donors had commented that they were very impressed with Fox's enthusiasm.

Fox's trips so far have included everything from shooting basketballs with one student ambassador to sliding down a fire pole at a Raleigh fire station.

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In Tuesday's edition of Technician, the first emergency contraceptive kit, PREVEN™, was misspelled. Technician regrets the error.

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The wonderful world of Case

♦ A writer journeys into Case Dining Hall to see what those hanging out at Fountain have been missing.

PHILLIP REESE
Staff Writer

I have been to the promised land, my friends, and, no, I didn't want to come back. Last week, I was given the opportunity to enter the most exclusive of NCSU's eating establishments: Case Dining Hall. Ah, the intimacy, the milieu, the ambience. A very nice meal, indeed.

Yet, and I would be remiss if I didn't say this: the best thing about Case — its exclusivity — is threatened every time someone like me clicks his heels three and says, "Take me to Case; take me to Case." It's not the food; it's not the service; it's the atmosphere.

Don't believe me? Then we'll go over this point by point. Close your eyes. Let your mouth water. We are going to Case for lunch.

The Food

As any Case connoisseur can tell you, the food here is a little better than over at Fountain Dining Hall. As we walk in, we see three entrees on the menu: meat and rice; stuffed flounder; and chicken fajitas. Let's go for the meat and rice.

Mmm... Not too shabby. Nice, full taste. But, then again, you can't really mess up meat and rice.

And how about some of that nice stuffed flounder? A very soft, rich flavor.

But wait. What is that we hear? Yes, just in front of us two students are complaining. Seems that they are sick of seeing the same food at Case day after day. There's the rub, says Art White, associate to the vice chancellor for dining: Case doesn't have as much

variety as Fountain.

There is no fast food line. No vegetarian section. And the menu just isn't as diverse, White says.

So, the food is a little tastier, but variety is sacrificed. As University Dining Business Manager Randy Lait put it, "It's nice, [but] it's not the king's feast."

The Service

It's pretty good. Rumor has it that if you come here often enough the servers will call you by name.

But, and this is a crucial point, Case is getting a bit overcrowded, and, as anybody who has been to Fountain on a Sunday night can tell you, big crowds lead to big lines.

"They let anybody up in here," said the fellow behind me, an athlete. Indeed, you can tell Case is feeling the strain. It took us a few minutes to get our food.

The Ambience

Case, believe it or not, is quiet. Unlike Fountain, there is no audible din resulting from hundreds of people talking there at once.

Plus, and this is very important, the minute we step into Case we become one of the elite, the selected.

"People are always going to say Case is better. To many people, just getting on the list is special," said White. Indeed, we are special, my friend. Just look at the common rabble walking outside Case's walls. Do you see it in their eyes? Yes, good buddy, that is envy.

But, like any exclusive club, the more people you let in, the less exciting membership is. Which is why we, despite being charmed by the ambience of Case, must depart.

Our place is not here. We are plain, normal. We, for whatever reason, were not chosen for Case.

So be it. Let the chosen enjoy themselves. No need to ruin it for everyone. I'll see you in Fountain.



Nastya, Nicka and Lena, Russian students, wait for questions from the audience.

Back in the...Russian school system?

♦ A lecture explains the difference between Russian and American school systems.

BETHANY NORRIS
Staff Writer

They have traveled thousands of miles to come to North Carolina. What makes us so special? We are lucky enough to be the home of Dr. Candy Beal, a woman with a vision that is becoming a reality with the help of N.C. State.

Beal has successfully helped 29 girls,



Dr. Candy Beal, the visionary of this project, lectures on the history of Russian education.

"one very smart boy" and five adults travel from Volgograd and St. Petersburg, Russia, to share their experiences and inspirational voices with the people of North Carolina.

On Monday night the Education Psychology Council with Humanities Extensions Publications sponsored a lecture by Beal and Inna Vorobieva, a Russian teacher, on education in Russia. Beal was fortunate enough to have traveled to Russia before, and talked about her perspective as an outsider looking in, while Vorobieva gave the perspective of what it was really like to teach in Russia today. Three girls from the choir, Nastya, 17, Nicka, 14, and Lena, 16, were also on hand to answer any questions the audience might have about what school was like for a teenager in Russia.

Beal's lecture emphasized the history of Russian education from the Czars to the Bolsheviks to modern day. Through each revolution the ideals of education changed, and education itself changed.

Russia has made great strides in education since the 19th century. They have gone from a 25 percent literacy rate in 1897 to releasing Sputnik in the '50s.

Currently, their education system is going through some harsh strains due to the nation's economic crisis. Schools lack funding for textbooks, gas for busses and money for teacher salaries. In fact, 55 percent of teachers have not been paid since last spring, yet they go on, and they survive.

As Beal said, "If Russia can get through the 300 days of siege on Stalingrad (now Volgograd) and 1000 days in St. Petersburg during World War II, then they can get through the economic problems they are going through today."

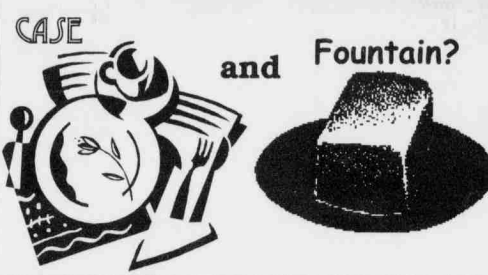
Vorobieva talked about what it was like to be a teacher in Russia today. They have three levels of schooling. Primary is for ages 7 through 10, middle is for ages 11 through 13 and senior high is for ages 14 through 16. Exams are given between middle and senior high and upon graduating from senior high. Senior highs tend to be specialized, and each student can determine what they would like to be their specialty.

There are four main groups of Senior High Vocational schools for manual training: gymnasiums that focus on the humanities, lyceums that focus on the technical aspects of education, while a multi-profile gymnasium combines both humanities and technical subjects. There are also special schools for those gifted in art, music, dance, sports and handicapped students. This allows for a wide variety of experiences for both the teacher and the student. Russia has evolved from a strict Stalin lecture style to incorporating more teacher and student input.

The seminar was concluded with a question and answer period for the teenagers. They were asked what school was like, and, although the girls were a bit shy (except for complaining about how much homework they had), they were typical teenage girls. Even though they were from what we see as a different world, they weren't that different after all.

If you'd like to see the choir perform, they will be at Edenton Street United Methodist Church on Friday at 7:30, joined with the choirs from Meredith and Enloe High, as well as a Strings orchestra.

Is there a difference between...



Have you used fen-phen?

♦ Ex-users of diet drugs still need to take care.

SNORGA G. BOODMAN
The Washington Post

Dieters who took the appetite suppressants fen-phen, a combination of fenfluramine and phentermine, or Redux, also known as dexfenfluramine.

require continued medical monitoring to detect potentially serious heart-valve damage, an obesity researcher at the Mayo Clinic said last week.

Speaking at a science writers' conference sponsored by the American Medical Association, Donald Hensrud, an assistant professor of preventive medicine and nutrition at Mayo, reviewed the results of three studies involving more than 8,000 fen-phen and Redux users published last month in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Hensrud also reported on the modest success of a new diet drug called sibutramine, which was approved last year by the Food and Drug Administration. Hensrud said that on average sibutramine users lost 15 pounds in six months, when the drug was combined with a program of diet, exercise and behavior modification.

The NEJM studies of fen-phen and Redux found that between 12 and 24 percent of those who took the drugs developed valvular heart disease, a rare and potentially lethal problem that is rarely seen in people under 50. In 1997, when the drugs were withdrawn from the market, the FDA reported that in one study about 30 percent

of 290 patients showed signs of heart-valve damage.

More than 18 million prescriptions for fen-phen and Redux were written between 1992 and 1997. Phentermine, the second half of the fen-phen combination, remains on the market and is sometimes prescribed as a weight-loss remedy for use with Prozac, a practice that is not approved by the FDA and one for which Hensrud says there is no scientific evidence.

The studies also found that the longer patients took Redux or fen-phen, the more likely they were to develop valve problems. Dieters who took the drugs for four months or longer were seven times as likely to suffer valve damage as those who did not take them, a team of Boston University researchers found. Obesity by itself does not damage heart valves, researchers have discovered.

The chief unanswered question is what will happen to these patients over time.

"Right now we don't know," Hensrud said.

Given the drugs' huge popularity, he added, "there are a lot of people walking around with very mild valvular disease" who don't know it. "We need longitudinal data over time."

Hensrud and other experts advise anyone who took Redux or fen-phen to be examined by a doctor. Those who have a heart murmur or other valve



abnormality, or who took the drugs for more than three months at high doses, should get an echocardiogram, the only definitive way to diagnose valve damage.

Hensrud also said that nearly all patients who took the drugs and were evaluated at Mayo regained some or most of the weight they lost when they stopped taking fen-phen or Redux.

The fen-phen experience should make doctors and patients more cautious about using diet drugs, Hensrud said. So far no serious side effects associated with sibutramine have emerged, but patients who have hypertension should be monitored more closely because the drug can increase blood pressure slightly.

People who take sibutramine, which is approved for those with a body mass index greater than 30 and those with obesity-related complications and a body mass index greater than 27, should not plan on losing significant amounts of weight, which from fen-phen and Redux promised.

"People need to have realistic expectations about the results of this drug," Hensrud said. "The people who are grossly overweight are not going to get a weight range they will like. But even

small amounts of weight loss can improve the medical complications of obesity."

Plant medicine blossoms

♦ Ethnobotany Symposium explains how plants become medicines.

LINDSEY GREENE
Senior Staff Writer

The Botany department had its first "Explorations in Plant Medicine: Ethnobotanical, Herbal & Pharmaceuticals Perspectives" symposium this past weekend. It celebrated the revival of techniques, such as ethnobotanical inquiry, that support the discovery of novel medicinal plants. It was organized in recognition of renewed public interest in natural plant medicines.

There were two different sessions on Saturday and Sunday. The first session was titled "Anthropological and Historical Perspectives, and the second dealt with the Business and Industry of Plant Medicines." Guest speakers from around the country led panels on everything from "Traditional Healing with Plants and Magic among the Indigenous Shuar and Achuar People of the Southeast Ecuador" to "Analytical Method Development in Medicinal Herbal Product Quality Control."

University of Michigan spoke about the cultural aspects of medicinal plants, including the interesting fact that "the biochemistry of plant species does not dictate how the plant will be used as a medicine." Instead, each culture defines what plants will be medicinal based upon its interpretation of the physical attributes of the plant, its behavior or its ecology. Ford also compared particular species and looked at their various uses across cultures.

Dr. William Balee from Tulane University explained that "Ethnobotany is the study of the conjunction of people and plants. It included not only how

people use plants and the physicochemical properties that useful plants harbor but also how people name and classify plants." Dr. Xiping Wang, the vice president of

Production and chief scientist from Gaia Herbs, spoke about Gaia Herbs' 200-acre farmland used for planting 65 medicinal herbs.

The symposium seemed to draw everyone from botany professors to plant enthusiasts and history buffs to pharmaceutical representatives. Best of all, this symposium was free!



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Apologies to Danimal & his friend, this comic had to run a week late. ..RM..
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Doughboy 'do-bo'n (1865):
an American infantryman
esp. in World War I
p. 378
Webster's Ninth Collegiate Dictionary



The Feline, **Matajuro Yagu**, was the son of a famous swordsman. His father, believing his son's work was too mediocre to anticipate mastership, disowned him. So Matajuro went to **Mount Futara** and there found the famous rabbit swordsman **Banzo**. But Banzo confirmed the father's judgement and told the cat that because of his rush to learn so quickly, he would never get any better.

Matajuro was told never to speak of fencing and never to touch a sword. He cooked for his master, washed dishes, made his bed, cleaned the yard, cared for the garden, all without a word of swordsmanship. Three years passed. Still Matajuro labored on. Thinking of his future, he was sad. He had not even begun to learn the art to which he had devoted his life.

But one day Banzo crept up behind him and gave him a terrific blow with a wooden sword. The following day, when Matajuro was cooking rice, Banzo again sprang upon him unexpectedly.

After that, day and night, Matajuro had to defend himself from unexpected thrusts. Not a moment passed in any day that he did not have to think of the taste of Banzo's sword. He learned so rapidly he brought smiles to the face of his master.

When Matajuro became the greatest swordsman in the land, he hopped a spacecraft and ventured towards **Myrm'lon**, a moon of the planet **Arachaw'n'th**.

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Technician's View Local entity is growing

◆ Raleigh-based First Travelcorp takes a big slice out of the travel industry pie.

North Carolina is a hub for many companies that have thrived from the late '80s to the present day on mergers and takeovers — companies such as Bank of America (formerly NationsBank), First Union Corp., Northern Telecom and US Airways. Add a Raleigh-based company to that list.

First Travelcorp, currently the nation's 24th-largest travel company, announced on Monday the purchase of Travel & Transport, based in Omaha, Neb., according to Tuesday's Raleigh News & Observer.

This purchase is quite a bite for First Travelcorp. Despite the fact that the purchase price was not released, observers can assume that a mega-deal went into place, based on the sales in 1997 of the two companies. First Travelcorp had sales of \$156 million, while Travel & Transport had sales of \$451 million. The Midwest travel giant is the country's 12th-largest travel company.

This merger is an event that will have an adverse effect on more than just average business travelers and vacationers. The new company, which will be named First Travel & Transport, will bring additional power to the table and will have more leverage; it doesn't hurt to sport a new national ranking of eighth in the travel industry. The influence of the new company will more than likely affect N.C. State students in the near future, because so many companies students might work for after graduation are clients of First Travelcorp and

Travel & Transport. Students hired by these companies can rest assured that their travel needs will be in good hands.

For instance, companies like Volvo (with a heavy trucking division in Greensboro) and Charlotte-based J. A. Jones Construction Company, are giant pillars for First Travelcorp's business, while Bank of America and Kimberly-Clark Corp. are in the same ballpark for Travel & Transport.

Looking beyond the short-term benefits of this development, the merger trend is rapidly on the rise all over North Carolina, and this will breed bigger companies with a stellar aura to recruit from — right here in the Triangle, from NCSU, UNC-CH and Duke. The job market for students in this region surpasses any competing region in America.

From bank mergers to airline buy-outs to technology companies buying similar start-ups, the "Oh North State is well on its way to being a region-sized New York or Los Angeles — in business terms. So much land on the outskirts of NCSU, Wake County and the rest of the Triangle is undeveloped, luring companies from all over the world to establish a presence here. And the companies that have been here for quite some time want their influence to go beyond the Triangle, North Carolina and the rest of the country, such as First Travelcorp.

To some, news of this merger might not put a dent in everyday thinking. Yet news of this nature is another example of how North Carolina-based companies, or at least companies with significant hubs or outposts, are making waves in Corporate America — waves that are cresting with power, accessibility and global influence.

CAMPUS FORUM

Respondent salutes BGLA

I am writing in response to the BGLA letter in the Oct. 18 Campus Forum section.

It is indeed a sad world when it takes the murder of an innocent young man to pull a nation together. Until the passing of Matthew Shepherd, many people were ignorant of the deep-seated hatred harbored by "closed extremists." The alleged criminals in Shepherd's case were young men also, having yet to reach the peak of their lives. The BGLA organization, I salute their efforts of offering a comfortable and safe haven for bi- and homosexuals and also for providing all with a chance to consider how these circumstances may reflect ourselves as human beings.

Although I have no affiliation with the BGLA organization, I salute their efforts of offering a comfortable and safe haven for bi- and homosexuals and also for providing all with a chance to consider how these circumstances may reflect ourselves as human beings.

Lolita Bryant, Freshman, Chemistry

Couples must limit PDA

In the column "The Best Places on Campus to Make Out" from the Sept. 30 edition of Technician, the issue of PDA (public display of affection) was addressed. Although I found the column amusing and insightful, I felt that it failed to touch on one factor of this issue that tends to bother many people. The author of this column selected the best places on the NCSU campus to make out but put very little emphasis on privacy. Although many couples feel that PDA is a way to express their affection toward each

other, they show very little disregard or courtesy toward the students who have to witness their make-out sessions. Making out is fine, and all of us have done it at one point or other, but there should be both a time and a place for it. If you choose to make out with someone in a setting that is not quite so private, please attempt to select a location with a low possibility of being sighted or a time when few people will be around. Personally, I believe that affection should be an intimate thing that should be between those two people and not shared with everyone else on campus that happens to be walking by. When a thing like intimacy is shared with more people than the couple who is doing it, then it tends to take the special meaning out of intimacy anyway.

Patrick Misko, Freshman, Political Science

Liability is a lurking shadow

Phillip Reese is only half right in his opinion that N.C. State officials are looking after their image when deciding what is right for the students. He forgot that in this sue-your-neighbor world that NCSU is worried about liability. Joe Student may be an adult, but some people see NCSU-sanctioned events as NCSU-controlled events, meaning if Joe drinks a beer on Hillsborough Street at an event and kills someone driving home drunk, NCSU may be responsible. Also, if Jane gets pregnant because Joe Student stayed in her room overnight, guess who Daddy will complain to and sue because rules were not in place to protect his precious. Liability is not who's right or wrong, but who can we pin the blame on. Remember that NCSU can file campus charges if you do something illegal off campus (like at Brent Road).

If anyone is to blame, it is a few

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Living as a china doll

KELLY MARKS
Staff Columnist

When I was a little girl, I looked pretty prissy. I'm not blaming anyone — I liked it well enough at the time — but if I was forced to point fingers, I'd have to stick a big old index finger out toward my mom for putting me in dresses with pinafores and another at my grandmother for making them.

Of course, don't think that just because I looked prissy that it meant that I was, I mean, I was prissy a good part of the time — I played horse and dressed Barbies and used the banister on the living room staircase as a makeshift tower from which to spot Prince Charming, should he ever decide to show. But I also played in dirt and rolled down hills and stood atop my cousin Jason's tree fort throwing down "grenades" at my little sister (he was GI Joe and I was Scarlett, leaving my sibling no choice but to be Snake-eyes).

All in all, I grew up a pretty vocal and independent child, and, excepting the fact that I needed a night-light, I had relatively few worries or fears. In fact, the biggest fear I had was of a china doll that my grandmother had given me and that was only after hearing the urban legend about a similar doll that gutted people with her realistic little red fingernails. (That poor doll did two years of hard time in a closet for what was really just an unfortunate manure.)

So it's a bit funny to see the me that I grew into today. She's much more cautious and plagued by irrational fears than her 5-year-old counterpart ever was.

Now I could get very philosophical here and start talking about a fear of the unknown or of death, or regret or just of people asking me to think philosophically, but such topics might actually provoke serious thought and that's just the sort of thing I like to avoid.

Basically, it all boils down to two main dilemmas. I get nervous easier these days, and I have an overactive

imagination. The two make for an unsettling combination — every friend who's running five minutes late is either dead in a gutter or standing me up for something better to do. Every time the gas-station counter girl takes a second too long to hand back my credit card, I just know that I'm overdrawn and financially ruined for forever.

And of course, I have my share of "Scream" moments when there's that fear that the random wrong number interrupting my quiet evening at home is actually a crazed stalker lurking at the back door. In fact, every guy who happens to stare just a little too intensely is suspect — instantly assumed to be sizing me up to see if I can fit into his little sister's eskybake oven, or else he's wondering exactly what kind of shoes I have in my closet and whether he can fit into them.

It's true — I sometimes go to extremes. Yet, you never can be too safe, and it's much better to be safe than sorry. I took a self-defense course in high school. This now allows me to preach to other girls about having their "safety radar" at the ready. For the record, one cannot speak of safety radars without raising one finger behind their head, circling it around and making the beep, beep submarine noise — believe me, it's a move sure to scare off any would-be assailant.

If that doesn't work, I can also threaten that I know how to drive a man's nasal cavity into his brain, thus piercing it and rendering him dead. I can't prove this claim as of yet, but I feel safe in the knowledge that I can at least say it.

I also walk through every parking lot with my keys spread between my fingers, balled into a fist. At least if I'm ever mugged I can scrape my hand up really good and bleed all over the attacker.

I think being a girl makes me more wary. Very few girls, with perhaps the exception of that queen of the American Gladiators, Ice, can overpower a guy. There are only two ways that such a feat can ever really be accomplished by mere mortal

women who aren't named after nouns — that is of course, through either mental manipulation or a strategic knee-jerk. Without these two means of defense, though, a girl can be reduced to a very vulnerable thing.

Girls just aren't as strong as boys. And girls, especially if they're like me, aren't necessarily even as strong as other girls. It only takes one lonely walk across a dark street at 2 a.m. to realize how very vulnerable one can be.

This applies to guys as well, of course. I just maintain that it's scarier for girls. Perhaps this is because I am both a girl and a jumpy one at that.

The truth is that we all find ourselves vulnerable now and then. And so whether we mean to or not, we each live our lives in fear at least a part of the time. It might not always be in fear of bodily harm; it might just be we're afraid of being hurt.

Reasons as frivolous and unfounded as the ones that made me put my china doll on the shelf (or my sister's My Buddy doll in the attic crawlspace for that matter — she mutilated his hair and he looked just like Chucky) keep us from doing or saying things on a daily basis. We don't do things for fear of looking stupid or because we worry what the rest of the world will think. And we don't say things because we don't want the confrontation, the rejection or the disappointment that might come with them.

And in truth, such hesitations and inhibitions are as silly as me thinking that every car that follows me for more than two minutes is a wild-eyed maniac preparing to run me off the road and cart my unconscious frame off to his cabin in the woods. It's all very well to be safe. Just don't let fear interfere with living a happy, productive life.

As always, e-mail all comments to kmarks@unity.ncsu.edu. But please, no phone calls — she might wig out and in a state of panic fall out of a window. And we can't have that happening now can we?

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Among stress and fatigue, a greater force was found

RICHARD MORGAN
Staff Columnist

I figured something out. Among all the stress and strains of college life, between the longing to fit in and the longing to stand out, life has taught me a lesson — and, of course, I feel understandably compelled to share that lesson with as many people as possible.

So, here it goes: It started with guilt, discomfort, shame and all of those other corrosive cancers of consciousness. I don't remember where I was or what I was doing, but I do remember suddenly tasting the film on my teeth, suddenly feeling the oil on my fingertips, suddenly hearing my heart-beat.

They were all normal sensations, yeah, but they were being magni-

fied, made larger than life; like a bit of gravel in my shoe or a grain of sand in my mouth, the feelings ground grit and grime against my senses, forcing priority on my thoughts.

I was, in a word, uncomfortable. The thing was, I wasn't uncomfortable from being too hot or standing up for too long or anything as everyday as that; just was uncomfortable. I felt cut off for a moment — not just alone, but lonely — like that dot in the ying-yang or that withered black french fry that comes with every serving; I felt like a black sheep — without a shepherd; I felt like a fish out of water.

I don't know how to explain it exactly, but it was painful; it was the painful discomfort of not belonging and not knowing what to do with my hands and wondering if anyone around me was noticing that I was totally flipping out.

And then it stopped.

I discovered this little saying, and it changed everything. Someone once said that "no one knows who discovered water, but it probably wasn't a fish."

It just hit me. Nobody notices something that surrounds them, fills them, soaks them; it's just sort of taken for granted.

That's what my discomfort had been, I realized — nothing more than realizing — something that was too obvious to see before. It was the shock of catching a glimpse of my reflection or hearing my voice on tape. It was surprise at the obvious, strangely enough.

So, now, I still have those little moments when I feel like a fish out of water, but I don't think it's a bad thing anymore; it's just my realizing something I've been taking for granted. It's tough to step outside myself like that — even a little

uncomfortable. It's easier for fish to live in water. But when I feel out of place like that now, it doesn't affect me as much because I know that it's all part of development.

And, as a Christian, I must that one day God's going to trade in my fins for wings, and then I'll be able to burst out of this pool of earth and soar into the skies of Heaven.

That's what I learned — that the difference between comfort and discomfort is a matter of perspective. That's what I wanted to share. I'm grateful that I have this opportunity to share. I hope that it resolves in others the struggle that it resolved in me. And I hope that it would inspire others to make an effort to stop drowning in their own lives, to try to break through the waves that toss us all about and to dare to breathe the air that is, after all, what I believe is the breath of God.

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Mixed signals sent in march

Dept of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

An even greater step backward has been made in regards to brotherhood and fellowship. Blaine Harden's commentary ("Leaders question NYPD's interruption of march") expressed some very interesting ideas and emotions.

However, instead of trying to point the finger at who is to blame for the

interruption of the march, the energy should be focused on answering questions such as: What exactly was the topic of discussion, and, most importantly, why did the march have to be stopped? Finding answers to those questions, among others, may help to reveal why things occurred in the manner in which they did.

I believe it is awful if Muhammad took advantage of the time to instill hate in so many young black men. But, if he was instructed to end at a certain time, he should have been allowed the full time without police officers rushing the stage.

A lot of mixed signals were sent during the march, which, in today's society, we need to be aware of. The police department's actions may have been just what some of the men expected. Is the next march going to have the same fate as this one, or, better yet, will there be a next one?

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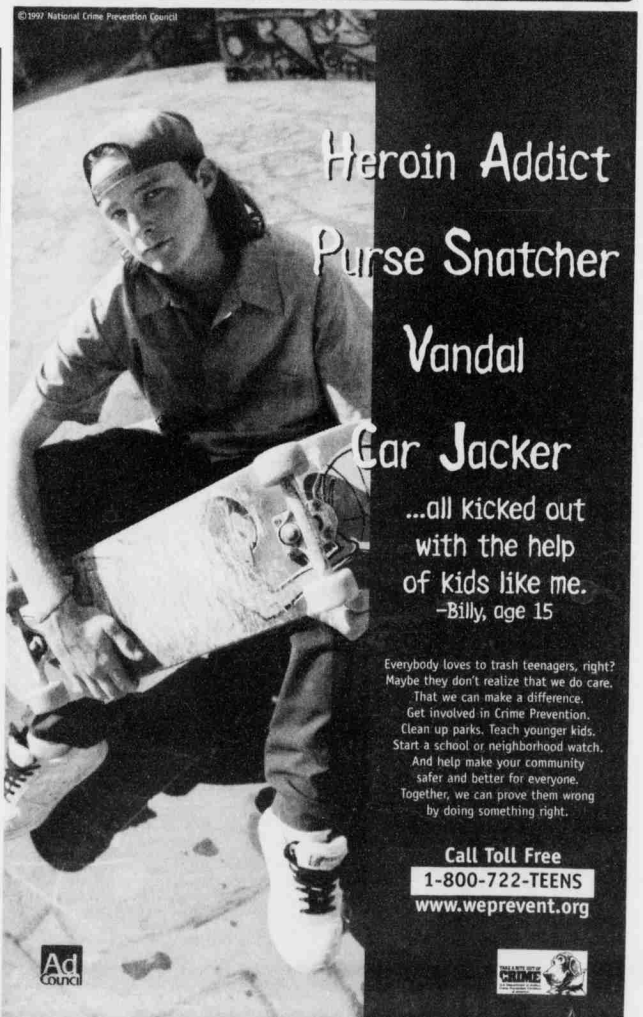
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"C" flag football championship, 26-6 over Sigma Phi Epsilon. Four other championships will be held this weekend. The Residence "A" and Residence/ sorority championships will be held tonight at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., while the Fraternity "A" and Residence "C" will be held on Thursday at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. All games will be held on Lower Miller Field, behind Carmichael Gymnasium.

Over the weekend, five N.C. State teams competed in Chapel Hill at the North Carolina State Flag Football Championship. Two N.C. State Co-Rec teams competed for the State title, with the Pack Attack defeating the Rajin' Cajuns, earning a trip to the Regional Flag Football Championship in Wilmington in two weekends.

State senior Jeff Chesson was named the tournament's top official and will travel to New Orleans in December to officiate the Nike National Flag Football Championships.

Upcoming events
Men's Rugby will compete on Friday, taking on the Raleigh Rugby club at 6 p.m. on Lower Miller Field.

Ice Hockey will face off against Virginia Tech on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at the Ice House in Cary.

The Water Polo team will travel to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio for the Collegiate Water Polo National Championship Tournament on Friday for a weekend competition.

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Sunday was the first time that any of the team members had run at Darden Tower Park, and the first time that most, including Coach Rollic Geiger, had even seen the course. Previous ACC events hosted by the University of Virginia had been held at different venues around the Charlottesville area.

The trip to the course also held the dreaded first encounter between the Wolfpack women's team and Wake Forest, N.C. State's closest competitor for the last three years, who came into Monday's meet with a higher national ranking than the Pack.

Both teams ignored each other, concentrating on their own business for the day.

While the courses had been mapped out, the difference between the men's and women's course became confusing, and the Wolfpack women ended up getting lost along the way. The men finished their 5K jog before the women returned from their supposed 5K, causing a brief panic from coaches Geiger and Laurie Henes.

Sunday also provided the Wolfpack coaches a chance for a final one-on-one meeting with the runners, and for two of the 18 members dressed in identical warm-up outfits, the realization that

Monday's race was out of their hands.

In 20 years, when the photograph from the 1998 ACC cross country championship meet are pulled out of dog-eared albums, the faces of two individual members will be missing. Aaron Keller and Molly Purser made the trip to Charlottesville with the Wolfpack team, but didn't line-up at the start and didn't take the podium during the awards ceremony. Effectively the ninth man and woman on the Wolfpack rosters, both had turned in performances throughout the season deserving of a spot on the line, but both had been bumped off the roster by teammates. Both Keller and Purser would easily be among the top three runners on any other team competing last weekend, but when you run for the Wolfpack, sacrificing personal gain for the good of the team is a way of life.

As the team left the course Sunday, strategies were put away into the subconscious of each individual runner, and the bigger business of preparing physically for the next day's race got underway.

After carbo-loading at the conference banquet, the teams returned to the hotel for meetings with Geiger, Henes and Graduate Assistant Jason Vigilante, and to spend a little time with the family members that had traveled from North Carolina and Virginia and even as far as New York and New Jersey to see their sons and daughters race.

At the meetings, the coaching staff

talked less about championships and more about each individual getting his or her job done. There were some changes in the room assignments to make sure that none of the runners would be awakened in the middle of the night by Ely Henes, the newborn daughter of Coach Henes and her husband Bob, both former Wolfpack All-Americans. And at the men's meeting it was decided that the if any other team had its sight on the conference title, they would have to go through Raleigh for it.

On Sunday, after a short, early morning jog and a small breakfast, the women headed over to the course. The coaches tried to keep the runners focused and away from the bustle of the meet and the carloads of Pack supporters who had made the trip to Charlottesville, while the seniors tried to keep the freshmen from becoming overly excited and wasting too much energy in pre-race warm-ups.

When the men arrived an hour later, Geiger made the decision to separate the two programs, moving the men's warm-up area away from where the women had set-up camp. Win or lose, he didn't want the emotion of the women's race, which proceeded the men's race by 45 minutes, to effect the men. With the closeness of the two programs it was a big step, but with 17 years and 20 ACC Championships under his belt, few questioned Geiger's race-day decisions.

Geiger's predictions are correct,

and as both races end, the emotion from both teams is evident with the win. For the women, it pours from seniors Jackie Coscia and Meredith Faircloth, who've raced on four straight ACC Championship teams, after signing with Pack in a year that State couldn't field a team due to injury.

For the men, it came from Abdul Alzindani, who came from dead last to finish 13th despite excruciating pain, Brendan Rodgers, who won the race in a blowout, breaking through the shadows of teammates and former Wolfpack runners that he has been in throughout his three year career and senior Chris Pluchos, who ran what could be his best race ever as part of the Wolfpack team, finishing fifth and earning all-conference honors in his last ACC race.

After the awards ceremony and some extra time with their family and friends, the Pack boarded the bus and headed back to Raleigh.

The atmosphere is drastically different from the day before, car games in the aisles and comedies on the television screens.

And then the realization, they get to do it all over again in two weeks, traveling to Furman University in South Carolina to defend the District III Championship and earn another trip back to the NCAA meet.

ECU

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N.C. State soccer. After losing nine players from last year's squad, which was ranked as high as fourth nationally, the Wolfpack has struggled to fill the vacancies left by last year's senior class.

The season is not over, though and State has the potential to do some damage in the ACC Tournament.

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One of the good guys

COMMENTARY

K. Gaffney

Even as an objective journalist, there are some people whom you just want to find success. People like Gail Devers, who's battle with Graves disease almost left her with an amputated foot. Despite this debilitating ailment, she battled back to win the Olympic Gold in the 100-meter dash. Or Haley Scott who was paralyzed in 1992 when a bus transporting the Notre Dame women's swim team tipped over on an Indiana interstate, killing two of Scott's teammates. Scott overcame her injuries and found her way back into the pool four years later.

And then there are the people who just fade into the background, never asking for attention and rarely receiving it, even though their actions might be deserving.

Brendan Rodgers is like that. Rodgers, who is a junior on the Wolfpack cross country team, won the Atlantic Coast Conference Men's Individual Cross Country Championship this past Monday.

Before the race, one of his teammates referred to him as the most under-rated runner in the conference. This stigma was fitting before the race and might still be.

In his sophomore season, Rodgers earned both All-ACC and All-American honors after missing the first two meets of the year due to a knee injury.

In 1996, he was the top freshman finisher in the district and earned All-ACC honors with an eighth-place finish.

Despite all of his success, the television crew filming the championship meet didn't know who Rodgers or any other of the Pack's top runners were. The crew had to ask some of the Pack red-shirts who would be the Pack's top prospect to win the race with twins Chan and Corby Pons not running this season.

Rodgers not only won the race, but he out-kicked Clemson's Joe Gibson over the final 2,000 meters of the course to win by nine seconds.

Rodgers is good, but like most of his teammates, he would never admit that to himself, let alone tell anyone else that.

What is impressive about Rodgers, though, goes beyond his success on the course and has little to do with overcoming any sort of career-threatening injury like Devers or Scott.

He is just a good person. At Monday's ACC meet, I met Brendan's brother Mike. He had traveled to Charlottesville from Fairfax, Va., where Brendan's family is from. Surrounding him were four young children, one girl and three boys, all under the age of 10.

They were Brendan's old neighbors from Fairfax, who had moved to Charlottesville, and they were there to see Brendan race.

While most of the Pack runners separated themselves from the spectators prior to Monday's conference championships, Rodgers took time out from his preparations to talk with the kids.

A few years ago, when their father was sick and eventually died of cancer, Brendan became like a big brother to the four children. Like any little brother or sister, the admiration that they have for Rodgers was evident.

Instead of enjoying any of the well-deserved praise that was being heaped upon him after the race, he spent time with the kids and his family members that had traveled to see the race.

After the race, I approached Rodgers to congratulate him on his win, and his only response was to tell me that he was glad that I could come to Charlottesville and see the team race.

On the bus ride up, Rodgers told me that his dad, Mike, couldn't make the meet because he was in Ukraine on business for the next week. It would have been important for Brendan to have his dad there. I couldn't help feeling a little sad, because its people like Rodgers that you want good things to happen to.

I think I might not write about Brendan Rodgers anymore. I think I'll have a hard time being objective.

The business of defending a title

◆ 31 hours with the N.C. State cross country team offers insight into what it takes to maintain a modern-day sports dynasty.

K. Gaffney

Sports Editor

As the 16 competing members of the N.C. State cross country team stood with their newly acquired Atlantic Coast Conference Championship trophies against the backdrop of the gray sky and rolling hills of Charlottesville, Va., on Monday, you could almost hear a

collective sigh of relief.

The Wolfpack had done what it set out to do in Virginia this past weekend, which was to wrap up both the men and women's fourth consecutive team championships, and in the process complete the first of three goals set out for the team in August.

But the business of winning four consecutive championships is serious, and while it has turned the Wolfpack into a modern-day dynasty, it hasn't come without work. By noon Monday both teams had the championship in hand, but State didn't just stroll into Charlottesville and run a race. The titles were the result of weeks of

preparation and 24 hours that, in the end, felt like days.

The team met at 10 a.m. on Sunday, loading equipment into the team bus, grabbing breakfast at Case Athletic Center and saying a quick goodbye to friends, family, boyfriends and girlfriends before heading to Charlottesville.

The four-hour bus ride was quiet for this tight-knit group of athletes. Unlike the rowdy, easy-going bus trips depicted in movies and television, most of the Pack's runners spent their time sleeping, studying and getting ready for the race but, above all, not thinking about the race.



Men

Women

- Brendan Rodgers* Lindsey Rogers
- Chris Dugan Jennifer Modliszewski
- Chris Pluchos Katie Sabino
- David Patterson Amy Beykirch
- Robbie Howell * Men's Individual Champion

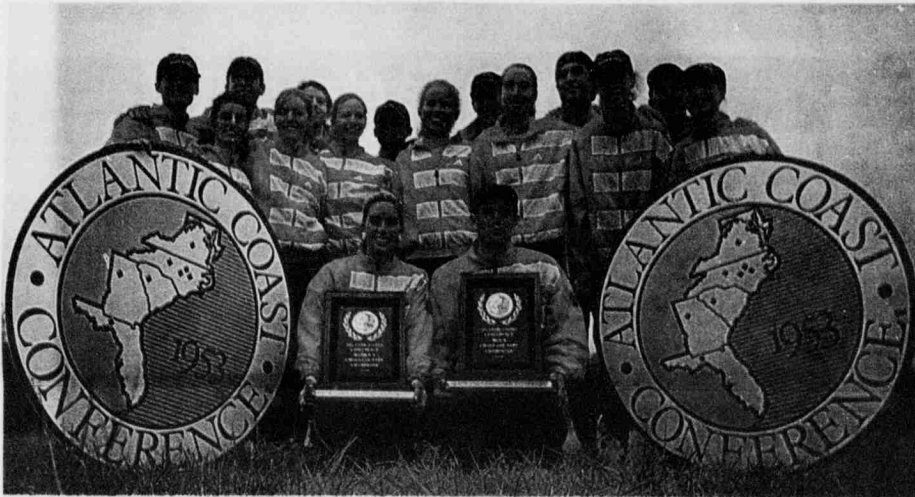
"You can get yourself too excited about the race," said Wolfpack junior Abdul Alzindani. "Even just thinking about it, you use up the adrenaline, and that can make you tired."

There were the occasional outbursts, fueled by inside jokes or an inspirational scene from the movie

"Hoosiers," shown on the bus' TV screens.

After the four-hour bus ride, the 18 members, nine from each team, checked into the hotel for a quick change of clothes before heading to the course for their daily run.

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Aaron Keller/ Special to Technician

N.C. State's men's and women's cross country teams wrapped up their fourth consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference titles on Monday. Pictured here are the 16 runners who competed for N.C. State. Front row, l-r: Meredith Faircloth, Robbie Howell, Middle row: Jackie Coscia, Katie Sabino, Beth Fonner, Erin Musson, Lindsey Rogers, Amy Beykirch and Jennifer Modliszewski. Back row: David Patterson, Chris Pluchos, Brendan Rodgers, Abdul Alzindani, Aaron Saft, Chris Dugan and Mike Fitzula.

Men's soccer looks for win against ECU

◆ The men's soccer team looks to enter the ACC Tournament on a positive note with a win at ECU.

TIM HUNTER

Assistant Sports Editor

For the men's soccer team, any win will do.

The Wolfpack has been on the losing end of three consecutive close matches and is searching for something positive in the midst of a down season.

The Pack has lost four in a row overall, including a loss to conference rival Duke.

N.C. State may just be able to end the regular season on a positive note today when the Pack takes on East

Carolina in Greenville at 2:30.

The Pirates have suffered through a similar season this year, losing three straight games as well heading into this intrastate match-up.

ECU (3-12-1) has only scored six goals this entire season, and the wins have been few and far between. Also, East Carolina has tallied its wins against a relatively weaker schedule than what the Pack plays. State has faced over half a dozen ranked teams this year, most of them in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Wolfpack (4-12) is searching for a win heading into next weekend's ACC Tournament to be held in Winston-Salem.

State, in what has become commonplace this year, will be a bit short-handed for today's game. Junior

co-captain and leading scorer Sebastian Rodriguez is out indefinitely with a head injury sustained in Sunday's game against UNC-Charlotte and will not see action in this afternoon's matchup.

However ECU is State's best and last chance for a win heading into the tournament. State is 22-1-2 all-time versus the Pirates, with ECU's only win coming all the way back in 1974. In other words, the Pirates haven't beaten N.C. State in soccer since Gerald Ford was president and the Vietnam War was still raging.

In last year's meeting, the Pack made the Pirates walk the plank with a 6-1 win at Method Road Soccer Stadium.

But this year is a different year for



Wolfpack junior Mike Smith and the men's soccer team take on ECU today in Greenville, N.C.

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Smith finds his place

◆ Off-season work pays off for Wolfpack junior.

K. Gaffney

Sports Editor

Jason Smith did a little showing off for the Wolfpack coaching staff last week.

In the Red and White World Series, the five-game series that marks the end of N.C. State's baseball's fall practice session, Smith was 13-16, knocking five hits in the first two games and handing in solid performance at shortstop.

Smith scored 10 runs and added four stolen bases, while driving in two runs from the lead-off spot.

"He's been our best player this fall," said Wolfpack Coach Elliot Avent. "He just does all of the little things that you want in a player. When he is on base, things happen. He is just a smart, aggressive player."

Smith broke onto the scene in his freshman campaign against perennial ACC powerhouse Florida State as a walk-on. In the Pack's first of two wins in the three game series, Smith went 1-2 and was flawless in the field. The Pack's series win was its first over the Seminoles in three years.

The 5-foot-9-inch second baseman batted .295 for the season. Smith finished the 1998 baseball season as a

starter in the N.C. State infield. But playing only half of the Wolfpack's games didn't suit him, so instead of sitting back and waiting his turn, Smith decided to do something about it.

Smith decided to stay in Raleigh for the summer, working during the day for Carolina Power and Light in the design control unit. While the job provided Smith with a summer income, his decision not to return to his hometown of Goldsboro had more to do with what he did after work. In the afternoons and at night, Smith spent his time in the training room.

"Last year I had a rough year, as far as numbers," said Smith. "This summer I worked eight hours a day, and then I went back and lifted weights and ran and spent some time in the (batting) cage. I did a lot of work."

And all of his work has paid off.

"Jason has really improved, but he knows that if he ever lets up, there will be someone right there to take his job again, but I think that he works to hard to ever let that happen," said Avent.

His play this fall has impressed the Wolfpack coaches, and possibly earned him a regular spot in the Pack Nine's line-up come the Feb. 9 opener.

"No one has a position wrapped up for the spring," said Avent. "But I'll put it this way, Jason is far ahead of his competition."



Wolfpack junior Jason Smith led N.C. State through fall practice.

CLUB NOTES

◆ All you could want to know about NCSU's club and recreational sports, or at least all that we can tell you.

Sports Staff Report

Women's soccer shows strength at Clemson

N.C. State's club women's soccer team advanced to the finals two weekends ago in Clemson, defeating UNC-Chapel Hill 4-3 in a shoot-out in the semifinal game.

Becky Stanton defended the State goal, while Kristi Ghiloni, Jennifer Corbett, Danielle Stanfield and Amber Taylor scored for State.

State advanced to the championship round after defeating UNC-Greensboro 2-0 and playing to a scoreless tie with Miami of Ohio. Against UNC-G, Kelly Smith and Jenny Hanson scored.

In the finals, State lost to Virginia Tech 2-1. Katey Smith scored for N.C. State.

The wins move State to No. 6 in the southeast poll.

The team will play three games this weekend, taking on Duke on the road at 1 p.m. on Saturday, hosting Appalachian State at 6 p.m. on Saturday and traveling to take on UNC-CH "B" on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Flag Football championships underway on Monday, Sigma Chi won the Fraternity

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