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Professor unearths oldest church

◆ An NCSU archaeologist believes that he has uncovered the world's oldest Christian church in Jordan.

JIMMY BYALS

Senior Staff Writer

Four years ago, in the summer of 1994, N.C. State history professor Thomas Parker and his archaeological team set out for the Middle Eastern country of Jordan to study the economic history of one of the great cities of the Roman Empire. Parker calls what the group actu-

ally discovered a "very significant find in Christian history."

In a press conference on Oct. 28, Parker shared with the public for the first time the objects and artifacts unearthed in three biennial digs at the site. He also revealed that what he and his colleagues found is the oldest church in the world.

The church, found in the coastal city of Aqaba (formerly Aila), dates back to the late third or early fourth century. Parker suspects that construction on it was actually finished around A.D. 300.

An earthquake in May A.D. 363

damaged the church, leaving it roofless and allowing the structure to fill with sand. The sand preserved the building and the items inside for posterity.

Among those items were 200 ancient coins, some dating back to the third century reign of Roman emperor Diocletian, ceramic wine and oil jugs, bits of glass used for oil lamps and chandeliers and a fragment of a bronze cross in a cemetery alongside the church. During the six-and-a-half-hour daily excavations, archaeologists also found bits and pieces of 20 skeletons from the cemetery.

The building of a protective wall around the entire city except for the church left the structure abandoned. Neither the citizens of Aila nor any of the region's subsequent inhabitants attempted to rebuild the church.

According to Parker, this neglect offers archaeologists a new perspective and has great historical significance in itself. "Other ancient churches, like the Church of the Holy Sepulcher [Jerusalem] and the Church of the Nativity [Bethlehem] have been rebuilt and reconstructed... it's difficult to discern what the original structure

looked like," he said.

The church takes on added importance when considered in its cultural context. At the time of the building's construction, Christianity was in the Roman Empire, a crime punishable by death.

"These people were building a monumental structure for an illegal religion... When we dug in the cemetery next to the church, I couldn't help but wonder, 'Had these people died for their faith?'" Parker said.

Included in Parker's 53-person team this past summer were 18 of

his own students.

Parker intends to perform further research on the artifacts found in Aqaba. Down the road, those objects of a museum quality will be sent back to Jordan and placed on display.

Parker will return to Aqaba in the summer of the year 2000 for his fourth season of digging on and around the church's site. Over 1,600 years after the earthquake leveled the Basilica by the Gulf of Aqaba, the church has found new life with Parker's discovery.

NCSU plans master's for foreign languages

◆ For French and Spanish enthusiasts, NCSU may soon offer the opportunity to pursue a master's degree.

SPRINE STEPHENS

Staff Writer

The faculty of the department of foreign languages has been granted permission to plan a proposal for a master of arts degree program in foreign languages at N.C. State.

The new master's program, projected to be available in the fall of 2000, will be limited to options in Hispanic studies and French studies, possibly later adding English as a second language and a Japanese option.

The program would enable high school foreign language teachers to enhance their skills and become more proficient and better-qualified to teach foreign language classes in schools. The master's degree might also attract college graduates who wish to gain expertise in a foreign language while studying a minor in a related field such as history.

"This program is different from a traditional master's degree in foreign language," said Robert Sowell, dean of the Graduate School. "The program would offer courses in the evenings and in the second Summer Session to allow area teachers to take classes directly on campus without conflicting with their teaching schedules."

Presently, there is no foreign language master's program in the state that works directly with teachers, helping them to accomplish

advanced licensure while teaching simultaneously. The curriculum for NCSU's unique program would also include an opportunity for students pursuing the master's degree to participate in study abroad. In fact, the program would encourage students to "take the advantage to experience first hand the language they will be teaching," said Sowell.

The Graduate School and foreign language department worked side-by-side with the College of Education and Psychology and Cathy Crossland, head of curriculum and instruction, to formulate a curriculum that conforms to the guidelines for a new degree program. The curriculum would include courses in language, culture and literature.

"The target audience for this program is the community at large," said Larry Schehr, head of the foreign language department. "It will provide a new means of learning for people who otherwise might not get this chance."

There is a possibility that the program may be offered via video conferencing and the Internet for convenience and a quicker graduation.

"This proposal is a great step for the department," Schehr said. "Many people have worked hard in favor of it, and it is finally coming to fruition."

Now that permission to plan has been granted, the proposal will be submitted to the university council for review, then sent on to the provost and chancellor and finally to the general administration for approval.

NCSU provides shuttle

◆ For those students who are planning on flying home for Thanksgiving, N.C. State's DOT has a plan that may reduce some of the nuisances associated with holiday travel.

ALLISON BALLARD

Assistant News Editor

In two weeks, the hectic holiday travel season will begin. Fortunately, N.C. State students flying home for Thanksgiving can avoid some of the hassle.

NCSU's Division of Transportation is planning a Wolfline shuttle to and from the airport on the Tuesday and Wednesday before the Thanksgiving holiday.

along with the Sunday after. Cost for the service is \$5 one-way or \$9 round-trip.

This is the second year that DOT has offered this service; however, only 22 students took advantage of the shuttle to the airport last year.

"We didn't do a good job of getting the word out," said Claire Kane, transportation planner with DOT. "We are trying to market it better this year."

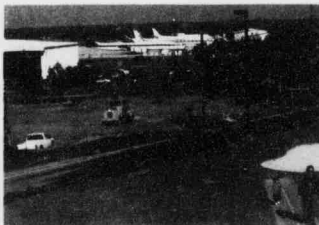
Kane said this is a service that many people request. DOT plans to make the shuttle something that students will want to use.

"This year, we are putting everything into it. We would like to see if this is something we can do year after year," she said.

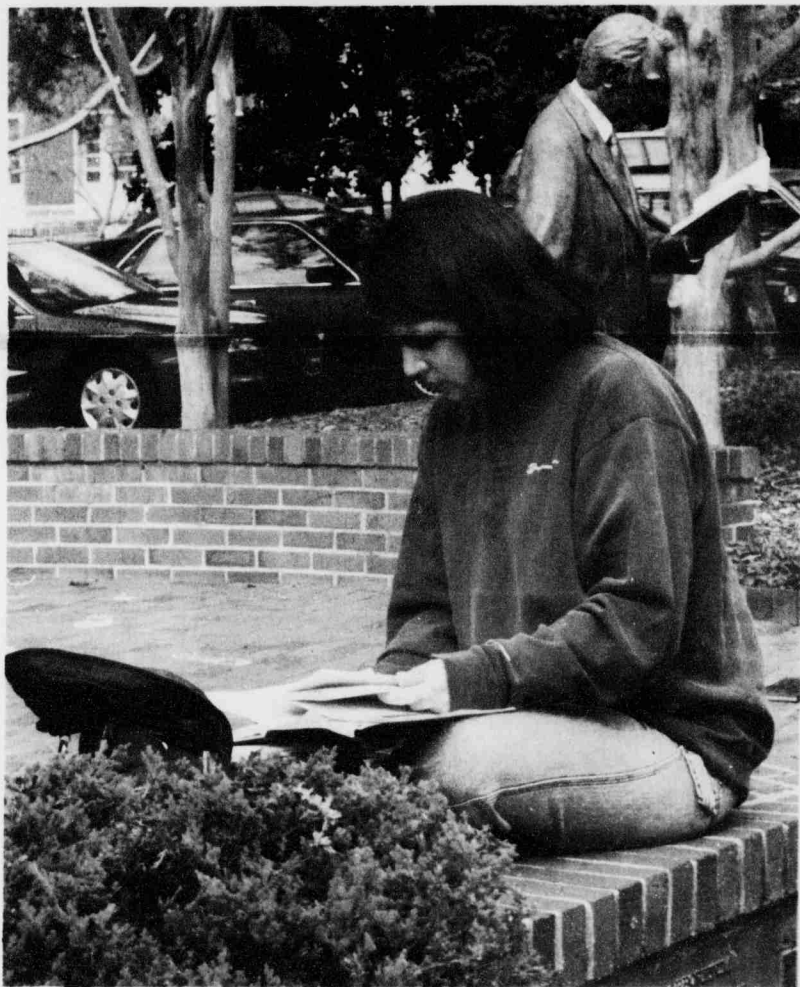
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Kim Hunter/Staff

Students using RDU to leave town for the Thanksgiving holiday will have the opportunity to use a shuttle provided by the N.C. State DOT.



Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery



Michelle Beasley, a junior in social work, does her best to imitate the statue behind her.

Kim Hunter/Staff

Cox drops out of Speaker race, leaves field to Livingston

◆ The Republican from Louisiana is the favorite to replace Newt Gingrich as Speaker of the House.

FAYE FIORE AND ALISSA J. RUBIN

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., announced Monday that he is withdrawing from the speaker's race, clearing the field for Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., to be elected the next leader of the

House of Representatives by acclamation.

It was a dramatic twist in a fast-moving tale of congressional intrigue. The Newport Beach, Calif. Republican is withdrawing as abruptly as he entered two days ago in an apparent move to stop the blood-letting in a party left reeling by Friday's sudden resignation of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga.

"You have to make a subjective judgment based on trends," Cox said in an interview late Sunday. "This

has turned into a foot race, and I can get votes as fast as Livingston can, but he started with a lead.

"While I've been reasonably successful at undoing some of his commitments, if you extrapolate this to a week, it would get very hard and very bitter, and I don't wish that kind of contest. Our six-vote majority means we have to unify the conference."

With Rep. James M. Talent of Missouri announcing Sunday he would not seek the post, Livingston, the chair of the powerful House

Appropriations Committee, is unopposed.

"It's over, and it's Livingston's," one GOP source said.

Cox said that, by Sunday afternoon, he had reached 90 of the 223 House Republicans. All told him they were either behind him or leaning his way, he said.

Then Livingston paid an unexpected visit to Cox in his office. Livingston told him he had the votes to win and urged Cox to withdraw for the good of the party. "Let's find

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Shuttle

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Because DOT is completely receipt-supported, transportation officials will not be able to continue the shuttle service if it loses money, as it did last year, Kane said.

This year, it has added scheduled runs on Tuesday and offers the shuttle service both ways every day so students can use the shuttle to see someone off at the airport if they'd like.

"We are trying to make it more encompassing," she said.

Students who choose to drive and park at the airport may have a bigger hassle on their hands than they bargained for, said Fred Pearson, who coordinates ground traffic at Raleigh-Durham International Airport. He strongly encourages students to use the shuttle, if possible.

"[Using the shuttle] will prevent them from sitting in traffic for 45 minutes and not being able to find a parking spot," he said.

Because of construction at one of the airport parking areas, officials are expecting "very significant delays" over the Thanksgiving holiday. However, buses will be able to use "drop-and-go areas" that should substantially cut down on time at the airport, Pearson said.

"I think the shuttle sounds like a good idea," said Anne Hamel, a sophomore in political science. "I know I plan to use it."

Students who would like to take advantage of the shuttle service must purchase tickets from the DOT office by 5 p.m. on Mon., Nov. 23. No tickets will be sold after that time.

The buses will run from the Coliseum Parking Deck and the West Lot about every hour from 4 to 9 p.m. on Tues., Nov. 24, noon to 9 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 25 and 1 to 10 p.m. on Sun., Nov. 29.

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a way to end this without having to wait another 10 days," Livingston told Cox, according to a Republican source.

Cox did the math and decided instead to work on hanging on to the post he now holds as chairman of the Republican Policy Committee—which is fourth in the House leadership and which he would have had to relinquish to run for speaker.

Just hours after Gingrich resigned Friday, Cox was on "Larry King Live" announcing his candidacy. He spent Sunday making the morning talk show circuit, saving 90 of the 223 House Republicans were either "behind me or leaning," and insisting the race was wide open.

"Chris Cox may not win this race for speaker, but his future is very bright," an aide to one California congressman said. "The California delegation needs Chris Cox in the leadership and we will be working hard to make sure he is policy chairman."

But even as he solidified his lock on power, Livingston—who has been laying groundwork for a leadership race for more than a year—faces some of the same problems that drove Gingrich from office.

Factions within the Republican Party disagree deeply about their policy priorities— torn between reducing the federal government's role or increasing regulation of such businesses as managed health care. And even as they endorsed Livingston, some GOP lawmakers expressed doubts about his leadership.

"Bob has got his problems like all of us do," Rep. Lindsey O. Graham, R-S.C., who is planning to support Livingston, said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"He [Livingston] needs to realize that this is not an appropriations job he's about to get into. It's a leadership job."

For his own part, Livingston was vague about his signature issues. He urged compromise over confrontation, arguing that ideological purity would be political suicide—even though such an approach is anathema to conservatives.

"With a margin of only six votes in this coming Congress, I've got to work with people who don't believe the same way I do," said Livingston on ABC's "This Week," complaining about "sulking" voters who contributed to the GOP's loss by staying home.

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Quote of the Day:
"One can't complain. I have my friends. Someone spoke to me only yesterday." - Pooh Bear

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At the dog wash

◆ What the Pre-Vet club can do for those vet school hopefuls.

By **TRISHA ROSS**
Special to Technician

When vet school admission is more challenging than getting into medical school, every application item counts, but membership in the NCSU pre-vet club is more than a popular blip on admission papers.

Somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 students start at NCSU each year with the intention of attending vet school — an astounding figure considering that the NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine only accepts 72 students from the nation in a one-year period.

The introductory class to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences actually devotes class periods to discouraging this large group of students from the profession. In general, the students are told that they will never get into vet school; it's too competitive, their grades won't be good enough, the field is overcrowded, etc.

So, it isn't surprising that many students react by joining the Pre-Vet Club, an organization boasting a 125-student membership this year. Membership is an extra every other Monday to attend meetings. To those students who've decided that their studies couldn't stand the competition and even to those students who, for unknown reason, hold misconceptions about the club and grudges against it — listen up, because it's clarification time. Paying eight bucks for dues and having "technical membership" in the PVC isn't going to get anyone into vet school. It's grades, GRE scores and experience that'll do that.

So what's the good news? The PVC can help you out with all of them. The great aspect of any club is the knowledge pool it represents. The PVC keeps its members abreast of changes in the vet school, required curriculum, processes of



Doggone delight — a dog gets washed by students in the Pre-Vet club. The dog wash is just one of many activities that the club is a part of.

vet school application, good courses and teachers at State and where to find jobs, internships and more. Networking through the club can get you tips for taking the GRE, study sessions for tests and even recommendation letters for vet school.

The club also gives its members opportunities for experience working with animals. Besides arranging hands-on dog washes, volunteer trips to the Carnivore Preservation Trust (where volunteers may get hands-on contact with exotic

rainforest species), the Duke Primate Center and the Asheboro Zoo, the club participates in vet conferences and takes a large trip each year. Ask the 34 members who attended the fall break trip to Orlando this year about hands-on experience. The club experienced behind-the-scenes tours of the veterinary facilities of Disney's Animal Kingdom and Sea World. Members got up close with dolphins, penguins and even manatees!

This spring, the club plans to attend the National Pre-Vet Conference at Purdue in

Indiana, giving students the opportunity to visit another vet school and converse with pre-vet students from around the country.

All in all, the Pre-Vet Club is an active exploratory club that prepares its members more thoroughly for vet school and has a lot of fun in the process. If you are interested in learning more about this club or attending a meeting, contact Debbie Tobin at 512-4345 or Email: datobin@unity.ncsu.edu.

Technobabble

◆ The real power of the Internet — distributed computing.

CHARLES MANGIN
Staff geek

I received a few e-mails about a previous column in which I mentioned the SETI@home project, and I thought I might write a little about distributed computing. SETI@home is a new effort in which radio astronomers and other scientists involved in the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence, SETI, are recruiting Internet-connected computers to help out.

According to their Web site, they are looking for volunteers to distribute the workload of processing incoming telescope information.

To give you some idea of what their current processing requirements are, the current method of sorting data using custom hardware to scan and interpret incoming telescope feeds in real-time fills up a 34 gigabyte tape each day. And that is only scanning a few of the many radio frequencies at a time — as they put it, "just skimming the surface."

What they propose to do starting in April 1999 — testing has begun already with 10,000 volunteers — is distribute the collected data via the Internet to idle computers, who in turn will process little chunks of the data, looking for intelligent signals. The participating computers will only have to run a screen-saver program to participate. The screen saver ensures that the processing only gets done when the computer is otherwise idle.

This isn't a new scheme. There are several similar distributed computing projects going working in the Internet right now, mostly trying to crack codes or search for obscure mathematical mysteries. These efforts usually have good results from willing geeks who donate their idle processor cycles but not from the general online public. After all, what's the joy in finding the next Mersenne prime number or the 40 trillionth digit of pi?

Sure, you get the admiration of about five other people on the planet who know what you're talking about or maybe a little of the prize money, which is what you'd get if you crack DES cryptographic codes. Joining in the effort to find intelligent signals from outer space is a little more exciting. And hey, if you happen to be the one that finds that needle in a galaxy-sized haystack, you'll be sure to get a good bit more than 15 minutes of fame.

Distributed computing is a growing part of the Internet, with uses far beyond cryptography and obscure mathematics. Distributed systems should be able to handle anything that requires lots of processor power, the things that used to be the realm of custom built behemoths or supercomputers from IBM, CRAY and SGI-machines. These machines pack enough of a computing wallop that they are often liquid cooled to keep their multiple parallel processors from actually melting under the strain. But how can a bunch of rag-tag, off-the-shelf desktop systems that just happen to be connected to the Internet compete? The way it works is deceptively simple.

Basically, anyone that has a computer constantly, or even intermittently, connected to the Internet, can download a piece of software — a screen saver or some other freestanding application — that does three things. First, it tells your computer to connect to the Internet and download a chunk of information from a central server. Second, the information is processed when there's no other processing going on. Third, it uploads the results back to the server and repeats the process. If the average computer can do this about once an hour, that's not very impressive.

But get 120,000 volunteers doing the same thing — like SETI@home claims to have — and you get about 2,000 "chunks" processed each minute. Of course, the actual rate of processing differs based on what kind and speed of processor you're running. The whole scheme doesn't depend much on connection speed — the participating computers only need to be in touch with the server when uploading results and downloading new tasks. Sometimes you can tell your computer to grab a day's worth of work from the server at a time, meaning you only need to connect once a day. The only tough part is the coordination. The central server has to be pretty beefy to be able to handle all the incoming requests for data and to be able to pull all the incoming results in order. But if you consider that to get a supercomputer that could do all the processing by itself might be anywhere from a few hundred thousand dollars to several million, \$50,000 for a server and a ton of storage is a bargain.

So, how do you help out in the search for E.T.? You can't for now. After all, the project doesn't really get underway for another six months, but you can sign up at their Web site: setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu to receive information when they do go online. There are also links there to other ongoing distributed projects you can join in the meantime. So, whether you're in the mood to look for prime numbers, digits of Pi or in the mood to cracking the latest DES challenge...happy hunting!

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Native American history

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On Nov. 11 the movie will be in Talley Student Center in the Blue Room.

Nov. 16:

From 9 a.m.-1 p.m. information booth in the Brickyard on Native Americans.

At 6:45 p.m. there will be

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Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater good.

Be truthful and honest at all times.

Take full responsibility for your actions.

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The possibilities in that cigarette...

◆ Looking for the positive effects of nicotine.

JOHN SCHWARTZ
The Washington Post

Everyone knows that smoking is bad for you. But not every component of a cigarette is harmful. Take nicotine, the chemical that makes smoking satisfying — and addictive.

Nicotine serves as a natural insecticide in tobacco leaves. But the drug is relatively benign to humans in normal doses, especially when compared with the thousands of toxins in tobacco smoke.

In fact, nicotine has a wide array of potentially beneficial effects. As a result, nicotine is being

studied as a possible therapy for a broad range of ailments that includes Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases, schizophrenia, depression, adult attention deficit disorder, Tourette's syndrome and ulcerative colitis.

A second wave of research, meanwhile, is aimed at developing drugs that mimic nicotine's positive effects but don't produce its negative side effects, such as nausea and rapid heartbeat.

"There is a tremendous growth of interest in the nicotine field," said Jed Rose, a Duke University researcher who co-hosts an annual scientific conference devoted to the drug. "There's been a virtual explosion of new findings on every level."

This trend was on display Sunday, when several groups of researchers presented their latest work on nicotine and nicotine-like drugs at the annual Society for Neuroscience conference in Los Angeles. The presentations included work by scientists at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. on a drug designed to mimic nicotine's ability to improve memory and learning.

Research on nicotine as a possible treatment for disease

got its start a decade ago, as researchers began to notice that smokers suffered less from certain diseases.

Nicotine, however, is not selective. It has many different, often contradictory, effects on the body — for example, it simultaneously calms smokers and speeds up their heartbeat.

"It's just what we would call a 'dirty drug,'" said Phyllis C. Pugh, a nicotine researcher at the Medical College of Ohio. "It has too many effects."

So researchers are looking beyond nicotine to try to come up with compounds that will act more specifically. Neuroscientist Edward Levin and colleagues at Duke University are working with a nicotine-like compound, AR-R 17779, that appears to improve learning and memory in rats. Levin focuses on what are known as "alpha-7 nicotinic receptors," which are found in great concentrations in the hippocampus, part of the brain important to memory and learning.

Receptors are cellular locks that wait for a chemical with a specific shape to act like a key and trigger functions within the cell.

In nicotinic receptors, nicotine fits the locks meant for acetylcholine

(ACh), one of the body's natural receptor keys.

When Lev and his col-

leagues injected rats with the chemical, the rats were able to run mazes more effectively. The researchers then took the study a step further by giving the drug to rats whose memories had been impaired by damaging pathways to the hippocampus. "These rats improved as well — a hopeful sign for Alzheimer's research because the connection to the hippocampus is often damaged in victims of that disease."

Researchers at R.J. Reynolds have also been working with nicotine mimics, and have found similarly encouraging results. Two compounds, known as RJR-2557 and RJR-1734, also trigger the brain's ACh receptors. R.J. Reynolds researcher Patrick Lippello gave the drugs to rats and found that the compounds boosted short-term and long-term memory. The effects last about 18 hours in rats, and the drugs can be taken orally.

The chemicals also seemed to protect rat brain cells from being destroyed by some toxins, which could point the way to a therapy that only alleviates the symptoms of Alzheimer's. However, any human therapies based on these drugs would be years away, Lippello said.

Seth Moskowitz, an R.J. Reynolds spokesman, said the company's venture into the drug business should not be taken as an admission that it is in the drug trade. "The work that we're doing in this area is totally separate and apart from our cigarette busi-



Technician's View

Master's is beneficial

Department of foreign languages granted permission to plan master of arts proposal.

In the ever-increasing melting pot that is N.C. State and the Triangle, a positive and dynamic move has been made here that, among other things, will accommodate this.

The faculty of the N.C. State department of foreign languages has the go-ahead to plan a proposal for a master of arts degree program. The program is slated to be available in the fall of 2000 and will start out with programs in Hispanic and French studies. Japanese and English as a second language could possibly be added once the program is at full speed.

This giant first step is essentially the gate opening up for an important and influential program here at NCSU. As NCSU and the Triangle become even more diverse in the next 20 years, students here and from all around will have the opportunity to earn post-graduate degrees in languages that are becoming more essential to a working knowledge with. With the Hispanic population booming in eastern North Carolina, a plethora of businesses are in need of employees who can speak Spanish and work with those who are rigid in English. Of course, this program is a great benefit to students who want to teach at the high school or

college level, but it can also be a gold mine for students in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences who happen to complement their CALS major with a foreign language curriculum.

Nervous students in CALS will eventually go on to agricultural careers, and whether it be in management of hog farms or tobacco fields or simply research, they will come into contact and work with people who do not speak English. If these CALS students have master's degrees in other languages, not only will they be able to communicate more easily with non-English speakers, but they will also increase their market worth in the hunt for high-paying competitive jobs throughout the world.

This prospective master's program is unique from programs offered at other colleges and universities. The NCSU start-up would have courses available in the evenings and during the second Summer Session, in order to alleviate conflicts in teaching schedules. And to better a teacher's global experiences, opportunities for participation in study abroad programs would be promoted.

For students at NCSU involved in heavy foreign language curriculums, the year 2000 might be something more than computer worries. This school will likely have a master of arts degree program, and if that coveted post-graduate degree is desired, NCSU will be the place to look.

CAMPUS FORUM

Engineering riders 'phantoms'

In a recent article entitled "NCSU aims to rid 'phantom majors'" concerning matriculation into a department, it was noted that many students have difficulty being admitted to a major. Like many others, our department has some open slots for students who have the prerequisite courses and an interest in applying nuclear sciences to engineering challenges such as energy production, medical diagnostics and therapy, radiation safety, fusion reactors, plasma applications in industry and space propulsion, particle accelerators or many other radiation applications. Additionally, our department offers a five-year combined B.S.-M.N.E. program in three major areas: fission, plasma and fusion and radiological engineering. Any student with a satisfactory academic record in freshman calculus, physics, chemistry and English is eligible for admission to our program. Also, a variety of department merit scholarships are available for students with a GPA of 3.0 or better, and students with a GPA over about 3.3 usually are eligible for other externally funded scholarships after their freshman year. Need-based scholarships, including those for minority students, are also available.

Our undergraduate students all have the opportunity to participate in research projects during the summer and academic year, including the freshman year for nuclear engineering undeclared students. Alternatively, they can spend their summers at national laboratories or industrial sites gaining valuable experience in potential employment fields. Recent employment opportunities for our graduates have been excellent.

Our teaching is of the highest quality, as attested to by student evaluations and outside reviewers. Our students, faculty and staff operate as a close-knit family. The department of nuclear engineering at NCSU is the oldest B.S. degree-granting department of its kind in the world, and our quality education is considered to be among the very best in the United States. Any

student with possible interest in this field of engineering is welcome to come by and talk to us. We are located in Room 1110, Burlington Labs. We will be happy to show students around, including our own library and computing lab, and help guide them in their educational goals.

Mohamed A. Bourham
Professor of Nuclear engineering

Humans are top of chain

I think what Theresa Poorbaugh fails to realize is that there is a food chain, and we are on top of it. Yes, meat consumption has increased since developments in food storage have made it possible to keep meat good for longer periods of time. Now, I don't have a problem with vegetarians — just vegetarians who try to force their beliefs onto me. We are all Americans and have a right to choose who we want to represent us in Washington, and we have a choice as to whether or not we want to eat meat. And a majority of the people in this country eat meat. This is said for the militant vegetarian minority who feel they must convert people so that they will be in the majority.

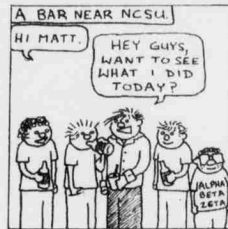
Poorbaugh tries to compare eating meat to the practices of cannibalism. When you eat a vegetable that, in essence, is a living organism, you are "murdering" it, too. If you eat a vegetable blend, they chop up with a knife all those vegetables. Just like when people slaughter a cow for its meat. Yes, a vegetable doesn't bleed but you are still taking its life.

You need to get a grip on reality. Nutritionists say that eating a balanced diet of meat and vegetables is very healthy. Vegetables don't provide all the necessary vitamins and nutrients. If it wasn't supposed to be that way, then something else would be eating us. We are on the top of the food chain, and don't forget it. If you choose not to eat meat, then that is your choice. Don't force your beliefs onto me.

Josh Auten
Freshman, Textile Engineering

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House scapegoat

NATHALIE DUGGINS
Staff Columnist

If you would've told me a year ago that Newt Gingrich was going to step down from his position as Speaker of the House, I would've ranted and raved about how he had finally gotten some sense up there in Washington. Heck, even a few months ago I would've heralded any efforts to oust Gingrich from office. But, as usual, my opinion has wavered a bit. What he deserves — Have I become a Republican sympathizer, or even worse, a closet conservative? Heavens no ... the mere thought of it makes me want to shudder. Yikes! I still can't stand Gingrich or his politics. Part of me is inclined to think that Gingrich is getting exactly what he deserves — no member of a political group, Republican or otherwise, ever saw the perils of partisan politics until it came after them. But then, on the other hand, I hate anyone being the scapegoat for something that really isn't his fault.

For those of you who are wondering what the hell I'm talking about,

give me the opportunity to explain. Prior to the election, Republican leaders predicted that they would retain the majority in Congress, as well as gaining some extra seats. As many of you know, the fairy tale didn't end up like that. For the first time since 1934, the minority party in the White House (in this case, of course, the Democrats) managed to score gains in the mid-term elections. Muffled by the loss, Republicans scoured for someone to blame — this time the object of ridicule was Newt Gingrich, the party's chief strategist. The day after the election ballots had been cast, Republicans began throwing stones at the Speaker. After only a few days, Gingrich could no longer stand the onslaught by his fellow party members and reassigned his position as Speaker of the House.

Now, Republicans have told the press that the election loss was only the culmination of frustration that the party had with the Speaker. According to the conservatives, they had been previously disappointed in Gingrich's stance on the budget (which they claim gave President Clinton a political edge) and pork

spending. Funny, I didn't hear any cries from the Republicans to toss Gingrich out prior to the election's results ... but I'm sure that's just a mere coincidence.

Thankfully, though, I'm not gullible enough to listen to Republican excuses. We elect leaders of whatever party to be individual thinkers who work for the best interests of their constituents, but there's something in the water up in Washington that compels "our" representatives to vote along party lines. Lost in the fray is that ability to be individual thinkers, so the group operated under that "gang mentality," which I have mentioned in previous columns. Gingrich told his party members to focus on Bill Clinton, rather than any issues, and, without thinking, all the Republicans managed to follow orders. Ever a former Senator Faircloth tried his best to link John Edwards and Clinton — almost as if they were the same person.

None of the Republicans in this year's election took the time to think for themselves ... monkey say, mon-

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Students needed for traditions

JENNY L. J. CHANG
Student Body President

First of all, I want to commend our football team for an awesome Homecoming win over Wake Forest this past Saturday. The win was so awesome that I wanted to celebrate with my fellow students. However, no surrounding streets were closed, and no tall bonfires were ignited so that students could congregate and have a good time. Basically, our university, with its long history, does not have enough traditions that celebrate our victories and promote school spirit. But in order for certain things to become traditions, every student at N.C. State and the Raleigh community must know they exist and consistently support them.

I encourage all students to participate in the activities that already exist, support our current traditions for the remainder of this year and continue their involvement with NCSU as students and alumni. For example, supporting events that already occur such as voting for Leader of the Pack, attending UAB's Ultimate All-Night Bash and the Step Show/Concert and flooding Hillsborough Street after major victories.

Furthermore, being aware of new things that will become traditions, such as the Spirit Team, the Student Tailgate Section at Carter-Finley Stadium and the lighting of the bell tower, will ensure their future. Most importantly, students should be looking for ways to start traditions, such as Student Government's efforts to have a large Homecoming event with big bands two nights prior to the game. If students support current and new traditions, then we can truly celebrate big victories

DONNIE LASSITER
Staff Columnist

I don't know about you people, but I'm starting to feel the fire. The palms are getting sweaty, and the heartbeat is speeding up. I've got a weak, funny feeling in my knees. Only this time it's not because of the dining hall — my friends, basketball season is upon us.

For me there is no better time of the year than the four months of basketball season. I am naturally happy, my stress level tends to go down just a tad and I have a brief respite to the daily debate of what to watch on television. If there is a

time when all things can be considered good, this is it.

Ever since I was a kid, basketball has been my true love. Never mind that I shoot like a blind man and dribble like somebody's grandmother — I can watch the guys on TV like the best of 'em. And while I like football, baseball and racing, I would gladly give all of these up to have basketball year-round.

Not professional basketball, mind you — I can only take so much of the players' hype and the salary cap negotiations. College basketball is what I look for when it comes to true talent. It soothes the mind and cleanses the soul. It

gets my blood flowing and no matter how much I jump up and down or scream and shout, it always helps to calm me down.

I can remember back when I was in middle school, I used to have a lucky hat and T-shirt that I'd wear whenever my team was playing. I would sit there glued to the TV and wouldn't dare get up until the final buzzer sounded. It was always something I looked forward to, and nothing else could be more important than those ball-games. Unfortunately, the hectic schedule I now maintain often keeps me from enjoying many of the games I'd like to catch, but that's life I guess.

But if anyone out there on the Student Senate wants to work with me on creating a policy banning tests, homework and projects during basketball season, let me know. I think that with the right publicity and student body support, we could pull it off.

And just let me take this opportunity to wish the Wolfpack ball club well this season. I know that we've had our problems in the past, but I have complete faith in the team this year. I am sure that they will lead us to victory and that we'll be a competitive presence in the ACC this season. Go get 'em, Herb — we'll be watching.

by G West

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State Stat:

Seven different publications have ranked the N.C. State women's basketball team in their preseason top-20.

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Got a problem?

I love rock n' roll? Put another dime in the jukebox baby? Call us at 515-2411 or e-mail us at sports@sma.sca.ncsu.edu.

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Tim Hunter

Who cares?

Someone recently told me the National Basketball Association (NBA) was canceling all of its November games in light of the recent labor struggles.

My response went something like this: "You mean they actually play in November?"

"I'm pretty sure that if I hadn't been told, I wouldn't have noticed the difference. And furthermore, I can't say that I will miss it."

The professional game has become entirely unexciting and uninteresting. Who wants to watch a bunch of trash-talking, show-boating millionaires who don't play defense in the first place?

I, like many basketball fans, have become disenchanted with the league in general, and I surely won't miss it even if they canceled the entire season. Sure, I enjoy keeping up with former Wolfpackers and other area alumni, but I still can't make myself sit and watch a game from start to finish.

Losing me as a casual fan isn't going to make the NBA worry one bit. But the league should be concerned.

The NBA has put itself in a position to lose a substantial portion of its fan base, and the league could hit rock bottom even worse than baseball did a few short years ago.

First of all, of those of us who don't make over \$3 million a year, and there are a scattered few of us out here, are having a little trouble identifying with the whole dispute. When Patrick Ewing, who incidentally rakes in over \$10 million dollars a year playing ball, stands up on a podium and says he is fighting for his livelihood, I have trouble feeling sorry for him.

Patrick, whenever you come back to Earth, let us know. It's a lot different down here. There are people out here with real problems, real issues. Attitudes like his are going to further alienate the fans, 99.9 percent of whom don't make as much as the league minimum, which happens to be over \$200,000.

And Ewing isn't the only one who obviously never took a public relations course. Phoenix Forward Mark Bryant showed up at a charity basketball game in a stretch limousine.

Come on guys, if you really expect us to commiserate with you, how about keeping these things to yourselves.

In 1994, with the cancellation of the World Series, baseball fans went away in droves, viewing the players as over-paid crybabies. Only this year, with the Great Home Run Chase, has baseball recovered.

Well guess what? With the impending retirement of superstar Michael Jordan, the NBA could dig itself an even deeper hole than Major League Baseball did four years ago.

When and if the powers that be and the Player's Union come to a consensus and decide to start playing ball games again, don't be surprised if ticket sales and TV ratings are at an all-time low.

Everything Jordan, Magic Johnson and Larry Bird did in the 1980s for the popularity of the league could very well go the way of day games in the World Series and good college players who stay in school all four years.

The higher salaries (as if they need more money) and the basic abolition of a hard-salary cap that the players are fighting so desperately for may be inconsequential if the fans no longer care. Without the fans, guess what. Those big bucks the owners are throwing around aren't going to be there anymore.

The players are just digging themselves a deeper hole, and there may not be anyone there to help them climb out of it when all is said and done.

Give me college ball any day of the week. I will watch the University of Southern Florida take on Cal Poly San Luis Obispo before I watch an NBA game in its entirety. Give me Reynolds Coliseum over Boston Garden any day of the

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◆ N.C. State's women's basketball team looks to once again dismiss the doubts of pre-season critics.

K. GREFFNEY
Sports Editor

At the beginning of the 1997-98 basketball season, the talk around the Atlantic Coast Conference media about N.C. State's women's basketball team was how the Wolfpack and 23-year Head Coach Kay Yow



N.C. State is one of four Atlantic Coast Conference teams ranked in the top 20 in the latest poll.

Tennis competes in tournament

◆ The Men's and women's tennis teams competed against several ACC and area teams in Chapel Hill.

Sports Staff Report

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Members of the N.C. State tennis team got a chance to showcase their skills when they competed in the ITA Region II Indoor Championships in Chapel Hill.

Both teams played against schools from around the southeastern United States this past weekend at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center on UNC-Chapel Hill's campus.

The women's team, which had its best season in school history last year, entered three singles players and one doubles team in the tournament.

Junior Marissa Gildemeister advanced the furthest, into the second round. Gildemeister, who won the flight B singles championship in the Wolfpack Invitational earlier this season, defeated Wake Forest's Lea Miller 7-6 (2), 6-3 in the first round of action.

The Durham native was then defeated 6-2, 6-1 by South Carolina's Leigh Eichelberger in the second round of action.

Competing in the same bracket was State's Nena Bonacic, who was downed by D.C.'s Dana Casner 7-5, 6-1.

Junior Francis Barragan was also defeated in the first round, by Tennessee's Candy Reid, 6-3, 6-2.

In doubles action, the duo of Barragan and Brie Glover lost to UNC-Greensboro's Gonzalez and Lynch 8-3.

On the men's side, junior Devang Desai started for the Wolfpack. Desai advanced to the final round before losing to Duke's Jordan Wile 6-4, 6-7, 6-4.

Desai also teamed with sophomore Eric Jackson, advancing twice before losing to USC's Akesson and Gamba 8-4.

State's Shaun Thomas and All-American Roberto Braccone also fared well in the same bracket, advancing to the third round before losing to Duke's Smith and Pedrosa 6-1, 6-1.

Desai and Jackson both lost in the opening round of the main draw singles.

N.C. State freshmen Bryce McGroby and Jigeet Sandhu lost in the first round of doubles competition as did the team of Ryan Boward and Shane Sealy. McGroby, Boward, Jeff Smith and Shaun Thomas also competed in the singles competition, losing in the first

would replace three starters, including the ACC Rookie of the Year and a second-team All-ACC pick.

The Wolfpack answered those questions by making its first-ever trip to the NCAA Final Four and finishing the season ranked in the national Top 10, after not even appearing in the Top 25.

The doubters may have learned their lesson this season, ranking the Pack 16th in the AP pre-season poll. State is still picked to finish fourth among the ACC ranks, behind conference foes Duke, UNC-Chapel Hill and Virginia.

According to the Wolfpack players, the continuing "lack of respect" doesn't bother them. "It doesn't really effect us," said senior Kristen Gillespie in the Wolfpack's preseason press conference. "We dealt with it all last year, and look what happened then."

State will be powered by one of the quickest back courts in the country, returning starting point guard Gillespie and 1997-98 six-time ACC Rookie-of-the-Week Tynesha Lewis. Gillespie controlled the offense last season, while Lewis gave opposing defenses fits, finishing the year as the Pack's second-leading scorer.

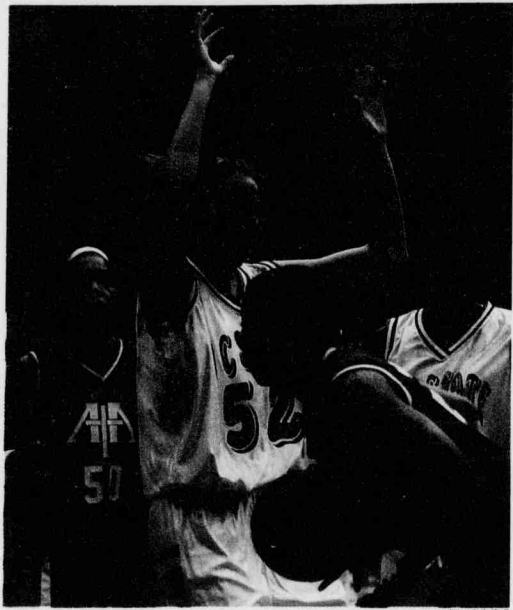
In the Pack's first exhibition game of the season, Lewis backed up her pre-season All-ACC first team selection with 18 points against Athletics in Action.

Kenyatta Williams also returns for the Pack in 1998. Last season, Williams, a five-foot-five-inch point guard from Louisiana, backed up Gillespie, seeing time in 29 of the Wolfpack's 32 games.

Added to the Wolfpack line up are guards DeDe Hutcherson and Kim Smith, who both sat out last season despite practicing with Coach Yow's Wolfpack. Hutcherson red-shirted her freshman season, while Smith sat out the year after transferring from Georgetown. In two seasons with the Hoyas, Smith averaged 10.9 points, 4.5 rebounds and close to four assists per game, while picking up 1996 honors as the Big East Rookie of the Year.

With the depth and quickness of the Wolfpack guards, senior LySchale Jones might see more action this season in a forward position.

A constant force on the N.C. State team for the past three seasons, Jones is the only returnee with two years of starting experience under her belt and has played in close to 100 games for State in her career. Jones finished last season with a career high average of 10.9 points per game.



Christen Greene (52) and LySchale Jones are just two of the factors figuring into the Wolfpack Women's basketball equation for 1998-99. The Pack is picked to finish fourth in the ACC this year.

"We'll have the option of playing with four players on the perimeter and one on the inside this season, that is one option," said Yow at the press conference. "The speed of this team is so great, it will be difficult for other teams to match."

Front-court losses of first-team All-American Chastity Melvin and starter Peace Shepard will have to be addressed early for the Pack.

Leading the return down low is 6-foot-6-

inch center Summer Erb, who broke onto the ACC scene last season averaging 7.6 points and 4.3 rebounds per game in a reserve roll after transferring from Purdue two years earlier.

Erb came on strong for the Pack in the late season, posting a career-high 25 points against Maryland at the end of January and picking up 17 points against Old Dominion in

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Volleyball drops Florida A&M

◆ N.C. State picks up 11th win of the season in Florida.

Sports Staff Report

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — N.C. State ended a 15-match losing streak this weekend with a 3-0 win over Florida A&M on Saturday.

Laura Kimbrell led the Pack with 25 kills. Kimbrell's season total of 494 kills puts her just 17 kills away from the Atlantic Coast Conference record for career kills.

Kimbrell has missed just one game in 28 matches this season with the Wolfpack and also leads the team in hitting percentage (.254), digs (326) and solo blocks (19).

Kimbrell also had nine digs against the Rattlers.

Freshman Charece Williams, who has come on strong of late for the

Pack, added eight kills. Freshman setter Erin Vesey had 34 assists.

In the 16-14, 15-4, 16-14 win, the Pack was able to put the Rattlers away behind a .358 hitting performance in game three.

Latrese Pleasant led Florida A&M with 17 kills and seven digs.

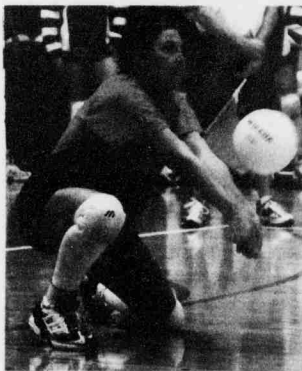
Florida State 3, N.C. State 0

The N.C. State volleyball team dropped its 14th conference match of the year, losing 15-5, 15-4, 15-10 to the Florida State Seminoles on Friday.

The Wolfpack dropped to 10-17 overall and 0-14 in the Atlantic Coast Conference, while the Seminoles improved to 20-8 and 10-3 in the ACC.

FSU freshman Norisha Campbell and junior Aisha Thornton led the way with hitting percentages of

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The Wolfpack volleyball team picked up its 11th win of the season this weekend, defeating the Florida A&M Rattlers in three games. N.C. State also lost to Florida State, 3-0, on Friday in Tallahassee. The Pack is 11-17 overall.

ACC NOTES

◆ Women's teams earn NCAA soccer bids, Terps top conference in field hockey, Duke women win golf event.

Sports Staff Report

CLEMSON S.C. — For the fifth year in a row, the Clemson women's soccer team has received a bid to the NCAA Women's Soccer Tournament as announced by the NCAA Sunday night.

Clemson received a first-round bye in the tournament and will await the winner of the UNC-Greensboro vs. Vanderbilt match. The second-round match will be played at Clemson's Riggs Field this coming weekend with a date and time to be announced Monday.

DURHAM, N.C. — The Duke women's golf team, ranked No. 1 in the country, collected a four-over-par team total of 292 on Sunday afternoon to move up three spots and finish third

at the 1998 Golf World/Palmetto Dunes in Hilton Head, S.C. Duke finished at 897, two shots out of first place.

Despite the solid finish, this marks the first tournament in five events that Duke has not won this season. The Blue Devils opened the year with a school-best four straight tournament titles. Arizona and Southern Cal were tied after three rounds at 895, and Arizona won the title in a playoff.

GEORGIA TECH

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Georgia Tech's golf team shot a seven-over-par 295 Sunday and finished fifth in the Golf World/Palmetto Dunes Collegiate Invitational at the 6,651-yard, par-72 Arthur Hills Club in Palmetto Dunes.

Sophomore Bryce Molder (Conway, Ark.) and freshman Kris Mikkelsen (Woodstock, Ga.) both tied for second. Molder, who entered the day as the field's leader, shot a 76 to end the tournament four under par with a 212.

MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Seventh-

ranked Maryland (16-5) recorded a 1-0 sudden-death overtime victory over second-ranked Virginia in the ACC Lacrosse Tournament finals on Sunday to win its second ACC title and its first crown since 1992. The Terps advanced to the ACC title game by defeating UNC-Chapel Hill 2-1 in penalty strokes on Friday in the semifinals.

With the victory, the Terps capped off a banner weekend in which senior back Ben Pratt (Greene, N.Y.) was named the ACC Tournament MVP, freshman back Autumn Welsh (Macungie, Pa.) was named the ACC Rookie of the Year and Head Coach Missy Meberg was named the ACC Coach of the Year.

UNC-CHAPEL HILL

GAINESVILLE, Ga. — On the second-straight day of competition at Lake Lanier in Gainesville, Ga., the UNC-CH women's crew again emerged as the best in the field. The Tar Heels won every event they

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